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### CASH FOR COLLEGE PLAN OF SOUR LAKE TEACHER

Sour, Lake, Teaxs April. "Buy War Savings Stamps now so as to have a college or business fund when you finish high school," is the plan evolved here successfully by Miss Georgie B. Stewart, teacher in the Seventh Grade of the Sour Lake Public schools.

Miss Stewart organized the class which will graduate from the Sour Lake High School in 1923 into a War Savings Society last year. Every member of the class invested in 1918 War Savings Stamps, which will fall due in January of the year they graduate. By that time, the money invested will have accumulated a nice amount of interest. War Savings Stamps, which cost all the way from \$4.12 to \$4.24 apiece, will each be worth \$5.00 in cash.

The plan worked out so well last year that Miss Stewart organized the class of 1924 into a War Savings Society this spring. Every member of the class is buying War Savings Stamps, so as to put aside an "endowment fund" for graduation year.

Miss Stewart is in receipt of a letter from Frank M. Smith, Federal District Director of the War Loan Organization, congratulating her on the happy thought which prompted her to start the unique Societies, thanking her for the great assistance rendered in the campaign and informing her that other teachers in the Eleventh Federal War Saving District would be informed of what she accomplished, in the hope that they might follow her example.

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Welty, Okla., April 5, 1919  
Merkel Mail:

Dear Mr Jackson:—I thought I would write you a short letter that you may publish if you like, as my many friends may know I am still in the land of the living, and like this country all right to farm in as it isn't very rough. I like the people there much the best. We don't have the wind and sand here like you do there.

We have a fine season in the ground and every thing is looking green and pretty.

The people are through planting corn now.

Health is good here. Well I could not do without the Merkel Mail as it is almost like seeing the people out there and talking with them, to get the Merkel Mail. It is better than lots of letters we get and we enjoy it very much.

Well I hope West Texas will make a good crop this year for I might want to go back there. I do like to live in the good old Lone Star State.

I remain a friend,  
G. W. Wood, Welty  
Oklahoma.

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## LOCAL NEWS

The Merkel public schools will be out the 23rd of May, this year.

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

Sam Swann of Wichita Falls was a visitor in the city Sunday, returning Tuesday morning.

Have some Ford cars on hand for immediate delivery. Merkel Motor Co. 4t2c

E. N. Brown is spending the week in Dallas on business. He will return by way of Cleburn.

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Easter Sunday comes rather late this year. The day is to be celebrated on April 29

Give us that order for your Deering and McCormick binder so as to be sure to have it here on time. There is no binder like the Deering and McCormick. Let us have your order now. G. F. West Company. 4t2c

Bad breath, bitter taste, dizziness and a general 'no account' feeling is a sure sign of a torrid liver. Herbine is the medicine needed. It makes the liver active, vitalizes the blood, regulates the bowels and restores a fine feeling of energy and cheerfulness. Sold by Sanders Drug Store

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Will stand my jack, John S. Fee of \$15.00 when colt is dropped I will use every precaution to avoid accident, but will not be responsible for accidents.—J. N. Teaff 2t14c

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# The Brown D. G. Co.

## LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Walter Buford and son, James Mallery, left the last of this week for Temple, to be at the bed side of her father, who is critically ill.

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A valuable dressing for flesh wounds, burns, scalds, old sores, rash, chafed skin, is Ballard's Snow Liniment, it is both healing and antiseptic. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

DeVerle Johnson had a very narrow escape early Sunday morning. He made a trip to Abilene in a jitney, and while returning, ran into a ditch about three miles this side of Abilene. The result a badly bruised head, with slight fracture, and a windshield doubled up. After the accident he tried to crank the car, but it would not pull itself out. He crawled into the seat and must have lost consciousness. When he awoke it was about nine o'clock Sunday morning. He walked to a house and got help. The wound on his head did not receive attention until nine or ten hours after the accident. He is getting along as well as a very sore head will permit him.

**How is Your Complexion**  
A woman should grow more beautiful as she grows older and she will with due regard to bath, diet and exercise, and by keeping her liver and bowels in good working order. If you are haggard and yellow, your eyes losing their lustre and whites becoming yellowish, your flesh flabby, it may be due to indigestion or to a sluggish liver. Chamberlain's Tablets correct these disorders.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

## FORTY-THREE MEN, TEN WOMEN, DIE IN "Y" SERVICE OVERSEAS

Sacrifice Proportionately One-Quarter as Great as That of Army—Sixty-Three Decorated.

The Y. M. C. A. carried the Red Triangle into the camps and trenches abroad at a cost of fifty-three lives, a sacrifice proportionately one-quarter as great as that of the American Army, according to a statement issued today by the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A. Of these fatalities thirty-five were due to disease, and the remainder to shell-fire, bombs, gas-fever, drowning and wounds. Ten of these were women, one of whom was killed by shell fire and the other in a German air raid.

There were also fifty-five non-fatal casualties. These were due principally to machine gun fire, gas, shell fire, and motor transport accidents. Numerous cases of slight wounds and gasings which were attended at dressing stations, but were not reported to headquarters, are not included.

These casualties occurred in a force which at no time exceeded 9,000 workers, of whom it is reckoned that more than one-half were never sent to the front, being employed in the hundreds of huts maintained throughout the training areas and the "leave areas."

Sixty-three "Y" workers were decorated, while in all more than 152 received official recognition or distinguished service. Thirteen of these were decorated with the Croix de Guerre, while forty-eight received other decorations. Of these three received the Distinguished Service Cross, three the Order of St. Stanislaus; five the Italian Cavaliere del Corona; thirty-eight the Italian War Cross, and one the French decoration of the corps d'armee. Seven were cited for the Croix de Guerre, and seven for other decorations, six commended for meritorious conduct, and twenty-nine received honorable mention in dispatches. Several units were cited in their entirety, those serving with the Third division being cited twice. More than a score more reported decorations have not yet been confirmed.

Not one of these men under thirty was fit for military duty, but the citations show that they carried on with the same courage and spirit that identified Americans throughout the war. These records show that they went over the top with the assaulting waves, that they exposed themselves under machine gun and shell fire to minister to the wounded, that they worked indefatigably as stretcher bearers, and that they drove ambulances into the midst of battle to rescue the wounded.

Others were sacrificed in the less heroic but no less necessary work behind the lines. Among these stands out Miss Winona Martin of Rockville Center, L. I., a Y. M. C. A. secretary, who was the first American woman killed in the war. She was killed by a bomb during a German air raid, and her death made a deep impression on American minds.

Miss Martin had been in Paris only a month, but had already done valuable work in stimulating an interest among the soldiers in the Y. M. C. A. in Paris.

Miss Marion G. Crandell of Alameda, Cal., killed by shell fire near Chalons March 26, 1918, was another of the women sacrificed in helping the soldiers.

Officials were quick to see and appreciate meritorious work, on the part of the secretaries and prompt to recognize it officially. Major General Dickman of the Third division gave a particularly strong citation of the units attached to that division, consisting of thirty-four men and six women.

A later commendation of the same units was ordered by Major General Howse.

Major General Henry T. Allen of the Nineteenth division in a letter to the Divisional Y. M. C. A. secretary said: "Two secretaries, F. A. Dawes and B. F. Ford, actually went over the top with the assaulting battalions and carried on their work in the midst of the severest losses."

The Y. M. C. A. honor roll of those who gave up their lives while helping the soldiers win the war, and of those who distinguished themselves in this work, contains the names of the following men from the Southern Military department: Dr. John H. Gifford, Tucson, Ariz., awarded Croix de Guerre; Thomas Neil Jefferson, Eden, Tex., awarded Italian Croix de Guerre; William Alsa Miller, Austin, Tex., awarded Italian Croix de Guerre.

### OTHERWISE UNHURT.

Nineteen bullet holes in his hide didn't prevent one "Y" secretary overseas from going back to his task just as soon as the authorities would let him out of the hospital. That is the word received at Camp Travis by M. D. Kinkaid of "Y" 73, from Sergeant A. G. Hockersmith of the U. S. Marine corps, who at the time of writing was at Melbach, Germany, near Coblenz. Sergeant Hockersmith says about this secretary:

"We have a dandy 'Y' secretary with us, who has just returned from the hospital. When they were in action he was a stretcher bearer. Consequently he went to the hospital with some nineteen bullet holes in him, but since returning he is as active as ever."

# The Negro and The Mule

For many years the South depended on the negro and the mule for farm work, and called this cheap labor. Conditions have changed. Cheap labor has gone. Methods have to be revised. The negro and the mule are too slow and too expensive. It is now Motor Power against Muscle. A boy on a tractor does more in a day than three negroes and six mules in the old way.

The same is true with short hauls. Wagons drawn by mules are largely demobilized—being mustered out every day. The Motor Truck carries over the road a two, four or six-mule load quicker, easier and much cheaper than any mule team that ever walked. There is no argument needed here. The people alreedy KNOW, and the truck and tractor makers are working day and night TRYING TO KEEP UP with the ALL-THE-TIME GROWING DEMAND.

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Averaging these eleven companies, as to years, and amounts returned, we have an average of six years and an average annual return of \$24,122 on each \$1000. You ask how this can be done. The answer is twofold: First, the demand is so great that profits are large. Second, Trucks, Tractors and Automobiles, bring QUICK CASH at factory doors and capital can be turned from 12 TO 18 TIMES A YEAR.

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This Company has only a small number of shares remaining, which our Board set aside to be sold at par, \$10 a share. Those who buy later will pay more.

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Then Jupiter Pluvius came. Then came the discovery of oil. West Texas has been soaked, soaked continuously for months and months. Thousands of investors have invaded West Texas. They have let loose millions of dollars. They have invested additional millions in machinery, thousands of buildings have been erected in West Texas cities and towns and all that territory where men hope for the existence of the golden sands of petroleum. The Houston Post prints the following editorial:

Thanks to the visits of the rain clouds during the winter and the

spring months, West Texas is transformed. People and prosperity are returning and the plains are coming into their own. The history of that great section during the last three years is romantic.

When the long drouth had become unendurable for a large part of the population, last year there was a hegrira from the West into the rain belt, thousands of thrifty farmers and business people abandoning their homes and business enterprises. Crops having failed and the grass burned up in the relentless heat of the sun the country became incapable of sustaining the population, and only those who were financially able to take another chance with the West remained. Many little towns, according to news reports, lost 50 to 75 per cent of their inhabitants, homes became vacant and stores closed. The plains were dotted with "deserted villages".

But all that is in the past and the West today presents a wonderful, new scene. A dispatch from Abilene gives the picture: "Thousands of people are now coming into the West mostly by train. They seem to have their pockets lined with 'long green' and they are starting out to farm, ranch or merchandise with out thought of the past and the great scary tales which described conditions here eight months ago. And among this large num-

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monwealth. All that was needed was the favor of the rain god. He smiled and wept and wept and smiled and now bumper harvests are promised. Texas is certain to produce a bumper wheat crop, a bumper oat crop, bumper crops of feedstuffs, bumper crops of peanuts and pork. All the cities of West Texas are booming and growing. All the lands of a vast territory are being spotted by scouts and prospectors. Judge R. E. Huff of Wichita Falls has reminded the law-makers that West Texas is entitled to six additional senators. The state should be redistricted and justice should be done the men of the West.—Fort Worth Record.

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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.

Get into a War Saving Society and get out of debt.

The 1919 Thrift Campaign is an All-America movement. Join the War Savings Society.

Chicago went wet the other day three to one. Some of the whiskey soakers are gloating over the out come with the idea that a reaction has set in and "good old booze" will again flow like water. Not so. The rest of this great country is not near as crazy as that hell polluted city.

The Rosco Times editor now deposes to explain why he had a "crazy recollection," instead of a "hazy recollection." Old partner, you had it right. Any editor that even tries to have a recollection, for if you are people will soon accuse you of having a conscience and that would be a dire calamity.

We had occasion to visit the beautiful little city of Snyder this week. We were agreeably surprised at the evidence of prosperity that already exists in that section and the wonderful hopefulness of the brave people who have withstood the drouth. Grain is looking fine; they have had good seasons and splendid crops are in prospect. The oil bug has also visited that section. Leases are increasing in value and oil is claimed to have been found a few miles southeast of the city.

Some of the giddy headed people of America are taking to the dance as a means of entertaining the soldier boys upon their return. Now that will be a pleasing reception, wont it? Boys who have gone right down into the mouth of hell, with the flaming cannons roaring on every side, with thoughts serious and heart brave, will come home with a higher purpose than to be entertained by light-headed girls who have not the least conception of appreciation for the brave boys who have offered their lives in the defense of their country.

This issue of the Merkel Mail has the largest number printed of any issue within twelve months. More copies are sent out through the local routes than when we took charge of the Mail two years ago. In spite of the

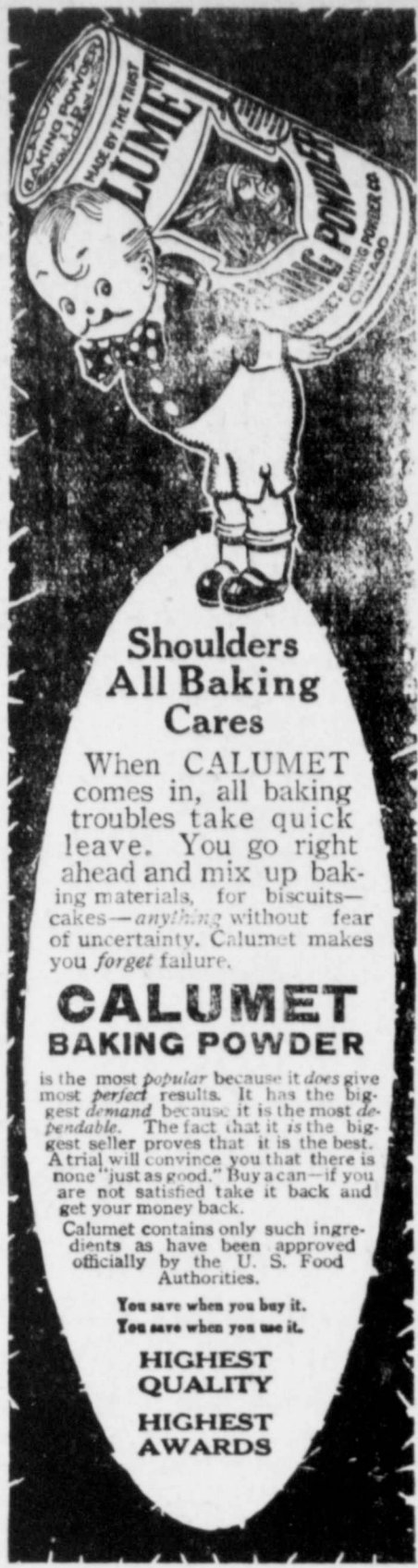
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drouth our subscription list has held up remarkably well. We are doing our best to get out a good paper. It is yet far from our ideals, but that our efforts are appreciated is attested by the fact that our subscribers remain with us year after year. Hardly a day passes but that we receive subscriptions from a distance as well as the many constantly coming in from the local community. The oil news is creating considerable interest.

The New School Board will assume its duties shortly. Grave responsibilities rest upon this body. The principal has already been elected. The teachers are to be elected at once. They should not be held in waiting. Then they are to deal with the question of increased salary. No first-class teacher can be expected to remain in Merkel at the present salary. Teachers are the poorest paid experts we know of. We trust more responsibilities into their hands than any other professional class of people. It is theirs to mould the character of the future generation. It is theirs to uphold the highest moral type of Christian character in our teaching forces. Previous boards have established a high precedent in this regard. We believe that no teacher should be employed in the Merkel Public Schools who is not willing to line up with one of the local churches and become a regular attendant. A teacher that will not do this is not the kind of a teacher to be an example to the growing generation. Christian people want active Christian teacher over their children in the public schools; those who are not Christians surely do not object to the exemplification of the highest type of principles. Teachers are leaders in the community in which they teach. A grave responsibility rests upon them. They become the ideals of their pupils. We hope the board will not procrastinate in the selection of teachers for the ensuing year.

#### Card of Thanks

We thank our friends and neighbors who so kindly and patiently assisted us in the last illness of our dear husband and father. May God's richest blessings be yours to enjoy.

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#### King Daughters Entertain

The Kings Daughters of the M. E. Church met at the home of Mrs. H. C. Williams, on Tuesday afternoon with Mesdames Williams, Parker and Hollingsworth as hostesses.

After business was disposed of a nice program was rendered as follows: Piano Solo, Mrs. Hollingsworth.

Vocal Duett, Mesdames, Sanders, and Johnson.

Piano Solo, Mrs. Beene.

Reading, Mrs. McSpadden.

Then came the fun of having our picture taken, which proved to be an April Fool.

Refreshments of ice cream and caks were served to Mesdames Lamar, Johnson, Brown, Cobb, Hutcheson, McSpadden, Sanders, Jud Sheppard, Jones, Beene, Pue, Briggs, Godwin, Grimes, and Mesdames Smith and Holt as visitors and the hostesses. All reported a delightful time.

Fresh candy, cake and bread at the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Laundry agent at Pate's Barber Shop.

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### CHURCH NEWS

#### Methodist Church

After a two weeks absence we are back on the job and ready for business. Sunday School at 9:30 and preaching at 11 A.M. Subject for the morning hour, "The Greatest Thing In The World." The service for the evening hour will be at 8:45. Not new time or old time, just time. The prayer-meeting hour will also be 8:45. It begins to look as if spring was here so we think the

men can safely come to prayer meeting now without danger of taking cold. Try it once.

W. M. Murrell pastor.

**At The Baptist Church**  
Go-To-Church Sunday worked out well for us last Sunday. There were 245 in our Sunday School, the house was crowded to the utmost limit, and matters ran to every-body's liking. The Sunday School offering amounted to \$24.45.  
With next Sunday we begin a

week of enlistment. Everything will be in that direction. Sincere invitation is given all the people to attend these services from Sunday to Sunday, at 8:45 each evening. Good music with diverse features will characterize each service.

Next Sunday night we will have a Hobab service. What's a Hobab service? Well, that's the thing to come and see.

Our morning service begins at 10 o'clock and ends on the dot at 12. This period includes both the Sunday school and the preaching, but is all one service. If you can't come for the whole service, come for part of it, for you're welcome always.

E. E. Wawson, pastor.  
Walter Jackson, supt.

#### Sunday Evening Services.

It has been agreed among the pastors that the Sunday evening services will be held at 8:45 o'clock from this on until further announcement.

The Pastors.

#### Epworth League Program.

The Confession of Christ and The Denial of Him.  
Silent Prayer.  
Song.  
Responsive Reading, Ps 32.  
Scripture, Romans, 10:9, Evelyn Barbee, Lillie Pratt Sears  
Prayer, Pastor.  
Instrumental Solo, Rosa Laney  
Leader's Talk, Mrs. Perminter.  
The Confession of Christ, Letha Tittle.  
Solo, Iris McClary.  
The Denial of Christ, Wallace Bragg.  
Piano Solo, Lola Armstrong.  
Benediction.

#### At The Church of Christ

There were present Sunday morning for Bible study fifty seven in all the classes. The total collection was \$21.75.  
Let every teacher and pupil busy himself or herself in securing new members for the classes each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Let's see if we can't

double the above attendance in a month or two.

Bro. W. G. Cypert was with us Sunday morning and evening. His subject for the morning was "What will be the new and prevailing religion since the war." The evening address was a continuation of the same subject. He spoke ably and eloquently on this subject, going into Revelations on the wounding to death of the head of the beast and the healing of this deadly wound.

We had a good house at both morning and evening to help us enjoy these services and we invite everybody to come from time to time. Services on new time.

O. J. Adcock.

#### At The Presbyterian Church

Rev. J Wood Parker, of Canyon City will fill the pulpit at the Presbyterian church Sunday, April 13. Sunday School at 10 o'clock, new time. A cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend both services.

#### B. Y. P. U. Program April 13

Subject, Eve, the First Woman  
Scripture, Gen. 1:26—31.  
Leader, Miss Emma Houston.  
The First Woman, Hazel Bridgman  
The First Bride, Annie Mae Swann  
Piano Duett, Lillie Pratt and Lola Armstrong.  
The First Human Sinner, Ida Meeks  
The First Exile, Letha Tittle.  
Piano Solo Nell Holloway  
First Mother, Salena Teaff  
First Mourner, Tom Allday.  
Cornet Solo, Earl Thornton  
Conclusion, E. E. Dawson  
Poem Loyce Dry

Mrs. J. M. Garrett left Sunday night for Dallas as a delegate to the Woodman Circle State Convention. She expects to return Saturday.

Am in the market for all your second hand furniture. J. T. Darsey.

#### John Wesley Hill Dead

After a period of long suffering and patient waiting, John Wesley Hill passed away on April 4 while at Sylvester. Burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery at Merkel the following day. The funeral services were held at the Methodist church under the auspices of the Masonic order. The funeral conducted by, Rev F. T. Johnson, of Trent.

Mr Hill was born February 18, 1866. July 22, 1900, he was married to Miss Dora Rawlings. At the age of about twenty years he united with the Methodist church, and at the time of his death was a member of the Methodist church of Merkel. He was a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows and W. O. W.

Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. J. W. Hill and five children, Golan; his mother, Mrs. A. Hill, Childress; four brothers, W. C. Hill, Golan; Emory Hill, Canton; Ben F. Hill, Santa Fe, N. M.; Geo. M. Hill, Gorman; a sister, Mrs. J. V. Costephens, of Merkel.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved.

#### TAKES ADLER-I-KA!

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My Black Spanish Jack will make the season 2 miles North-east of Merkel on my farm. I can take care if mares in my pasture. M. Armstrong. 11t2c.

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

A fine forty pound baby girl came to the home of Mr and Mrs. Chas Stevens the past week. It has been named Velva Lee. It is a mighty pretty child and father and mother are just as foolish about it as any one could be. It is useless to say their son, Silas, is the happiest little boy in town over his new sister. The little adopted girl has found a good home where the greatest care will be taken of her and where she will find an opportunity in this geart world. We are glad to record the adoption. It shows that the foster parents are anxious to do some good in the world as they go along, and they feel that they can render humanity a real service in this respect as well as bring happiness to their own home-life.

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

F. L. Baker, Abilene, Texas, who is representative of the The Remington Arms Union Metallic Cartridge Co., paid the Merkel Mail a visit Monday.

Judge Jas R. Hamilton of the Criminal District Court, Austin, was a visitor in Merkel the latter part of the past week. The Judge was taking the first vacation he has had in many a day. He came to look after his holdings just east of Merkel. Speaking as to how he came into possession of the land, the Judge stated that over half a century ago his grandfather was a blacksmith and wheel-dright. One day a man came by and wanted his wagon fixed. He said he had no money, but would give a half interest in land holdings in West Tefflas to get the work done. His grandfather did not want the job, but took it to help the party out. The land has remained in the family ever since. It is now worth quite a sum and the Judge thinks his grandfather made a good trade. The Judge is a very affable gentleman and made a number of warm friends while here.

**TEACHERS' SALARIES**

The first matter emphasized for legislation by the Executive Committee of the Texas State Teachers' Association at its Austin meeting in February, was that of asking the Legislature to submit a constitutional amendment to a vote of the people of the State authorizing the raising of the local tax rate for schools in independent and common school districts from fifty cents to one dollar.

A resolution to this effect has now passed the Senate and at this writing is pending in the House. This measure offers the only relief possible in the matter of increasing teachers' salaries in a great number of the school districts of the State.

Cities which have assumed control of their schools may under the present law raise their tax for school support to any amount by a majority vote of the property tax paying voters of the city. Common school districts and independent districts of fewer than 500 scholastics in the State will receive two million dollars a year for the next two years, part of which will be used to pay better salaries to teachers. This leaves the independent districts of more than 500 scholastics with valuations which in many instances is very difficult to do. The amendment should pass, thereby giving all the schools of the State the right to receive from their constituents the support necessary for their proper maintenance.

Better salaries for teachers is the most fundamental need of the public schools of Texas at this time. Reports which I have received indicate that salaries of teachers have been raised from 10 to 15 per cent during the last four years while living expenses with respect to food and clothing, which are the articles most largely bought by all teachers, have increased approximately 83 per cent. Increased in nearly all lines of labor in the

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### Health About Gone

Many thousands of women suffering from womanly trouble, have been benefited by the use of Cardui, the woman's tonic, according to letters we receive, similar to this one from Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, N. C. "I could not stand on my feet, and just suffered terribly," she says. "As my suffering was so great, and he had tried other remedies, Dr. — had us get Cardui. . . I began improving, and it cured me. I know, and my doctor knows, what Cardui did for me, for my nerves and health were about gone."

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matter of wages has probably kept pace with the increase in the cost of living, and in some cases has even exceeded it. This is noticeably true among the mechanics, carpenters and ordinary helpers in railroad shops under Federal Railroad Administration. The poorest paid worker in the Cotton Belt shops in Tyler receives \$81.00 per month.

These employees receive their salaries for twelve months in the year, while the teachers receive a salary for only nine months and are expected to wear good clothes, board at a high class boarding house and attend school at least every third summer. The average salary of the school teachers in Texas is a little more than \$400.00 a year.

The teachers are patriotic and duty loving people. They are also self-sacrificing, but they have grown sick and tired of the patronizing policy of the public in speaking of their wonderful services and in expressing the sentiment that they are the most important and the poorest paid class of people on earth. Such talk does not pay bills and does not enable teachers to have that peace of mind and spirit of contentment so essential to the proper guidance of the young and growing minds.

Thousands of our best teachers have left the profession and the standards are falling unless the people are wised to the situation and are made to feel that they must pay for good services in school work as in other lines.

The community that demands the best training for its teachers and prepares to pay for the best will be found forging to the front in educational matters and in matters of reconstruction in this new age, and the community that fails to do this will fine itself taking the back seat in so far as human welfare is concerned—President T. H. Shelby in Texas State Teachers Association.



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**Derricks Wrecked.**  
Wichita Falls, April 7.—The Burkburnett oil field last night sustained damages estimated at \$6000,000 as a result of a severe windstorm that swept the field from the west. Altogether about 300 derricks were blown over on dwellings, crashing through the roofs. No injuries of consequence are reported although there are many stories of narrow escapes from falling timbers.

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**RAINBOW DIVISION TO RETURN**

Coblentz, April 5.—The Rainbow Division today began saying goodbye to the Rhine. Soon after ten o'clock this morning the first train pulled out for Brest, carrying the division headquarters and the units attached to it. The departure of the 42nd Division composed of National Guardsmen from 27 states, and the 1st division to land in France, the first divisional movement of troops for home from the American era of occupation.

Three trains will leave the station here daily until April 11 when the tail-end of the Rainbow will see the last of the Rhine. It is estimated that the entire division will be on the Atlantic a few days later.

No general can win battles unless his soldiers work as a unit. Save through membership in a War Savings Society.

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☞ These implements have the latest improvements, and continue to lead, as they have always done.

☞ Besides, we have complete line of all implements that are usually needed in this country. Come and see them before you buy.

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**SING SONG OF SAVING**

The System of saving can go singing through life assured of buckler of defense against the sharp thrust of poverty, while the spendthrift lives in constant dread of and in frequent association with important and miserable poverty.

Considering the fact that thrift puts the musical harmony of happiness into life, it is not surprising to find that the Eleventh Federal War Savings organization is using rhymed lines that lit in order to convince the folks that in thrift stamps there is success.

We think this idea of the singing of saving is a practical idea that is likely to induce more than one person to put his money into thrift stamps rather than fling it to the birds. Certainly, we hope so. For to the man who saves come opportunities denied the man who spends all. The man who saves is an asset of city, town or country in which he lives while the man who spends all is an economic liability and is not unlikely to become an active menace.

Saving the coin merely to gloat over the accumulated treasure is, of course, an ignoble disease rather than a healthy exercise; but saving the coin in order to be able to discharge honorable obligations; to buy the home to give the children proper advantages—this is a mode of conduct that approaches, if it does not quite deserve, the name of a virtue.

The man who can sing a song of sixpence and save regularly is the man you see over here with a happy smile on his face. That other fellow with the despondent frown is the one who engages in the well known pastime of throwing money at the moon. It never comes back to earth.

A prudent mother is always on the watch for symptoms of worm in her children. Paleness, lack of interest in play, and peevishness is the signal for White's Cream Vermifuge. A few does of this excellent remedy puts an end to the worms and the child soon acts naturally.—Sold by Sanders Drug Store

**ABE MULKEY DEAD**

Corsicana, Tex., April 5.—Abe Mulkey, well known evangelist of the Methodist Episcopal South Church, died at his home here today, after a long illness. He was 70 years old.

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**Lease Bill Vetoed.**

Austin, April 7.—Governor Hobby vetoed the bill today proposing to authorize the prison commission to lease prison lands for oil and gas developments. If the present system can do its own prospecting with its own equipment and labor and can obtain all the oil produced, it will be in my opinion a better plan than lease under the usual conditions, the governor explained. He will take up the question at the special session in regard to enacting a law which will permit the prison system to lease the lands or protect at their own expense.

**A TEXAS WONDER.**

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**EASTER**  
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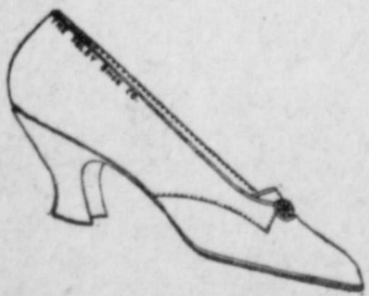


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**Boys Blouses and Shirts**

A varied assortment of these garments in new spring patterns.

**New Hats For Men**

The men will want a new Easter Hat, too. Here you will find Style and Quality combined.

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A big assortment of new spring patterns in silks, fibre and madries at popular prices.

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Beautiful patterns in all the new spring shades.

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A good assortment of materials and patterns.

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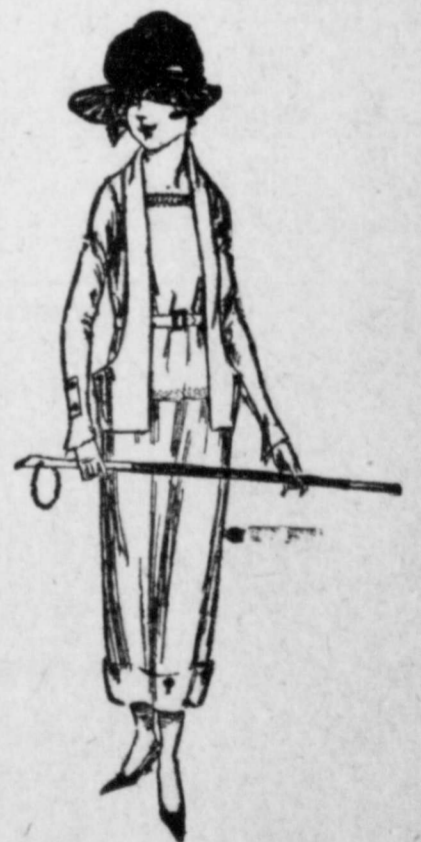
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