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TRENT GETS AN OIL WELL LOCATED

After Months of Patient Waiting Location Is Made

A location for an oil well has been made on the southwest of one-half of Section 48, about two miles south of Trent for the drilling of an oil well. Timbers have been placed on the ground and the pit dug. P. H. Underwood an experienced oil well driller, has the contract to sink the well. The promoters promise to push the work to the utmost. Machinery is expected to arrive in a short time. The well is ideally located and a big producer is indicated, according to geological analysis. Henceforth we hope to see Trent thrown into the limelight of oil activity.

HANDLING NEW WHEAT

The following letter is self explanatory, and along lines in which many people are interested:

Fort Worth, Texas May 21.—Mr. A. C. Rose, Merkel, Texas: Your letter of May 20 is received and if I gave you all the information I have on handling the new wheat crop, you would not know any more than you do now. The only thing that I am certain about is that the Government has guaranteed the farmers \$2.26 per bushel delivered Galveston for their wheat, which would figure out around \$2.08. How much, if any, of this they are going to allow absorbed for handling charges has not been divulged. There is a committee working in New York in connection with the Food Administration, trying to work out some plan, but as yet they are not giving out anything at all. My understanding is that they are going to announce the plans not later than June 1st. We will be glad to take it up with you then. Until they say what they are going to do and what guarantee they are going to give the buyers of this wheat, it will be impossible for us to say what we are going to do about buying it.

With kindest regards, I am, Yours very truly, E. T. Fant, Manager Burrus Mill & Elevator Co.

HELP CHOP COTTON

At a meeting of the business men, the matter of closing up the stores and chopping cotton was discussed. It was decided to leave the matter up to the individual stores. War and drought reduced the clerical help in the stores to such a low point, that there is not much surplus help. Then again those who come from a distance and want to make purchases are badly put out if the stores are closed. It is very likely that many of the business men will help during harvest time, but when the small amount of help that could be given is considered, as against the disadvantage of discommoding the country people, it is doubtful if it would be wise to close the stores.

ANOTHER FINE RAIN

It has got to raining so much in West Texas that we have almost lost count. The rainfall on last Friday night amounted to 2.45 inches, and then again Sunday night we had a downpour. Crops are growing nicely; also the weeds. Grain is looking fine all over this section. The binders are being put in shape and a great harvest is expected.

Miss Alice Yates left Saturday for her home at McCauley.

GRADUATION EXERCISE OF SEVENTH GRADE

The graduation exercises of the Seventh Grade were held at the High School auditorium last Thursday afternoon. The house was full. The address was made by Rev. S. R. Standifer, who handed his subject splendidly. The graduates are as follows:

- Hattie Proctor.
- Ruth Pike.
- Paul Compton.
- Brooks Browning.
- Ottis Moore.
- Homer McConnell.
- Elba Cox.
- Lillian Craig.
- Jewell Daniels.
- Naomi Gibson.
- Faye Richie.
- Margie Sherrell.
- Mary Eula Sears.
- Lillie Pratt Sears.
- Ruth Watts.
- Vera Music.
- Virgie Mayfield.
- Fairy Orr.
- Mary Allen.
- Dixie Blair.
- Viola Brown.
- Althea Boden.
- Amy Bradshaw.
- Ruth Brown.
- Loring Rogers.
- James Swann.
- Harry Tucker.
- Lester Tucker.
- Dick Cypert.
- Marion Johnson.
- Wayne Rose.

LEGISLATURE TO MEET

Strict Prohibition Law And Appropriations to Be Submitted for Action

Houston, May 26.—The legislature of Texas will be called to meet between June 15 and 21. Governor Hobby, who was in Houston last night, announced.

The governor said he would submit the matter of enacting a stringent code of prohibition laws and the appropriation bills and the matter of amending the board of control bill to the special session. He said it was his disposition not to submit the land legislation made possible if the land amendment has been adopted until he and the state lawmakers have had more time to study it. He said that in about November he expected to call the legislature again to enact that important legislation.

The governor believes the prohibition, woman suffrage and land amendments carried in Saturday's election.

CULBERSON HONORED

Washington, May 27.—Senator Culberson was honored by his Republican friends by being appointed chairman of the Senate Private Land Claim Committee. He succeeds Senator Nelson of Minnesota, who in turn, succeeds Culberson of which the Texan will remain the remaining Democratic member. Senator Culberson also is slated to retain his membership on the Appropriations Public Buildings Committees. In appointing a committee chairmanship, the Republicans are following a time honored policy of designating veteran and high standing minority Senators to minor committee chairmanships. Culberson also was assigned two office rooms in the Senate wing of the capitol in addition to his quarters in the Senate office building.

Application Blanks for Rural Mail Carriers.

Application blanks are now on hand at the post office here for rural mail carriers. Those who wish to make application should see the post master at once.

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

Arl Sharp received his discharge from the navy and returned home last week. He left Wednesday for a visit to Ranger

THE SOUTH IS GOING DRY

Lay the jest about the julep in the camphor balls at last, For the miracle has happened, and the olden days are past! That which made Milwaukee famous does not foam again. And the lid in old Missouri is as tight locked as can be; And the comic-paper Colonel and his cronies well may sigh, For the mint is waving gaily, and the South is going dry.

By the stillside on the hillside in Kentucky all is still, And the only damp refreshment must be dipped up from the rill. Nawth Ca'lina's stately ruler gives his soda glass a shove, And discusses local option with the So'th Ca'lina guy, It is useless at the fountain to be winful of the eye, For the cocktail glass is dusty, and the South is going dry!

It is "water, water everywhere, and not a drop to drink!" We no longer hear the music of the mellow crystal clink; When the Colonel, and the Major and the Gen'ral and the Jedge, Meet to have a little nip, to give

their appetites an edge; For the egg-nog is nogless, and the rye has gone awry, And the punch-bowl holds carnations, for the South is dry!

All the nightcaps now have tassels, and worn upon the head! Not the nightcaps that were taken when nobody went to bed; And the breeze above the blue grass is as solemn as is death, For it bears no pungent clovertang on its odorific breath; And each man can walk the chalk line when the stars are high. For the fizz-glass now is fizzless and the South is going dry!

Lay the jest about the julep 'neath the chestnut tree at last For there's but one kind of moon shine, and the older days are past.

The water wagon rumbles thro the Southland on its trip And it helps no one to drop off to pick up the driver's whip; For the mint beds now are pastures, and the corkscrew hang-eth high; All is still along the stillside, and the South is going dry!

—Cuban Times.

WILL WILSON SEEK THIRD TERM?

Chairman National Democratic Committee Says He May

Chicago, May 28.—President Wilson's candidacy for a third term will be determined largely by the fate of the league of nations, in the opinion of Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic national committee, who came to Chicago to preside at a two days' session of the body.

"While I have no information regarding President Wilson's intentions about becoming a candidate for a third term," said chairman Cummings, "if the league of nations should, by any chance be defeated, the pressure brought to bear on the President to run again would be very great. I feel certain he would be re-elected. If the league of nations is successful, I don't think the pressure would be nearly as great."

In the absence of definite word from President Wilson on the subject there was little gossip of candidates among the party leaders. The names most frequently mentioned were William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, and A. Mitchell Palmer, United States attorney general, who will address the committee tonight.

Every state was represented by either a committeeman or a proxy when Chairman Cummings called the body to order in a session which formally marks the opening of the presidential campaign of 1920.

Try one of those skinned hams at Bob Martin's Grocery Store.

TO Define Intoxicating Liquors

Washington, May 26.—Chairman Volstead of the house judiciary committee introduced a bill Tuesday designed to enforce wartime and constitutional prohibition. The measure defines intoxicating liquors as that containing more than one-half of 1 per cent of alcohol and provides for the appointment of a prohibition commissioner by the secretary of the treasury to enforce the law.

Almost simultaneously with Mr. Volstead's action Representatives Card of Ohio and Steele of Pennsylvania. Democratic members of the judiciary committee, introduced measures for the repeal of the wartime prohibition as applying to wines and beer. They said their action was to give legislative expression to President Wilson's recommendation in his message to congress.

All the prohibition bills, including a measure by Representative Blanton of Texas (Democrat) for enforcement of both wartime and constitutional prohibition, were referred to the judiciary committee. Chairman Volstead announced that committee hearings would be held soon.

Miss Emma Houston left Friday for her home in Abilene.

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

Cecil Jobe of Eastland visited homefolks Tuesday.

Car of blacksmith coal just received at the Crown Hardware Company

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

NOTICE—Fishing and hunting is strictly forbidden at Warren's Lake. Positively there is no admission. This is the order of the stockholders.

FOR SALE—One large rebuilt Cypress tank cheap. M. L. Estes, Merkel, Texas.

WANTED—Peacock. Address L. R. Bobbins, Merkel, Texas. 3012p.

WANTED—A man with family to do farm and ranch work. —C. M. Largent.

BERRIES—DEW-BERRIES 12 acres three miles northeast of Clyde. Thousands of gallons ripe the first week in June. Come and buy them fresh and cheap. Pickers wanted—W. B. Hicks, Clyde, Texas. 2313p.

WANTED—Share cropper for 90 acres of cotton. Good stand, good condition, all worked over part twice. S. H. L. Swafford. t1p.

Let me do your screen work and patch that leaky roof. See John McClary Phone 9012F21 2118

PUBLIC SCHOOL FACULTY

The School Board has completed the election of the faculty for the ensuing year, as follows.

R. M. Parker, B. S., Superintendent.

J. C. Baker, Principal High School, Science and Mathematics R. B. Norman, A. B., History. Miss Annie Laura Smith, A. B., English.

Miss Edith Eakman, A. B., Latin-Spanish.

Roy Miller, Graduate of Sam Houston Normal, Seventh Grade and Algebra.

Miss Inez Sharp, Sixth Grade

Miss Emma Houston, Fifth Grade.

Miss Ruby Campbell, Fourth Grade.

Miss Alice Yates, Third Grade

Miss Lorena Dry, Second Grade.

Miss Alice Burns, First Grade.

It will be noted that the school is in better shape as regards to man power than it has been in many years. The faculty is first class in every respect. There is no doubt but that a great forward stride will be made in the school system another year. The co-operation of the people is assured.

HONOR PUPILS OF MERKEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS 1918 AND 1919

ELEVENTH GRADE

Miss Minnie Graham, Teacher.

GIRLS:

First Honors—Julia McDonald.

Second Honors—Agnes Rister.

BOYS:

First Honors—Charlie Tucker.

Second Honors—Doyel Garrett.

NINTH GRADE

Miss Annie Smith, Teacher

GIRLS:

First Honors—Hilda Brown.

Second Honors—Luna White and Myrtle Scott.

BOYS:

First Honors—Wade Darsey.

Second Honors—John Woodard.

EIGHTH GRADE

Miss Arabella Phillips, Teacher

GIRLS:

First Honors—Hattie Proctor.

Second Honors—Elba Cox.

BOYS:

First Honors—Harry Tucker

Second Honors—Brooks Browning.

SIXTH GRADE

Miss Sophia Howard, Teacher.

First Honors—Johnie Sears.

Second Honors—Beryle Tucker.

BOYS:

First Honors—Tom Cooper

Second Honors—David Stubblefield.

METHODIST DRIVE FOR MISSION FUND ENDS SUCCESSFULLY

Nashville, Tenn., May 28.—With no information as to the result of Sunday's drive for the centenary campaign of the Southern Methodist church, approximately \$31,000,000 was reported by campaign headquarters at noon Sunday. Eight conferences have reported allotments raised or passed.

Announcement was made today by Dr. W. B. Beauchamp, director general, that a "mopping up" campaign will be conducted through this week.

Six Persons Missing. Baltimore, Md., May 26.—Three passengers and three firemen of the steamer Virginia, which burned to the water's edge on Chesapeake Bay early Saturday morning, are missing. The total loss in ship and cargo is estimated at \$1,000,000.

See us for your hoes and files. Crown Hardware Company.

ELECTION RETURNS SLOWLY COMING IN

The total vote in the Merkel box on the amendments last Saturday amounted to 216. Following is the result.

For prohibition 111, against prohibition 62; For suffrage 115 against suffrage 57; for increase in Governor's salary 86, against increase 115; for lending of credit of State for acquiring and improving homes 98, against 101.

Of the votes cast from ten to fourteen were thrown out on account of the voters not knowing how to vote. Prohibition was the most vital subject, and yet because these items appeared at the top and in few words, they were overlooked by about forty voters, or nearly twenty per cent of the whole. This leads us to the further conclusion that our womenfolk know as much about making out ballots as our men. Last year on a heavy vote, we did not learn of more than two or three votes being thrown out and several hundred voted, both men and women.

On account of the rain, the vote was not heavy. And then not a great deal of interest was shown. The election passed off quietly locally.

Votes On Amendments The totals on the four amendments are from 197 of the 248 organized counties and the totals are as follows:

For suffrage 89,715, against 95,355.

For prohibition, 96,425 against 84,930.

For Governor's salary increase 75,794 against 103,624

For home ownership 95,222, against 82,844

It is evident that the total vote cast is considerably larger than the first estimate.

No returns have been received from fifty-one counties, a few of them of considerable voting strength.

GERMANY PROPOSES NEW TERMS

Berlin, May 28. Germany's counter-proposal to the terms of the peace treaty presented to her plenipotentiaries at Versailles include the following points, according to an official summary available today:

Germany offers to disarm all of her battleships on condition that a part of her mercantile fleet be restored to her.

She proposes that there be no territorial changes without consultation of the populations affected.

The cession of upper Silesia and the claims to East Prussia, West Prussia and Memel are emphatically rejected.

It is stipulated that Danzig shall become a free port and the river Vistula neutralized.

Occupied territory is to be evacuated within six months.

If the league of nations is established with Germany as a member, Germany shall continue to administer her colonies, in accordance with the principles of the league as its mandatory.

Germany offers to pay 20,000,000,000 marks in gold by the year 1926 as indemnity and to make annual payments from 1927 onward to a total not in excess of 100,000,000,000 marks in gold. It was expected today that the counter-proposal would be officially made known on Wednesday.

King Albert of Belgium May Visit United States

Paris, May 28.—King Albert of Belgium is expected to visit Washington to attend the initial meeting of the league of nations next October.

A SUGGESTION

Those who DO NOT do
business with

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

will find it to their advan-
tage to talk to those
WHO DO

Think it Over---There's a Reason

W. S. S.—W. S. S.—W. S. S.—W. S. S.

I am the world's greatest power.
I am the difference between success and failure.
I am little in size and I am little in cost.—BUT
I am mighty big when the time comes to use me.
I am always ready for use
I am the best friend in need you can have.
I am always worth all that you pay for me—and
I increase in value every month you keep me.
I am the safest investment you can make.
I am wisdom, thrift and safety combined,
I am worth ready money anywhere at any time, because
I am issued by the United States Government.
I am cashable upon ten days' notice at any postoffice.

I AM A WAR SAVING STAMP

Her Essay On Men
A little Western girl had to write a composition on men. This is it: "Men are what women marry. They drink and smoke and swear. They don't go to church like women do. Both men and women sprang from monkeys, but women sprang farther."

R. T. and D. T. Johnson, sons of Mr and Mrs W O Johnson of Nubia, returned last week from oversea service. They belonged to the Mobile Commissary of the 77th Division. They say they have seen places they like better than France. They were mighty glad to be home again.

INSURE IN THE PROGRESSIVE MUTUAL

Fellow Citizens:

I take this method of advising you that I have taken over the progressive Mutual Life Insurance Assn. of Taylor County formerly operated by Bill Ayers. I am very desirous of securing as a member every healthy man and woman in this community who comes within the proper age. It is a home institution, is the cheapest insurance you can buy and is strictly mutual in its nature.

Proper funds will be held inviolate in the bank, ready for payment upon demand.

Very cordially do I solicit your patronage. Will be glad to talk the matter over with you at your convenience. Call at my office at any time.

Very respectfully yours,

E. D. COATS

CONDENSED STATEMENT

THE Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business May 12, 1919

RESOURCES

Loans	\$212,627.50
U. S. Bonds	9,750.00
War Saving Stamps	93.83
Interest Earned, not collected	151.96
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
CASH AND EXCHANGE	76,666.22
Total	\$307,834.01

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	39,146.65
Circulation	5,950.00
Rediscounts—Fed. Res. Bank	36,411.85
Bills Payable	10,000.00
DEPOSITS	191,325.51
Total	\$307,834.01

YOUR BANKING BUSINESS IS INVITED

Every accommodation granted in line with Good
Business Methods and Conservative Banking

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren, President
G. F. West, Vice President
Henry James, Vice President
Thos. Johnson, Cashier
Booth Warren, Asst. Cashier
DeVerle Johnson, Asst. Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

E. W. Dennis has been confined to his bed for several weeks. We hope for his speedy recovery.

We pay spot cash for eggs. Bob Martin Grocery Company

Ed Ash left recently for Ranger, where he has accepted a position in the oil field. He expects to remain there until about August 1.

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

Robbin Red Brest Meal at G. M. Sharp's Grocery

Mrs. J. E. Hamilton and little daughters, Elizabeth and Jimmie, of Rosewell, N. M., visited Miss Irene Swann a few days this week. They returned to their home Wednesday.

I have a nice variety of second hand furniture on hand. If you want to buy or exchange, see me. J. T. Darsey.

Just received car of flour, meal and feed stuff. See me for prices, A. L. Jobs.

Mrs. A. J. Bardill of Detroit, Mich., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Seth Hamilton. She was formerly Miss Emma Hannah, and is well known here, where she has a number of friends.

Get your shoes shined at The Pate Barber Shop. Best of facilities offered for ladies and gentlemen.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

When the baby takes too much food the stomach turns; the result is indigestion, sourness and vomiting. Frequently the bowels are involved and there is colic pains and diarrhoea. McGee's Baby Elixir is a grand corrective remedy for the stomach and bowel disorders of babies. It is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Sanders Drug Store.

Have a Few

Leave-Overs

in low-cut shoes at

1-3 OFF

in ladies and childrens

Ask for Leave-Overs. The styles are good enough for every day and some will do for dress-up.

SEE OUR MEN'S SUITS
Unlined 2-piece, good stuff
at big saving

The Brown D. G. Co.

LOCAL NEWS

Sam Swann of Wichita Falls was a home visitor this week.

White Swann syrup at G. M. Sharp's Grocery Store

W A McSpadden returned a few days ago from Cisco where he has been under the treatment of a specialist for some time. He seems to be somewhat improved.

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

Bowie H. Floyd returned the past week from France, having received his discharge from the army. He is in fine health, but says he is mighty glad to be back home.

Rogers Grocery keeps the best grades of coffee tea and cocoa. A good cup will help you start the day off right.

H. B. Strode writes from the Italian border under date of May 4. Says he proposes to visit Mont Carlo to see the sights of that world famous gambling resort. He has been in the service for some time.

Car of blacksmith coal just received. Crown Hardware Company.

J C Baker and family of Canyon moved to Merkel this week. Mr Baker is principal of the school here They have rented the house occupied by E. W. Kelley. Mr. Baker will return to Canyon for several weeks work in the Normal, but his wife and children will remain here.

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 child TONIC given 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.

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

JUDGE OVERSHINER RE-PLIES

Merkel Mail:
I notice your article in the Mail making certain criticisms of me for not alibing a helmet to Merkel in Victory Liberty Loan. In the first place I am glad that you blame me only as ground of this complaint, for I would willingly suffer ostracism, martyrdom or most anything else rather than estrange the friendship existing between Abilene and Merkel. I wish to assure you that I accept full responsibility for the distribution of helmets and as a representative of the whole county did my best to award the helmets in accordance with the instructions and principles governing the Victory Loan campaign. In the first place I had only nine helmets to distribute. The nineteen were all sent to me but followed by a letter from Mr. Frank M. Smith, Federal District Director of the campaign directing me to deliver half of them to the Chairman of the Woman's Organization. Of course it was not advisable to cut one of them in two and I delivered ten of them to Mrs. Dallas Scarborough, Chairman of the Woman's Organization, who demanded half of them. The Woman's Organization is organized from Washington, is separate and distinct from the men and is in no wise under my control. As to how they distributed the helmets, the chairman of their organization can speak for herself if she so desires. These helmets were offered as an inducement at the beginning of the Victory Loan campaign for work in this campaign and I had to bear this in mind in making the distribution. The towns and individuals doing the largest part of the work and getting the best results, I think you will agree with me, should come first in the award of these helmets. The bond salesmen of the three banks in Abilene, namely, W. R. Keeble, J. F. Garrison and W. H. Free, sold the largest amount in the bonds, the sales of the least of the three amounting to more than \$40,000. Of course all of these sales were not made by the efforts of the banks' bond salesmen alone, but others figur-

Bed Room Suits

We have a beautiful line of Bed Room Suits, in good style, maximum strength, beautiful enduring finish, at prices in reach of all.

One 6-piece suit, in Old Ivory, consisting of dresser, dressing table, bed, chiffonir, rocker, dressing table chair, price **\$165.00**

One handsome William and Mary Suit, in Birds Eye Maple. This suit consists of 1 vanity case, chiffonette, four poster bed, with 3 chairs, price **\$250.00**

One suit in Old Ivory, consisting of bed, dressing table, chiffonir, rocker, dressing table bench, price **\$90.00**

One 5-piece American Walnut Suit, price **\$110.00**

In addition to these Suits, we have quite an assortment of old pieces, such as Dressing Tables, Chiffonirs, Beds, Etc.

Just received a shipment of Congoleum Rugs that were slightly damaged in transit. We will sell these at a big reduction.

We can save you money on your Refrigerator.

We are glad to have you visit our store whether you buy or not.

Barrow Furniture Co.

WRIGLEY'S

5
long-lasting bars
in each package.

The biggest
value in
refreshment
you can possibly buy.

A BENEFIT to teeth,
breath, appetite and
digestion.

The price is 5 cents.

The
Flavor
Lasts



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ed in it, but considering results, in my judgement, they certainly deserved recognition.

The Abilene Reporter, being a daily certainly contributed more advertising than any other paper in the county. While I know that the Mail has been exceedingly liberal in its space, and while I never compared the advertising in measured inches, it was my judgement that the Taylor County Times came next in amount of advertising.

Mr. W. D. Girard, chairman of the speakers committee, not only worked hard and vigorously in this campaign, but has done so in every campaign and has driven his car more miles at his own expense and has probably made more speeches than any other man in the county.

Buffalo Gap more than doubled its quota, Tuscola went over the top, and View with no bank, and only one store sold over \$2000 worth of bonds distributed among many subscribers. They each got a helmet.

Do you find any fault with these awards? My nine helmets are gone, and none left for Merkel, and workers in other towns that did not attain their quota. The only way for me to properly recognize them is to get some more helmets if I can, and this I am trying to do and I think I shall succeed. What more could you expect me to do?

I recognize the value of the press in all war work and think the Mail deserves a helmet, and there is another paper in the county that I would like to recognize in this manner. I recognize the splendid patriotism of the people of Merkel and what they have done in these campaigns. I recognize that Merkel went over the top in the Fourth Liberty Loan when Abilene failed, but I do not care to make any invidious comparisons, nor further discuss just what each town did. "There is glory enough for us all." The captured helmets being principally Victory Loan trophies and being offered for work in that campaign, if any difference is made, it must be to those who achieved the greatest results in that campaign.

You are not the only people who feel slighted at not receiving helmets, and your humble servant is not one of these, for if I had had several hundred I would have found deserving people in the county to give them to; but if all are satisfied our boys will have to make another raid on the Huns.

I certainly have no grudge against the people of Merkel. I returned from Austin a few days ago where I secured an additional \$8000 allotted for use on the road there and no district in Texas has a greater pro-rata allotment than yours. I am very sorry to have wounded the feelings of any of the good citizens of Merkel. As for me, my feelings are not easily wounded and are not to be considered. I have long since learned that misunderstandings are the result of our inability to see the thing from the other fellow's view point.

Yours truly,
E. M. Overshiner, Chairman.

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, borozone is the ideal antiseptic and healing agent. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

RECEIVED HELMETS

Thos. A. Johnson, chairman of the Victory Liberty Loan and the Merkel Mail are the recipients of a German helmet each, sent out by Judge E. M. Overshiner. The helmets are dress parade affairs and we are very proud of the one sent us. In order that it may do the most good and be preserved for future benefit, we are donating the one sent the Mail to the Merkel Public Schools. Mr. Johnson advises us that in recognition of the meritorious work done heretofore by W. A. McSpadden, who is now ill at his home here, he is giving

the helmet to him. We thank the Judge heartily for the helmet, which we appreciate very much.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. See

COMPERE

The people are rejoicing greatly over the nice rain that fell Sunday afternoon and Monday. The farmers think they have had plenty of rain to carry the grain to the harvesting stage.

No hail has fallen here for which we are very thankful.

Miss Maggie Barnett, of Carbon, Texas, is visiting here.

Mack Buzbee went to Abilene Tuesday on a business trip.

The singing at Rev and Mrs. Buzbees Sunday night was very much enjoyed by a large crowd of young people.

Dr. Hendricks will fill his appointment here Sunday morning.

Our Sunday School is rapidly improving. All are cordially invited to come and take part.

There was a party at the home of Mr and Mrs L. L. Estes last Wednesday night. A large crowd was present and all reported a great time.

TAKES ADLER-I-KA!

"I had serious bowel and liver trouble. Lost 50 pounds and could eat only liquid food. Began taking Adler-i-ka and now weigh more than ever. Eat and sleep splendidly." (Signed) George Lafond, Little Falls, Minn.

One dose Adler-i-ka relieves sour stomach gas and constipation instantly. Removes all foul matter which poisons system. Of ten 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. ave3

VICTORY LOAN ABOVE THE QUOTA

Washington, May 26.—Total subscriptions to the Fifth Victory Loan were announced by the Treasury as \$5,249,908,300, an over subscription of nearly \$750,000,000.

The Atlantic and Dallas Reserve Districts failed to obtain their quotas, Atlanta by less than 1 per cent and Dallas by slightly less than 8 per cent. This was the first war loan in which any district failed to subscribe its quota.

In the whole field of medicine there is not a healing remedy that will repair damage to the flesh more quickly than Ballard's Snow Liniment. In cuts, wounds sprains, burns, scalds and rheumatism, its healing and penetrating power is extraordinary. Sanders Drug Store.

Soldiers and Sailors WELCOME

Ladies' Dining Parlor

Our Bakery and Cafe is kept open day and night to accommodate our customers.

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Rainfall for Merkel to date amounts to 13.70 inches.

Cotton chopping is again the order of the day. The cool weather has retarded the growth of the staple, but the stand is good and prospects are fine. Feed crops are looking good.

The harvest season is on. The reapers are being placed in good shape for work. If we can get a few warm days the grain will be cut and shocked. Never has the country adjacent to Merkel been so blessed with a grain crop

Weeds! Yes, Merkel will soon be as noted for her weeds as she is for her windmills. Now is the time for action. What are the city dads going to do about it? The weeds are now tender, and a good moving machine would cut the weeds alongside the streets in a remarkably short time. Later they will be tough and it will be an expensive task. A few days work cutting weeds now will be worth more to Merkel than any sanitary or street improvement measure that can be ajitated. Citizens are doing splendid work in this regard in front of their places of abode. The trouble mostly with the weeds is in front, and on vacant property.

Constitutional prohibition now seems an assured fact. At last this plague on the virile strength of humanity is done away. Henceforth it will be hard for this outlawed traffic to exist in the Lone Star State. The land law seems also to have passed. As we understand the purpose of this measure, it will prove one of the most beneficent measures for West Texas ever enacted. It, of course, will be left to the legislature to work out the details. While it makes a big inroad on our moss grown homestead law, we believe that it helps the people immeasurably. Suffrage seems to have lost. As sure as fate suffrage is established in the land. Prejudice, reason and fear are rapidly being broken down. Every state west of the Mississippi river, except New Mexico, has some form of suffrage. We doubt if Texas did herself proud in this instance. The raise in the salary of the governor also lost. While the election seems to have been a tie, we believe the most important measures carried. It will only be a matter of time until the other two carry.

Plenty of Robin Red Breast meal at Bob Martin's Grocery

Miss Alma Wells left Friday for her home in Brownwood.

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CHURCH NEWS

THE ADAIR MEETING

Several questions are being asked about the Adair meeting. Here are the answers to some of the questions.

When? It will begin Sunday July 13, at 11 o'clock.

Where? At the Tabernacle of course.

Whose meeting is it? The pastors of the town planned it and invite everybody to move in to it with all the force possible. The more you put into it the more you will get out of it.

Is it a union meeting? All depends on what you mean by "union". It is intended simply as a gospel meeting, led by a thoroughly sound gospel preacher whose evangelistic ability is well known and completely proven. Churches will not officially enter into the meeting, but it is hoped that every sincere Christian of the whole community will co-operate with all his or her heart. There is a plenty for all to do in the matter of winning the lost to Christ, and there can be no competition in it.

What will it cost? No price has been set, no guarantees asked, no bargain struck. Whatever the meeting is worth to the community the people, when it is over, will cheerfully give, and everybody will be satisfied.

W.M. Murrell
S. R. Standifer.
E. E. Dawson

B. Y. P. U. Program June 1

Leader, Holland Teaff
The Method of Boaz, Selena Teaff

Helpfulness is Determined by Quality, E. E. Dawson
Solo, Althea Boden

Helpful Helpers Too Few, Lula Mae Boaz.

Inasmuch as Ye Have Done It Unto One of the Least of These My Brethern, Ye Have Done It Unto Me, Riley Music

Helpers Prayer, Alva Wheeler.
Song

Methodist Church Notice

Sunday School promptly at 9:45. Be on time for the opening. Preaching at 11 o'clock. The Immovable Kingdom. At the evening hour the subject will be lost opportunities. We have our new piano and new song books, come and join us in the song service. To the strangers in our town we give a special invitation to worship with us.

Epworth League Program June 1

Leader, Josie Smith.
Song.

Apostles Creed, In concert.
Prayer, Mr. Conner.

Psalm 23, In Concert.
Special Music, Annie Mae Costephens.

Scripture Reading, First Supt.
Song.

Reverent understanding, Miss Lorena Dry.

At the Baptist Church.

Every service was well attended last Sunday in spite of the mud and the threatening weather. Several strangers were seen in the congregation, to whom a glad welcome was extended. Visitors may always be sure of a

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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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Song, Benediction.

The above program will be rendered at Kale Sunday afternoon. All members are requested to meet at the church at 4 o'clock. All that can, bring cars.

Mrs. H C Bullock is visiting her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. J.M. Garrett and family.

At The Baptist Church.

Every service was well attended last Sunday in spite of the mud and the threatening weather. Several strangers were seen in the congregation, to whom a glad welcome was extended. Visitors may always be sure of a

warm welcome.

Next Sunday morning the pastor will speak on, "The Supreme Test of the Christian," and at the evening hour on, "The Supreme Test for the Sinner". Every body will be subjected eventually to one or the other of these tests.

The morning services begin at 10 o'clock and end promptly at 12. The evening services begins at 8:45 and ends within an hour. Cordial invitation extended everybody to attend our services.

E. E. Dawson, Pastor
Walter Jackson, Supt.

EARN'S HELMET

Merkel, Texas, May 27.—
W.A. McSpadden, City

In awarding Helmets only two have been sent to Merkel, one to me and one to The Merkel Mail. While this German Dress Helmet is a very fine trophy, I think the laurels should go to you and not to me, and I cheerfully present it to you. In doing so I want to say that you have merited it and that I have appreciated your deep interest in all matters touching the life of the American Soldier and your loyal and conspicuous work during all the Liberty Bond campaigns of the late world war.

Doubtless you little thought at the time that your services were worthy of reward, but in my place with its heavy responsibilities, looking many times like we would fail, your presence and your courage was ever an inspiration to me to "carry on." Kindly accept it from me as a reward for patriotic service and believe me to be.

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COMMENCEMENT AT THE COLLEGE OF INDUSTRIAL ARTS MAY 31 TO JUNE 3, WHEN MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED GIRLS WILL RECEIVE COLLEGE CREDENTIALS. A PHENOMENAL RECORD ACHIEVE IN SIXTEEN YEARS BY THIS WONDERFUL STATE SUPPORTED COLLEGE FOR TEXAS GIRLS

Denton, Texas May 30, 1919—The College of Industrial Arts at Denton, Texas, the largest college for women in the United States with the exception of two, and an ideal place where Texas girls receive practical and cultural training that fit and qualify them for usefulness and for efficient services in all of the more important vocations open to women in this country, including especially that of homemaking, will close its sixteenth session June 3, at which time certificates, diplomas, and degrees will be awarded to more than two hundred of the most attractive, cultured and thoroughly trained young women of the State from an equal number of the best homes of Texas. The College opened its first session in September, 1903, and has grown just as rapidly as the Texas Legislature has provided facilities to accommodate the constantly increasing number who have annually applied for admission. The attendance during last session reached 1910 (1260 girls during the regular session and 650 during the summer session) and when the record for the present academic year has been completed, August 31, 1919, a marked increase in the number of students over that of last session will be shown. The College gives that type of education that produces the most valuable results when applied to the every day concerns of real life, and that at the same time gives mental discipline, social culture, and spiritual vision and outlook. Experience has demonstrated that the College of Industrial Arts is correct in its belief that a right combination of literary and industrial education stands the test and meets every demand of the present, progressive civilization. A summary of the different kinds of work done by the College follows: 1, Literary; 2, Manual Arts; 3, Kindergarten; 4, Household Arts; 5, Homemaking; 6, Public School Music; 7, Reading or Expression; 8, Industry and Vocation; 9, Rural Arts and Science; 10, Fine and Applied Art; 11, Music—Piano, Voice, Violin; 12, Commercial Art—Typewriting, Shorthand, Bookkeeping; 13, Teacher-Training in Vocational Home Economics; and the satisfactory completion of the prescribed work of the several kinds the following college credentials are awarded and conferred: 1, Vocational Certificates; 2, Homemakers' Certificates; 3, Public School Music Certificates; 4, Teachers' Certificates; 5, Commercial Arts Certificates; 6, Degree of Bachelor of Arts; 7, Degree of Bachelor of Music; 8, Degree of Bachelor of Science; 9, Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration.

The College gives instruction and training in the literary subjects of as high quality as may be obtained at any other college or university of the first ranks, and also gives instruction and training in the technical, vocational and industrial subjects as effectively as those subjects are taught in any other college or university of the whole country. The Vocational Counselor of the College is prepared, and ready at all times, to give students helpful advice and assistance in selecting their course of study and in making preparation for the various vocation open to women in Texas and the Southwest.

All parts of Texas are represented by the student body of the College, and all of the honorable professions and vocations of life are represented by the parents and the guardians of the students, the largest percentage of the students, however, are the daughters of farmers and ranchmen. The atmosphere of the College is distinctly moral, religious and democratic. Wholesome recreational activities are furnished by various college organizations, such as the Athletics Association, the Literary Clubs, the Glee Club and Orchestra, and the Y. M. C. A., and various other student organizations that promote a truly democratic spirit and are educational and uplifting in their results.

The instructional buildings, the equipment of the laboratories, the convenience and comfort of the residential buildings, and the other facilities of the College conform to the best standards, and make practicable the rendering of the safest, the most efficient, and the most satisfactory service. The best indorsement and strongest commendation of the College are the thousands of Texas girls who have received inspiration, education, and training at the College, and have gone out over Texas to bless the State and make it a better, safer place in which to live. According to announce ment the next regular session of the College will open Tuesday, September 16, at which time it is probable that some 1500 Texas girls will matriculate in the College they love because of the opportunities it affords, and the service it renders. Parents and friends who are interested in the College may obtain a catalogue by addressing President F. M. Bralley, College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Texas.

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"Why, that isn't very much to pay."
Ah, no, indeed, 'tis a very small sum
You are passing over with finger and thumb,
And if that were all that you gave away
It wouldn't be very much to pay
The price of a drink, let him decide
Who has lost his courage, and lost his pride,
And lies a groveling heap of clay
Not far removed from a beast today.
The price of a drink! Let that one tell
Who sleeps tonight in a murderer's cell.
Honor and virtue, and love and truth,
All the glory and pride of youth,
Hopes of manhood, the wreath of fame,
High endeavor and noble aim,
These are treasures thrown away
As the price of a drink from day to day.
Five cents a glass! How Satan laughed
As over the bar the young man quaffed
The beaded liquor, for the demon knew
The terrible work that drink would do,
And before morning, the victim lay,
With his life-blood ebbing swiftly away
And that was the price he paid, alas!
For the pleasure of taking a social glass.
The price of a drink! If you want to know
What some are willing to pay for it, go
Through the wretched tenement there,
With dingy window and broken stair;
Where foul diseases like a vampire crawl
With outstretched wings, o'er the mouldy walls,
There poverty dwells with her hungry brood,
Wild eyed as demons, for lack of food;
There shame in a corner crouches low;
There violence deals its cruel blow,
And innocent ones are thus accursed
To pay the price of another's thirst
Five cents a glass! Oh if that were all,
The sacrifice would indeed be small;
But the money's worth is the least amount
We pay, and whoever will keep account
Will learn the terrible waste and blight
That follows the ruinous appetite
Five cents a glass! Does anyone think
That this is really the price of a drink.
—Mrs. Susie McAlister—

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There's a "V" in every War Saving Stamp If you don't believe it, look again. Or hold W. S. S until maturity and be shown

Read Hick's advertisement in this issue, get in your car, take the children and spend a day in the Berry field. —23t3p

Miss Ida Meeks and Evore Clark visited Mrs. W. O. Walker of Blair this w .

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Nation Wide Campaign for 1,000,000 Associate Members—Boy Scout Week June 8 to 14. To Mothers and Fathers:

The Congress of the United States, recognizing the value of proper training of American boyhood, granted a special charter for the organization of the Boy Scouts of America. This organization now embraces 375,000 splendid American boys; but this is a very small porportion of the 10,000,000 American boys between the ages of twelve and twenty-one who ought to be given the benefit of Boy Scout discipline, training and practice.

The future of the Nation depends, of course, upon its youth. The fathers and mothers of American boys will be gravely derelict in parental duty and National obligation if they fail to give their hearty support, moral and financial, to this great movement. Not only is every boy Scout given useful knowledge and training which equips him better for the battle of life itself, but there are inculcated in him the duties, obligations, ideals and higher conceptions of American citizenship.

Each year the Boy Scout movement is turning out thousands of better boys and creating the finest types of future American patriots. No cause should appeal more strongly to the mothers and fathers of America than the Boy Scout cause.

The Boy Scouts raised several hundred million dollars in the Liberty Loan and War Savings Stamps campaigns. They did splendid work for the Red Cross in its several National campaigns. They served the Government in many other effective ways during the great world war. It is an organization of gallant patriots and deserves the encouragement and support of the Nation.

The week beginning June 8 and ending June 14 has been set apart at Boy Scout week for the purpose of enlarging and strengthening the Boy Scout organization. Associate membership in Boy Scout organization will be offered to the mothers and fathers of American boys and to other adult American citizens. This, if successful, will provide a supporting adult organization to the Boy Scouts of America which will assure the enlarged usefulness and effectiveness of the Boy Scouts movement. Surely there are five million American men and women who are willing to help the boys of America to become the best of all American citizens. Surely there are millions of other American citizens who are willing to contribute a small sum to put the Boy Scout organization on a strong and permanent basis which will assure the continuous training of the youth of America in the finer ideals and conceptions of citizenship in the greatest democracy on earth.

This worthy cause stands alongside the Red Cross and other humanitarian organizations which have had generous support of the American people. In the name of America's best boyhood, I beg America's manhood and womanhood to help.

W. G. MCADOO

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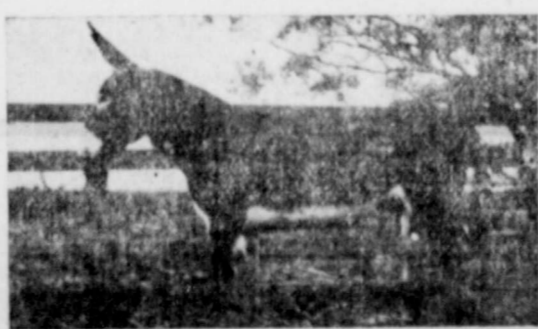
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blood is in good condition. Impurities in
the blood have a very depressing effect on
the system, causing weakness, laziness,
nervousness and sickness.

GROVE'S TASTELESS Chill TONIC
restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying
and Enriching the Blood. When you feel
its strengthening, invigorating effect, see
how it brings color to the cheeks and how
it improves the appetite, you will then
appreciate its true tonic value.

GROVE'S TASTELESS Chill TONIC
is not a patent medicine, it is simply
IRON and QUININE suspended in Syrup.
So pleasant even children like it. The
blood needs Quinine to Purify it and IRON
to Enrich it. These reliable tonic prop-
erties never fail to drive out impurities in
the blood.

The Strength-Creating Power of GROVE'S
TASTELESS Chill TONIC has made it
the favorite tonic in thousands of homes.
More than thirty-five years ago, folks
would ride a long distance to get GROVE'S
TASTELESS Chill TONIC when a
member of their family had Malaria or
needed a body-building, strength-giving
tonic. The formula is just the same to-
day, and you can get it from any drug
store. 6c per bottle.

Success comes through saving
A War Savings Society can help
you succeed only if you are a
member.

Sallow complexion is due to a
torpid liver. He-bine purifies and
strengthens the liver and bowels
and restores the rosy bloom of
health to the cheek. Sanders
Drug Store.

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 coun-
try, we will try to let you take
the value of your farm with you.
List now. Merkel Realty Co.

Birds of a feather flock to-
gether. Are you flocking with
the Thrifty or the Spendthrifts.

Dizziness, vertigo, (blind stag-
gers) sallow complexion, flatu-
lence are symptoms of a torpid
liver. No one can feel well while
the liver is inactive. Herbine is
a powerful liver stimulant A
dose or two will cause all bilious
symptoms to disappear. Try it.
Sanders Drug Store

Take a lesson from the ant.
He works with others. Get into
a War Savings Society.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney
and bladder troubles, dissolves
gravel, cures diabetes, weak
and lame back, 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 \$1.25. One small bot-
tle is two month's treatment,
and seldom fails to perfect a
cure. Send for testimonials from
this and other states. Dr. E. W.
Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis
Mo. Sold by druggists.



Woodstock Typewriters

Standard keyboard, smooth running, easy
touch, with latest attachments.

BEST MACHINE ON EARTH

We have exclusive agency. See us for terms

MERKEL MAIL

ATLANTIC FLIGHT

Lisbon, May 27.—The first
aerial passage of the Atlantic
Ocean was completed by the
United States naval seaplane
NC-4, which alighted in the har-
bor here at 3:45 p. m. (Washing-
ton time) today. The plane left
Punta Delgado, Azores, at 6:18
this morning, completing the
final flight to the European main-
land in 9 hours and 27 minutes
The first leg of the flight from
Trepassey, Newfoundland, was
made in 15 hours and 13 min-
utes, making the total time for the
Atlantic passage 24 hours and
40 minutes. The total distance
was 2,136 miles.

About Rheumatism

People are learning that it is
only a waste of time and money
to take medicine internally for
chronic and muscular rheumat-
ism, and about ninety-nine out
of a hundred cases are one or
there varieties. All that is really
necessary to afford relief is to ap-
ply Chamberlain's Liniment. Try
it. It costs but 35 cents per bot-
tle. Large size 60 cents.

Bill Repealing Luxury Taxes

Washington, May 27.—By un-
animous vote the House Ways
and Means Committee today or-
dered a favorable report on a
resolution repealing the so-called
semi-luxury taxes in the war
revenue bill. Action on proposed
repeal of other tax levies in the
bill was deferred.

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

CLEANED GRAVEYARD AT TRENT

In respect to their honored
dead and respect to themselves
the good people of Trent gather-
ed at their cemetery last Mon-
day, 110 strong, 40 of the num-
ber being women, and cleaned
the burying place from one end
to the other. It is good to see the
people take interest in civic im-
provements of this nature. While
there has been talk of cleaning
the cemetery at Merkel, it has
not yet been done, so Trent has
set a good example that we
should lost no time to emulate.

Suggestion for a Camping Trip.

Buy a bottle of Chamberlain's
Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy be-
fore leaving home. As a rule it
cannot be obtained when on a
hunting, fishing or prospecting
trip. Neither can it be obtained
while on board the cars or steam
ships and at such times and plac-
es it is most likely to be needed.
The safe way is to have it with
you.

Dean A. Robinson of Trent
received his discharge from the
army and returned home this
week. Directly upon reaching
France he was down with the
"flu" and had quite a siege with
that dread disease. He is mighty
glad to be back. He has quite a
collection of experiences, but we
failed to get an interview with
him, but hope to do so soon.

Be sure and see the Merkel
Realty Company if you want
some first class building materi-
al, contained in a three-room
house.

NERVES "ON EDGE?"

Merkel People Will Find Encour-
agement in the Statement
of a Merkel Resident

Are you weak, nervous, depres-
sed?
Feel dull, shaky, tired?
Are your kidneys working
right?
Nervousness often hints at kid-
ney weakness—
Kidneys that fail to filter the
blood

Poisons gather and harm the
nerves.
Kidney weakness causes many
ills—
Backache, dizziness, headaches
lack of flesh.

Don't neglect kidney trouble.
There is danger in delay.
Use Doan's Kidney Pills.
Follow the example of this
Merkel resident.

Mrs. M. A. Warren, El Paso St.
says: "I and others in my fam-
ily have used Doan's Kidney Pills
with benefit. I had a great deal
of trouble with my back and
could hardly turn without a
sharp catch across my kidneys.
I felt worn out and languid near-
ly all the time and became very
nervous. Another in the family
had found Doan's Kidney Pills
fine, so I started to use them.
They helped me and I continued
their use until I was cured."
Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't
simply ask for a kidney remedy
—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the
same that Mrs. Warren had.
Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buf-
falo, N. Y.

Bankhead Highway Signs To Be Erected

Birmingham, Ala., May 26.—
The Bankhead National High-
way Association, at its Third An-
nual Convention in Mineral Wells
Texas, April 18th and 19th after
considering a large number of
signs and offers of signs marking
companies, closed a contract
with the National Highway
Marking Association to mark the
Bankhead National Highway
from Washington to the Pacific
Coast, a distance of over 3500
miles.

The signals and signs are
made of reinforced concrete with
colored concrete emblems. The
word "Bankhead" appears on
each signal in colored concrete.
All signs and signals are to be
mounted on concrete posts. The
Bankhead National Highway
will be the first great trans-con-
tinental highway to be marked
from the capitol at Washinton
to its destination.

BLACK GEMAN COACH

HORSE FOR SERVICE
Am standing this animal at
my place, south of Merkel. There
is no better animal in the coun-
try. Age four years, about 16
hands high and weighs 1300
pounds. Price of service \$10.—
G W Moore. 23t4c

DESTROY THE RATS

Few people give serious con-
sideration to the destructive hab-
its of rats. Of course, they are a
nuisance and should be destroy-
ed is the verdict of the average
man or woman, but the real en-
ormity of their offences have not
been fully realized, for if they
had every effort would be expen-
ded to insure their destruction.

Rats carry bubonic plague and
many other diseases fatal to
man and have become responsi-
ble for more untimely deaths a-
mong human beings than all the
wars of history.

It is estimated that rats and
mice destroy crops and other pro-
perty each year in the United
States valued at over \$2000,000,
000, while the value of the grain
they eat and waste on many
farms would more than pay all
the farm taxes.

People have been fighting rats
in a listless, careless manner for
a number of years, but failure
has resulted because of lack of
organized concentrated effort.

Start now and make a system-
atic campaign against the rats
and mice and drive them from
the farm and home. Do not be
content to leave a few, because
a pair of rats breeding uninterr-
uptedly and without deaths
would, at the end of three years
(18 generations) be increased to
359, 709, 482 individuals.

Get your neighbors to join
you in an organized effort to
eradicate these pests, since a few
pair from the neighbor's home
may soon restock your place.

Farmers Bulletin No. 896, by
the U. S. Department of Agricul-
ture, Washington, D. C., gives
valuable information regarding
the destruction of rats.

Do your Best

Everyone should do all he can to
provide for his family and in or-
der to do this he must keep his
physical system in the best con-
dition possible. No one can rea-
sonably hope to do much when he
is half sick a good share of the
time. If you are constipated, bili-
ous or troubled with indigestion
get a package of Chamberlain's
Tablets and follow the plain
printed directions and you will
soon be feeling alright and able
to do a day's work.

TO DECORATE GRAVES

Lyons, France, May 26.—The
graves of 70,000 American sol-
diers who died in France will be
decorated next Friday under the
auspices of the forces of the
United States still in France.

General Pershing has issued a
bulletin stating that all Ameri-
can soldiers shall participate in
the memorial exercises.

President Wilson will speak at
the services in the American
cemetery at Suresnes, near Par-
is, where Ambassador Wallace
will preside over the exercises.

For a Weak Stomach.

As a general rule you need to
do is to adopt a diet suited to
your bowels regular. When you
feel that you have eaten too
much and when constipated, take
one of Chamberlain's Tablets.

Famous Health Resort
Treatment at Home

Nervous and Run-Down People Can
Now Obtain Relief Without Going
to Health Resort.

People used to travel to a popular
health resort when they were nervous,
thin, weak, run-down and felt tired all
the time. There they found a physician
whose fame had spread far and wide
for the remarkable success that he had
in treating just that kind of people.

And the secret of his success was a
tonic that he prepared for his patients
according to his own formula, which
taken according to his directions gained
for him his popularity.

This same tonic is now obtainable by
the public generally under the name of
RICH-TONE with full directions on
each bottle. If you suffer from bad
health and need a building tonic, you
need not travel to the health resort for
you can take this treatment at home.

There is POWER and PUNCH in
GOOD HEALTH.—It means a bright
eye,—alert look,—snappy gait,—that re-
sultant step,—that general make-good
appearance so different from the miles of
one on the ragged edge of a declining
constitution.

Men and women who wish to gain
vigor and strength should commence
this famous health resort treatment at
once. It's only a dollar at
SANDERS DRUG STORE

COAL

When you need coal phone or call on

WARREN BROS. All Orders C.O.D

Specialty in Farm Loans

Inspector on the ground—Quick Service

Real Estate and Fire Insurance

W. O. BONEY West of Farmers State Bank

Farm Loans
AND
Farm Insurance

Our farm land loan facilities are the very best. On
good land we can handle your loans quickly.

We have just made arrangements to take on a line
of insurance covering farm buildings. We can write
you a policy and deliver it immediately. Protect your
property against fire.

W. O. BONEY

LOCAL NEWS

Earnest Costevens has received his discharge from the army and returned home last week. He comes direct from Camp Morrison, Va.

Oats and chops on hand at G. M. Sharps

Mr and Mrs. O. M. Sharp returned to their home in Fort Worth, after a week's visit to homefolks.

For the best Bread buy American Beauty Flour at the Crown Hardware Company

Miss Mamie McNeese has returned home from teaching school

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

Mrs. Kelley, mother of E. W., is visiting the home of the latter

Car of blacksmith coal just received. Crown Hardware Company.

T. A. Johnson was in Dallas this week on business.

When you are in need of a service car, Call Pat Jones. Phone 119. 2344p

W. R. Walker of Hillsboro visited relatives here this week.

Rogers Grocery will look after your canned fruit, pears, corn and tomatoes. It solves the menu problems.

Mrs. G. H. Bullock of Clovis, N. M., is visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs. J. M. Garrett

Dwarf and standard maize seed at G. M. Sharps.

Miss Irene Swann visited the art exhibit in Abilene Tuesday.

Bring your eggs to W. P. Duckett and get 30¢ a dozen. W. P. Duckett.

Mrs. G. M. Sharp has been right sick this week.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, blind, bleeding or protruding Piles. Instantly relieves itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 60c.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard spent the week end in Abilene.

Try American Beauty Flour. You will like it. Crown Hardware Company

Miss May Burkett of Abilene is visiting her brother and sister Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard.

Loring Hamblet has received his discharge from the navy and returned home this week. He left San Pedro Cal., January 5th. He was on the first boat of flour into Hamburg, Germany, going from San Francisco through Panama. While away he visited Antwerp, Belgium, Rotterdam, Holland, points in England, and France, Scotland, the Azora Islands. He says the Germans were a hungry looking bunch, that a bar of soap was worth \$4.00 and other commodities in proportion. Many of the Germans, who had formerly lived in America wanted to know how they could get back. He says he was mighty glad to be back home.

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.

A Children's Day was given at the Horn School House last Sunday. A bountiful dinner was spread on the ground. A very interesting program was rendered Rev. W. K. Horn is pastor of the church there. A number of parties from Merkel attended, including Mr. and Mrs. Polley and son, Delbert, and Paralee Ash, both of the latter taking part in the program.

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

Mr and Mrs Lewis King and son, Erving, who have been visiting Mr and Mrs. E. M. McDonald and Mr and Mrs. T. G. Bragg for several days returned to their home at Meridian Wednesday.

For the best Bread buy American Beauty Flour at the Crown Hardware Company

Mrs. E. A. Campbell and daughter, Miss Ruby, left Tuesday for Hamilton where they will visit their son and brother, Rev James Campbell, for several months.

Laundry agent at Pate's Barber Shop.

Jim Black, J. Walker chaperoned by J. P. Sharp, left Wednesday on a leasing expedition to Breckenridge, Eastland, Albany, Caddo, Tye, Buffalo Gap and other points.

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

E. N. Brown of Brown Dry Goods Company spent several days this week in Dallas on business.

Screen against the flies. We have the wire. Crown Hardware Company.

Dr. and Mrs. O. J. Shaffer and niece, Fannie Mildred of El Paso are visiting Mrs. Shaffer's parents, Mr and Mrs G. A. Rister, and other relatives.

Oats and chops on hand at G. M. Sharps

Mr. and Mrs Blue Tittle of Abilene visited relatives in Merkel Wednesday.

Rogers Grocery will give your phone orders careful attention.

Mrs. L. Angus returned to Ft. Worth after a visit to relatives here.

Try American Beauty Flour. You will like it. Crown Hardware Company

Miss Alice Burns left Friday for her home at Albany.

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

A. C. Rose left Tuesday night for Dallas on business

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

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.



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Miss Garrett Entertains.
A social was given by Mrs. Wilma Garrett last Friday night in honor of her sister, Mrs. Clyde Garrett. A large crowd was present. Various games were played, interspersed with music. A general good time in reported.

Teachers Entertained
The teachers of the public school were entertained at the home of Mrs. J. T. Pue Thursday afternoon. Those present were Misses Alice Yates, Alice Burns, Lorena Dry, Ruby Campbell and Emma Houston, Mesdames T. A. Johnson, J. T. Browning, E. W. Perminter and the hostess.

The social was held on the spacious lawn. Those in attendance report a very pleasant and enjoyable afternoon.

A Delightful Outing
Quite a delightful outing was given to several of the teachers last Thursday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitart entertained with an auto ride to their farm northwest of town, where luncheon was spread that would tempt any appetite, and full credit was given it. Those in the party were Misses Alice Burns, Emma Houston, Ruby Campbell, Alice Yates, besides the host and hostess. The teachers reported this a most enjoyable evening and that Mr. and Mrs. Guitart proved themselves to be most entertaining host and hostess.

SUNDAY ICE

IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE OUR ICE PATRONS, WE WILL, AS USUAL, OPEN SUNDAY MORNINGS FROM 8 TO 9 O'CLOCK. THOSE WHO USE COUPONS MUST BRING COUPONS WITH THEM.

AFTER THIS HOUR WE POSITIVELY WILL NOT OPEN OUR VAULT DOORS, ONLY IN CASE OF SICKNESS. WEEKLY DELIVERIES WILL BE MADE AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE. IT IS OUR DESIRE TO PLEASE EVERY ICE PATRON, BUT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE EVERY ONE ICE AT THE SAME TIME. IF YOU MISS THE MORNING ROUTE, THE CHANCES ARE WE CAN NOT GET YOUR ICE TO YOU UNTIL AFTERNOON. YOURS TO PLEASE
MERKEL ICE COMPANY,
per, W. A. McSpadden, Manager.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.
Sold by Druggists, 50c. **Hall's Family Plus** for constipation.

Say, You!



HOW about that printing job you're in need of?
Come in and see us about it at your first opportunity. Don't wait until the very last moment but give us a little time and we'll show you what high grade work we can turn out.

Counting Your Money

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

This is the package with the moisture-proof jacket



that keeps Chesterfield's original flavor and freshness intact. Your Chesterfields never become either soggy or dry. They always reach you in prime shape for smoking.

And, Chesterfields do something for your smoke-hunger that you've always wished a cigarette would do — they "touch the smoke-spot" — they let you know you're smoking — they satisfy right down to the ground!

It's the blend that does it, and the blend can't be copied.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.

Chesterfield CIGARETTES
— of Turkish and Domestic tobaccos — blended

They SATISFY!

We Eat to Live



Good will rules the new world as fear governed the old world. Through sharing food America helps make the whole world kin.
Food control made sufficiency from shortage, kept the rein on food prices, gave the nation's full strength exercise.
Starvation by Germany challenged all the world; food conservation in America answered the challenge.
Food conservation in America has seen the triumph of individual devotion to the national cause.

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the paper which reaches you first and regularly with the Associated Press dispatches with the worlds latest news and
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Both publications to December 1, 1919, for only **\$3.00**

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