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## DOMESTIC SCIENCE AND SANITATION

John R. Anthony, field lecturer for the Texas Public Health Association of Austin and Mrs. J. L. Landrum, head of the girls division of the State Department of Agriculture were visitors to Merkel this week, coming under the auspices of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

It was the purpose of these visitors to meet and address the citizens of Merkel upon the services that each department offers to the public, but owing to the meeting not being advertised Mrs. Landrum made plans to return this fall when effective work will no doubt be done under the auspices of the department she represents.

Mrs. Landrum represents the girls division and has under her direction thousands of Texas girls to whom she gives simple but practical lessons upon every phase of better home making along the most efficient lines. These lessons are sent weekly to the clubs together with an interesting club letter and in this way she keeps in close touch with the organized clubs. Mrs. Landrum will return to Merkel this fall before the opening of school and address the Parent-Teachers Association upon the needs of domestic science in the school and if possible through the organization of the girls assist in establishing a plan that will be of far reaching benefit to the school.

Mrs. Landrum is also State Chairman of Fire Prevention in the Texas Federation of Women's clubs and has waged an extensive campaign in Texas the past Spring along the lines of fire prevention. She has co-operated with the State Fire Department in making surveys of hundreds of homes both in the city and rural districts that left the communities cleared of fire hazards and health menaces. While in Abilene Monday, Mrs. Landrum conferred with local officials towards making a survey of Taylor County. She conferred with officials while in Merkel towards lining up this city with other towns and rural sections to enable Taylor County to get into good shape before the northers of winter put existing fire hazards into operation. These clean-ups said Mrs. Landrum leaves health conditions better as well as removing fire dangers.

While in Merkel Mrs. Landrum conferred with Mrs. M. Armstrong the retiring president and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson the incoming president of the Parents-Teachers Association.

Citizens of Merkel are to be congratulated on their representation in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. This affiliation with the West Texas body will mean much to our city. It will not only give Merkel broader advertisement, but it will bring to us certain functions and agencies of municipal service which would not otherwise be encouraged to stop here. The first of these agencies to visit our town was in the person of Mrs. J. L. Landrum, head of the Girls Division of the State Department of Agriculture and John R. Anthony, Field Lecturer for the Texas Public Health Association of Austin, who conferred with various city authorities, members of the Merkel Commercial Club and other citizens Tuesday.

These representatives of State Institutions are visiting a selected number of central West Texas towns under the auspices of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Through Mr. Anthony, the Texas Public Health Association freely offers its services to the (Continued to third page)

## THE GREAT WHEAT CROP NOW MOVING

The immense wheat crop raised in the great Merkel county is rapidly being marketed. About 25 cars of wheat and oats have already been shipped out of Merkel, representing a value of about \$60,000. When it is further considered that fully half of the wheat shipped from Tye, all the wheat shipped from Blair and Trent is considered in this great section, the grain crop can not be far from \$250,000 and possibly \$300,000 in this immediate section. Nearly all the farmers who had wheat acreage are getting out of debt with some money to spare. All of them are being wonderfully relieved. They feel, in a measure, compensated for the months of waiting while the drouth was on. There is plenty of work in the country for everyone and everyone seems to be very busy. Those who have not got any grain are making the highest wages almost that were ever known assisting the fellow who has wheat.

While other crops are needing a rain, the weather is ideal on wheat and the older feed crops are considered practically made. Many prominent farmers say that it is better that cotton does not get rain for a little while longer, but young feed is beginning to show the effects of the continued hot sun.

## GERMANY RATIFIES TREATY

Weimar, Jul 9, via Coblenz.—The resolution ratifying the peace treaty was adopted by the German National Assembly today by a vote of 208 to 115.

The text of the ratification resolution, as introduced in the National Assembly, consisted of two clauses, reading as follows:

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"The peace treaty between Germany and the allied and associated powers signed on June 28, 1919, and the protocol belonging thereto, as well as the same day, are agreed to.

"This law comes into force on the day of its promulgation."

Most of the Ministers were present at the meeting of the National Assembly today when ratification of the peace treaty

## NO. 366 Official Statement of the Financial Condition of

### The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1919, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 18th day of July, 1919.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$271,993.34
Overdrafts	7,500.00
Bonds and Stocks, W.S. Stamps	704.64
Real Estate (banking house)	8,150.00
Other Real Estate	1,242.80
Furniture and Fixtures	3,850.00
Due to other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	45,016.46
Cash Items	5,700.53
Currents	8,155.00
Specie	1,284.87
Int. and Asst. Dep. Guaranty Fund	3,494.80
Other Resources	
Bills of Ex.—Cotton	12,971.15
Total	\$570,262.98

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$35,000.00
Surplus Fund	30,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	1,668.65
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	
Individual Deposits sub. to check	180,348.61
Time Certificates of Deposit	11,742.08
Cashier's checks	1,200.38
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	110,582.66
Total	\$570,262.98

State of Texas, County of Taylor: We, J. S. Swann, as president, and R. O. Anderson, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. S. Swann, president. R. O. Anderson, cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of July A. D. 1919. W. P. Mahaffey (REAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas

## LAYING GOLDEN EGGS

The Hen that lays every day is a gold mine— Take a lesson from the hen— Lay up for your future by buying WAR SAVINGS STAMPS regularly!



took place and there was a full attendance of Deputies

Dr Hermann Mueller, Foreign Minister in introducing the Government bills explained that the hastening of the ratification order would bring about the lifting of the blockade.

We are about to enter upon a forty years' march through a desert, he said. "I can find no other term for the path of suffering which fulfillment of the treaty prescribes for us."

Dr Peter Spahn, leader of the Catholic Center party said: "We agree to the treaty under hard compulsion, to save our selves from anarchy and to preserve the Fatherland from internal ruin."

The National party introduced an amendment in favor of ratifying with the express reserve that the sanction of international law experts of international repute should be obtained concerning Arts. 227 to 230, and that a neutral court should be created to investigate the responsibility for the war.

In the course of the debate President Fehrenbach protested against Alsace-Lorraine being torn from Germany. He said that the treaty of 1871 simply made good what had been taken from Germany 150 years before. He hoped that the people of Alsace-Lorraine would preserve German character and civilization.

## Leaves For Market.

E. N Brown, manager of The Brown Dry Goods Company, is in the market putting in the finishing touches on goods to take care of the big trade this fall. Before leaving Mr Brown said: "Business has shown a fine increase for the past two weeks. The wheat and oat crops are largely responsible for the increase. With 40 and possibly 50 cents for cotton that Judge Ramsey of Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas said would be possible if the U. S. would finance Europe for the cotton needed would put all our farming people, who suffered two years with a good healthy bank account by January 1. We should stimulate our law makers to back up the Judge in his proposed measure."

## Time For Scholastic Transfers Expires Soon

County Superintendent of Public School, C. E. Sims, today announced that "All people who desire to have their children transferred to other schools should make application for same within the next two weeks, as the time for making transfers expires July 31."

Prices right on all goods at A. L. Jobes

## Harvester Co. To Return To Tex.

Austin, July 16.—After twelve years banishment, the International Harvester Company of America will again be permitted in Texas. This was made possible by a decree in the Fifty-Third District Court yesterday by Judge George Calhoun.

Special hearings were held in Dallas and in Chicago, the home of the harvester company. The International Harvester was ousted in 1907, on the charge of violating the anti-trust law, and made application for readmission under the act of the Thirty Sixth Legislature.

## SEARSWELL FLOWS GAS AND SALT

Drilling on the Sears well is down 2019 feet. At that depth salt water was struck, which is now flowing over the casing. The flow occurs from gas pressure and there is sufficient gas coming through to burn. The drillers are very enthusiastic, contending that it takes an enormous pressure to lift water 2000 feet. They are awaiting receipt of 8-inch casing, which is momentarily expected, when the water will be cased off and drilling will proceed as rapidly as possible. Little or no lease acreage is being offered for sale in the neighborhood of the well.

The Bland well is ready to spud in only being held upon account of the non-arrival of a bit that has been expected on every train for several days. The engine has been placed and everything is in readiness to eat into the earth in a hurry as soon as the bit arrives.

There is nothing further to give out this week relative to the Trent and Butman propositions, except that the promoters are confident that drilling will proceed on both propositions with as little delay as possible.

GOOD PASTURE—For 15 head horses or mules. Mile south town. 10 cents a day. See Chas. Mershon or Pat Jones. 184c

Melvin Carey and brother, Clement, of Shiloh spent last week in Cross Plains. They returned last Thursday, accompanied by their grandfather, P. Smith, who remained until Sunday.

## THE ADAIR MEETING IS IN FULL SWING

The crowds are capacity, the singing is soul-lifting, the preaching, characteristically Adair, the workers are in perfect harmony. In fact there is every prospect of a great revival coming to Merkel.

Every comfort has been provided at the tabernacle that it is possible to provide. It is well lighted and seated, and fans are provided at every seat. Song books in great profusion are there and each singer can have one.

A well-filled choir gives impetus and swing to the music and the childrens choir adds sweetness and freshness to it. Mr. Carlton, the song leader, knows how to hit 'em up so that the people get the spirit and movement of the song. Mr. and Mrs. Hutton by solo and duet make the musical program simply superb.

The Adair party is made up of Lockett Adair and wife and three children, Mr and Mrs. Hutton, who give attention to young people's work, Mr. Carlton, the song leader; and Mr. Sloan, a jolly rat recently out of service, whose specialty is the children and the building of the Sunday Schools. Each of these workers is a specialist in his line, and their work together will be constructive, leaving something permanent after they have gone.

Many visitors from other communities are attending the meetings. Many drive over from Abilene for the services and are charmed with the way things are going. One man from Midland, we understand, is planning to spend the rest of the time here in the meeting. The surrounding communities are giving their quota of congregations.

A children's service is held each morning at ten o'clock, four women's prayer meetings are held in the afternoon, and a young people's meeting at the Methodist Church at eight o'clock each evening finishes the list of services for the day and to them the climax is added at the tabernacle at nine each evening. Services begin on the dot and close when they get through. Cordial invitation is given everybody to attend these meetings. Come, and get all the good out of it possible.

## Commissioners Fix Tax Rates For The County

The Commissioners Court of Taylor County in regular session Tuesday morning fixed the tax rates for Taylor county for this year, raising the total rate two cents over last year. It voted a tax for roads and bridges 30 cents, general 22 cents and court house 8 cents, total 60 cents.

In explaining the raise Judge Overshiner said that the county had gone three years without any raise but during that period there has been strenuous drouth and property made a big depreciation in valuation. He said that the depreciation in valuations for last year alone amounted to approximately \$200,000.00 and at the same time materials and labor required in the running of the county's affairs have made considerable advances in cost. The total of the county's valuations is \$14,528,965.00

The court voted to have a 100 feet road built from Trent to the Nolan country line, running parallel with the Texas and Pacific Railway. The road is being gravelled and will be over 16 miles in length.

Guaranteed corn and wart remedy at A. L. Jobes.

NO. 7481 Report of the Condition of	
THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL	
In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on June 30, 1919	
RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts	\$238,863.85
Notes and Bills Rediscounted	41,751.11—\$197,112.74
Overdrafts, secured, None; Unsecured, None	
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds and cert. of ind. pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value)	3,500.00— 9,750.00
Liberty Loan Bonds 3, 4, and 4 1/2 per cent, unpledged	340.30
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not inc. stocks) owned unpledged	328.60
Stock of Federal Reserve bank (50 per cent of Subscription)	1,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	3,132.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	14,521.23
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	38,884.31
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 17)	566.13
Total of Items 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18	\$39,450.44
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	1,694.45
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
Interest earned but not collected—approximate—no Notes and Bills Receivable not past due	205.08
War Saving Certificates and Thrift Stamps actually owned	93.47
Total	\$272,040.81
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	5,312.04
Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate)	5,870.23
Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
Net amounts due to banks, bankers, and trust companies (other than included in Items 31 or 32)	3,260.08
Cashiers checks on own bank outstanding	1,100.00
Total of items 32, 33, 34 and 35	\$4,360.08
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	160,633.80
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	1,000.00
Dividends unpaid	2,500.00
Total demand deposits subject to Reserve, Items 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41	\$164,133.80
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	15,000.00
Postal savings deposits	1,114.66
Bills payable, other than with Federal Reserve Bank, including all obligations representing money borrowed, other than rediscounts	20,000.00
Bills payable, with Federal Reserve Bank	
Total	\$272,040.81
Liabilities for rediscounts, including those with Federal Reserve Bank (see Item 1d)	41,751.11
STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:	
I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of July, 1919.	
J. T. HOWARD, Notary Public.	
Correct—Attest:—J. T. WARREN	
G. F. WEST, Directors	
HENRY JAMES	



## MERKEL'S LARGEST BANK

### STATEMENT Farmers State Bank MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business June 30, 1919

#### RESOURCES

Loans	\$278,893.24
Banking House	8,150.00
Other Real Estate	1,242.80
Furniture and Fixtures	3,850.00
Stocks, Bonds and W. S. S.	704.04
Assessment & Int. Guaranty Fund	3,494.89
<b>CASH AND EXCHANGE</b>	<b>74,028.01</b>
	\$370,362.98

<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	31,668.65
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>193,111.67</b>
Rediscounts	20,582.66
Bills Payable	90,000.00
	\$370,362.98

The above statement is correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

Note our increase in Deposits—Ask our customers—There's a Reason

#### Ex-Crown Prince Defies Extradition

Amsterdam Saturday July 5.—The allies can only have my dead body; I will myself decide on my life or death" the former German Crown Prince is quoted as having said Friday in discussing a possible demand for extradition.

This statement reported by the British wireless service correspondent was said to have been made to a Dutch official who talks daily with the former Crown Prince.

According to this official Frederick Hohenzollern is in excellent health. He takes motorcycle trips daily and frequently visits both the rich and the poor on the Island of Wierangen.

Look clean and comfortable at all times by keeping your clothes clean and pressed at The Cash Tailor Shop. Phone 180.

#### Fine Peach Production

We have Q. Brown to thank for a nice sample of peaches grown at his home here in Merkel. He has a medium sized tree that he says will yield fully four bushels. They are of a nice size and good flavor. More and more are we convinced of the profits to be derived from growing fruits.

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

#### A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle 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.

#### Little Vestna Gaynelle Hutchins

In loving memory of little Vestna Hutchins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A H Hutchins. She was born December 31, 1917 and died April 21, 1919 after an illness of only a few days. Scarlet fever being the cause of her death. The intense suffering was more than the precious little frail body could withstand, although, the hands of loved ones did everything that human power could do to stay the dread disease.

She sweetly sleeps with those who suffer not, in submission we say "God's will be done" for we know He doeth all things for the best. Home will never seem so happy with out you darling, for the sunshine your little being shed in our hearts and lives was so sweet and precious to all of us. Now that we must part and say goodbye seems almost greater than we, in our weakness can bear. But we know little one you are now so happy in your Heavenly home, and free from all sorrow and pain. So much we cherish the many, many babyish words spoken in such a sweet way. God is keeping you for us darling and then for only a short while at least to speak of, we will all again be reunited in the blessed home above, where there will be no more sad partings, but all will be joy and gladness.

To the dear parents we can only point you to our dear Father above who alone can heal your broken hearts and give you strength to bear all your sorrows and troubles.

Written in memory of little Gaynell by her great grandmother Mrs. M. J. Starkey.

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 ANTI-SEPTIC and HEALING AGENT. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. Sold by Sanders Drug Store

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## LOCAL NEWS

T W Clark of Anson was a visitor in Merkel a few days the past week.

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

Miss Merle Clark of Anson visited Miss Ida Meeks this week.

FOR SALE—Real good second hand double disc plow. See Dr. M. Armstrong. t2c.

Miss Mattie T. Mann of El Paso spent the week with Miss Stacy Adkisson and other friends here.

Bring your clothes here to be cleaned and pressed. Will give you quick and good service. Mrs. C. L. Cash. Phone 180

Roy S. Baird of Fort Worth, who recently returned from over sea service, visited friends in Merkel the past week.

#### 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.

Mrs. Dr. Terry and daughter, Mrs. D J Jobe, and son, Briggs of Rising Star visited Mr and Mrs T. A Johnson a few days the past week.

#### Summer Complaint in Children

There is not anything like so many deaths from this disease now as before Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy came into such general use. When this remedy is given with castor oil as directed and proper care is taken as to diet, it is safe to say that fully ninety-nine out of every hundred cases recover. Mr W. G. Campbell of Butler, Tenn., says, "I have used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy for summer complaint in children It is far ahead of anything I have ever used for this purpose. Chamberlain's Colic and Diar-

# FALL IN

We have many dollars worth of mid-summer apparel for men, women and children extremely low priced, quality considered. Our variety is complete in silks, organdies, voiles, both in plain and fancy. Crepes, suitings, tissues, colored wash fabrics, batiste, curtain scrims, table damasks, etc.

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No matter how small your wants may be, it will be a pleasure for us to show you.

"Home of Good Merchandise"

## The Brown D. G. Co.

## LOCAL NEWS

Milton Pate has returned after a few weeks stay at Eastland.

Grain sacks at G. M. Sharp's Grocery Store.

J. A Bell and family are visiting his parents Mr and Mrs. JB. Bell.

We pay spot cash for eggs. Bob Martin Grocery Company

Harry Merrit has accepted a position with the Holland Drug Store successor to T. L. Grimes.

Wheat sacks at Crown Hardware Co.

Wade Darsey left Tuesday evening for Ranger where he expects to work for some time.

Bring your eggs and butter to Rogers Grocery. 11t2

Rev W. M Murrell was called to Dallas Sunday night on account of the illness of his son.

Wheat sacks at Crown Hardware Co.

Miss Mamie Ellis has accepted a position in the post office during the absence of H C. Williams who is in Dallas on account of his health.

#### LOSS OF APPETITE

As a general rule there is nothing serious about a loss of appetite, and if you skip a meal or only eat two meals a day for a few days you will soon have a relish for your meals when meal time comes. Bear in mind that at least five hours should always elapse between meals so as to give the food ample time to digest and the stomach a period of rest before a second meal is taken. Then if you eat no more than you crave and take a reasonable amount of outdoor exercise every day you will not need to worry about your appetite. When the loss of appetite is caused by constipation as is often the case, that should be corrected at once. A dose of Chamberlain's Tablets will do it.



# DOMESTIC SCIENCE AND SANITATION

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city of Merkel. It is very closely affiliated with the National Tuberculosis Association, its chief aim and purpose being to fight tuberculosis, directly and indirectly. It is also affiliated with the American Red Cross, deriving its funds from the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals. Since the prevalence of tuberculosis in any community depends very largely upon the general health and sanitary conditions, the Association will gladly serve any community, upon invitation, in the betterment of these conditions.

The Texas Public Health Association needs only to be called upon for its services to be had. Some of the specific ways in which it renders service to Texas communities are as follows:

1. Organization and development of Tuberculosis and Public Health Associations throughout the State of Texas—similar to its affiliated committee at Abilene.

About 180,000 American people die in the United States every year from tuberculosis, 3,915 in Texas. Yet this disease is preventable and curable.

2. The examination of school children in various Texas counties by its public health nurse, the encouragement of parents to take immediate steps to rectify any physical defects found.

Approximately 5,000 children in Texas have thus been examined since last February, and over 90 per cent of these children were found to have some remedial defects such as indigestion, adenoids, incipient catarh or tuberculosis, hookworm, tapeworm, submerged or enlarged tonsils which often affect the sight and hearing, and bad teeth.

Towns and counties are fast falling in line for public health nurses especially for the schools.

3. Enlistment, in co-operation with local Junior Red Cross chapters, of 325,000 school children in the Modern Health Crusade. A scheme whereby boys and girls are grouped according to age and scholastic advancement and through the dramatization of personal hygiene by the introduction of the element of play and the spirit of rivalry into the doing of preventative habits daily, in order that their chances of becoming infected by disease germs might be reduced to a minimum and that their physical defenses might have the greatest possible advantage for strong development and power of resistance.

In the numbers enrolled Texas lead all states last year, 135 counties being represented. All the best city schools and scores of smaller ones had the Crusade last year, and teachers and parents report remarkable changes in the daily personal appearance of boys and girls alike as well as changes in their ideals of personal, domestic, and civic ideals of cleanliness.

4. Sanitary and health surveys of towns and cities, advising with business men's leagues and municipal authorities, and suggesting what improvements might be made whereby sickness could be reduced and pointed out how these improvements can be made.

Keeping dry closets sanitary, careful drainage to prevent mosquito breeding, and preventing growth of high weeds within the city limits are matters for municipal attention.

Sending field workers to schools in the Crusade to give addresses or illustrated lectures on health subjects. Over 50,000 Texas children have thus been instructed since last February.

Educational campaigns conducted among negroes by a special lecturer for negroes.

Visitation upon teachers summer normals, soliciting the interests of the teachers in personal and public health activities.

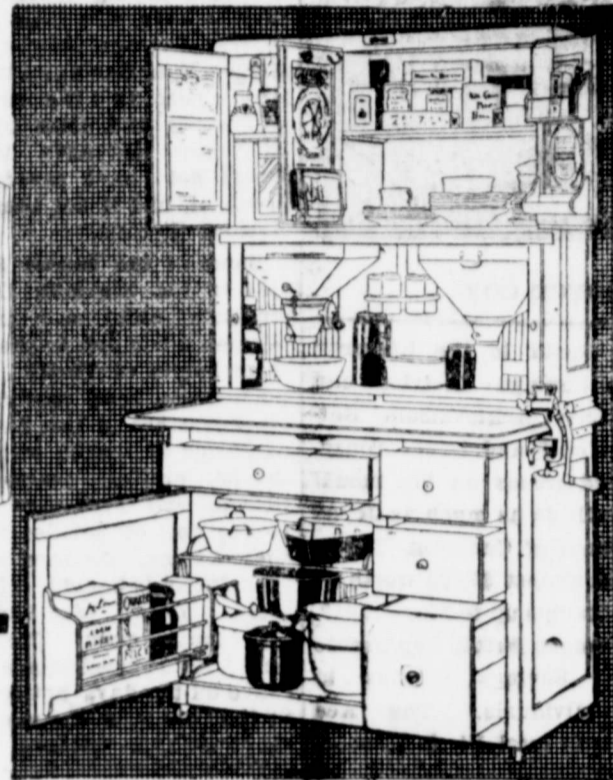
Co-operation with the State Departments of Education and Health in publishing and distributing health and sanitary literature.

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## TIMELY SUGGESTIONS

Our buyers have just returned from the furniture markets, where they bought enormous stocks for each of the seven stores. Our new goods have begun to arrive, and almost daily we are receiving styles. We extend to you a special invitation to come visit us and let us show you our goods. If you are in need of anything in our line, and contemplate buying in the near future, we advise you not to delay, for prices are sure to be higher by spring than they are now. With the excellent buying facilities that we now have we are in a position to sell you goods at prices unequalled anywhere in West Texas. We want your Furniture Business, and ask for it on the grounds of square dealings, good goods, and better prices.

# Barrow Furniture Co.

Upon request the Texas Public Health Association will gladly serve Merkel in any or several of these capacities and these are only illustrative of the various activities of this association.

The Association will be glad to correspond with any authority or organization interested in the financial and health welfare of Merkel.

Worms interfere with the growth of children. They become thin, pale and sickly. Get rid of these parasites at once if you would have healthy, happy cheerful children. WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE destroys worms and benefits the whole system. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Mrs. James West and children returned Monday from an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. Shafer of El Paso.

### FARMERS—FARMERS

It has come to our ears during our recent ice shortage that we did not care for your business and that we would give our city business preference.

This is absolutely a mistake. We don't want to knock on our city trade, as it is very agreeable, but your business is more valuable to us.

Should we be forced to choose between the two, we would choose yours.

We do not look for any more trouble in getting ice, as our own factory at Abilene is rebuilt from the fire and running full blast.

We can also assure you a better grade of ice as the Abilene plant makes better ice than most any other factory in the state. If you will purchase coupons it will be quite a saving to you. Many farmers are on the coupon system this year. Remember it is our desire to please you. If you have any kicks please tell us so we can correct them.

Yours to please.

Merkel Ice Co., W. A. McSpadden, Manager.

## For Weak Women

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

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

### TAKE

# CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

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

All Druggists

### A Curious Sum

This curious sum was invented by Lewis Carroll the author of "Alice in Wonderland" who was a professor of higher mathematics in Oriel College in England. He loved to invent mathematical freaks like this:

Put down the number of your living brothers. Multiply by two. Add three.

Now add the number of your living sisters. Multiply the total by ten.

Add the number of your dead brothers and sisters. Subtract

150 from the total.

The right-hand figure will be the number of deaths; the middle figure the number of living sisters; the left-hand figure the number of living brothers. See if it doesn't work.

Stings or bites of insects that are followed by swellings pain or itching should be treated promptly as they are poisonous. BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT counteracts the poison. It is both antiseptic and healing. Sold by Sanders Drug Store



## Their Medicine Chest For 20 Years

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

I find myself, at seventy-one, frequently drifting back a quarter of a century, when I see myself in the little drug store, owned at Bolivar, Mo., making and selling a vegetable compound to my friends and customers—what was then known only as Dr. Lewis' Medicine for Stomach, Liver and Bowel Complaints.

For many years while I was perfecting my formula I studied and investigated the laxatives and cathartics on the market and became convinced that their main fault was not that they did not act on the bowels, but that their action was too violent and drastic, and upset the system of the user; which was due to the fact that they were not thorough enough in their action, some simply acting on the upper or small intestines, while others would act only on the lower or large intestines, and that they almost invariably produced a habit requiring augmented doses.

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

After experimenting with hundreds of different compounds, I at last perfected the formula that is now known as Nature's Remedy, which I truly believe goes further

and does more than any laxative on the market today. The thousands of letters from users have convinced me I was right, and that the user of Nature's Remedy as a family medicine, even though he may have used it for twenty-five years, never has to increase the dose.

My knowledge of medicine and the results of its use in my own family and among my friends, before I ever offered it for sale, caused me to have great faith in Nature's Remedy from the very first.

And now as I find myself nearing the age when I must bow to the inevitable and go to another life, my greatest pleasure is to sit each day and read the letters that each mail brings from people as old or older than I, who tell of having used Nature's Remedy for ten, fifteen and twenty years, and how they and their children and grandchildren have been benefited by it. It is a consoling thought, my friends, for a man at my age to feel that aside from his own success, one has done something for his fellow man. My greatest satisfaction, my greatest happiness today, is the knowledge that tonight more than one million people will take a Nature's Remedy (NR Tablet) and will be better, healthier, happier people for it. I hope you will be one of them.

A. H. Lewis, Pres.

A. H. LEWIS MEDICINE CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

G. P. Holland, Drugs.



### TRENT HAPPENINGS

A good rain would be appreciated in this section of the country as feed is beginning to suffer and cotton would be greatly helped by a shower.

Mr. Blue Tittle of Abilene is out at his farm this week assisting in the threshing of his grain.

From the progress that is being made by the thresher it will probably be several weeks before all the grain around here will be threshed.

Several from here attended the Childrens program at Shiloh Sunday. They report a large attendance, and a splendid program, and plenty of dinner with abundance of ice water. A good song service in the afternoon.

Winslow Beckham wired his father, T. C. Beckham that he was in Dallas awaiting his discharge from the navy. He is expected home any day.

L. E. Adrain and family are in Huckabay for a few days visiting relatives.

Homer Johnson and Miss Maggie Campbell, both living near Sweetwater Creek were married Sunday afternoon. Rev. Scott officiating. Both young people are well known in their community and have a host of friends who wish them much joy and happiness.

G. W. Dowdy received a telegram Tuesday morning from his son Royce saying he had landed safely in New York.

Sam Rosson returned from Dallas Tuesday where he went to get his discharge from the navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bright of Merkel spent the week end with the former's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bright of White Flat Spurgeon Scott left Monday afternoon for Sweetwater where he will work on a ranch.

Dick Boyd is visiting relatives here after receiving his discharge from the navy.

The Baptist meeting will begin Friday night. Rev. Richardson of Lorraine will do the preaching. The services will be held at the tabernacle and every one has a special invitation to come out and hear what Rev. Richardson has to say. It will do you good.

### How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarh Medicine. Hall's Catarh Medicine has been taken by catarh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarh. Hall's Catarh Medicine acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarh Medicine at once and get rid of catarh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, etc.

### J. H. Craig Injured

While hauling wheat a short distance south of town last Monday afternoon, J. H. Craig happened to a very serious accident. One of the front standards broke and Mr. Craig slid down between a pair of young mules, falling under the tongue. The mules ran away, catching him right in front of the axle and dragging him for quite a distance. He was severely bruised about the body, receiving a severe cut on the head and another just above the left eye. It is thought that there are no internal injuries and no bones were broken. While he is very sore, it is hoped his injuries are not of a serious nature. It is a miracle that he escaped with his life.

When the baby is suffering the double affliction of hot weather and bowel disorders, the remedy needed is McGEE'S BABY ELIXIR. It reduces the feverish condition, corrects the stomach and checks looseness of the bowels. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

### Biggest Day Merkel Ever Had In The Ice Business.

In an interview with W. A. McSpadden, manager of the Ice Company, he states that Saturday was the biggest day Merkel ever saw in the ice business. While the hot weather is given as a reason, it also indicates the return of prosperity.

CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.



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



The City Council had the satisfaction this week to take up the seventh bond on the waterworks system.

Peace has been secured over the blood stained battlefield. It now remains to be seen whether Congress will do the big thing by signing the treaty or whether it will resort to cheap politics.

There are one or two prominent citizens in Merkel, officials state, who refuse to pay their sanitary bill. What do you think of that?

No man can do a mean thing and get by with it. He may sail the high seas pleasantly for a while, but in the end he will go on the sands in spite of his best laid plans.

That \$2 tax on dogs is mighty hard on the dog family. If any of the members of the Texas legislature gets dog bit hereafter, it will have to be considered a mark of retaliation.

The thousands of dollars coming in from the sale of wheat is causing a rapid increase in bank deposits, a thing unheard of at this time of year in a mighty long time.

The art of forgetfulness has been so developed in this country that contracts should all be reduced to writing as a necessary means of accuracy and fair dealing on the part of both contracting parties.

Sarcasm may be a very satisfying weapon for the moment but the sting of it rings deep in to time's unfolding mysteries and the come-back is usually sure with plenty of interest added.

The Merkel country is needing a little rain. Some of the older maize has practically matured, but younger stuff will suffer if we do not have rain in a short time. The weather is ideal on the unthrashed wheat and oats, however.

Mexico has been guilty of doing one fool thing after another until it seems that the U. S. must yet march down and straighten things out. Among the most recent of her follies is to invite German immigration. Even now it seems that her cup of misery will be full by the time the U. S. gets through with her, but if she expects to gain help from trained German arms, surely her retribution will be bitter.

## Scouts Decorated For Selling W.S.S.



JOYCE COX

Every Boy Scout in the Eleventh Federal War Savings District can wear a Treasury Achievement Button, an Ace Medal and have bronze, silver and gold palms on his medal ribbon, if he will do as much as Joyce Cox, a Boy Scout of Cameron, Texas. Joyce had sold almost \$6,000 worth of War Savings Stamps up to May 1, 1919.

The Achievement Button represents sales of War Savings Stamps to twenty-five individuals. The Ace Medal represents total W. S. S. sales of \$250. A bronze palm represents an additional \$100, a silver palm an additional \$1,000 and a gold palm an additional \$5,000 in War Savings Stamps sold. "I'd like to see every Boy Scout in the District wearing gold palms on his medal ribbon by the end of the year," said Frank M. Smith, Federal District Director of the War Loan Organization. "What one boy has done others can do. One of the best War Savings Societies in the District is in the Boy Scout Troop at Tallulah, La. There ought to be a Savings Society in every troop."

Have you bought your Thrift Stamp today?

## Fraternal Orders Strong For Saving

Fraternal orders should take an active interest in the 1919 Savings Campaign in the opinion of Pat M. Neff of Waco, Grand Chancellor of the Texas Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias. Another enthusiast over the Savings Campaign is J. W. Chancellor of Bowie, Grand Master of the Texas Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

"In the Savings Campaign," Mr. Neff said recently, "the Government has placed the stamp of its approval on the fraternal idea. War Savings Societies are not lodges, strictly speaking, but they are next thing to it. Many of the most successful Savings Societies are in the lodges and the Knights of Pythias are doing their share."

"Texas Odd Fellows had a number of strong War Savings Societies last year," Mr. Chancellor said, "and most of them made excellent records. Wherever possible, it would be a fine idea for the members of the lodge to form themselves into a Savings Society again this year, if they have not already done so."

Numerous lodges of various orders over the Eleventh Federal District not only have Savings Societies but are securing sinking funds by investing in War Savings Stamps as a lodge. The members of these lodges are also buying W. S. S. individually.

Has your lodge been organized?

## Successful Dollar Is One That Works

The dollar that goes to work is the successful dollar. The idle dollar is a failure.

The successful dollar brings back another dollar with it. It makes itself a dollar and something—two dollars and something—a whole family of dollars.

The careless dollar goes off somewhere and is never seen again.

A Texas man the other day lost a life-time's savings—\$785.00. His dollars had gone off in the pockets of two fake stock promoters. He had not taught his dollars to keep good company.

Hundreds of years ago a man to whom a handful of dollars had been trusted buried them in a napkin. He got no increase—he did not even keep what he had. One might as well have nothing as keep an idle dollar.

The dollar that succeeds is energetic—and careful. War Savings Stamps do more than save your dollars. They put them to work at 4% interest. And they never fail. Your Government guarantees every one of them.

Have you bought your Thrift Stamp today?

## Savings Campaign Is Boon To Women

The average family in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico is not wealthy enough for the "lady of the house" to have all the little conveniences she wants. Through Thrift and War Savings Stamps, however, the Government has provided a way for the housewife to fit up her kitchen, paint the house, furnish her spare room or embellish the parlor.

Those women who were so wise as to begin saving systematically early in 1918 have nice little sums invested in War Savings Stamps by this time. Eleven War Savings Stamps, some of which cost as little as \$4.12 apiece, will buy a first class kitchen cabinet. In many instances, the housewife would not have saved anything to speak of, had it not been for the War Savings Stamps.

Some of the banner Savings Societies in the Eleventh District are in women's clubs or church societies. Women are quick to grasp the benefits from habits of Thrift. Numerous reports have been received at District Headquarters of the Savings Division at Dallas of women who have started in by putting quarters in Thrift Stamps and who have been enabled to buy desired articles to brighten up their homes. As soon as a War Savings Stamp is bought, it begins earning more money. War Savings Stamps are ready money. They are redeemable with accrued interest at the post-office on ten days' notice, but the longer they are held, the more money they make for their holders.

Have you bought your Thrift Stamp today?

## The First Thousand Is Hard To Get

When a man gets \$1,000.00 saved up there are always opportunities for a good investment. It is hard to place much less than that. That is why wealthy men who are self-made advise young men to begin early and save the first thousand.

Until we went to war, it was hard to get started toward that \$1,000.00 unless at least one dollar could be put away at a time. Small change was restless and acrobatic and kept jumping out of our pockets into somebody else's.

Now, however, there is an easy way to get that first thousand. The answer is Thrift Stamps. They cost only a quarter apiece and can be converted into War Savings Stamps. The Government of the United States backs these War Savings Stamps with a guarantee of 4 per cent interest, compounded quarterly. Save and Succeed.

Have you bought your Thrift Stamp today?

## Who Is Best Man To Do Your Work?

The best way to have anything is—do it yourself. The best way to get ahead in the world is—save regularly and invest wisely. Your children may be buying Thrift Stamps but the nickels and dimes and quarters they are able to save won't buy a home or a new automobile or a new cultivator. The money to do that will not be saved—unless you save it.

It's easy enough to save if you do it the W. S. S. way. Quarters planted in Thrift Stamps grow into War Savings Stamps and the interest makes them grow like rain does a summer weed. Save for that happy opportunity. If you're not in a War Savings Society—get in one. Be with the crowd. Save.

Have you bought your Thrift Stamp today?

## Farmers Find Easy Method of Saving

Farmers who are making a habit of getting a few Thrift Stamps every time they market anything from their farms are finding that they are able to save regularly and that they do not miss the small amounts invested. The average farmer in this section of the country depends largely on his "money" crop, which he harvests once a year. Almost every one of them, however, grows something else which he markets at odd times.

An occasional load of hay may be taken into town and sold. The thrifty farmer also plants peas, beans, okra, lettuce, beets or some of the other vegetables which thrive in the Southwest and for which there is a ready market. Butter and eggs form staple articles to be marketed between seasons. By buying just a few Thrift Stamps each time the farm-wagon makes a haul to town, the farmer or his wife is providing a fund which they will be able to turn to good account later on, for when these Thrift Stamps are exchanged for War Savings Stamps, they increase in value automatically, and may always be turned into cash on ten days, written notice to the postmaster, although the longer they are kept the more they earn.

Have you bought your Thrift Stamp today?

## CHURCH NEWS

**At The Baptist Church**  
The Adair meeting will not interfere with our Sunday School program. We will meet at the church at ten o'clock sharp, have our Sunday school, and then adjourn in regular order and march to the tabernacle for the Adair meeting. We want every member of the School present Sunday morning, for there are some announcements that are important.  
E. E. Dawson, Pastor.  
Walter Jackson, Supt.

**B. Y. P. U. Program**  
Song.  
Prayer.  
Subject, Where is the Soul Between Death and the Resurrection.

Leader, Mrs. Walter Jackson.  
Soul Sleeps, Annie Mae Swann  
Song, Althea Boden.  
The Doctrine of Purgatory, Holland Teaff.

The Soul Alive and Conscious  
Miss Selena Teaff.  
The Soul With Christ, Willie Swann.

**League Program July 20.**  
Leader, Mrs. Hutcheson.  
Song.  
Prayer.  
Scripture, Mable McNeese and Virgil Mayfield.

Keep the Sabbath day Holy, Mason Pee.

Song.  
The Sabbath, Bessie Tucker.  
The Sabbath Remembered, Burdon Smith  
God-like Deeds Pearl Thornton  
Announcements, Song Benediction.

**At The Methodist Church**  
Sunday School will be held at the usual time, after which the school will repair to the tabernacle.

E. A. Click, who has been at Burkburnet for several weeks, returned Wednesday. The Burkfield has shut down for 30 days. He said he saw fire a few days ago that was 150 yards across and 200 feet high. Three lives were lost.

**Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic**  
restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its strengthening, invigorating effect. Price 60c.

## TYPEWRITER CHEAP

We have a good No. 5 Oliver typewriter for sale for \$25. If you want a good, substantial machine, now is your opportunity. Merkel Mail.

H. L. Houghton and son, Harry, and Mr. Smith of Sioux City, Iowa, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. George Houghton.

T. G. Bragg spent Tuesday in Fort Worth on business.

When you feel lazy and out of sorts and yawn a good deal in the day time, you can charge it to a torpid liver which has allowed the system to get full of impurities. HERBINE cures all disorders produced by an inactive liver. It strengthens that organ, cleanses the bowels and puts the system in good healthy condition. Sold by Sanders Drug Store

## Massey Child Hurt

While turning the corner by the side of the depot Monday afternoon at a rather rapid rate of speed, T. O. Massey's little child fell from the car and was rather seriously injured. The little fellow was taken to the office of Dr. Adkisson where treatment was immediately given. Hemorrhage of the lungs resulted from the fall. A gash was also cut in the face. Mr. Massey resides in Abilene. At last accounts the child was improving rapidly.

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

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

E. Q. Warren visited in Waco and Dallas the fore part of the week.

# WARNING

☛ The Southwest, and all America, has only one way to forestall the most serious coal shortage in history the coming winter. That is to BUY COAL NOW.

☛ Production is dropping behind the amount necessary to supply the normal winter demand at the rate of two and a half million tons a week. The consuming public must provide

## WORK FOR EVERY MINER

☛ That work must be provided NOW before more miners leave mine work to return to their native lands, or seek other employment.

☛ Railroads will be swamped with a flood of industrial production. Automobiles, building materials, household goods, machinery, the country's greatest grain crop—a thousand and one things—will DEMAND railroad attention this fall.

☛ The railroads have only a limited equipment to haul the country's commodities. The movement of coal unquestionably will suffer.

☛ We can not urge too strongly that you buy your coal now. You must buy it now to be sure of having it next winter.

COAL OPERATORS ASSOCIATION.

☛ Place your order now with

## WARREN BROTHERS

Says All Challengers Must Come to U. S.

Chicago, July 14.—Jack Dempsey, who became the heavy-weight champion pugilist by beating Jess Willard at Toledo, July 4 left for Los Angeles Sunday night after spending a day his headquarters after the western trip. His manager, Jack Kearns, occupied virtually all day talking with promoters and agents of theatrical and circus concerns, anxious to have Dempsey sign contracts for exhibitions.

But Dempsey said theatrical work was tiresome and were the inducements as great and as frequent he would prefer to fight.

As to meeting George Carpentier, the French champion, or Joe Becket of England, Dempsey said: "I am the champion and I am an American. If any of these foreigners want a crack at the title they will have to come to America."

## MERKEL JOINS WEST TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

While on a visit to Merkel this week, H. C. Edge, assistant manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, accompanied by Secretary Bennett of the Chamber of Commerce, Abilene, a number of members were secured for the organization

which Mr. Edge represented. There is considerable good to be accomplished by the co-operation with this great West Texas organization. Doubtless others will join soon.

## LOSS OF APPETITE

As a general rule there is nothing serious about a loss of appetite, and if you skip a meal or only eat two meals a day for a few days you will soon have a relish for your meals when meal time comes. Bear in mind that at least five hours should always elapse between meals so as to give the food ample time to digest and the stomach a period of rest before a second meal is taken. Then if you eat no more than you crave and take a reasonable amount of outdoor exercise every day you will not need to worry about your appetite. When the loss of appetite is caused by constipation as is often the case, that should be corrected at once. A dose of Chamberlain's Tablets will do it.

## NOTICE

I am prepared to weigh any and all kind of grain. Will use Planters Gin scales until I get my scales in. J. M. Garrett. 273c

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## WHAT ONE CLASS IS DOING



Ten per cent of the weekly collection of the Loyal Men's Class of the South Dallas Christian Sunday School is put into a sinking fund by investing it in War Savings Stamps. The accompanying picture of the Class was taken Easter Sunday in celebration of the winning of an attendance contest over every other class in the school.

The Class has an active War Savings Society and meets every other Tuesday night. The Class also pays a regular amount toward the support of a Home for Aged Persons and is active in all lines of church work.

What this Class has done, others can do. The Sunday School Class which is also a War Savings Society is laying up money which may be needed at any time and which can always be secured—with interest—on ten days' notice to the postmaster.

Have you bought your Thrift Stamp today?





Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

### A July Outing

Wednesday was quite a fine day for a picnic. At a very early hour a number of young people took out down the rail-road with well filled baskets. They walked out to Mulberry.

The remaining part of the morning was spent in fishing Mrs. Etheridge being the champion fisher.

About twelve thirty the baskets were opened and lunch was spread. Every body did justice to the fine lunch.

After spending a pleasant afternoon the time came to go home. Just another long walk was to be enjoyed.

At seven Mesdames Laney and Etheridge had the fish fried and supper was served to the following: Mesdames Provine, Etheridge, Laney and Misses Elizabeth and Mable Toombs, Ruth Pike, Nina Etheridge, Rosie Laney, Messers Dale Sanders, Howard Laney, Gayton Bradley, B M Williams, Jr., All report a most enjoyable day.

### Sunday School Classes Entertain

Misses Minnie Houghton and Ruth Boden entertained their Sunday School classes at the home of the latter last Monday afternoon from 5 to 8. Various yard games were played. Lunch and ice cream were served on the lawn. Those in attendance besides the teachers were: Annie Brown, Ben and William Shepard, Mary Ashby, Ruth Dawson, Conley Sanders, Claude Cash, Ralph Cook and D O. Huddleston, Misses Lana White and Althea Boden. A most enjoyable time was reported.

### LAW FAVORS MAN OVER WOMAN

London, July 15.—As English law now stands, a man may marry his dead wife's sister, but a woman cannot wed her dead husband's brother.

The point was made clear by the presiding judge at the Northampton assizes the other day in the case of two women who went through marriage services with brothers of their dead husbands. Both were held for trial.

We have an ideal house for granary and barn, boxed and weather-boarded, at a bargain. Merkel Realty Company.

**Remember**

That every added subscriber helps to make this paper better for everybody

# SPECIAL SUMMER BARGAINS

200 pairs women's and children's low cut shoes, values from \$2.00 to \$5.00, on sale at

## \$1.00

150 pairs men's low cut shoes at greatly reduced price.

See our Bargain Counter for exceptional bargains this week.

Bargains in Summer Pants

# The STAR STORE

### MEXICAN GOVERNMENT BID FOR GERMANS WHO DESIRE TO ESCAPE TAXATION

Washington, July 15.—The Mexican Government has made a bid for German colonists, it was learned from Mexico City advices. As soon as it was known that Mexico would be barred from the League of Nations, the Mexican officials began negotiations with a view to securing immigrants from Germany. As a result, it is reported, 5,000 Germans will be welcomed to Mexican shores as soon as they can find transportation.

Aguirre Berlanga, Secretary of Governacion, is quoted as saying that German immigrants would be granted the same guarantees and facilities given to other foreigners. It is believed however, that further inducements have been offered to Germans who desire to go to Mexico to escape the heavy taxes in Germany. Senor Berlanga admitted that "The Mexican Government, through its consulates in various parts of the world, has been stimulating immigration." His department has just completed preparations of a bill to be submitted to Congress proposing radical changes in the immigration laws, he said.

A cable report from Europe to Mexico City quoted in the advices said 5,000 Germans were planning to leave for Mexico. It was stated officially in Mexico City that general immigration on a large scale, such as indicated

in the cable, would bring to Mexico unquestionable advantages. "The German, as a general rule, is a good immigrant," says the official statement, "as they are all hard working men, devoted to industry and commerce, and to a certain extent to agriculture."

It is believed that this large German immigration would be beneficial in settling large areas of land at present abandoned through lack of men with enough enterprise to cultivate them. The Germans will be excellent settlers in such portions of the country and there is no doubt that the country as a whole will be benefited by this class of immigrants.

There is some opposition to Carranza, who have been firmest in their contention that he is to blame for the discrimination against Mexico as a member of the League of Nations. They cite "serious dangers" which should be watched and avoided at all costs in admitting immigrants, especially Germans, to Mexico. The situation in Brazil is cited, and it is stated that thousands of Germans settled in the southern part of Brazil have acquired a preponderance that almost allows them to dominate Southern Brazil. They declare that the same thing would doubtless be witnessed in Mexico, and it is shown that Mexico has not the power, as Brazil had to quell any attempted uprising manipulated by the Germans. They point out that militarism in Germany is not wiped out, but is merely dormant.

"After some time the Germans will undoubtedly attempt to recover lost ground," one opponent of the plan is quoted as saying, "and if there were large colonies of Germans in Mexico, it is not unlikely that we would experience the great difficulty that Brazil had to face in the South."

### Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy

This medicine always wins the good opinion if not the praise of those who use it. Try it when you have need of such a remedy.

In a letter to his folks here, I. C. Holden, Miami, Ariz., writes that he is in the hospital for treatment.

### 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.

### DEMobilIZATION OF "Y" MEN NOW AT A STANDSTILL

Only 400 Remain in Southern Department—Activity on Mexican Border.

San Antonio, Tex.—Demobilization of Army Young Men's Christian association secretaries in the Southern Military department has about reached a standstill for the present, according to J. H. Eckford, departmental supervisor of personnel. About four hundred wearers of the Red Triangle remain in the six states composing this department, more than six hundred having been released since the signing of the armistice. It is believed that, with the numerous camps in the department demobilized down to practically the smallest possible working force, coupled with the demands of the regular army men and the returning soldiers from overseas, there will be a need for at least four hundred secretaries for at least several weeks.

Seventy secretaries are serving the towns and outposts along the Mexican border, this phase of Y. M. C. A. activity having been materially enlarged since the armistice. Apparently 2,000 miles of border territory is now being covered, the greater part of it by itinerant light delivery cars, in which the secretaries carry a full supply of books, stationery, portable motion picture machines, athletic equipment. In a number of the isolated villages where troops are stationed the Y. M. C. A. is the only entertainment feature and the soldiers share their privileges with the civilian populations. Every border outpost is now being reached by the "Y" men, and the work will continue as long as there are soldiers to serve.

### Y. M. C. A. ENLARGES WORK IN RUSSIA

Doubles Personnel in Non-Bolshevik Sections—Large Sums Being Expended.

An urgent cable has been sent from Vladivostok to the Y. M. C. A. national war work council headquarters in New York requesting that 200,000 feet of up-to-date English comedies and dramas and an enormous repertoire of Russian titled films be rushed to that part in addition to 725 reels of committee on public information educational films.

In response to appeals made by the Omsk government and other allied authorities, the Y. M. C. A. has doubled its personnel in non-bolshevik Russia, and has enlarged the scope of its work proportionately. There are now 97 American Red Triangle workers in Siberia and 50 on the arctic front in European Russia. In addition there are more than twice this number of Russian and Czech secretaries.

The national war work council is now expending \$150,000 a month for Y. M. C. A. work among allied and American troops in Siberia, and an additional \$50,000 a month among the troops in northern Russia.

### HERCULES, HERE IS A JOB

Two classes of prophets will be disappointed by prohibition: those who expect it to deliver the world from crime, and those others who expect it to demoralize business and bring the Nation to bankruptcy. In its application, prohibition will tend to lighten the jailor's task, and will gradually lift a considerable por-

tion of humanity from the gutter; it will just as surely demand revisions of the credit system, as applied to the individual, and will ultimately have a profound bearing on the morals and physique of the race. In the light of industrial changes demanded, and a very considerable source of revenue obliterated, there is no doubt that prohibition will work a temporary hardship in some sections; and it will also necessitate a new schedule of internal revenues. But granting all this, the prophets of doom will live to laugh at their dismal croakings, for it is not written that an evil shall continue to produce evil after it has passed into oblivion.

Now that the United States is dry, agitators will be forced to assail other enemies. It is to be hoped that they will ignore minor offenders, such as tobacco, and center their attention upon drugs, the most damnable scourge of the century. The use of opium, morphine, heroin, and cocaine is increasing rapidly. The number of drug addicts in the United States, exclusive of its dependencies, is estimated at 1,500,000. The craving for drugs is due primarily to the speeding-up of national life, to over-excitement, and a desire for false stimulation, as well as to habits formed by their legitimate use as anodynes and narcotics. It is fairly certain that prohibition, which takes away a false stimulant in the shape of liquor, will foster a desire for drugs, ten times more insidious and difficult to cope with than alcohol in its concentrated form.

### COMPERE NEWS

The farmers of this vicinity are needing rain very much. The crops are holding up very well but a good rain would be highly appreciated.

The Methodist Pastor filled his appointment Sunday afternoon.

The singing at the Childers home, Sunday night, was well attended by a large crowd.

Mrs. Ashby's cousins of Denton are here on a visit.

The thresher is expected in this community this week.

The entertainment at the home of Mr and Mrs. D. W. Ashby, Tuesday night was very much enjoyed.

Those who have not been attending Sunday school have a special invitation to come and learn the officers and teachers since the new quarter has rolled around.

The women have been very busy canning vegetables and fruit the past few weeks.

Frank Windham and Norbin Palmer spent Monday night on the river.

The trustees have employed Ben Moore as principal and Miss Minnie Coats as assistant teacher for the school. We are looking forward to a prosperous school year.

The Baptist meeting will probably begin next Sunday. We hope for great meeting.

Minnie Buzbee will celebrate her birthday the 24th of this month.

**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 50c.

### Agricultural Bill Fails to Pass Over Wilson's Veto.

Washington July 14.—The house failed to pass the agricultural appropriation bill with its rider repealing the daylight saving law over the veto of President Wilson.

The vote was 247 to 135 or 23 affirmative votes less than the required two-thirds majority.

Immediately after Speaker Gillet announced the result amid the applause of supporters of the daylight saving law the bill was referred back to the agricultural committee, which will meet probably tomorrow to report the measure with the repeal rider eliminated.

Because of the house's action, the senate will not have the opportunity to attempt passage of the bill over the President's veto.

The house vote did not divide along political lines, the proponents of the repeal being those representing agricultural districts.

### Cane Syrup For Sale

We are making an exceptionally fine grade of cane syrup, which we will sell at \$1.00 a gallon at the mill, or deliver weekly at Merkel. Have our own mill. W. M. Carey, Merkel, Route 2. 17tlp.

# PAINT NOW

Paint is the cheapest commodity on the market. It serves to take care of the material already constructed. Now is a great time to do painting. Conditions are great and we have the goods.

Phone or call and see us. We will be glad to show you some nice designs.

Yours for Service

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# Farm Loans AND Farm Insurance

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

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**MARSHAL LAW AT LONGVIEW**

Longview, Texas, July 13.—Following the killing of a negro early this morning by a mob on the outskirts of the city, Longview and Gregg County were placed under martial law by Governor Hobby at the request of Mayor Bodenheim. Brig. Gen. R. H. McDill of Dallas commands the National Guard troops patrolling the town. General McDill ordered all firearms to be turned in at the courthouse, and this afternoon 1,000 weapons of various kinds were under guard. Marion Bush, negro, father-in-law of "Dr." C. P. Davis, one of the negroes first sought by the mob, was killed early this morning by a posse of white men who captured him three miles from the city. The negro fled last night after firing five shots at Sheriff S. F. Meredith and Ike Killingworth, who had gone to the negro's house to question him with regard to the whereabouts of Davis. The officers on departing advised the negro that he had better submit to being locked up in jail for his own protection. The negro agreed and asked to be allowed to blow out the light. When the lights were out, the negro opened fire on the officers.

Three hundred National Guardsmen and Rangers are guarding the city today, and the situation is quiet. Mayor Bodenheim expressed fear of recurrence of the rioting when the troops are removed.

**No Worms in a Healthy Child**

All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC 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 digest the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

Miss Annie Mae Costephens is visiting her sister Mrs. G. H. Johnson at Roscoe. She has made the second trip within a few days. It is currently reported that a party has returned from oversea duty and that is the reason for her continued interest in Roscoe. Her many friends are awaiting developments with interest.

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

**FREE PROOF TO YOU**

Not One Penny Will Rich-Tone Cost You if it doesn't prove of genuine Worth in your Case

You are to be the Judge—try this famous tonic—if it doesn't bring to you new energy a splendid appetite, restful sleep, peaceful and quiet nerves—if it doesn't destroy that tired feeling and build you up then Rich-Tone will be free to you, it will not cost you anything—NOT ONE PENNY.

YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF to try this marvelous remedy. You OWE IT TO YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS to be strong, well, happy, bright of eye, brisk of step, ruddy of cheek, able to go about your work with a smile on your lips.

On each bottle is plainly printed, "Money cheerfully refunded if not entirely satisfactory, and your own local druggist will let you try Rich-Tone on this money-back guarantee.

One user says, "I was run down after a bad case of 'flu.' Was in bed four months and under the care of five doctors had nervous prostration and could not sleep and ate very little. I got a bottle of your wonderful tonic Rich-Tone and am now eating three times a day and I sure sleep sound I can't say enough for your wonderful tonic Rich-Tone. It is worth its weight in gold. It has saved me \$50 or \$60 as I was going to Mineral Wells, but I do not need to go now—thanks to Rich-Tone."

Rich-Tone makes more red corpuscles enriching and purifying the blood. It contains all of the elements that are needed most in maintaining strength and vigor. Rich-Tone rests the tired nerves—restores appetite induces healthful sleep—it gives you all those things which mean energy and wellbeing. Get a bottle today on our money-back guarantee. Sold locally by Sanders Drug Store. 187c.

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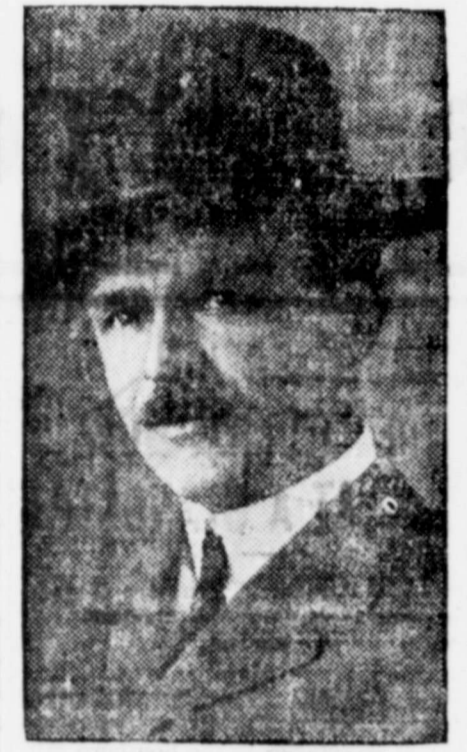
I am prepared to weigh any and all kind of grain. Will use Planters Gin scales until I get my scales in. J. M. Garrett. 273c

**NEW EXECUTIVES OF ARMY "Y" HAVE UNUSUAL CAREERS**

Charles Kurtzhals and Fred B. Appleget Known to Thousands of Soldiers—Assume Control.

Charles Kurtzhals, newly appointed executive secretary of the southern department, Army Young Men's Christian association, and Fred B. Appleget, whom Kurtzhals has selected as his associate in control of all "Y" activities in the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Arizona, which states compose the southern military department, have records of unusual and varied achievement before becoming connected with war work. Both were formerly associated together at Camp Pike, Ark.

Mr. Kurtzhals, who succeeded H. H. Simmons, prominent banker and real estate man of Hillsboro, Tex., as executive secretary, has been a missionary in British West Africa and Jamaica as well as a city Y. M. C. A.



CHARLES KURTZHALS, Newly Appointed Executive Secretary of the Southern Department, Army Y. M. C. A.

worker, while before entering war work Mr. Appleget, now associate executive secretary, was a prominent New York writer, editor, publisher and business expert. Previous to becoming associate executive secretary Mr. Kurtzhals had been in charge of Army Y. M. C. A. work in two of the largest camps of the southern department, Camp Pike, Ark., and Camp Travis, Tex.

Mr. Kurtzhals served as a "Y" secretary on the Mexican border in 1916 with American troops who were stationed in the lower Rio Grande valley from Brownsville to Fort Ringgold. On America's entrance into the



FRED B. APPELEGET, Whom Executive Secretary Kurtzhals Has Named as His Associate.

war he established the work of the Army "Y" at Camp Pike, Fort Logan H. Roots, the Remount and Ebberts field, Arkansas. In August, 1918, he was transferred from the camp secretaryship of Camp Pike to take the same position in Camp Travis, Tex., finally becoming associate executive secretary of the southern department, which place he held until his recent promotion. As foreign missionary he was located in Nigeria, British West Africa, for a year, and later he spent five years in Jamaica, West Indies. He entered city Y. M. C. A. work 15 years ago in Columbus, Ohio, later serving as general secretary at Columbus, and at Pittsburg and DuBois, Pa.

Mr. Appleget was in newspaper and magazine work in New York city for 15 years, having been editor of "Newspaperdom" and "Publisher's Guide" and a special writer for the American Telegraph and Telephone company. He entered the "Y" war work October 1, 1917, at Camp Pike, Ark., as camp educational director. He organized the first agricultural school and the largest central camp school in the southern department, the camp school registering 2,100 soldier students, and became popular as an educational and humorous lecturer at Pike. Since February, 1919, he has been connected with the department headquarters at San Antonio.

**BACK GIVES WAY**

Plenty of Merkel Readers Have This Experience

You tax the kidneys—over-work them—They can't keep up the continual strain. The back may give out—it may ache and pain. Urinary troubles may set in. Don't wait longer, take Doan's Kidney Pills

Merkel people tell you how they act. Mrs. W. G. Pylant, Merkel says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills a good many years ago. At that time I was having sharp pains in the small of my back and when I stooped over to tie my shoes the pains would catch me so I could hardly straighten up. I had bad headaches and I couldn't rest well. My kidneys didn't act right at all. I got Doan's Kidney Pills and am glad to say they soon relieved me. They corrected the kidney weakness and my back stopped hurting."

Price 60 cents at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Pylant had Foster-Milburn Co., M'grs., Buffalo N. Y.

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

**Notice of Sheriff's Sale**

The State of Texas, County of Taylor.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Taylor County, of the 17th day of June, 1919, by J. N. Routh, clerk of said court, for the sum of Thirty-one Hundred Nine & 32-100 Dollars and cost of suit, under a judgment in favor of J. M. Radford Grocery Co., in a certain cause in said court, No. 4104, and styled J. M. Radford Company vs. M. A. Pierce et al, placed in my hands for service, I, John S. Bond, as sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 7th day of July, 1919, levy on certain real estate and personal property situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot No. 3 in block No. 5 of the town of Merkel, and lots Nos. 7 and 8 in block "J" of the G. W. Boyce addition to the town of Merkel, together with all improvements thereon.

Also the following personal property:

One note for \$640.00 executed by W. E. Ray to S. J. Pierce, together with any and all renewals thereof.

One judgment in favor of S. J. Pearce and against J. D. Perkins for \$507.40, with interest thereon from June 18, 1918, at 10 per cent per annum and all costs of suit, rendered in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, in Cause No. 4332.

One Judgment in favor of S. J. Pierce and against W. J. Brown, for \$591.55 together with interest thereon from December 17, 1918 at 10 per cent per annum and all costs of suit, rendered in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, in Cause No. 4407.

One judgment in favor of S. J. Pierce and against J. M. Watson, for \$217.80 together with interest thereon from May 13, 1918 at 10 per cent per annum and all costs of suit, rendered in the Justice of the Peace Court of Precinct No. 1, Taylor County, Texas, on May 13, 1918, and levied upon as the property of S. J. and M. A. Pierce, and that on the first Tuesday in August, 1919, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door of Taylor county, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell said above described real estate and personal property at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said S. J. and M. A. Pierce, and in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 8th day of July, 1919.

John S. Bond, Sheriff Taylor County, Texas. 11-4t

**Your Bountiful Wheat Crop Causes You to think of Progress & Improvement**

You buy an automobile and it depreciates 30 per cent in value first day used. Build a house and how much depreciation have you? Why use common stuff when you can buy DeVoe's for same money?

We handle De Voe's Paint, the best on the market. Don't forget that we also carry a full line of nails, hinges and builders hardware. See our high class screen doors and screen wire. We are especially fixed on granary material. Expecting car of boisard post. Brick, Lime and Cement, Gravel and Sand Fence Posts.

Your child builds a house out of its blocks and calls it a home. Why not carry out the child's idea?

**MERKEL LUMBER CO.**  
N. D. COBB, Manager

**Grain Buyers IN MERKEL**

In order to secure to the farmers the very best prices and accommodations, we have decided to become associated in the buying of grain. A jitney has been secured and one of us will be constantly in the field, while the other one will always be on hand here.

We hope to be of service to you.

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☐ List your royalties with us. If you are in the market for royalty, call on us.

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☐ See us for land bargains. Have some nice acreage well located.

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☐ We have several attractive leases for sale at reasonable prices.

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☐ Several nice, convenient residences. See us.  
☐ Also some attractive lots.

## Those Who Desire to Sell

☐ We are selling Farms and Ranches, City Property, Leases and Royalties. Why not sell while you can. All we ask is that you make the price right and give us time for development. Our sales are still piling up. Don't fail to see us. We need listings now

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### KILL THE BLUE BUGS

And all Blood Sucking Insects by feeding Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Sanders Drug Store. 9My6m

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

### JARS—JARS—JARS

Plenty of quart and half gallon, wide mouth self sealing fruit jars at A L Jobe's Prices right. 4t2c.

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

### Mrs. Martin L. Powers Gets Croix De Guerre

Mrs. Emma Powers, formerly of Merkel now residing in Abilene has just received from the war department a French Croix de Guerre and citation awarded to her late husband Martin L. Powers, private of the 1st class, who was killed in action in France. The following is the citation issued by General Petain:

General Headquarters of the French Armies of the East staff. Personnel Bureau (decorations) Order No. 15369 "D" (extract).

With the approbation of the Commander in Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces in France the Marshal of France, Commander in Chief of the French Armies of the East cites in the Order of the Division.

First Class Private Martin L. Powers No. 1. 491,508. C H R. 142 Reg. Inf

"Near St. Etienne October 8-10 1918 in spite of enemy fire he advanced unhesitatingly capturing machine gunners taking prisoners and destroying enemy positions as he advanced. Was killed during the action"

At General Headquarters on April 4 1919 The Marshal of France Commander in Chief of the French Armies of the East. Petain

For Original Extract: The Lieutenant Colonel Chief of Personnel Bureau.

### A Fine Head Of Cabbage.

A cabbage head on display at the F. & M National Bank this week weighed 10½ pounds. It was raised by J W Teaff. It sure was a beauty. And the way that fellow Teaff raises onions would make one think he had crossed them with pumpkins. He raised somethat weighed two pounds.

A few days ago, through the Merkel Realty Company, H. L. Houghton purchased eight acres of land within the corporate limits of Merkel from Vol. Mar tin.

### You Do More Work.

You are more ambitious and you get more enjoyment out of everything when your 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 properties 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 today, and you can get it from any drug store. 60c per bottle.

### Intervention in Mexico Suggested

Paris, July 13.—Rumors reaching Paris Saturday morning regarding President Wilson's alleged statement in Washington that the United States must now intervene in the cleaning up of Mexico caused no surprise among the American commission.

Before the President left Paris, I understand, he promised Lloyd George and Clemenceau to intervene in Mexico to set up a solid government which would protect the interests of foreigners and maintain order.

This was the price of French and British direct recognition of the Monroe Doctrine and their tacit promises to keep hands off in the Western Hemisphere.

Enormous British capitalistic influences, representing concessions in Mexico, insisted that Lloyd George exact a promise from Wilson that he would establish order in Mexico and maintain it, as it was necessary for someone to do the job, and the Monroe Doctrine prohibited European powers from attempting it.

General Bliss is fully aware of the President's plans regarding

Mexican intervention, and it is reported all military plans for any campaigns of invasion have long been prepared. It is believed in diplomatic circles here that the United States should begin operations against Mexico before the League of Nations comes into active being; otherwise, Article X would technically prevent it.

This is believed to be the reason why Mexican statesmen here chief of whom is Alberto Pani, Envoyto France, are so actively

buzzing around among foreign delegates and lobbying with the French diplomats

The belief is held by the American commission that the present Mexican boundaries will be unchanged, but that efforts will be made to supplant Caranza with a more reliable chief of state and demand the country be maintained in a state of order and that existing contracts and concessions to foreigners be respected and the oil districts unmo lested.

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TRY IT TONIGHT  
Before you go to bed take one NR Tablet; simply place the tablet on your tongue and drink a full glass of water.



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You'll get up feeling brighter and better than you have for many a day. The reason—**Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets)** is different in action from pills, salts, calomel, oils and ordinary laxatives. It is milder, yet more thorough, because of its beneficial action on the digestive and eliminative organs—the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels. That is how it relieves and eliminates such troubles as Rheumatism, Indigestion and Constipation—it corrects the causes that produce the trouble.

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LET THE CHILDREN COME TO OUR COOLING FOUNTAIN AS OFTEN AS THEY WISH. THE JERSEY-RICH ICE CREAM WE WILL SERVE THEM WILL NOT ONLY PLEASE THEIR PALATES BUT BUILD UP THEIR BODIES. OUR ICE CREAMS ARE PURE AND HEALTHFUL; THEY ARE "FOODS"

COME IN YOURSELF AND TRY THE DRINKS AND ICES WE SERVE. THEN YOU WILL COME OFTEN AND BRING THE CHILDREN AND YOUR FRIENDS. UPON THE PURITY OF WHAT WE SERVE FROM OUR COOLING FOUNT YOU SAY "RELY."

**G. P. HOLLAND, DRUGS**  
Merkel, Texas



## LOCAL NEWS

Mrs H. A. Barnes writes to have the Merkel Mail changed from New Orleans to Minden. Mr Barnes recently died in the former city.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

Mrs J. S. Burkhead and family returned to their home at Eastland after a two weeks visit with her parents, Mr and Mrs. J. B. Bell.

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

Miss Charlie Belle Thomas, assistant to W. N. Wiggins, Superintendent of the Texas Sunday School Board, is spending a couple of weeks with homefolks.

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

Paul Stanford and Arthur Derrington, who have been in Crowell for some time, returned Monday.

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

Miss Aileen Haley of Carrizozo, N. M., is visiting her aunt, Mrs T. A. Johnson

We have a good house for sale cheap. It can be torn down or moved. Make fine granary or barn or addition to house. Merkel Realty Company.

Miss Ona Johnson is visiting relatives and friends in Fort Worth.

Through our advertising columns you will find appreciative merchants; merchants who keep their stock up-to date and who solicit your business with an idea to service.

Miss Lula Belle Sharp expects to leave Sunday for a visit to friends at Thurber.

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

Miss Gladys Haynes left last Saturday afternoon for Temple where she will attend a house party. From there she will go to Lampasas and Bartlett.

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

Roger F. Haynes left Thursday night for Milford to visit his sister.

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

Mr and Mrs. W. G. Leach returned Monday evening from an extended visit to Kentucky. They report a great time. Mr. Leach said there was a great deal of wheat in that country, but that Texas looked mighty good to him.

### Summer Complaint Quickly Relieved.

"About two years ago when suffering from a severe attack of summer complaint, I took Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy and it relieved me almost instantly," writes Mrs. Henry Jewett, Clark Mills, N. Y. This is an excellent remedy for colic and diarrhoea and should be kept at hand by every family.

# CLEARANCE SALE

## In Ready-to-Wear Department

If you were in our store during our sale you already know of the many bargains offered. This week we offer our entire stock of this seasons white skirts at a price that will surprise you. Come early and take your choice of any white skirt in the department. Values to \$7.50 at **\$3.95**  
A few silk skirts left, values to \$10, at **\$5.95**  
Take your choice of our entire stock of organdy waists at **\$1.98**

## EXTRA SPECIAL

Ladies knit union suits, 75c values at **59c**

Ladies knit union suits, 65c values at **49c**

## A Big Reduction on All Low Cut Shoes

### NEW PURSES

Just received newest things in leather purses and canteen bags

### NEW COLLARS

A big showing of new organdy collars trimmed with hand embroidery, filet and valencine laces.

# Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Co.

THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE

D. G. Barrow, with the Barrow Furniture Co., has just returned from Northern furniture markets. While gone he visited Ft. Smith, Ark., St. Louis, Chicago, and Grand Rapids. He reports that he bought heavy stocks for their seven stores. He says on account of the scarcity of raw material and the high price of labor the furniture factories are predicting higher prices and considers the Barrow Furniture Co fortunate in securing such quantities of goods at the present prices. Mr Barrow now has the management of the company's store at Stamford. He was in Merkel Saturday on business.

**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. 30c.

Mr and Mrs. J. E. Counts and Mrs Collier of Sweetwater visited their cousin, R. E. Counts Tuesday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Strawn visited their nephew, J. T. Darsey and family this week.

Mr George Houghton spent Wednesday in Ranger on business.

Mrs. R. E. Trevathan of Wichita Falls, and Mrs F. C. Lancaster, of Oenaville, are visiting their brother, C. T. Beckham of Trent. They, with Mr and Mrs Beckham spent Wednesday in Merkel visiting Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert.

Shorts and Bran at G. M. Sharps.

Mrs. L. B. Scott left last week for Stamford, where she will remain a few days visiting relatives. From there she will go to Arlington to visit her parents.

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

Mr and Mrs C. M. Largent and Mrs Tom Largent left Tuesday for Dallas, where they expect to remain a few days.

Car of fresh Peace Maker flour at G. M. Sharps.

Rev. and Mrs Burkett visited their son and daughter, Mr and Mrs. Lytton Howard last Tuesday

Ona Lee Jackson is spending a few weeks in Abilene with her grandparents, Mr and Mrs S. G. Houston.

Mrs P. L. McClary and children left Thursday morning for Handley to visit relatives and friends. They will be away about a month.

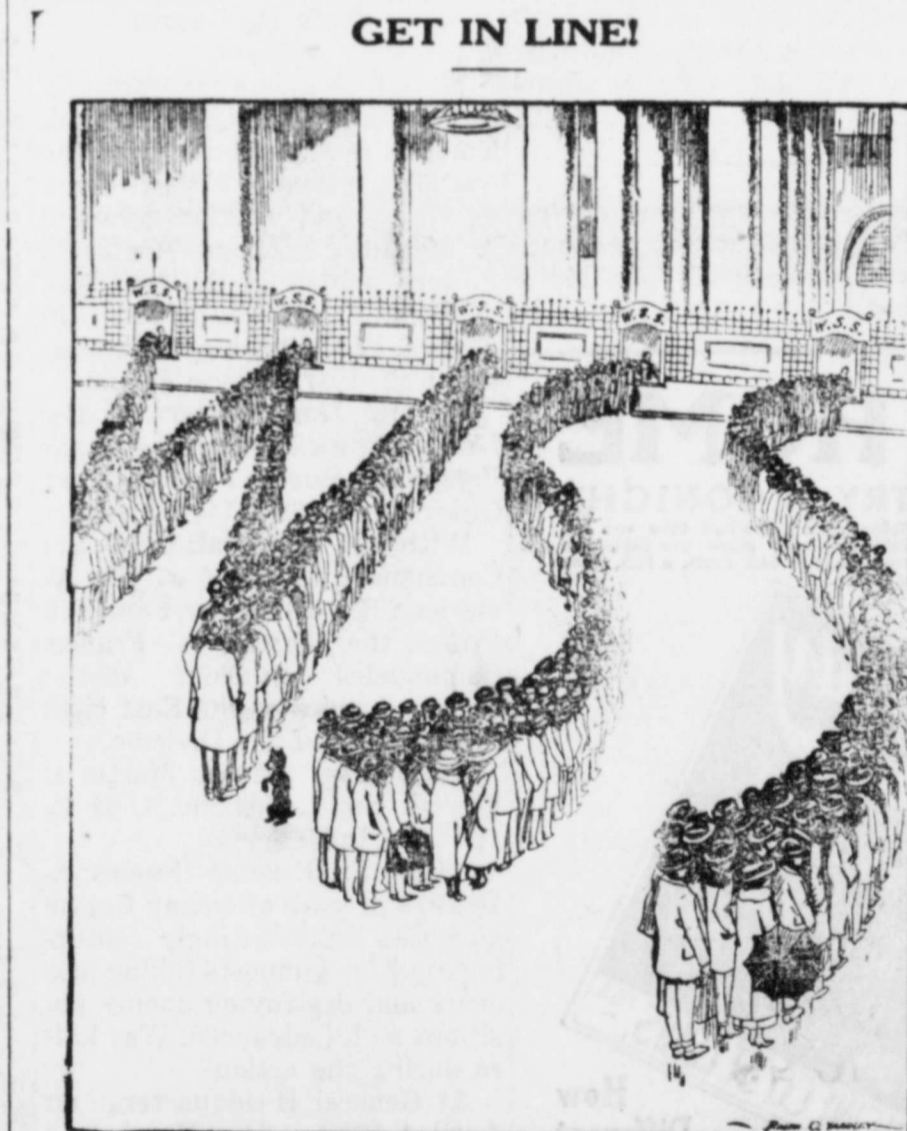
Dr A. R. Swann and sons, Alford, Hugh and Ed, of Rotan visited J. S. Swann and family Sunday. The boys returned Sunday, but Dr Swann remained over for a few days.

Mrs. Stephenson of Ft. Worth is visiting H. C., W.H. and Mrs. J. R. Barnett.

Floyd Dean left Tuesday evening for Floydada, where he expects to accept a position with a hardware store.

### NOTICE

I will be in your city July 24 to test eyes and fit glasses. Office at Boney's Drug Store. D. H. Loflin, O. P. D. 171c



Just look at them lined up! Everybody is joining a War Savings Society—that's why the lines form W. S. S. If you're not in one—get in. If there is not one handy—organize one. If you don't know how—write to Frank M. Smith, Federal District Director, Dallas, Texas, and the necessary information and blanks will be sent you by return mail.

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

A. B. Sheppard of Shep visited his cousin, Jud Sheppard, Monday.

### FARMS WANTED

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

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