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## OIL EXCHANGE IN MERKEL

A few local business men met and organized an Oil and Land Exchange, and named it Merkel Oil and Land Exchange. Persons of the organization are Jim Black, R L Bland, John Sears, J T Warren, T A Johnson, R O Anderson, W A McSpadden, G W Johnson, Booth Warren, W P Mahaffey, Dee Grimes A C Rose L B Howard and J C Mason.

The purpose of the organization will be to assist the land owners in selling their oil leases and royalties, as well as their land, and to assist the communities in general. They expect to have fitted up an oil exchange office equal to any up to date. They have rented a room from the Commercial Club, in front of the Merkel Mail Office.

Jim Black is general manager. We commend this organization in securing him. Jim is very capable, and a hail fellow whom everybody likes. The oil game is about up on us we predict a great success for this new organization.

## OIL EXCHANGE OPENS

J T Browning is fixing things up in grand shape for the opening of a modern oil exchange. He will occupy the Rust building on Front St. As he only uses a portion of the building, the balance will be devoted to offices. Things are shaping themselves for great activity along oil lines in this section. This is the third oil exchange now in operation in Merkel. Let us take the lid off and push the oil game with one accord. It is a great game. We are all interested in it. J T has a wide acquaintance, being among our most progressive gentlemen, and having recently come out winner in oil bouts in the proven field. Go to it, old boy, we'll bet on you.

## HOW TO FIGURE INCOME TAX

Take the first three figures of your automobile license and add to it the size of your shoes; then subtract from it the buttons on your last summer's suit. Divide this by the size of your collar, add this to the amount of your unpaid taxes and laundry bills, and then divide this by thirty per cent, of your telephone number. Next, add the total weight of your entire family plus the number of people who had the "Flu" in your county last year, divide by all the speeches on the increase in pay for shipyard employees that have been made and this will constitute your income tax. This reliable information has been found to be the only system there is to correctly figure out your income tax. If you do not find it to be correct the first twenty-three times you have figured it out—try it thirteen times more.

## PROF PARKER ELECTED

At a meeting of the School Board a few evenings ago, Prof. R M Parker was re-elected for another term. He has accepted. This will be the third term for him, and under his able management the school system has been built up until it ranks among the very best in the State.

Teachers will likely be elected at an early date. With the prospects now in view, next year ought to be the biggest school year in the history of Merkel.

New families are moving to Merkel every week. The empty houses are gradually being filled. There will be crowded conditions here next year, no doubt, and the Parents-Teachers Association will be compelled to exert their every energy to maintain a school of the highest repute. Merkel is to be congratulated upon being able to retain Mr. Parker.

## SLAUGHTER IN BERLIN

Berlin, March 11. Government troops were busy today in driving Spartan bands from various sections of Berlin and in preparing for a determined effort against the Spartan stronghold of Lichtenberg, a suburb east of the city, where the Spartans have large depots of weapons and ammunition.

Government troops sent to Lichtenberg Sunday to protect the postoffice and police station were annihilated by the Spartans.

All the soldiers and police officers who were not killed in the fighting or who did not escape from the buildings were murdered by the Spartans. Many were tortured and killed in the streets. At least one woman was among the victims. The police archives in Lichtenberg were burned and 80,000 marks stolen from the postoffice.

The number of persons killed in the present uprising is believed to exceed 150.

## A Dinner To Be Given

A dinner will be given March 15th by The Kings Daughters of the Methodist church. Come help the ladies. The place will be announced next week.

Laundry agent at Pate's Barber Shop.

The baby of Mr and Mrs Sam Butman is right sick. They came in from Ranger a few days ago.

Car of corn and oats at G. M. Sharp's.

FOR SALE—Typewriter ribbons at the Merkel Mail office.

More goods for same money. Same goods for less money. A L. Jobe.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

## Pushing Drilling Operations

### Night and Day Shifts at Sears Well. Trent Location to be Made Soon

Two shifts have been put on at the Sears well and drilling operations are being pushed night and day. Optimism is rising on a high wave and the very atmosphere is tinged with oil.

A big crowd of the Sammies people have been in town the past week and have made several investments here. They are

now in Fort Worth, but expect to return shortly.

The company had another geologist here this week. He confirmed the reports of other geologists and was very enthusiastic about the field.

Mr Sarber, who took over the Trent Block, is expected in within a few days. He has ordered his

outfit, it is reported. He will bring one of the best geologists in the United States, who will doubtless make permanent location for the well in that block.

The location of the well on the Middle Block has not yet been settled upon, but the information will likely be available in a few days.

## TENNESSEE PARTNER

Don't fail to see "Tennessee Partner." A beautiful Comedy Drama in four acts presented by the Merkel Dramatic Club, on March 21st.

This play is just the kind that you have been wishing to see so long. It is one that will hold your attention throughout the entire four acts.

### SYNOPSIS

Bill Kent leaves home to win a fortune by mining. While away he receives news of his wife's death and he dies of grief. On his death bed ask his Partner not to tell his only child, Tennessee, who at this time is with relatives in Smocky Mountain Tennessee, of his death till she grows older.

His partner Calab Swan does as his partner asked him and he sends money and letters to Tennessee every month and signs her father's name to them.

The first act is a setting in Golden Gulch the mining town in Nevada. California Jack a miner

had been trusted to mail the monthly letters to Tennessee and forgetful as most men are had forgotten to mail them. Tennessee, failing to hear from her father has shown up in Golden Gulch. As she is very anxious to see her father the miners realized that some one must break the news to the little girl.

The second act is one that you will long remember. The scene where Tennessee is where Tennessee is directed to keep her eyes on the nail while her trusted Partner tells her of the death of her father is well worth coming to see. In his own simple way and a heart full of love and sympathy for the "little Gal of his dead partner he tells her the news.

The third and fourth acts are just as interesting as the first two, and you will feel that you have gotten your moneys worth.

If you like to laugh come to see Tennessee Partner for it is full of mirth and fun. Mr and Mrs Hay who runs a boarding

house will make you forget your troubles and you will find it a hard matter to keep from laughing when they appear on the stage. Now if you want to laugh and enjoy life don't fail to see Mr and Mrs Hay.

Other characters that will be seen are: Asa Byce, a partner of Calab. Asa Byce marries in the first act, and you will find his life to be one full of a problem that is a hard one to face. He is a loveable character with a heart as true as ever beat in the breast of a man. His wife, Nettie Romaine a sister of an outlaw plays a big part in the life of this man. Sometimes you will think you love Nettie and at other times you will have your doubts. Spike, the Constable will be very easy to make your acquaintance. Tom Romaine, a wolf in sheep's clothing.

Come and see this play you will enjoy it. See what becomes of a little Tennessee girl in a mining camp in Nevada.

## MERKEL DRAMATIC COMPANY

# WHO'S WHO In Merkel

Do you know? Do you know anybody who does know? Exactly! Thought so! Why, not even the preachers who are supposed to know every thing and everybody knows who's who in Merkel.

That's the reason the churches of Merkel are going to have a Religious Census taken on Sunday afternoon March 23, 1919.

Between the hours of two and five on that day, March 23, workers will visit every home in Merkel for the purpose of getting

your name, how many in family, whether you are a professing Christian or not, and what church you belong to or lean toward.

It is the ardent hope of the workers that every home will leave a representative at home on that day between the hours of two and five that the solicitors may enroll you. At the same time we will make an accurate census of the town and will publish the result.

Thank you!

## FAT STOCK SHOW IN FULL BLAST

Reports from the Fat Stock Show indicates that great throng of people are visiting the show. The exhibits are especially good.

The crowds are handled in a splendid manner through the Chamber of Commerce.

The special day feature has been very attractive and has induced many people to attend who doubtless would not have gone otherwise.

## REDUCED GERMAN ARMY

Military Germany is doomed. Peace Council terms provide for a sweeping reduction of the German military establishment down to 100,000 men with 4000 officers. The effect of this is to limit the German military to a point below that of Switzerland.

Not only is the world freed, but Germany herself is freed from the yoke of bondage. It matters little what her people think now, the time will soon come when she will thank the day America made it possible for her to lose the war and win a freedom comparable with the civilized nations of the world.

## Save World From Bolshevik

Paris, March 11.—It has become known that Pope Benedict has addressed an appeal to the powers emphasizing the urgency of the speedy conclusion of peace with Germany.

It is understood that the pontiff states that the Vatican possesses reliable information that the situation in Germany, social and economically, is very grave and he fears the spread of Bolshevism with such rapidity that it might result in the establishment of a Bolshevik State which in turn, might become allied with Bolshevik Russia.

The pope is reported to have said that he feels that the only way to avoid such eventualities is a speedy peace—a peace, he says which will not humiliate the German people.

## THE WHEAT CROP

Hardly in the history of Merkel has there been a time when the wheat crop looked better at this season of the year than now. Surely prosperity has come to this drought stricken section. The cattle and work stock are getting fat, and the people wear a smile that simply wont come off.

The rain a few nights ago was 51 of an inch. It was equal to a season. It came as a benediction in the face of one of the worst sandstorms that has visited us lately. North and east the rainfall was greater. The ground has been too wet to plow most all the week.

No time is now being lost on the farm. Every thing is being pushed. A bounteous harvest is before us. Those who have braved it through ought to have a crown of prosperity for a while, and we truly believe they have it now.

Robin Red Breast meal at Bob Martin's.

MERKEL'S FIRST OIL EXCHANGE

The first oil exchange in Merkel was put in by the Merkel Realty Company. Their board is at your service. They can serve you well. Don't fail to call upon them when you need their services.—Adv.

Chase and Sanborn high grade coffee at Bob Martin's Grocery.

Plenty of Marechal Neil flour. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

See Fred Guitar for cotton seed hulls. Only \$18.00 a ton.

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR SALE—Pure bred White Leghorn eggs \$1.00 for 15. Phone 9040F13. 214p.

LOST—Gulf Refinery Co. delivery book, leather back, checks and some stamps. E P Beene.

WANTED—Plain and fancy sewing. Phone 36. Mrs J H Hunter. 284p.

FOR RENT—A good place of 50 acres in cultivation, 45 in pasture, 4-room house and fairly good well water. Land all laid off. See M P Latimer, Merkel, Texas, Rt 5. 72c.

WANTED—Man to work on farm. See Sam Butman. 14tf.

FOR SALE—One riding planter in good condition. Can be had at a bargain if taken at once. See it at Ed Ash's store. 14tf.

FOR RENT—Farm land. Apply to Sam Butman. 14tf.

HOME FOR SALE OR TRADE—A comfortable five room house with large bath-room, three porches, servants house 14x14 feet corner lot size 75x159 feet, good garden plot, windmill, hot and cold water connections. Majestic range cook stove connected ready for use. Barn. Property well fenced. For particulars see Walter Jackson at the office of the Merkel Mair or write James W Powell, 507 Lipscomb Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

FOR SALE—Full blood Brown Leghorn eggs for sale at \$1.00 per setting of 15; \$5.00 per 100 eggs. Test was 31 chicks out of 32 eggs. Rufus Adcock. 13tc.

## 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  
\$65,000.00

### COMPERE NEWS

The Compere singing class met some time ago for the purpose of electing officers, but the election was postponed for another time.

Mr Helton and son of Colorado are visiting their brother-in-law and uncle, C S Childress. Mr Bruce Moore accompanied them.

Vernie Meritt came home last Friday morning from Ranger, but returned Sunday night last.

Ethel Henry and Miss Nora Hooser visited in Tye last week. Rev. Bishop of Anson, delivered a fine message Sunday afternoon. A good crowd was present.

Mr Jones and family have recently moved to this community.

The people have been busy the past few days planting gardens. We hope that their work will not be in vain.

The school will continue the rest of this month, and probably until the 18th of April.

### GOOD ROADS INCREASE LAND VALUES

Where ever a bad road leading from a farming community to its marketing and shipping points has been replaced by a good one, over which much heavier loads may be hauled every day in the year, the value of the farms using the road has been increased, says the Texas Industrial Congress. The Office of Public Roads of the United States Department of Agriculture has examined property valuations in parts of many counties before and after the change was made from bad to good roads. In Spotsylvania County, Virginia, for instance, the increase in values was more than eight times greater than the amount spent in

**Habitual Constipation Cured  
in 14 to 21 Days**  
"LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially-prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly but should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It Stimulates and Regulates. Very Pleasant to Take. 60c per bottle.

building the roads; in Dinwiddie County, Virginia, the land values approximately doubled, with farms farthest back from the roads showing the largest increase; in Wise County, Virginia, the farms located on improved roads in various parts of the county increased from an average of \$49.06 per acre to \$79.44; in Franklin County, New York, the average increase of land values on improved roads was \$12.50 per acre, or taking the increase at \$10 per acre on the farms along 492 miles of improved roads the gain in values was \$1,259,520. In Dallas County, Alabama, the improvement added at least \$5 to the value of each acre of land lying within one-half mile of the road, and quite a number of instances were found of increase in value from 50 to 150 per acre. In Lauderdale County, Mississippi, the gain in values averaged from 25 to 50 per cent, in many cases being from 50 to 500 per cent. No case has ever been found in the history of the world in which the building of good roads lowered property values.

J B Bell made a visit to Ranger this week. He is enthusiastic over the oil field. There are plenty of people getting rich, he says.

A pain in the side or back that catches you when you straighten up calls for a rubbing application of Ballard's Snow Liment. It relaxes the contracted muscles and permits ordinary motion without suffering or inconvenience. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

### The Strong Withstand the Winter Cold Better Than the Weak

You must have Health, Strength and Endurance to fight Colds, Grip and Influenza.

When your blood is not in a healthy condition and does not circulate properly, your system is unable to withstand the Winter cold.

**GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILLI TONIC**  
Fortifies the System Against Colds, Grip and Influenza by Purifying and Enriching the Blood.

It contains the well-known tonic properties of Quinine and Iron in a form acceptable to the most delicate stomach, and is pleasant to take. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

### CONDENSED STATEMENT

## Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business March 4, 1919

### RESOURCES

Loans .....	\$193,116.40
U. S. Bonds .....	9,838.50
War Saving Stamps .....	93.83
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank .....	1,500.00
Other Real Estate .....	3,132.00
Furniture and Fixtures .....	3,600.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund .....	312.50
<b>CASH AND EXCHANGE .....</b>	<b>73,137.66</b>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$284,730.89</b>

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock .....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits .....	37,878.47
Circulation .....	6,250.00
Rediscounts—Fed. Res. Bank .....	17,965.80
Bills Payable .....	10,000.00
<b>DEPOSITS .....</b>	<b>187,636.32</b>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$284,730.89</b>

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

## LOCAL NEWS

Will Merritt and Arl Sharp have received their discharge from the navy and returned home Monday morning. They say they are delighted to be back home again.

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

Mrs. A J Scribner, mother of Mrs A J Hartley, of Malissa, in Collin county is visiting her daughter and family.

See Fred Guitar for cotton seed hulls. Only \$18.00 a ton.

Children who have worms are pale cross, fretful, and sickly most of the time. To rid the little body of these parasites White's Cream Vermifuge is an approved remedy. When the worms have been driven out the child grows strong, healthy and robust. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

See Fred Guitar for cotton seed hulls. Only \$18.00 a ton.

Mr and Mrs. H L Houghton Ranger arrived in Merkel a few days since and will make their home here. Mr Houghton is interested in oil development and is enthusiastic as to this field.

### The Best Laxative

"My sedentary habits have necessitated the use of an occasional laxative. I have tried many but found nothing better than Chamberlain's Tablets," writes George F Daniels, Hardwick, Vt., Mr. Daniels is proprietor of the Hardwick Inn, one of the model hotels of New England.

### IN BUSINESS AGAIN

Have resumed business at the same old stand. Will pay cash for all kind of produce at highest market prices.

Come to see me.  
W P Duckett

2875c

# PRACTICAL

**The merchandise that is constructed along practical lines is the kind for these times.**

**We are giving thought and action in securing goods of the practical sort but not disregarding the style question, as good style is a practical point in the construction of any piece of merchandise.**

**MODEST PROFITS--RAPID SALES  
is our thought for spring 1919**

# The Brown D. G. Co.

## LOCAL NEWS

Joe T. Hartley, who has been in the navy the past year, has received his discharge, and returned Tuesday morning. He served on the Ohio. He says he loves the navy work and enjoyed his many travels, but at the same time he is glad to be back home again as it has been over a year since he had the privilege of being at home.

I will test cream on Fridays only at the Star Store. Come to the back door. Bring your butter any day. C E Connor.

### A Timely Suggestion

The next time you have a cough or cold try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is pleasant to take and you are sure to be pleased with the relief which it affords. This remedy has a wide reputation for its cures of cough and colds.

Mrs. J S Blair of Ranger, who has been seriously ill with the "Flu" is now up and improving rapidly.

Take Herbine for indigestion. It relieves the pain in a few minutes and forces the fermented matter which causes the misery into the bowels where it is expelled. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Miss Bertha Alexander of Dallas visited Mrs Walter Jackson the first of the week.

### Has Had Stomach Trouble For Seven Years

Theodore Sanford of Fenmore Mich., has had stomach trouble for seven years and could not eat vegetables or fruit without pain in the stomach and restless nights. By taking Chamberlain's Tablets he is now able to eat vegetables or fruit without causing pain or sleeplessness. If troubled with indigestion or constipation give these tablets a trial. They are certain to prove beneficial.

FAMOUS OIL EXPERT JOINS RECORD STAFF AS ITS OIL EDITOR



COLONEL H. L. WOOD FAMILIARLY KNOWN AS "The Old Scout"

In line with its policy that there is nothing too good for its great family of appreciative readers The Fort Worth Record takes pleasure in announcing the appointment of Colonel H. L. Wood as oil editor of the paper: Colonel Wood is said to be by those whose opinions are accepted as authority, the best informed oil writer in the United States. His experiences covers every angle of the oil industry, and his writings are accepted as authentic. He has the complete confidence of the big men in the business and he has an acquaintanceship among the host of men affiliated with oil and kindred interests which very few writers enjoy.

Colonel Wood began his newspaper career with the Bartlesville, Okla., Examiner in 1903. Subsequently he has held important positions on the Oil City Derrick, Oil City, Pa., was part owner and editor of the Oil and Gas Journal of Tulsa, Okla., correspondent for the Fuel Oil Journal of Houston and later served the Oil Trade Journal of New York and the Western Oil World of Denver, Colo. Mr. Wood represented the Prairie Oil & Gas Company as chief scout in the Mid Continent field for three years. He made a tour of the Mexican Oil fields and wrote the first comprehensive review of Mexican development. He has visited every principal oil field in the United States and for years has compiled statistics covering every branch of the petroleum and gas industry, much of his data being used by the United States Geological Survey, Expert Bureau and other technical departments.

Colonel Woods broad experience and his wide knowledge assures the people of North Texas and Southern Oklahoma that they will find in The Fort Worth Record every day the most authentic, the most accurate and the most comprehensive oil news to be found in any newspaper in the country.

The Record believes that its enterprise in securing the services of Colonel Wood will receive immediate recognition and approval.

Order The Record from our agent or newsdealer in your town or send your subscription direct to The Record Co., Fort Worth, Texas.—Adv Feb.21t5

**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.

I guarantee my work. Mrs. C. L. Cash

**No Worms in a Healthy Child**

All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC gives regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

# Imperial Oil and Development Co.

Home Office: CISCO, EASTLAND CO., TEXAS

**OFFICERS**

- E. R. Wolcott, Stanton..... President
- A. H. Darnell, Cisco..... V. Pres.-Gen. Mgr.
- W. E. Ponder, Cisco..... Sec'y & Attorney
- S. L. Estes, Cisco..... Treasurer

The Imperial Oil and Development Co. has for its aims and purposes the development of oil lands in Eastland and surrounding counties. It is strictly a development company and not a speculative one, dealing in land and leases from the speculative standpoint.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- E. R. Wolcott..... Stanton
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- S. L. Estes..... Cisco
- W. C. Houston..... Stanton
- S. A. Sauls..... Ranger
- H. Marchbanks..... Ranger
- E. T. Jones..... Cisco

## OUR HOLDINGS

- Our holdings at present are: Six drilling sites in Ranger, Texas, surrounded by big gushing wells, and it is the intention of the Company to drill four wells thereon and when these four wells are complete the company should be worth many times its capital stock.
- We also have 80½ acres in the Famous Oil Field in Stephens County, surrounded by big gushing wells. This holding alone is worth more than the stock issued for sale.
- We also have 84 acres three miles N. E. of Cisco, in Eastland County, and considered by the geologist to be good for oil production as any of the big oil fields, and there are at present several wells being drilled near this land by the big oil companies and we expect to get big results from this land.
- We are confining our operations strictly to the proven oil fields and not doing any wildcat prospecting, at the same time our holdings should make every stockholder in the company many times his investment.
- Our capital stock is \$300,000, but we have issued only 75,000 shares for sale at \$1.25 per share. The stock is offered for the purpose of developing the holdings we have, which are in the proven field, and all the money we get for stock sales goes to push the drillings to get the oil.
- The Imperial has a reserve in treasury stock of One Hundred Thousand Shares, after these 75,000 shares are sold, and guarantees to hold these shares in reserve if oil is found in the above four wells drilled, to be used as the share buyers shall say, either to be killed and the Dividend basis to be on \$200,000.00 instead of the above \$300,000.00 capitalization, or to be pro-rated among the shareholders of the Imperial without cost to them, or used to build a Refinery with. If pro-rated among the shareholders of the Imperial the shareholders will receive 33½ per cent more stock issued them than they bought in the Company. If a Refinery is built, the shareholders will receive dividends from this as well as from the Oil in the Pipe Lines of the Imperial.
- The IMPERIAL is the ONLY COMPANY with a GUARANTEE dividend and drilling FUND, under the SEAL of the COMPANY. Be sure to buy stock in IMPERIAL today.
- The IMPERIAL holdings are all surrounded by production or drilling wells of the largest companies, and are the choicest that money can buy.
- The IMPERIAL has enough holdings for 71 wells, with 2½ acres to the well.

**Just Think of It—71 Wells, 4 Wells to Be Drilled at Once on Ranger Sites. Rig Now Up. No Wildcat Drilling. Every Well is Proven Territory**

The Imperial guarantees to set aside 75 per cent of all money received from each and every well into a dividend fund to be paid to the shareholders in dividends every 30 days, and also to set aside the balance, 25 per cent, of all money from each and every well, less the actual running expenses of the company, into a development fund for the purpose of drilling other wells on our holdings free of any cost to the shareholders.

**A FEW GOOD SALESMEN WANTED**

I am opening up headquarters in the Rust & McCauley building to do a general Real Estate and Oil Business. When you want something sold, bring it to me. Will do my best to please you.

WRITE OR SEE

**J. T. BROWNING**  
Merkel, Texas

Imperial Oil and Development Company  
J. T. Browning, Manager  
Merkel, Texas.

Enclosed find \$..... for..... shares of stock at \$1.25 per share.

It is understood that each shareholder of the IMPERIAL shall participate in all the holdings of the company, and also receive dividends from each and every well owned by the company. That the stock of the IMPERIAL is non-assessable and no demands can be made on any shareholder thereof

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT WILL HE BE?**  
(By Quanticus)

He was a prospector and observer of the life of the town. He attended church several times and some other public meetings, and really had a notion of locating. But let him tell his own story:

"I like your town first rate, but find a serious reason against locating. Your men and women are splendid, but you have a bunch of young fellows from the middle teens up to twenty that offer a problem. I have been to three churches and some of that bunch was present at each of those churches and did not seem to know how to behave themselves. It was quite noticeable from almost any part of the house and was very annoying to one trying to listen to the service. Then I went to your auditorium to attend one of the entertainments there and about the same bunch was on hand and gave an exhibition of their stock tricks. They made it very

hard for those on the program and the wonder is that some of you fellows who have a backbone stiffer than a cotton string did not throw them out. If it had occurred in my town that would have happened before the program was half through. Of course if grown men are so timid that they will let a bunch of mickle-headed boys run things the situation is pretty bad off."

"But, wait a minute, friend," interposed one of the citizens. "These are just boys, and all of them on fool's hill, and we got to have patience with them. They are no worse than the average lot of their age. And they are all of good families."

"I don't see the force of your argument. If they are of your good families one wonders what kind of manners they have been taught that they become disturbers when they attend public meetings. Of course I know they are on fool's hill, but we have a bunch on the same hill in our town, and we see to it that they

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.  
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.  
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 24th day of December, A. D. 1886.  
A. W. GLEASON,  
(Seal) Notary Public.  
Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.  
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.  
Sold by all druggists, 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

stay within the limits of common courtesy. The trouble with you folks, judging by your defense of them, is that you are letting them run riot instead of corralling them. I furthermore hear from some of the young ladies the complaint that whatever kind of social entertainment they plan your young bullies but in there when they have no invitation and give their usual run of horse play and course hoodlumism. No, really, I had planned to make the city my home, but I prefer to stay at

Lexton where there is a public sentiment strong enough to hold even the young fellows on fool's hill within proper bounds. You see I have some boys of my own and am not ready to pull the halter off them. And I have a girl. I know that, other things being equal, she will marry where I live. You may be sure I don't want her running the risk of marrying a man of the type that that bunch will make. Excuse me, please."

Surgeons agree that in case of cuts, burns, bruises and wounds the first treatment is most important. When an efficient antiseptic is applied promptly, there is no danger of infection and the wound begins to heal at once. For use on man or beast, Borobone is the ideal antiseptic and healing agent. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Don't fail to see the TENNESSEE PARDNER.

**DAVE KEGAN DEAD**

Dave Kegan, son of Mr and Mrs Eli Kegan, four miles west of Trent, was born Nov. 20, 1897 and died at the home of his parents, March 5th, 1919, rather unexpectedly. He had the 'Flu' in the fall and never fully recovered. It seemed to settle on his lungs and resulted in death in a short while. He was 21 year old. He was a member of the Methodist church, and was a noble son. We sympathize with the bereaved ones in this hour of sorrow. The funeral was conducted by Rev. T F Johnson at the Methodist church, and interment in the Trent cemetery followed.

Herbing cures constipation and reestablishes regular bowel movements Sold by Sanders Drug Store

**Slape-Rice Debate**

Beginning March 4 and ending March 12 a debate was held at Trent between Rev. G W Slape and Elder Jno M Rice. Much interest was aroused and there was a good attendance at each session. Both sides ably presented their arguments. The debate ended with all in a good humor and those in attendance profess to be benefitted by the discussion. While some things are reported to have been injected into the debate that should not have been, yet it went off nicely in the end.

**ONE WEAK SPOT**

**Many Merkel People Have Weak Parts and Too Often It's Back**

Many people have a weak spot Too often it's a bad back. Twinges follow every sudden twist Dull aching keeps up, from weak kidneys In such case a kidney medicine is needed. Doan's Kidney Pills are for weak kidneys, Fof backache and urinary ills Merkel people recommend the remedy.

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**Dramatic Club Announcement**

The Merkel Dramatic Club will meet Tuesday evening, March 18, at the home of Mr and Mrs. Fred Groene. All members of the club are especially requested to be present, and any new members will be welcome. The club will present a play on March 21st. The proceeds of the play will go to the Parent Teachers Association and will be used to help fix up the school grounds. This is a worthy cause and we hope to have a big crowd present.

**Hayes' Healing Honey**

**Stops The Tickle**

Heals The Throat Cures The Cough Price 35c.

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For Chest Colds, Head Colds and Croup, is enclosed with every bottle of HAYES' HEALING HONEY. You get the Cough Syrup and the Salve for one price, 35c.

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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.

Like nearly every other town, Merkel has a few, and we are glad to say a very few, young ladies who like to see the trains go through. Sometimes the west bound, especially, comes a little late in the evening when darkness hovers nicely over the land. Just watch these girls. You will find they permit the young fellows to be rather cordial. We have seen a few of our most splendid girls engaging in this practice. We would speak a kindly word to them. Girls, you ought not to do it. People will soon go to talking about you, the boys will lose their respect for you, and then every venom stricken profligate that comes to town will make it his business to seek your downfall. There are two things a girl can not do and keep her self respect, and one is habitually to be roving the streets and meeting the trains at night and the other is allowing every young buck in the neighborhood to place his hands about her person. If a girl would just think a little, they would know that no man knowingly is anxious to marry a woman that every fellow in the neighborhood has pawed over.

Good corn at G M Sharp's



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Riggan-Brown Wedding.

About noon Thursday, March 6th, J C Riggan and Miss Grace Brown drove up to the Methodist parsonage in Trent and Rev. F T Johnson spoke the words that made two happy hearts beat as one.

They were accompanied by several couples of relatives and friends. They are prominent young people of the White Church community in Mulberry Canyon. We wish for them a happy and prosperous voyage on the matrimonial sea.

Toombs-Cauthen Wedding

Last Sunday evening the wedding of Miss Jewel Toombs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Toombs of this city, and Mr. Mose Cauthen were solemnized at El Paso. The El Paso Herald of Monday had the following to say about the wedding:

A pretty wedding service occurred at the home of Mr and Mrs. L Laskin, 1126 Los Angeles street, on Sunday evening, when Mose Cauthen and Miss Jewel Toombs were united in marriage by the Rev Milo Atkinson. The lines of the service were read as the couple stood beneath a bowler of English ivy and carnations. The bride, very attractive in a tailored suit of dark blue French serge, was given in marriage by Dr. O J Shaffer. Her hat was a chic model of blue and gray and her arm bouquet was of white carnations.

The wedding march, Mendlesohn's was played by Mrs O J Shaffer, Miss Marjorie Walker was bridesmaid and was very attractive in her tailored suit of dark blue serge, and bouquet of pink carnations, Lieut G Smith was best man.

Refreshments were served following the ceremony and toasts were given to the health and

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happiness of the bridal couple.

During the evening a number of musical numbers were given. Miss Mary Martin played a piano solo, and Miss Minda Laskin gave a graceful solo dance.

The guests spent the evening hours in dancing.

Mr and Mrs Cauthen left for Alamogordo, where they will make their future home.

Miss Toombs was reared in this vicinity and one of our most popular and accomplished young ladies. Mr Cauthen formerly resided here and is a young man of ambition and promise.

We wish for the young couple all the happiness and prosperity that mutual love can bring.

It was a right merry bunch that joined in the Science room of the High School last Monday at noon and partook of a luncheon that would do credit to the culinary art. The Juniors had as their guests the High School teachers, Misses Graham, Phillips, Smith and Wells, Prof Parker, Miss Alexander and Mrs. W. Jackson. They certainly had a bountiful and appetizing assortment of dainties. Every one got enough, except Miss Smith, who talked while the rest had other duties to perform.

The Seniors came near playing

a successful prank on the Juniors by stealing away their lunch but through some mysterious manner the Juniors caught up with them in time to prevent them carrying out their plan. As a return for their kindness, the Seniors were invited in to partake of the miscellaneous remnant. They were "good," however, for the time being. They all had a great time.

### NOODLE NEWS

The farmers are all proud of the nice rain which fell Friday night.

Mrs E L Eason of Kale spent last Wednesday with Mrs. R W Green.

Seymore Cozzens, who has lately returned from France, called on Miss Sallie Goode, Sunday.

Mrs. Hendrix has been on the sick list but we are glad to report that she is improving.

Miss Blondie Huber spent Friday night and Saturday with the Misses Winters.

A large crowd of young people enjoyed the singing at the M E church Sunday night.

Kirby Goode left Monday for Ranger where he will to work.

The dance at Mrs R W Green's Friday night was enjoyed by a number of young people. Messrs

Doc Shaffer, Roy Winter and Radford Cook furnished the music.

Refreshments were served to the following Dewey Nicholson, Radford Cook, Otto Bicknell, Oren Hodge, Roy Winters and Doc Shaffer. Misses Albatine, Bamma and Nina Winters, Inez and Gustie Cook and Blondie Huber.

Mrs Lettye Goode received news that the home of her brother, J O Jones of Bailey, had been destroyed by fire.

Mr and Mrs J C Thompson are the proud parents of a 11½ pound boy.

### Base Ball Game Played

The Fourth, Fifth and Sixth grade boys of the Merkel Public School met on the local grounds Wednesday afternoon, and entered into one of the fastest, cleanest and most interest games of the season. The boy were spurred on by the enthusiastic boosters who watched close by and applauded heartily for every score won on either side.

The game was hard fought, and resulted in favor of the Fourth and Sixth, with a score of 20 to 13.

The Fifth grade players were: Hartson Fillmore, William Woodroof, Floyd Hutcheson, James

Toombs, Gilbert Walton, Roy Stevens, Ray Garrett, Audrey Witcher, Claude Dye and W L Harkrider.

Sixth and Fourth were: T. L. Toombs, Delbert Polly, Billy Cobb, Weston West, Buford Smith, Robert Compton, Fred Giles, and Tom Cooper.

### MISS ENSMINGER DEAD

The daughter of Mr and Mrs R A Ensminger of Dora, who has been suffering for several weeks with meningitis, succumbed to the disease and was buried at Dora last Friday. She was 15 years of age, just blooming into young womanhood, with hopes and ambitions yet before her. She was a bright girl, a good lovable girl, and her going leaves a vacancy in the home that can not be filled.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the bereaved in this sad hour of their affliction.

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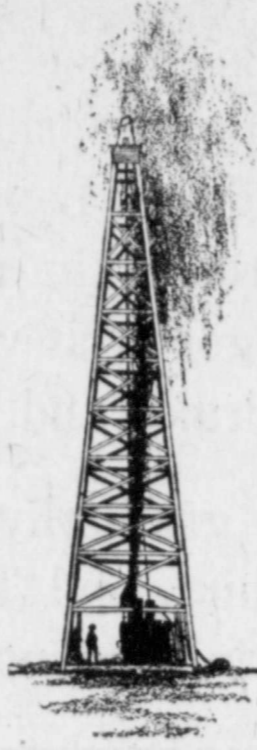
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MERKEL, TEXAS

### Memory of Sol Johnson

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and brethren of Merkel Lodge, No 710, A. F. & A. M. We your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of brother Sol Johnson, beg to submit the following:

Whereas, it has pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in his infinite wisdom to remove from among us our dear brother, Sol Johnson, and to transplant him as a member of that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides; Therefore, be it resolved by Merkel Lodge, A. F. & A. M. that, in the death of our brother, this lodge has lost a worthy member; one who lived and practiced the true principals of our order, and in his every day life was a living example of those great tenets, Faith, Hope and Charity; having faith in God Hope in immortality and Charity toward all man kind; Ever ready to lend a hand to help a brother or friend, and give him advice that would aid on his reformation

While we drop a sympathetic tear for his bereaved ones, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and

leave in his hands the soul of our deceased brother.

Be it further, Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy delivered to the family of our deceased brother and a copy handed to the Merkel Mail, for publication; and that the members of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for 30 days

W W Wheeler  
N D Cobb  
Walter Jackson

### CHURCH NEWS

#### The Sunday Night Joint Service

The second monthly joint service of the churches will be held at the Methodist church Sunday night at 7:30, and Pastor Dawson of the Baptist church will preach the sermon. Everybody is given special and urgent invitation to attend this meetings.

Pastors, Murrell, Standifer, and Dawson.

#### Methodist Church Notice

Sunday School promptly at 9:45. We are expecting 200 present at the Sunday School

Then you have a special invitation to attend church services at the 11 o'clock hour the Subject will be "Heaven". If you are going that way come and we will try to help you along, if you are not going that way come and we will try to help you get started that way.

At the evening hour Bro Dawson will preach. Let every Bapt-

The B. Y. P. U. will hold a special service at Stith Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A number of special features have been prepared and an interesting time is anticipated

There will be no service Sunday night, but will join in the joint service at the Methodist church, where the Baptist pastor is expected to preach the sermon.

Cordial invitation is given

### INVEST NOW

The oil situation is rapidly developing The time has come when Merkel must take a step forward. It is our advice to all those who are renting property to seriously consider the purchase of a home while it can be had at bargain figures. Let us show you what we have on our list We sell more homes in Merkel than all others combined. We have the best bargains Those who want to sell list with us. Buy now—Merkel Realty Co.

Just received car of strictly prime hulls at \$18.00 a ton. Fred Guitler.

Bring your cleaning, pressing and mending to me. Mrs. Cash.

Alfalfa Hay at G M Sharps. Plenty of shorts and bran at G M Sharp's

Just received car of Marechal Neil flour. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

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

### FARMS WANTED

We want more farm listings Have a call now for a small farm Also list your large places and ranches with us. We can sell them That is our business. Make the best price you can and stand by it. If you want to leave the country, we will try to let you take the value of your farm with you. List now. Merkel Realty Co.

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For Luscious Biscuits, Delicious Lightbread and Delightful Pastry  
A sack will convince you. **G. F. WEST CO.**

Mrs. W. A. McSpadden and sons, Van Hines and Linn, left Tuesday morning for Cisco were they will visit Mrs McSpadden's mother for several days.

Cotton cake at G M Sharp's.

### Preaching at North Side

Elder, Jesse P. Sewell will preach at 11 o'clock.

Other announcements will be made at that hour.

Everybody invited

### B. Y. P. U. Program March 16

To Be Rendered At Stith Song Invocation.

Scripture Reading, responsively by two members, 1st Psalm, Virginia Mayfield and Gyrle Howard

Greeting by the President: Why we Visit With Our Neighbor, Walter Jackson.

Statement of Subject; The Kingdom of God, Miss Ola Sharp The Young People Do Have a Place in the Kingdom of God, Miss Ruby Campbell.

The Older People Ought to Encourage and Assist the Young People to Find and Fill Their Places in the Kingdom of God, Miss Dixie Howard.

The Young People Themselves Ought to Seek to Find their Places and Not Wait to be Told What Their Places Are, Holland Teaff.

Special Music, Miss Lula Sharp. Poem, "I've Found My Work," Miss Annie May Swann Reading, Quartette.

Young People Find Their Highest Pleasure and Realize Their Best Ambitions in Consecration to the Lord's Work, Rev E E Dawson.

The Story of a Story, Too Much Eluathan, Mrs. Walter Jackson.

Announcements Benediction. (Use Mizpah: The Lord Watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another.)

ist, Presbyterian and every Methodist and everybody else that will come and make it a great occasion.

We had a great day last Sunday. We preached on giving God a square deal and eight women and four men signed an obligation to pay the Lord the Tithe and there are others to follow. We are making history for God and the church in Merkel. If you are going to be a good soldier of Jesus Christ put on the armor and line up.

W. M. Murrell, Pastor.

### At The Baptist Church

On account of the dampness and chilly atmosphere the Sunday school fell off a bit last Sunday. You know folks have to be mighty careful of their health from nine to twelve on Sunday. It is one of the sickliest periods of the week. More headaches and backaches and kindred afflictions assail the bodies of mortals during those three hours than at any season of the week or month or year of decade or century It is comforting to know that as soon as the sun passes the meridian the fatal season passes and most everybody is able to take their places at the table and dispose of last beef and mince pie.

Sunday school will meet next Sunday at ten o'clock, and it and the worship will extend to noon, closing promptly at the noon hour. The pastor's theme Sunday morning will be, "Everyone Is A Synonym."

Sunbeams will meet in the Annex at 2:30, and Mrs Mary Beard and Miss Osee Teaff will have charge. These young women are splendidly equipped for this important work and between them will make it intensely interesting and helpful. They will use the sand table and backboard.

everybody to attend our services

E E Dawson, Pastor, Walter Jackson, Supt

If we haven't what you want we'll get it. The Merkel Realty Company.

Try a can of our Seal bran of Chase and Sanborn coffee. Bob Martin's Grocery

### Colds Cause Grip and Influenza

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

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**"The end of an Imperfect Day"**

**"Nervous Headache"**

Nervous headache is the result of a run down weakened nervous system. You feel out of sorts—everything seems wrong—food disagrees with the tired stomach—you can't sleep and have a constant case of "the blues."

Rev. Geo. Heffelman of New Cumberland, Pa., tells how he was cured after he had almost given up hope.

"Five or six years ago I became greatly worried on account of the condition of my nerves. I was prostrated and suffered so much I thought I would never be well again. I used one bottle of DR. MILES' NERVINE and began to improve from the first. I then used it until I completely cured me. It is without doubt the greatest nerve remedy ever discovered."

If you are troubled with a nervous affection, you will find the first bottle of DR. MILES' NERVINE will bring relief. It is non-alcoholic and contains no injurious drugs—a safe, dependable and efficient family medicine. Ask your druggist about it.

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Our mammoth stock of spring purchases is arriving daily and we are now making a wonderful showing of spring Silks, Crepe, Crepe de Chines Messaimes, Voiles, Organdies, figured Lawns, etc. Also big line ladies and misses Spring Suits and Dresses in all the new spring shades and fashions. Big lot staple cotton goods at very marked reductions. Complete line of Notions, Buttons, Braids and Trimmings.

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### Helps Sick Women

Cardui, the woman's tonic, helped Mrs. William Eversole, of Hazel Patch, Ky. Read what she writes: "I had a general breaking-down of my health. I was in bed for weeks, unable to get up. I had such a weakness and dizziness, ... and the pains were very severe. A friend told me I had tried everything else, why not Cardui? ... I did, and soon saw it was helping me ... After 12 bottles, I am strong and well."

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The Woman's Tonic

Do you feel weak, dizzy, worn-out? Is your lack of good health caused from any of the complaints so common to women? Then why not give Cardui a trial? It should surely do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women who suffered—it should help you back to health.

Ask some lady friend who has taken Cardui. She will tell you how it helped her. Try Cardui.

All Druggists

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### J. SOL. JOHNSON DEAD

On March 6, death came to relieve the suffering of Joseph Solomon Johnson, a prominent business man of Trent and well known throughout this section. A few days earlier he was attacked with pneumonia, and in spite of efficient medical skill and all the attention that loving hands could administer, he succumbed to the dread disease.

Mr Johnson was born in Coffee County, Ala., March 14, 1863 was married March 27, 18184 to Miss Mollie Callahan in Mississippi, La. At the age of 23 he was converted and joined the Methodist

church. He came to Texas about 29 years ago, settling in Cass County. He moved to Trent 13 years ago, where he engaged in the grocery business, which he continued to the end of his life.

The funeral was held at the Methodist church, conducted by his pastor, Rev F T Johnson, followed by the Masonic Order at the cemetery. He was also a member of the Woodmen of the World.

His pastor paid him a great tribute when he said: "He was a man who studiously attended to his own business and who never meddled with the affairs of others." He was a good man, loved by all who knew him. He leaves a devoted wife to mourn his loss.

Burial took place at the Trent cemetery. To the bereaved ones are extended our heartfelt sympathy. Their loss is our loss. We are thankful for his life, for the sunshine he left, and have full confidence in the faith in which he put his trust.

### Why Colds Are Dangerous

You are often told to "beware of a cold," but why? We will tell you: Every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and paves the way for the more serious diseases. People who contract pneumonia first take cold. The longer a cold hangs on, the greater the danger, especially from the germ diseases, as a cold prepares the system for the reception and development of the germs of consumption, diphtheria, scarlet fever and whooping cough. The quicker you get rid of your cold, the less the danger of contracting one of these diseases. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has a great reputation as a cure for colds and can be depended upon. It is pleasant to take.

### WHEN A MAN'S A MAN

The splendid book, "When A Man's A Man" was read by Miss Bertha Alexander of Dallas at the auditorium of the school building last Monday evening. Coming to the inclement weather, the crowd was not as large as expected, yet there was a good turnout. The reader held the audience spellbound throughout the reading. The order was unusually good. A hearty welcome was given to Miss Alexander to return at some future date. She was greatly pleased with the people here and indicated that she might look with favor upon the securing of a class here at some time.

### SERVICE CAR

Have just purchased service car. Ready to go anywhere, day or night. Phone-135, J G Hale. 284P

### SMOKING TOBACCO FACTS FROM THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA

#### The Use of Flavorings Determines Difference in Brands

The Encyclopaedia Britannica says about the manufacture of smoking tobacco: "... on the Continent and in America, certain 'sauces' are employed ... the use of the 'sauces' is to improve the flavour and burning qualities of the leaves." Which indicates that a smoker's enjoyment depends as much upon the flavoring used as upon the tobacco. Your nose is a sure guide in the matter of flavorings. Try this simple test with several tobacco brands: pour some tobacco into your palm, rub briskly, and smell. You will notice a distinct difference in the fragrance of every brand. The tobacco that smells best to you will smoke best in your pipe, you can rest assured. Carefully aged, old Buryley tobacco, plus a dash of pure chocolate, gives TUXEDO Tobacco a pure fragrance your nose can quickly distinguish from any other tobacco. Try it and see.

### Parent-Teachers Association

The Parent-Teachers Association will meet at the School Auditorium next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at which time there will be rendered a most interesting program as follows:

Opening Address, Mrs Armstrong.

Music, Miss Ruby Campbell. How Can Parents Be of Help to the Teachers, Miss Phillips.

What Plans Have Been Made for the Improvement of the School Grounds, Mrs Armstrong. Song by Children.

Business Session.

### ADLER-I-KA HELPS SON!

"My son had inflammation of bowels and was greatly bloated (with gas). After giving Adler-i-ka he is completely CURED. Doctors did no good." (Signed) M. Gerhard, Ferdinand, Ind.

One dose Adler-i-ka relieves sour stomach, gas and constipation instantly. Removes all foul matter which poisons system. Often Cures constipation. Prevents appendicitis. We have sold Adler-i-ka many years. It is a mixture of buckthorn, cascara, glycerine and nine other simple drugs. Sanders Drug Store advl

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### LOCAL NEWS

Rev and Mrs. G F Slap and Rev E F Mincey, have returned to their homes in DeQueen.

Come to see, "TENNESSEES PARDNER."

Just received car of strictly prime hulls at \$18.00 a ton. Fred G.itar.

Dr Smith, formerly of Weatherford, and his family moved here the past week. They reside in the house adjoining the Presbyterian church, known as the Hall place. The doctor formerly lived in this section and at Hamlin. He will engage in the practice of his profession. He has many friends here who welcome him to the city. He has property interests near Noodle.

East Texas ribbon cane syrup at G M. Sharp's

Plenty of Marechal Neil flour. Bob Martin's Grocery Company.

John and Charlie Edwards visited at the home of Mr and Mrs G M Sharp Saturday and Sunday.

More goods for same money. Same goods for less money. A L. Jobe. tf.

H L Propst left Thursday for Tulia to take care of extensive interests. He will be away several weeks.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

Maize, Feterita, Sorghum and all kind of seed at Bob Martin's

Mrs. Letha Banner is still in the sanitarium where she has just undergone another serious operation, but is reported on the way to recovery.

Fresh bulk peanut oil at G M Sharp's

S A Duckett returned the past week from Dallas

Maize, Feterita, Sorghum and all kind of seed at Bob Martin's

Peace Maker flour is the best. G. M. Sharp.

There is a laugh in every act of TENNESSEE PARDNER. The TENNESSEE PARDNER wants to entertain you at the Cozy Friday night March 21st.

The family of C L Tucker is still seriously ill. Mrs Tucker and one of the children have been in a critical condition. We hope to shortly record the full recovery of this splendid family

Doc Hall, son of Mrs. Cynthia Hall, who is in the army service at Brooklyn has been bad off with the "Flu". A telegram just received by Mrs Hall states that he is improved. We hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

Every sack of Marechal Neil flour guaranteed, or your money back. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

Mrs. W E Duckett of Dallas, and Sgt James E Cole of Fort Worth, were visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs W P Duckett the past week.

Robin Red Breast meal at Bob Martin's

Dinner—Dinner—Dinner

The ladies of the Methodist Church will give a dinner at the Commercial Club room on Saturday, March 15th. All are cordially invited to come and enjoy a good meal, and at the same time be helping them in their great work.

### Notice

If you want your land, leases and royalties sold, list them with E D Coats He is in touch with people who want them. tf

### PROFESSIONAL

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Dear Cousin:

Every since the censorship rules have been modified I have been intending to write you a long letter giving you a pretty authentic account of every thing that has happened to me since I left the good old U. S. A. Until now I have either been too busy recuperating from the rigorous strain caused from the frolics of the Panthers in the front line, or having a good time, (which is pretty hard work over here) or something else

Of the railway journey from Camp Bowie to New York city there is very little to be said. On the morning of July 11th about eleven o'clock we vacated our regiment and hiked to the old Remount depot where we soon loaded on to the train. About three o'clock the train began moving and we were on the first lap of our long and tedious journey to the battle fields of France. Every thing that I can remember about the trip is just a pleasant dream. We were on the road a little over four days and nights. All we had to do was eat and sleep. At every town of any size that we stopped at the Red Cross treated us to candy, cigarettes, ice cream and all the other little delicacies that appeal to a soldier's sweet tooth. At some places along the road the band met us at the station and furnished music. We stopped at Cleveland long enough to go down to Lake Erie and take a cold plunge. On arriving at the detrainment point in Jersey City we unloaded and loaded onto a ferry boat and crossed over to Long Island where we again entrained and journeyed out to Camp Mills a distance of about twenty miles. We thought we would be here at least a couple of weeks and we had dreams of sight seeing in the city of New York and nights of delightful trips to Coney Island and everything. We however were doomed to disappointment. The following day after our arrival, having been fully and completely equipped, we were ordered to prepare for a move. This was about five in the afternoon. We rolled our packs and lined up waiting the orders to march. Camp Mills was an immense camp, but was only a stopping place for troops preparing to go overseas however. There were a large amount of negro troops stationed at this place for labor purposes. They had evidently never realized exactly the feeling the southerners hold for a negor as they were all northern negors. It didn't take the Texas boys long to give them a pretty good idea however. The 36th has a record for knocking over more of the dusky warriors than any division which passed through the camp. But to get back to my story. All through the night as we waited and waited for orders to forward march, long lines of men were marching past us, quietly. About three o'clock in the morning we started to move and march to the railway and loaded on to the electric trains and reached the station about daybreak. We unloaded and again boarded the ferry boats, and crossed the river plowing upstream for about a mile and unloaded at the Army Transport Docks. At each one of the large piers we saw a large ocean going liner. We marched into one of these large warehouses and stood in line for about an hour and a half. The Red Cross ladies were there waiting for us with hot coffee and buns faithfully to the last. It certainly was a treat to us as it was the first that we had to eat since the day before at dinner. Finally we started boarding one of the boats, and as we filed up the long gang plank we answered to our name and were given a card bearing the name of the ship, the number of the bunk which we were to occupy and the number and location of the life boat, which we were supposed to make our escape on in case of emergency. I followed the sailor who acted as guid down into the large dark hole and he finally stopped before a little sort of frame like

structure made of gas pipes which he informed me was my state room. He also gave me a piece of canvas and a rope and showed me how to make a bunk out of the contraction by weaving the canvas into the frame. There were three bunks in a tier, one about two feet above the other.

Along toward middle of the afternoon I had began to get accustomed to everything pretty well and they began to get ready to "feed the animals". That was some job. There was only one Mess hall down on deck "B" I believe. There was about 3500 hungry soldiers to feed. It took about a half day for all of us to file past the bean pot. Rations had to be hoarded very carefully as any accident or incident that would tend to lengthen our journey would have caused a serious shortage in rations. It was so crowded that every time a fellow on one end of "C" deck wiggled his left middle toe, every other fellow on that deck had to do likewise. On the 18th of July about 2 o'clock in the afternoon the convoy began to move slowly away from the piers and down the river into the Harbor. Our boat, the Rijndam, was the last to leave the docks. There were no crowds to cheer us or bid us God speed, but all the small crafts, ferry boats and tug boats in the river with their passengers waved us a farewell and saluted us with their whistles. We drifted slowly down the river, and past the Statue of Liberty. The band was playing, "Good bye Broadway, Hello France", and "The Panthers are coming."

As we sailed slowly past that grand old statue, which represented all that we were fighting for, a lump rose in the throat of many and we couldn't help wondering just how many of the boys on this boat would live to see the Statue of Liberty again. Along toward mid-afternoon all land disappeared. We had an aerial escort for the first afternoon of a couple of Hydroplanes which circled about us all evening. The battleship and torpedo boat chasers which were to be our watch dogs on the voyage took their places on either side and in front of us. We were given a life jacket and told to wear it at all times. We also had to sleep with it on. About the second day out I think a pretty heavy gale began blowing and the sea became pretty rough. Several of the boys began to manifest seasickness. The boat was rolling so badly that we, being unaccustomed to an ocean trip, could hardly get about from one place to the other. As soon as we were well out into mid ocean we had to get up every morning at three o'clock and stand to the life rafts. No lights were lit on any of the upper decks at night and no smoking was allowed after it began to get dusk. A few very dim blue lights were lit down below, just enough to allow a person to find his way about without danger. The voyage began to grow monotonous and the boys were offering as high as ten dollars for a square foot of ground. It was the same old thing day after day. The same old food. And to add to our grief our supply of bread was very limited. When we were well into the submarine danger zone we were reinforced by five or six more chasers. I forgot to add that there were fourteen boats in our convoy when we started. There were eleven troop carrying transports, one battle cruiser which led the convoy, and two torpedo boat destroyers. The George Washington was on the left of us all the way over until the convoy split two days before we landed. Some of the boats fired a few shots at something after we had been out about one week. I don't know if it was really a submarine or not and could never find out for sure. Two days before we landed a sub was sighted and several shots were fired. The convoy scattered and the chasers circled around over the spot where the sub was sighted and dropped depth bombs. I do not know whether the submarine was ever sunk by the bombs or not.

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al gunners. I believe they did as good shooting as I have ever seen. A couple of days before we reached port the convoy split up; part of the vessels going to Brest and the balance to St. Nazaire. The Rijndam and three other boats held their course and went to St. Nazaire. The George Washington and the balance went to Brest. The reason for this was on account of one de-larkation camp not being able to accommodate an entire division at one time. On the morning of the 30th of July we knew by the stillness of the waves that we were nearing land. The sea was as smooth as a floor. Along towards the middle of the afternoon we passed several small islands and were soon met by a pilot boat. There were many small and shallow islands and we were obliged to steam very slowly. Soon the most welcome sight that I have ever witnessed or ever expect to see met the gaze of the land hungry dough-boys. The low outlines of the shores of France came to view. It was almost dark when the Rijndam passed into the locks at St. Nazaire. The traditional "French girls who waded out into the water to kiss the incoming Yanks" failed to materialize. There were however a great many people on the wharves to witness our arrival. Every one was then ordered below and when we awoke the following morning the Rijndam was tied safely to the wharf and we saw the French natives, German prisoners, American negro stevedores on the shores. About nine o'clock we had the extreme pleasure of taking off the bungle-some life jackets, rolling our packs and stepping for the first time on to French soil. We landed in France on the 31st day of July after a wear-

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some and monotonous journey of 12 days. We were on board the vessel thirteen and one half days. We hiked out to Camp No 1 about a mile and a half from St. Nazaire. This was a rest camp. At least that is what we were told. The camp was surrounded by high netted wire fence and armed guards. We were not allowed to leave camp to go to town. The morning after we reached camp they took part of us to the dock to unload boats and the balance to a place near St. Nazaire to load and unload railway cars. The United States had there miles and miles of ware houses filled with supplies mostly food. The boys at the docks unloaded enough ships to reach half way back to the Statue of Liberty and the ones who went to work at the warehouse loaded and unloaded enough cars of canned goods, sugar, and flour to reach to Berlin and back. One who has not witnessed the enormous rows of warehouses can not realize the immensity of the work that the United States has done in France. And his was only one of the debarkation points which the United States was using. There were thirteen in all. St. Nazaire was about one third in size and importance. After we had all been rested up at this place doing this sort of light, appetizing labor the "higher ups" decided that we were sufficiently recuperated for the continuance of our journey. About three o'clock on the afternoon of August 6th we loaded on the little rolling cracker boxes equipped with about as many springs as the rock of Gibraltar. I know now where Henry Ford got his idea for the bone breakers he builds and sells in the United States for automobiles. On each of them there was a sign which read, "Hommes 40, Chevaux 8" and they never failed to load them to their capacity either. They were richly furnished with carpets of sand and hardwood benches. He said I know they were hardwood was by the stone like feeling which they imparted. We were furnished with hard tack, "corn Willie", tomatoes and one can of jam to each 6 men. This was what we lived on the entire trip. We passed through Nantes, Orleans and Angers and several small towns on our way. We did not make very many stops until we reached our destination. At Orleans we saw a statue of Joan of Arc, the maid of Orleans. Sleep was a sacred article on that trip. Every time one man moved the whole bunch had to move. On the morning of August 8th at about 4:30 a.m. we reached Bar sur Aube. About 7:30 we unloaded and ate some of our rations which by this time were rather limited being mostly Corn Willie and a very small portion of bread. We ate this and started on our hike for the village which we were to be billeted in. We had everything we possessed in our pack which we carried on our backs. The average weight of these packs without rifle and bayonet was about 95 pounds. The nights were then cold and the days were pretty hot. Bar sur Aube is a pretty good sized town situated on the Aube river between high hills, in fact almost large enough to be called mountains. The view at this time of the year was what an artist would call beautiful, if he were standing on the crest of a hill and gazing down into the peaceful Aube valley with the blue river wending

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slowly and lazily through the green fields and white village. It is needless to add however that the beauty of the scene was wasted on us as we laboriously climbed the hills up the winding road out of the village. Our packs felt like locomotives on our backs and the sun beat down mercilessly upon our backs. The road up the hill wound around like a snake and we could look up a few feet above us and see the head of the marching column marching in an opposite direction to the way which we were going. We rested several times going up the hill but not half enough. Finally about noon we reached Bligny about 13 kilometers from Bar Sur Aube where we were to receive the balance of our training before going to the front. It was a very small village and three companies were billeted there. We soon had a hot meal, the first of three days. Brad was scarce but we did justice to the bacon just the same.

Of the time spent drilling at Bligny there is very little to say. Details of our stay there would be monotonous. The Sappers and Bombers platoon went to Wille Sur Terre for a couple or three weeks of special training on the 19th of August. Every platoon in the company left for special training in their way along about this time. After we returned to the company at Bligny we heard rumors every day that we were going to the front in a few days.

Finally on the 25th day of September we left Bligny with almost as heavy a pack as when we reached there and marched in to Bar Sur Aube. We reached

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there about sunset and camped about a mile from town. Every one knew that we were on our way to the front lines. We got up the following morning at 2:30 and marched into Bar Sur Aube and loaded on the train. We rode all day in the "Hommes 40, Chevaux 8" Express. We had about the same kind of rations that we had on our previous railway journey. I heard one of the men say that we were passing a quiet sector some time during the day and looking out I saw a military cemetery. He was right. It was a very quiet sector. We reached Oiry sometime during the afternoon and camped. We pitched shelter tents and spent a night of perfect rest. After dark we

were not allowed to have a fire or to smoke as it was close enough to the front for the aeroplanes to raid us. The following morning we again loaded on our packs with the assistance of a derrick and were again on the march. Reached Champigneulle late in the afternoon and went into billets. This was a French rest camp and the billets were not very good. Several of the boys found cooties in their billets. We were told that we were now attached to the French Army Corps and would wait here until we received orders to go into the front lines. A couple of nights after we reached here the German planes raided and bombed a hospital not far from Champigneulle.

We did not drill here but had to keep under cover all the time as the Boche plans scouted around sometimes in order to find out where troops were concentrated. There was a French Canteen there which was run by a couple of English Red Cross ladies. On the morning of October 4th we were told to prepare to leave. About four o'clock in the afternoon we rolled our packs and about 10:30 the French trucks came for us. The nights were ten extremely uncomfortable and a fellow had a pretty hard job of keeping warm riding. About 15 or 20 men were loaded on to each truck. The trucks could not use lights and a man had to be a pretty good driver to find his way about in the dark. After we had been riding a couple of hours the cold damp air of the night became almost unbearable. We could not lie down to sleep as there wasn't enough space and our legs cramped and our feet felt as though they would come off. We passed through the city of Chalons. It was a city of about one hundred thousand population before the war I believe. The night that we passed through in the trucks, not a light was to be seen. The city appeared to be absolutely deserted. Before the Germans got so near the city and before

the war it would have been a perfect blaze of brilliant lights and the streets would have seemed like a circus day parade. But now, had any one been so imprudent as to show a light it would have been only too good a target for the Boche bombing planes. About four o'clock in the morning of the 5th we stopped at Somme-Suippes, a small sized town with a railroad, now used as a Supply base for the front lines. Nearly every one was frozen stiff and the popularity of the Kaiser was growing less every minute. No one had slept any throughout the night and all were hungry. We went into a large barn used for billets and soon the most were sound asleep. About 12:00 o'clock we were awakened and treated to a delicious meal of corn willie and hot coffee. Never was there a drink that tasted as good to me as did that coffee that morning.

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