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SUCCESSFUL BANQUET HELD

Large Attendance—Enthusiastic Meeting—Nearly \$1000 Raised For Advertiser's Purposes

The banquet held Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Commercial Club was a decided success. There were nearly 200 in attendance. The following program was rendered. An elaborate menu was served.

J. C. Mason, toastmaster, was admirably fitted for the position he occupied. The program started with a piano selection by Mrs. L. B. Howard. The introductory remarks of the Toastmaster was full of spice. The welcome address was delivered by E. E. Dawson:

In behalf of the city we bid you welcome. Let every guest who is here tonight know that he is welcome. Merkel is famed for its hospitality. We hope you will enjoy this occasion. The men who are responsible for this occasion know that we must have men and money to build. The idea is to plan big enterprises and execute them. If you had not come there would have been some mighty keen disappointment. Because you have come we are glad and our elation is great. H. L. Johnson, of Sioux City, responded to the address of welcome:

We certainly appreciate this display of your hospitality. This gives us honor and puts more pep into us. Only tonight as we walked out from the city and looked it over at sunset, we realized what a pretty little city you have. We have here one of the greatest possibilities that every existed. We do not think we will get oil; we know it.

The quartette, consisting of E. E. Dawson, Jim Black, L. B. Scott and J. D. Miller gave a selection, making such a hit that an encore was called for.

H. L. Houghton, of Sioux City, known as the man who puts things over, president of the Sioux City Banking & Investment Company, having extensive connections with the Sammie Oil Corporation, and having full charge of the activities of his company in this section, responded to "Our Responsibility as a City and Community in a Developing Oil Field."

Every geologist and every practical oil man who has visited this section says that it is the big field west of Ranger. It does not seem right that they could all be mistaken. What will happen when the word goes out that oil is found? They will flock here in droves. By scores and by hundreds they will come. They will sleep wherever they are able to find sleeping room. Of course that brings with it prosperity. It is just as easy to have a city of clean streets, good lights and good water. It is just as easy to have a city with all the good things as it is to have one that has not. If you will begin to think about city planning, you can get ready for the time when the oil will direct fortune hunters from everywhere. Responsibility begins today. Mr. Houghton has ready some abstracts from correspondence sent him by his associates that called forth the very best efforts. They were full fine optimism.

G. W. Gillespie, the driller at the Sears well, was to respond to "Digging for Oil." He put in a plea to be excused and won out on the ground that he could go after the oil but could make little headway talking about it.

J. T. Browning said: The game at this time doesn't need much boosting. I want to say that there are more people studying about the same thing

at this time than any crowd I have ever been among. There never was a little town under the canopy of heaven as ready to boost as this town. We almost have oil now and gas unlimited.

A. D. Boggs said: I believe when this subject was assigned to me that it was thought that I would say something bad about the parties from whom I secured leases. I am not. It was a pleasure. I want to thank every one who gave us these leases and thus who assisted us in getting them. I believe we are going to open up something that will be good for you. Geo. Houghton responded to a call from the Toastmaster:

We have in our family one speechmaker, and he is very hungry and asked me to cut my talk short. I wish to say that I am the man who tried to be here and help put it over. When I first came to Merkel I went away delighted with the people I met. With the help of you folks, and the money back of us, we mean to put it over and I believe that we will.

W. P. Mahaffey made a very snappy address, even in spite of the fact that the Toastmaster had just told a story of there being no lawyers in heaven:

I know that it is not ordinarily expected of a man in my profession to tell the truth. These fellows who have spoken, should have told the truth. They said they were scared. Why did they say that? I am going to tell the truth for one time. I am not scared, I am hungry. There is no use talking about town co-operation. Not only have these people cooperated, but they should have said that the town and country co-operation they have all helped make oil development possible. I want to see these men who have come here bring returns to these people. I want to see the day come when they may have a price on the royalty of their lands that will make them happy that they came in. I want to see a sewer system here. And when oil comes, I hope that the energy and foresight of the people will continue to "Make this a City of Clover" a fit place to live in.

T. A. Johnson said: If I say any part of what I have to say at this time I will have to talk fast and furiously. I believe there is oil here in this game, as in every other game it will require the hearty co-operation of the citizenship of this, as well as any other community. What is co-operation? It means to operate together. We do not mean by co-operation that you must ape some other man in your affairs of life. We do not want you to copy. When an enterpriser comes to this place that helps every one, then we are entitled to their co-operation and they are entitled to ours. I believe that some money spent in advertising to the outside world would be money well spent. We have the finest and best land here that can be found in the world. What we want is the fellow up yonder to find it out. We can not develop this country by ourselves. We want the fellows from other sections to come here and bring their money. There are people up there who have the money to invest. We can reach them through the newspapers and the magazines. Money spent in foreign advertising is well spent. Here Mr. Johnson proceeded to take subscriptions, and the sum of \$825 was raised in a few minutes. Other subscriptions will increase this amount.

G. W. Johnson was called upon for his dream of prosperity, and responded as follows:

I dreamed again and I saw in the fall of 1919 a bale of cotton to the acre, 30 bushels of wheat, 100 bushels of oats and an oil well on every 40 acres. I dreamed that E. Brown, the manager of the Brown Dry Goods Company, had about a dozen oil wells on his farm and had quit the dry goods business here and gone to New York and was president of one of the biggest companies there. I saw Mr. Haines, too, who had gone and bought all of Williamson County and was living in the courthouse. It was a great time when oil poured forth its wealth in the great Merkel country.

The quartette here rendered a selection, and then the pent up appetites were loosened and every one went to work with a will that made the bounteous refreshments vanish in an exceedingly short time.

It was a great gathering. Much good was accomplished. Hence—(Continued to Page Four)

A GOOD RAIN

If the seasons had been made to order they could hardly have come up to meet the needs as dame nature herself has done. Already we have had two inches of rain during March. Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night the rainfall amounted to 1 1/2 inches. It had been some time since we had had a good shower, and while the ground had plenty of moisture, yet the rain was timely. A few warm days will make the wheat grow rapidly. A bountiful harvest is almost assured. Nearly every one has his farm in fine shape, and everything is moving along on schedule time.

Furniture is different from almost anything else you buy. It has to last longer than clothing, it is seen by more people, and it can not be changed every year. We stress five features—Style, quality, workmanship, material, price. Barrow Furniture Co.

CENSUS TAKING SUNDAY

COUNCIL DELAYS LEAGUE MEETING

Paris, March 26—The meeting of the League of Nations Commission of the Peace Conference, which was fixed for 3 o'clock this afternoon, was postponed by a decision reached this morning until tonight. This action was taken to permit of an uninterrupted day sitting of President Wilson and Premiers Lloyd George, Clemenceau and Orlando, in an effort to expedite the framing of the peace treaty.

CITY ELECTION

The city election comes off next Tuesday. As yet there don't seem to be any well defined issues at stake. Two candidates for mayor are in the race, Mayor Cobb for re-election and ex Mayor Stallings. No platforms have been worked up. Whether or not others enter the race, it is the duty of the citizens to vote. Every one is urged to go to the polls next Tuesday and register his choice for the coming city officials.

SPELLING CONTEST

The inter-scholastic spelling contest comes off at the school building Friday at 2 p. m. Don't fail to be on hand. Admission price of five cents will be charged. The fund will go to prizes for the winners. Encourage the contestants by your presence. It will be highly interesting and you will enjoy it.

DINNER FOR SCHOOL BENEFIT

The Parents-Teachers Association will give a dinner at the old Commercial Club rooms Saturday. The price will be 35 cents a plate. The proceeds will be used to lay sidewalks at the school building. This is a much needed improvement and it is hoped that a large success will attend the efforts of the association.

Just received a shipment of beautiful rugs. The prices are reasonable. Come and see us. Barrow Furniture Company.

MUST FILE NAMES

All candidates in the race for Mayor or Alderman are required to file their names with G. W. Johnson, City Secretary, by noon Monday in order to secure a place on the official ballot. N. D. Cobb, Mayor.

Announce for Aldermen.

R. L. Bland and Dr. M. Armstrong announce for re-election as aldermen. They have served the city faithfully and well, but only consented to again allow their names to go before the voters at the earnest solicitation of their many friends. They stand well near the head of the lines as regards their efficiency, both being successful business men. We bespeak for them due consideration from the voters of this city.

Our business is home furnishings. We want you as a prospective customer to give us a chance to help you to properly furnish your home. Barrow Furniture Company.

A-N-N-O-U-N-C-E-M-E-N-T For Mayor

J. J. STALLINGS

N. D. COBB

For Alderman

R. L. BLAND

DR. ARMSTRONG

J. L. HARRIS

G. W. BOYCE

On account of rain the taking of the census last Sunday afternoon had to be deferred. It will be taken Sunday afternoon. Workers are urged to be present from the four churches of the city at the Methodist church at 2 o'clock. Efforts will be made to have the work completed and the number counted by five o'clock. We want a full representation from each church.

The following Sunday will be "Go to Sunday School and Stay for Church" Sunday. It is hoped that everybody in Merkel will attend his respective church that day. Full houses will be the order of the day. Everybody is urged to remain at home until the census committee makes the rounds. Much good ought to result from such a canvas, and at any rate a better acquaintanceship with the people who have recently moved here will be established.

SOVIETS' LINE CUT BY AN ATTACK

Washington, March 26—Professor Philip Brown and Capt. Nicholas Roosevelt, American members of the inter-Allied Mission in Budapest have succeeded in leaving the Hungarian capital in safety, it was announced today by the State Department.

A Resolution of Co-operation

At a recent meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association a motion was passed whereby the organization stands solidly behind Supt. R. M. Parker in his administration of the affairs of the school. The motion was made by Mrs. M. Armstrong, president of the association. They expressed their appreciation of his re-election and offered him their unanimous co-operation for the year to come. They expressed appreciation for what he had done for the good of the school.

The sand storms are over and now is the time to clean-up and paint up. We have a complete line of paints and varnishes. Barrow Furniture Company.

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP WEEK

Under the management of the local Boy Scouts Troop the week of April 7 to 12 will be observed as Annual Clean-Up Week. During that week effort will be made to get everything in the town in a sanitary condition and to get out of sight all the unsightly things. This clean-up will extend from the front sidewalk to the middle of the back alley. Every person with an atom of civic pride is appealed to co-operate. The local Boy Scouts Troop is composed of five patrols. Prizes will be offered by the local commercial organizations to these troops for the biggest pile of trash and the best cleaned section. These prizes will be worth competing for. Other prizes will be offered for individual competitors, any boy or girl under fifteen years of age being eligible.

The program for the whole week will be in next's weeks Mail Watch for the announcement.

Let every citizen who loves his town and has a regard for civic advancement fall in line and boost this worthy enterprise.

Hobby Urges Aid in Clothing Campaign

Austin, March 26—"I call upon the people of this State to render every aid to the Red Cross in the work of gathering cast-off clothing during the week of March 24 to 31," says Governor Hobby in a proclamation issued today.

We will save you money in any thing in our line. We beat all mail order houses. Barrow Furniture Company.

PROGRAM

Interscholastic League Contests In Declamation

MONDAY, MARCH 31 — 8:00 O'CLOCK P. M. At School Auditorium

Invocation Rev. E. E. Dawson

SENIOR BOYS

The Destiny of Democracy Russell Pike
The National Flag Willie Stevens
Protection of the American Citizen Doyel Garrett
Vocal Solo Mrs. Lytton Howard

JUNIOR GIRLS

The Name of Old Glory Lila Mae Simmons
The Flag of The U. S. A. Iris McClary
The Name of Old Glory Mildred Swafford
The Flag Speaks Vena May Jackson
A Twentieth Century Paul Revere Ouida Campbell
Music Male Quartette

SENIOR GIRLS

In Flanders' Fields Ruth Wells
The Greatest Mother- The Red Cross Julia McDonald
The Home And The Republic Parilee Ash
Follow The Flag Margaret Fae Allen
Quartet Mesdames, Howard, Bland, Scott and Miss Williams

JUNIOR BOYS

Why Is The U. S. At War With Germany? Lewis Giles
The American Flag Weldon Wells
America To The Rescue Ray Garrett
The American Flag Foster Watts
Music Male Quartette

PRIZES—AWARDED

Benediction Rev. W. M. Murrell
The receipts will be used for prizes to be given to the winners.

Admission 15 and 10 cents

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR SALE—Pure bred White Leghorn eggs, \$1.00 for 15. Phone 904F13. 21t4p

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

TO TRADE—Some choice lots for Ford Touring car. I. H. Yates. 28t1p

Let me do your screen work and patch that leaky roof. See John McClary Phone 9012F21. 21t8

FOR SALE—One Ford car cheap if taken soon. T. B. Kimmins. 28t1p

FOR SALE—A practically new Piano, in fine shape. Call and see Mrs. L. O. Cooper, Merkel. 1tp.

FOR RENT—I Still have two good farms for rent—C. M. Largent. 21t2c

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

FOR SALE—Well bred work stallion for sale or trade. E. Barns. 21t2p

FOR SALE—Full blood Brown Leghorn eggs for sale at \$1.00 per setting of 15; \$5.00 per 100 eggs. Test was 31 chicks out of 32 eggs. Rufus Adcock. 13t3c

FOR SALE—Piano in good shape. See Joe Owen. 21t2c

FOR SALE—Two good milk cows and young calf. J. C. Mason. 28t2p

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Broadcast binder in good shape. Bargain if taken at once.—See Guy Cade, Trent Texas. 28t3p

WANTED—Single hand to do ranch work. Good pay. Tom Largent. tf

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

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

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

We Pay The Premium

Capital and Surplus Fund
\$65,000.00

MY EXPERIENCE IN THE OIL GAME

I have traveled this Country or'e
I have traveled East and West
Put of all the places I have been
Why Merkel is the best

I was working on a well
One time on the old Sears re-
serve
We was just northwest of Mer-
kel
On the old Noodle curve

My drillers name was Bill
He was a West Virginia snake
He left his throne one morning
Just a little walk to take
He says my boy, get over here
You have got to run this mill
You had ought to be able to mix
this mud
As you are an old time Scissor
Bill

I went over to the break
My heart was all a glow
I'd scarcely let her down an inch
When the spudding line let go
I ran over to the headache post
I pulled the link on high
I telegraphed the engine
And I began to hear her die
I looked in the direction
That I had seen my driller go
For the fuzzy end of the rope
hung high
And the tools were far below

I was looking for the big hole
socket
When I heard his well known cry
As my driller came racing up the
walk
Yelling boy your Boiler's dry
I ran out to the engine
And I gave her an awful yank
She started in a furry
Which nearly broke the crank

I ran on out to the boiler
And I lifted the lower gague
While the yellow dogs lapped
their fiery tongues
To emphasize their rage
But the contractor was a dandy
He didn't get in a hurry
He belongs to the B. P. O. E.
Lodge
And his middle name was Harry

Now perhaps you wonder who I
am
And where I won my fame

I'm from the land of the Scissor
Bills
And Tom is my name
Composed by a Tool Dresser

A pain in the side or back
that catches you when you stra-
ighten up calls for a rubbing ap-
plication of Ballard's Snow Lini-
ment. It relaxes the contracted
muscles and permits ordinary
motion without suffering or in-
convenience. Sold by Sanders Drug
Store.

Soon in the angel's tender
arms, Close sheltered there from
earth's alarms, Thou wilt waken,
sweet baby mine, In thy home di-
vine. Sleep, my little one, sleep.

Folded your hands in death's
mute prayer; Never to reach in
wild despair; Hunger, anguish,
will soon be o'er; I can weep no
more: Sleep my little one sleep

Sleep my little one, sleep, Nar-
row thy bed and deep,
I, too shall soon be laid to rest,
Close by the side of baby blest;
Safe is babies earth's anguish
done, Keep thee holy one. Sleep
my little one sleep.

G C FAARIS

A Timely Suggestion

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

Wanted Your Laundry

Laundry sent off on Monday,
will be returned Wednesday and
laundry sent off Thursday will
be delivered Saturday.

I appreciate your patronage,
and will guarantee satisfaction.
W F Hamblet. 21t2c

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

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

CONDENSED STATEMENT

Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business March 4, 1919

RESOURCES

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

LIABILITIES

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

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

J D Gaither of Sweetwater was a visitor in Merkel last Friday

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

Herbert Aiken of Oklahoma City, Ok. was here the past week investigating the possibilities now opening up in this section.

Just received a car of oats, Bob Martin Grocery

Little Edith Lovejoy Meador has been right sick for a couple of weeks.

Car of corn and oats at G M Sharps

S S Harris of Fort Stockton visited friends and relatives in this city the past week. Mr. Harris formerly resided here

See Bland and Jones for Mebane cotton seed. \$2.25 per bushel 21t2c

Miss Ida Meeks has accepted a position with The Merkel Mail, and began her duties the past week.

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.

William and Allen Eason made talks to the Union Ridge School Thursday afternoon. Allen's was especially interesting, as he described his trip over sea.

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

H C Williams is confined to his bed this week. Stanly King is helping hold down the Post Office, in Mr Williams absence.

Fresh bulk peanut oil at G M Sharp's

PRACTICAL

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

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

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

The Brown D. G. Co.

LOCAL NEWS

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

Miss Elsie Sharp has accepted a position with the Merkel Dry Goods Company, taking up her duties this week.

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

Mrs Marlow, who has been visiting her children for some time, returned home a few days ago. She expects to leave again soon

See Bland and Jones for Mebane cotton seed. \$2.25 per bushel 21t2c

B. N Wheeler of McKinney is visiting his brother, Jno. H. Wheeler. He owns a farm near Noodle and thinks general prospects are good

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

A number of members of the Merkel Masonic Lodge were entertained with a banquet by the Abilene Lodge last Friday night

Maize, Feterita, Sorghum and all kind of seed at Bob Martin's Mrs L. B. Scott left Monday morning for Arlington where she will spend about a month with her parents. She was accompanied on the trip by her little son.

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

Tom Brown, formerly of Denver, Col., is now residing with his parents, Mr and Mrs E. Brown. He is an active member of the Peoples Oil Exchange and has been elected Secretary-Treasurer. He is a young man of wide experience and he is given a special reception into the life of Merkel

"Nervous Breakdown!"

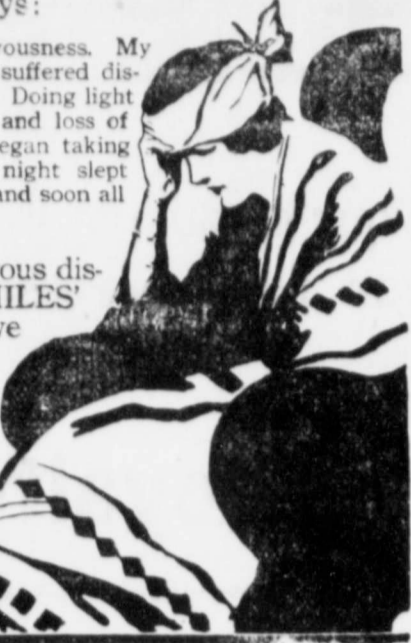
When your nerves fail your whole body suffers—headaches, stomach disorders, sleepless nights, make you miserable indeed. The experience of Mrs. H. G. Redman, of New Haven, Conn., is an example. Read what she says:

"For months I suffered from extreme nervousness. My nerves were completely unstrung and I suffered distressing pains across stomach and chest. Doing light housework left me completely fatigued, and loss of sleep made nights long and tiresome. I began taking DR. MILES' NERVINE and the first night slept soundly. I continued using the medicine and soon all the unpleasant symptoms were gone."

Thousands of sufferers from nervous disorders have found relief in DR. MILES' NERVINE. This wonderful nerve soother is non-alcoholic and contains no harmful or habit-forming drug. Your druggist can tell you of its merits and effectiveness. Keep a bottle always on hand.

SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS (24-4)

DR. MILES' NERVINE



Arlie Edker Stanford Dead

Arlie Edker Stanford, son of Mr and Mrs A Stanford of Merkel, was born May 6, 1918, and departed this life March 13th, aged 10 months and six days. During this short stay on earth, little Arlie was not only the idol of the father and mother's heart but also of grandparents and other loving relatives.

Medical skill and all that loving hands could do was unable to stay the ruthless hand of death, and at 3 o'clock, Friday 14th, the remains of the little one was tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery by the side of a baby brother, who had died a little more than two years before.

As a token of their love and sympathy for the heartbroken parents and loved ones, almost the entire community, and several of the townspeople came to pay the last tribute of respect to the little one, and try to comfort the disconsolate and bereft parents. But human sympathy can't heal the wound or bind up the broken hearts when death has done his work.

Amid all of our sorrows we can raise our eyes above the dark cloud of bereavement, and hear the voice of him, that could calm the troubled sea, and hear Him say suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven.

While papa and mamma can see his face no more, yet that memorable pronunciation that has ever thrilled the hearts of sorrowing ones, is heard again, saying, "I am the resurrection and the life". As we weep we weep not as those that have no hope, believing that, yea knowing that he is safe in the arms of Jesus.

May our blessed Savior, who does all things well, help us to stand upon his promise, that all things work together for good, to those who love him and who are called according to his promises.

Sleep my little one, sleep. Narrow thy bed and deep. Hunger, nor thirst, nor cruel pain, Ever can hurt my babe again; I, thy mother, will ben and sing, Watch thee slumbering. Sleep, my little one, sleep.

IN BUSINESS AGAIN

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

Come to see me.

W P Duckett 28t5c

SPRING CLOTHES

"Morning", Tom."

"Morin", Sam"

"Where you wuz last Sunday? Didn't see anything of you at the church, neither mornin' nor evenin'. Ain't got sick folks is you?"

"No, Sam, my folks ain't sick, but I just didn't go to church."

"Well, I guess you had some excuse, didn't you, Tom?"

"Yes, I reckon so, Sam."

"Well, out with it, man"

"Truth is Sam, I ain't got the clothes to wear to church that I think a man oughta have"

"How's that, Tom? I see you tendin' to business every day and goin' to the lodge reg'lar. Seems to me, Tom, that clothes that's good enough to get on the streets with and do business in and go to other meetin's in is good enough to go to church in. Sure that ain't just an excuse, Tom?"

"No, Sam, I just can't feel right goin' to church with these duds on. Other folks put on better on Sunday and I don't like to look shabby"

"I see, Tom, It's a case of pride, ain't it, Tom? Now honest injun, ain't it?"

"No, Sam, it ain't pride, I guess I just as well tell you the naked truth, Sam Seems like you just won't take nothin' else. It's because I just got out of the habit of goin' and had rather potter around on the streets and talk about the oil business and the league of nations and read the want ads than to go to church. Truth is, Sam, I need revivin' down in my old mean heart. Honest confession is good for the soul It's just that way, Sam. But I'm goin' to do better, rags or what not, I'm goin' to church next Sunday for the good of my soul, Sam. So help me God, I am, Sam."

Notice

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

Ask Your Dealer
Remington UMC
Grand Prize Modern
Firearms & Ammunition
Write for Catalogue
THE REMINGTON ARMS U.M.C. CO. INC.
HARTFORD, CT. U.S.A.

PENIAL NEWS

Springtime, how great! The grass is coming up and wild flowers are peeping from among the weeds, while nature seems to be boasting herself of the ability to surpass the touch of the artist's brush. Surely each of us enjoy a pretty sunny day at this time of the year; although we may become victims of the spring-fever before summer appears. Even now I feel that she has a touch of that dreaded malady.

The rainy season seems to be over and Hunt county farmers are busy planting corn and preparing the land for cotton. Neither are the house-wives idle. They are working in the garden and as one goes by he will see a number of vegetables already up. The hoe and rake will be very useful instruments within a very few days.

The health of our community is very good with the exception of slight colds, which are results of the sudden change in the atmosphere. We have just had a cool breezy day which reminds



HELLO, BOYS!

Like every other American you are glad to see the young fellow who is just back from France. You are just as glad to see the disappointed youngster who got no farther than the training camp. Both represent our fighting force to you. That one failed to reach France doesn't lessen the warmth of your handclasp one whit. Nor the sincerity of your welcome. That was the fortunes of war. It's the willingness to fight that counts.

And you are just as proud of what the army did over there. You like to think of Chateau Thierry, Verdun, Belleau wood, the Argonne forest and all other places where the Yanks clashed with the Hun as samples of American pluck.

Nor has it all lessened your conviction that America is the greatest land under the sun. Breeds the gamest fighters; the most loyal citizens; the truest lovers and real appreciators of liberty.

Live up to your boast. Lend like a man to the Victory Liberty Loan.



DON'T TIE HIS HANDS

If any foreigner was to step up to you and declare that Uncle Sam wasn't sincere, didn't live up to his obligations, failed to make good his promises, you would probably try to knock his block off.

Uncle Sam is sincere, is honorable, tries always to make good, backs up to the letter his ideals and endeavors to attain his ambitions.

And when he fails anywhere along the line it's the folks at home who do not toe the line of duty. Who tie his hands.

Right now Uncle Sam is asking you to help him meet the greatest obligation he has ever faced.

The task of finishing this war job rightly.

He asks it in his name, in the name of every khaki clad soldier in the land.

In the name of every one of those 70,000 boys who never came back!

And the size of your bond measures the depth of your gratitude for all they have saved to you.

BUY YOUR SHARE

The Victory Liberty Loan will yield the funds that are needed to complete the war task of the nation.

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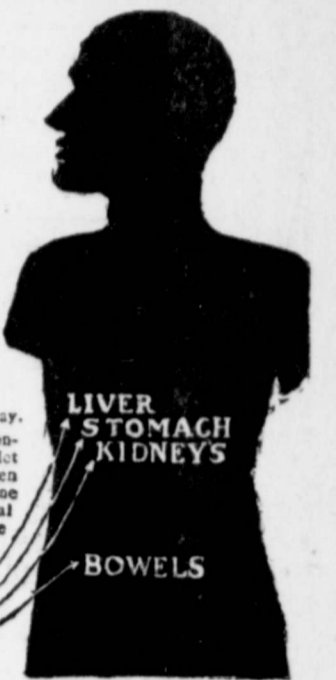
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FIGHTING IT OUT

(By Quanticus)

She was in her later adolescence, pretty of face and figure, and somewhat conscious of it, and frequently reminded of it by a certain young man who paid his attentions to her. The family of which she came was of the best in the community. Earnest-minded parents had done their best for her in the way of advantages, though their moderate means made it impossible to give her all that their hearts desired.

She grew restless and desirous of change. High school was irksome. Her grade fell off. She made frequent frantic resolutions to improve them, but the old restlessness overcame her resolutions and her grades were not improved. To keep from being chided by her parents she kept the school reports from them. And she even went so far as to tell them that reports had not been given her of late.

Finally patience seemed to cease to be virtue with the teacher and she was severely rebuked. The parents reached the end of their threadbare patience and likewise rebuked her for her waywardness. Her restlessness and inmodest actions brought rebuke from a speaker at a meeting that she attended.

It looked like the whole world was caving in and everything going dead wrong. In that worst moment she resolved that she would just break loose from the restraints of school and home and church and give vent to all her pent up feelings; in fact, just be a tough. It was the easiest thing to do.

It was late afternoon. She was returning from town where her resolve had been carried out in part, for she had loafed the streets, jesting with the boys that crowded round her when they saw her wayward determination. Tristram, her old-time chum, was in the front yard of

the Vincent home as she passed. She would stop a moment and chat with Tristram. As she leaned over the fence and Tristram started toward her, she heard the gentle voice of Mrs. Vincent, in that rising inflection that mothers are accustomed to use when they want to call their girls away from someone or something that they do not think quiet proper. She understood, and so did Tristram, and Tristram obediently went back to the porch. She went on, almost stunned, for it was easy to see what Mrs. Vincent meant; she did not want her girl contaminated by the girl that had decided to turn tough.

She ate no supper that night, and early went to bed. In the dark she fought the bitter battle all over again, and finally with a fervent prayer said in her soul, "If that's what it means for me to be tough, I'll never be. If it means to cut me off from the best of this town, the price is too large I'll go back to school and do right, and be modest. Yes—"

A week later when she passed Tristram's house, Mrs Vincent motioned to her, and when she was near enough said, "Come in dear. Tristram and I were hungry to see you," and gave her a motherly kiss.

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

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Merkel "Getting Busy"

Merkel is "getting busy" and getting into the game in earnest. At a big banquet held in that city Tuesday night \$1000 was raised for advertising the advantages offered by the "city of clay". Merkel is one of the best towns in West Texas, and with the oil development that is going on near that place, five tests being put down, and the prospects for good crops, Merkel is going to be back in form in great shape before the good year 1919 has become history. We congratulate the people of Merkel on the progress they are making towards improvement.—Abilene Reporter

The above remarks of the Abilene Reporter are highly complimentary to Merkel, and we do not feel that they are overdrawn in the least. Merkel can come back, in fact is coming back. With oil activity all around and promise of good crops, we doubt if the old town can contain itself when it gets all rigged out in its new garb of prosperity.

PICKING COTTON TO PAY FRANCE

The following article is by E. G. Senter, Staff Correspondent, Washington, D. C., in Farm and Ranch:

The first fruits of the new "internationalism" are on the table, and the producers of cotton are invited to sample them.

Here they are, as reported by a daily newspaper which approves the Baruch program:

"The president informed the members of Congress that the agreement between this country and the allied governments calls for a continuation of the present existing restrictions in cotton shipments."

The occasion for this disclosure was the presentation of a petition to the president, signed by every senator and every congressman from the cotton states except John Sharp Williams, senator from Mississippi, who is the chief spokesman in the Senate for the policies that he is asking that he should direct that all embargoes on cotton be immediately lifted. This petition was submitted immediately after the return of the president from Europe. It set out in detail, and with accuracy, the hardships and losses imposed upon the cotton states by the cotton embargoes; that cotton is selling in many localities below the present cost of production; that in many instances bankers and merchants have made advances upon cotton beyond the present market price that present conditions are such as to threaten serious financial loss to business interests as well as to the producers in the cotton states; that the War Trade Board is seriously interfering with the export of cotton by restricting license for shipment to countries not contiguous to Germany and Austria, and from which countries cotton could not have reached either of the enemy countries. The petition closed with an appeal to the president "to take cotton off the embargo list and permit it normally to be sold, and shipped where the purchasers are willing to buy."

This appeal was not only denied, but the astounding announcement was made that the future destiny of the cotton producing states of America is to be decided by the Peace Conference now sitting in Paris. This is the plain and literal declaration that comes from Washington.

"France furnishes the keynote of this perplexing problem. She is bitterly opposed to the sending of cotton into Germany on the ground that the enemy country with which peace terms have not yet been concluded is in a position to take an economic advantage of France. Germany can begin the spinning of cotton tomorrow France can not. That explains the whole situation as it is presented to the president. In his task of bringing about an understanding that will align the allies and all the civilized nations into an organization banded together to preserve peace and make future wars impossible. President Wilson is compelled to listen to the argument of France. It is a larger question than the temporarily financial advantage of the cotton producers, however much the farmers of the South may feel that their interests are being neglected by the president."

There you are, without any circumlocution or exasation. The producers of cotton are expected to stand aside and take the results of this policy uncomplainingly until France shall give the word for their relief.

In the mean time food supplies furnished by the American packers are going into Germany,—but that's different, and here is the explanation:

"France is again the controlling factor. He is not opposing that step for the reason that food supplies, especially the pork shipments which the advocates of the removal of the cotton embargo are citing, do not enter into the economic phase of the question. That does not mean a commercial advantage secured by Germany while crippled France is seeking to rebuild her war-wrecked factories."

This statement of his position on the subject of the continuance of the embargoes was followed by announcements through friendly newspaper correspondence that:

"President Wilson will not hesitate to veto any legislation which seeks to make immediately effective the lifting of the embargo on cotton."

CHURCH NEWS

At The Baptist Church
We thank the Lord for the gracious rain! It cut our crowd some last Sunday, but not a word of complaint was uttered. It is too good in this country to get rain.

In spite of the decrease of the crowds, the Sunday school offering went up to \$31.66. That's the best that our Sunday school has ever done. Every penny of our collections is divided between all the expenses that the church has. If a child gives a penny it helps to pay the pastor, janitor, the fuel bill, for the literature, the lights, the insurance; every expense that the church has. Everybody is in love with the system because it allows everybody to be a sharer in everything the church does. All are partners in the business.

The services next Sunday will be at the regular hours. The change of time will not affect our schedule Sunday school at ten with the preaching closing at 12. The Juniors at 2:30 and Sunbeams at the same hour. The B. Y. P. U. at 3:30. The evening worship at eight.

Everybody invited to all our services.

E. E. Dawson Pastor
Walter Jackson, Supt.

B. Y. P. U. Program March 30th
Subject, Matthew T. Yates.
Scripture, Jonah 3: 1-9

Conversion and Call to Missions, Willie Swann.

Beginning Work in China, Pearl Thornton.

Special Music, Misses Sharp and Campbell.

Bad Eyes, Ruth Holloway.

War Interrupts Work, Maurine Cobb.

Back At Work in China, Frank Counts.

Piano Duett, Misses Julia McDonald and Annie Mae Costephens.

His Voice Fails, Wallace Bragg.

The Fatal Abscess, Julia McDonald.

The Last Years, Margaret Bridgman.

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Methodist Church Notice
Will you kindly announce that Dr Hendrix will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday morning. No services at night, Sunday School and prayer meeting at the usual hours. I will be in Tenn., about ten days. You may also say there will be no preaching at the Methodist church the first Sunday in April as I go to Clyde to preach the Commencement sermon for the Clyde High School on that day.
W. M. Murrell, Pastor.

PROVED SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY

Voluntary Basis of Food Saving
Showed Heart of America
Beat True for Freedom.

To the voluntary service and sacrifice of the American people must be attributed the continued health, strength and morale of the Allied armies and the civil populace.

Upon this spirit of service and sacrifice will depend Europe's fate in the months to come. In the past year we have carried out an export program, the magnitude of which is almost beyond comprehension. But with the liberation of nations freed from German oppression, our exports must be almost doubled. Instead of 11,820,000 tons, we must ship twenty million tons of food to Europe in the coming year—as much as can be pushed through our ports.

If the Allies had not been fed by America, it would have been impossible for them to maintain their defense against Germany.

Meeting this world need on a purely voluntary basis, the American people have conclusively proved that democracy is a success and that in time of need it will rise to its own defense.

If there were no other accomplishment to its credit the very fact that it has shown the strength of democracy has in itself more than justified the existence of the Food Administration in the eyes of the world.

Less than four months after the United States declared war the United States Food Administrator expressed his determination to meet America's food problem on a basis of voluntary action and reiterated his confidence that awakened democracy would prove irresistible.

"Many thinking Americans," said Mr. Hoover, "and the whole world have been watching anxiously the last four months in the fear that democratic America could not organize to meet autocratic Germany. Germany has been confident that it could not be done. Contrary proof is immediately at our door, and our people have already demonstrated their ability to mobilize, organize, endure and prepare voluntarily and efficiently in many directions and upon the mere word of inspiration aside from the remarkable assemblage of our Army and finances."

The history of the Food Administration has clearly shown that the trust of those who put their faith in democracy has not been misplaced.

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. 90c per bottle.

Exchange In Full Swing

The Peoples Exchange has perfected organization with J T Browning, Pres., T Wagley Brown, Sec. Treas., Warren C. Smith, 1st V. Pres., J L Browning, 2nd V. Pres. The officials have their quarters fitted up splendidly. They are rustlers and expect to do a good business. The President has resided in Merkel for years and is an experienced business man. Dr Smith comes from the oil field and has the experiences along that line. Mr Brown, son of Mr and Mrs. E N Brown of this city is also an experienced business man, having worked along similar lines in the Oklahoma fields. Young Smith and Browning are full of high purpose and ambition.

Several offices have been rented in the exchange, Mayor Cobb occupies a nicely furnished office in the front of the building. Dr Smith will engage in medical practice and has nicely arranged quarters in the exchange. P L McClary and Ben F Cox have taken office space they say they are going to work, but they have got to prove it to us.

Pat Jones also has an office headquarters for his service car. Employed by the exchange are Mrs Clarence Melton, Misses Margaret Bagguley and Minnie Ferguson. The young ladies are all home girls, capable and efficient.

Exchange Moves to Bigger Quarters

The Merkel Oil and Land Exchange has moved from the old Commercial Club rooms, opposite the post office, to the Beasley building. The wall contains a magnificent board, one that will take an enormous amount of activity. Jim Black, manager, is a hustler, with broad acquaintance, and we freely predict no small amount of success.

The exchange is a private concern, consisting of about sixteen representative business men of Merkel. Other assistance will be obtained as needed.

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

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine". E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 90c per bottle.

HOW THE S. A. SERVES THE BOYS

MOTHERS AND SISTERS PROXY IN BRINGING HOME TO THE FIGHTING FRONT.

Doughnuts and coffee will remain always as the popular idea of what the work of the Salvation Army abroad is, but its field of endeavor is far more extended and the following outlines will present a few other phases not so generally known:

Cash Pay Checks and Loan Money To the Boys

The Salvation Army workers cash the boys' pay checks without question and during April in a certain division the workers sent home over \$20,000 for the soldiers. They also take care of the lads' keepsakes when the order comes to go "over the top" and in every hutment are barrels or boxes of those intimate treasures the lads want sent home, should they be compelled to make the "great sacrifice" and "go west."

Lassies Nurse the Wounded

These sweet and pure girls go from hospital to hospital and from ward to ward talking to the boys, always carrying them fruit and candy and filling any request that a wounded soldier may make, no matter how extraordinary it may seem. They jot down in a note book a memo of any article desired and that very day make every effort to get it. Hours have been spent trying to buy a particular brand of tooth paste for a lad whose nerves were torn to shreds by shell shock. In fact they seek to give the same wondrous service that the mothers of these boys would give if they were over in France.

Mend Clothes, Darn Socks, Knit and Sew

If a boy's uniform has become tattered and torn, if his socks are full of holes and he can't get a new pair immediately, if his shirt has rips and his trousers rents he can always get first class tailoring done at a Salvation Army hutment. This is emergency work and the boys surely do appreciate it.

Meetings in Hutments—All Welcome.

When the boys are resting in the rear lines the doors of the hutments are open to all and meetings are held that attract crowded houses. Old songs and hymns are sung, a religious talk is given and prayers are said. There is real religion in the army overseas and the boys realize that they can get very close to the Savior in the hospitable halls of the Salvation Army. All gatherings are non-sectarian and there is no attempt made to force attendance.

Ambulance Work Develops

When the Salvation Army first reached France there was tremendous need for ambulances, the number in operation being unable to transfer the wounded to hospitals and hospital ships. An ambulance corps was organized, equipped, manned and placed under the control of the Red Cross. Fifty-seven of these ambulances are now in operation and hundreds of thousands of wounded boys have been carried off the battlefield since the beginning of the war. The Salvation Army Ambulance unit was decorated by the head of the British Red Cross to be among the most efficient in the service.

Army Chaplains of the Salvation Army

General Pershing believes that the morals of his men are of the greatest importance and has appointed a larger and more effective corps of chaplains than any other commanding officer in history. One of the most popular of these ministers of God is Major John E. Atkins, assigned to the battalion of which Archie Roosevelt is Lieutenant Colonel.

Winnie Tucker Dead

Winnie Tucker, aged about 10 years, died about seven o'clock, Wednesday evening. The little girl had suffered agony for quite a number of days. Funeral was held Thursday afternoon at the Methodist church at 3:30 o'clock. Another member of this stricken family is called to that heavenly home. This is the fourth death in about as many weeks. And another child is very low.

We stand numbed before the edict of the creator of the universe. Our understanding is blank. Few indeed are the instances when men's faith are tried as is the faith of Mr. Tucker. Nothing except faith in the justness of an all-wise creator could enable him and the surviving members of his family to stand the strain. Faith tells us that they are better off on the others side, but the multiplied partings is a burden heavy to bear.

In the hours of great sorrow of this afflicted family, it would not be amiss for every soul whose hopes rests securely upon the future to utter a prayer in behalf of the sorrowing family and friends.

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Merkel Oil & Land Exchange

JIM BLACK
Manager

In old Anchor Mercantile Co. Building

Butman Baby Dead

The three week old baby of Mr and Mrs Lewis Butman died Wednesday night. The cause of death was pneumonia. This is their only child and the death of the little one is a blow to the parents. Burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery, Thursday afternoon.

The little fellow was snatched away from the activities of life, only a baby, they may say, but in the precious bundle of flesh was entangled the heartstrings of a devoted mother and the devotion of a proud father. Hearts are bleeding today because the little one is removed from earth's habitat, but there is rejoicing because of its entrance into a better world.

Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved ones.

MY JACK—Will make the season this year 5 miles southeast of Merkel. He is as good as money can buy. Insurance—G. H. Tucker 28t2p

Z R Martin called and placed three subscriptions with the Merkel Mail this week.

J. M C Cauthen Writes

Editor Merkel Mail:—Please find enclosed check for which send me the Merkel Mail.

Jewell and I are fine and having a great time. We have been having some dandy sunshine, except for the past three days. Last Friday we had a little hail storm and since about three inches of rain has fallen.

Tell every one hello for us and that we will pay the city of Merkel a visit some of these days, if we live long enough.

Best regards to the Mail and all our old friends

Yours truly
J Mose C. Cauthen

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Mrs C Zeno Holt of Clayton N M. will make her home in Merkel and will room with Mrs Robt Grimes at Mrs Emry McDonlads.

L. Sparkman was a visitor in Merkel Wednesday.

A MERCHANT'S DREAM

Last evening I was talking with a merchant aged and gray. When he told me of a vision that he had one day

While snoozing in his office. This vision came to view, For he saw an angel enter, Dressed in garments new

Said the Angel, 'I'm from Heaven;

The Lord just sent me down To bring you up to Glory And put on you a crown.

You've been a friend to every one And worked hard night and day;

You've supported many thousands And from few received your pay

So we want you up in Glory For you have labored hard And the good Lord is preparing Fou your eternal reward.

I've a place I wish to show you; It's the hottest place in Hell, Where the ones who never paid you In torment forever dwell."

Said the Angel: Come on Man

There are Pearly Gates to see But the merchant only muttered This is Heaven enough for me

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SEVENTY CHILDREN KILLED WHEN CROWD STAMPED

EDLS
Berlin, March 26 —Sventy children are dead and twenty injured seriously as a result of a stampede during the juvenile entertainment at Geeiwitz, Silesia today. The children rushed toward the exit when someone raised the cry of fire.

Mrs. Robt I Grimes has come to make her home in Merkel and will have rooms with Mrs. Emry McDonald.

Mrs Rush Buford has returned to her home north of town after a few days visit with relatives in town

I guarantee my work. Mrs. C L Cash

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Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1918. A. W. GLEASON.
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COMPERE NEWS

The farmers are rejoicing over the nice rain that fell Saturday night.

The grain crops are looking good in this vicinity.

Beulah Henry came home from Ranger last Wednesday, but returned this week.

Mrs. Foster had a message from her son, Henry, stating he had arrived in New York.

There was no Sunday School last Sunday, or day school Monday on account of the rain.

We are sorry to report Ethel Henry on the sick list this week.

School will be out Friday and the School Picnic will take place Monday. Every one is cordially invited to come and bring lunch.

Ed Turner believes prosperity is at hand. He has painted up the front to his place of business and it sure looks good.

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

Mrs J. S Blair has returned to Merkel where she will again make her home.

M B. Bell and family moved to Route 2, Trent, where Mr Bell is making a crop. Mr Bell thinks the prospects were never better for a good crop.

Robin Red Breast meal at Bob Martin's

SUCCESSFUL BANQUET HELD

(Continued from page one)
forth, if oil does come our way Merkel will become a city in a short time. Let us hope for the best and all push together.

Any other party wishing to donate to the advertising fund are requested to leave his name with T. A. Johnson or R. O. Anderson.

The committee having the expenditure of the funds in hand is composed of the following:

T. G. Bragg, president, R. O. Boney, vice president, R. O. Anderson, T. A. Johnson, J. T. Warren, John Sears, R. L. Bland, W. A. McSpadden, Walter Jackson, E. Q. Warren, E. L. Rogers and H. C. West.

COMMERCIAL CLUB BANQUET

MERKEL, TEXAS, MARCH 25, 1919

Programme

Toastmaster.....J. C. Mason
Welcome Address.....E. E. Dawson
Response.....H. L. Johnson
Quartette,
Our Responsibility as a City and Community in a Developing Oil Field.....H. L. Houghton
Digging for Oil.....Glenn Gillespie
Quartette.

SHORT TALKS

The Joy of Leasing Land.....A. D. Boggs
Putting it Over.....Geo. Houghton
Town Co-operation.....W. P. Mahaffey
Boosting the Game.....J. T. Browning
Advertising the Merkel Country.....T. A. Johnson
Quartette.

Menu

Le Poulet.....Lease
Le Poulet Creme.....Record
Le Potage Consomme.....Derrick
Le Sandwich Legume.....Spud In
Salade Russe.....Lost Tools
Les Olives.....Fishing Job
Le Celeri.....Oil Sand
La Laitue.....Gusher
La Tourtiere Baie.....Pipe Line
Les Fruits.....Dividends
Le Cafe.....Millionaire
La Lait.....Easy Street



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Teachers Entertained Ball Team
Misses Ruby Campbell and Emma Houston, teachers of the Fourth and Fifth grades of the public school, entertained the Intermediate ball team at the home of Miss Campbell last Saturday evening. Various games were played. A number of musical selections added much to the program of the evening. After quite a while of entertainment, the children were given a surprise, when the teachers brought them to town and served them with ice cream and cake. Previous arrangements were made at one of the drug stores, and the tables were beautifully decorated with violets and pansies. Those fortunate enough to be present were:

Misses Bell McDonald, Melba West, Cogie Dawson, Myrtle McDonald, Loeol Merritt and Dorris Pike, and Messrs Hartson Fillmore, Jerome and Floyd Hutcheson, Claude Dye, Buford Smith and Ray Garrett. It is not to be inferred that the young ladies were members of the ball team; they were just friends of the young men. It was a great time and a great experience.

Wanted Your Laundry

Laundry sent off on Monday, will be returned Wednesday and laundry sent off Thursday will be delivered Saturday.

I appreciate your patronage, and will guarantee satisfaction. Office at City Barber Shop—W F Hamblet 21t3c

It will do you good to see the spring patterns of wall papers. They are the best ever. Barrow Furniture Company.

FIRST TO SERVE LAST TO ASK

SALVATION ARMY WAS THE FIRST AMERICAN ARMY TO LAND IN FRANCE.

Ten days after Germany started on its ruthless march through peace loving Belgium, British troops were in the field and with them went the advance guard of the Salvation Army, a small force of only fourteen men and women. They landed in France on August 14, 1918, just as the big Krupp guns began to pound the fortress of Liege.

One afternoon a column of Tommies, tired and parched from the hot summer sun were ordered to march along a French road near the coast. Some of the boys were limping. Here and there was seen a bandaged head or arm in splints. The small village through which they were tramping seemed deserted until suddenly a girl in quiet uniform of blue, rushed into the road. "Sergeant, Sergeant," she called, "we have hot tea and biscuits and some fresh bandages. Bring in your men."

"By'rme, boys," shouted the sergeant, startled out of his weariness, "Here's the Salvation Army on the job and some 'ot tea. Fall out."

In this unconventional manner the British branch started its work, with trained women in the field, took its position in the front line trenches and by common consent, based on the demands of the men and later ratified by official action, it has been there ever since.

The American Branch moved as quickly as did that of Great Britain for during the week that President Wilson officially declared our nation was in a state of war with Germany, Commander Evangeline Booth, as leader of The Salvation Army in the United States, proffered to the government the total force and equipment of her organization. The President accepted and gave formal recognition to her plan.

Before the first expeditionary force had landed "over there" Commander Evangeline Booth had dispatched Lieut. Col. W. S. Barker of New York, to France to look over the ground and arrange for the work.

Within a few days he reported and a number of officers, all experts, were sent across to assist him. A number of women were appointed. It was an innovation and on account of the dangers and privations facing them, an effort was made to dissuade Commander Booth from sending them but her wisdom in refusing to change her plans has been abundantly proved by the effectiveness of their work.

First to Serve—Last to Ask

The Salvation Army is not a large organization compared to some of the other relief associations but it is composed of trained men and women. It is a mobile body so formed that it can turn its full strength into any movement within a few hours. It is an army always under orders, used to discipline, hardship and privations, actuated by the highest principles and ready to go to the ends of the earth at a moment's notice.

This made it exceptionally valuable to the military forces of the Allied Nations and enabled it to be "The First to Serve."

There was no time to wait for finances to be raised from a public appeal so funds were borrowed in America, London and Paris and the work of building huts, opening canteens, equipping and sending workers and securing auto trucks and canteen supplies went forward immediately.

The financial problem was an incubus. The constantly growing expenditures soon forced it to make a public appeal for aid, but it was the last to do so.

NOODLE NOTES

The nice rain which fell the latter part of last week and the first of this, makes the farmers smile. They will be planting the crops soon.

Mrs. Bula Jones Eason, who has been at Bailey with her parents, Mr and Mrs. J. E. Jones, returned to join her husband, Henry Eason, who has received his discharge from service.

L. T. Goode is visiting home folks a few days, after which he will return to Ranger.

Allen Eason gave a very interesting talk at the School last Thursday evening, about his experiences in France.

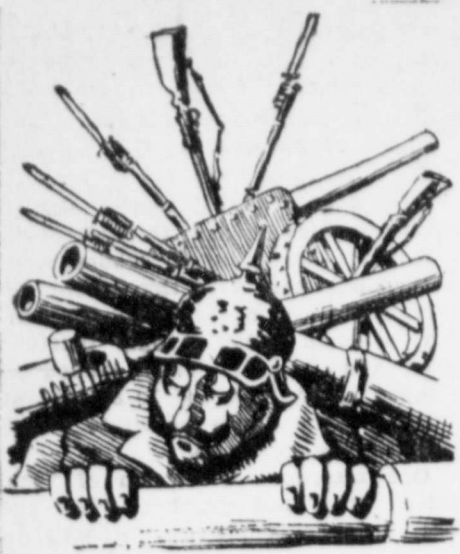
Goodman played Noodle in a ball game Friday, which resulted in 38 to 15 in favor of Noodle.

Merkel's Junior Spellers met with the Noodle Juniors last Friday afternoon and spelled. Merkel won by two.

Mr and Mrs Clarence Monroe spent Sunday with Mrs R W Green.

Mrs E T Newsom is spending the week end with her daughter, Mrs W. K Horn.

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.



THE KAISER CRUSHED

And Uncle Sam in making it possible assumed a debt that is great beyond the average comprehension. A debt that runs into many thousands of millions of dollars. A debt that was unavoidable, yet the taking over of which put a quick end to the war.

Uncle Sam prepared beyond all precedent for this year's fighting. A tank for every seventy-five feet of the firing line. Gas shells at the rate of ten thousand for every one Germany had produced. Airplanes in droves. Guns, by thousands. Munitions of all kinds upon a scale heretofore unheard of.

He had obligated himself in advance of the collection of the money to pay for all this.

AND ONCE THE GERMANS KNEW WHAT HE HAD IN STORE THEY QUIT COLD.

IT'S TO PAY THESE DEBTS THAT THE VICTORY LIBERTY LOAN IS TO BE OFFERED.

TO PAY THE PRICE OF THE UNSHED BLOOD OF 500,000 AMERICAN BOYS.

AFTER THE FIRE

When your neighbor yells "fire!" in the middle of the night you dash out of bed and without regard to your powers of endurance work to put out the blaze. You offer everything you have in the way of assistance while the flames eat their way through your neighbor's property. You act on a natural impulse to give all that is in you while the excitement is at its height.

But when the fire is out and there remain only smoking embers; when the crowd has gone, how many of those helpful neighbors will offer shelter, protection and the opportunity to get another home to the unfortunate family?

It doesn't take much of a patriot to offer help when the fire is raging, but it takes a pretty good sport to stand by and finish the job when the excitement is all over.

There will be little background of bloodshed, shot and shell, wounded soldiers and heroism in the appeal of the Victory Liberty Loan. That, like the fire, is over. It is now a question of finishing the job, paying the bills and putting things on an even a better basis than when the alarm was sounded.

What kind of a neighbor are you?

Victory Loan Reasons

Every crippled American soldier will have a chance to fit himself for some line of work. When he leaves the hospital he can enter a school established by the Government for disabled soldiers.

That's how Uncle Sam will show his gratitude to the men who fought for him.

Just another reason for the Victory Liberty Loan.

Why the Victory Loan is Necessary

The Government spent all of the Fourth Liberty Loan money about two months ago and has been borrowing from the banks ever since. This money must be paid back. That's why!

For The Clean-Up Week

- ☛ Don't forget that our paints are the very best.
- ☛ Remember, too, that our Stains, Varnishes and Oils are high grade.
- ☛ Nails and a complete line of builders hardware at your service.

- ☛ The spirit of spring calls on every one to "Brighten Up" things about them.
- ☛ Come and borrow our book on modern bungalow plans. Any plan you may select we can furnish blue prints, ground floor plans, etc.

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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.

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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. Veste, 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

Thomas Richard Bankhead Dead
Thomas Richard Bankhead, who has lived in and near Merkel since 1905 until his death on March 24, 1919. He was born in Mississippi on July 31, 1850, hence was 68 years 7 months and 23 days old.

Bro Bankhead was a hard working and honest citizen, a conscientious believer in Jesus the Christ, and consequently an exemplary husband and father, as tested by the fact that all of the nine children are members of the church.

While Bro Bankhead was a quiet, unassuming man, he was a man of strong convictions on all live questions, especially in religious matters. While he was criticized by some, he was loved and respected by many who knew him longest and best.

He became a member of the church of Christ in 1893, being baptised near Leon Junction, Coryell Co., by J. C. White of Hico, Texas, at the close of a protracted meeting in which Eld White did the preaching.

Bro Bankhead was married to Miss Jane Madora McAnulty on Oct. 11, 1867, who together with their nine children, are left behind as he goes forward to his eternal reward.

Besides the wife and children

who were all present, save one daughter, the youngest, who was unable to be here, during his last illness his brothers, G. M., Champion, Nolan Co., and C. A., of Ft. Worth were present.

It has been my privilege to enjoy his hospitality on Bible questions and to be counseled by him and to have him in my home at different times for the past 26 years, more frequently in former

years, than in more recent years. I learned to love and respect him, both as a man and as a brother in Christ.

Let us sorrow not as those who have no hope, but with an abiding faith in God, his Christ and his word press onward to the battle of right against wrong that we too may fall as a good soldier of Jesus Christ and as a reward enter into the joys of our

Lord as we believe he has done.
A R LAWRENCE

INTEREST IN HIGHWAY

Abilene, Tex., Mar. 25.—I have recently made a complete investigation and find that if highway number one through Texas is to secure the great Bankhead National Highway, every good road man in every town on the proposed route will have to get busy and stay busy until the final decision is made.

The state of Oklahoma, the Pan Handle section of Texas, and New Mexico are working with feverish energy to win out in the National Convention which is to meet in Mineral Wells in April.

Governor Williams of Oklahoma will head a tremendous delegation to Mineral Wells, and it is their intention to carry the Convention. They will do so if we do not get busy at once and be there with a large membership to fight them.

A route meeting of citizens from all the towns on our route from Fort Worth to El Paso is called for Abilene, Friday afternoon and Friday night to completely organize and arouse more enthusiasm for this National meeting. Among the speakers who are to appear on the program are Hon. Arthur P. Dyer of Dallas, State Secretary Bankhead Highway, and Manager Dallas Automobile Club, Hon. E. H. Lilly, Fort Worth, Judge C. H. Earnest of Colorado and others.

Meeting will convene at Chamber of Commerce at one thirty P. M. and seven thirty P. M. All people west of Sweetwater can catch the Sunshine Special out of El Paso for Abilene. Bring a large delegation with you.

Yours truly
B F Bennett, Secretary of Chamber Commerce of Abilene

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 dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

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Metropolitan Bakery

And Cafe

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MERKEL, TEXAS

Cash Tailor Shop Moves
Mrs. C L Cash has moved her tailor shop from the Beasley Building to the building across the street from the post office. The new location is a good one for her business, and is very convenient. She hopes to remain at her new location permanently.

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

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

W. O. BONEY

MARRIAGE IN FRANCE

Paris Dinner Horn: Another tragedy of the war turns up in the disclosure that 50,000 beautiful French mademoiselles failed to get their ropes over 50,000 Texas bronchos by reason of the fact that the bronchos had left their birth certificates behind. Under French law a feller, to get a marrigae certificate, must be first certified by a doctor to have been born alive. France is not going to furnish brides for an international corpse.

The French people are particular about getting married. They do not marry for a joke in France. The youthful swain and the moonstruck bello do not go out for an automobile ride and, under the promptings of propinquity, drive by the preacher's house and get married with out looking as far as a week ahead. The Frenchman who marries must show the bride's parents or guardian something in the way of earning capacity, and the bride must show something in the way of a dowry, before they can become husband and wife. The French laws, and customs, require that marriage be entered into under such legal and social restrictions as make the wedding day a thing to be made ready for rather than something to be

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



IMPLEMENTS

☐ We have just received a shipment of John Deere Single and Double-Row Cultivators and Planters, and they are now on the floor ready for your inspection.

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

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

☐ Full line of Hardware of every kind in our stock. If you need Groceries and Feed see us, for we are in position to fill your requirements as low in price as any one.

☐ Call on us for Hardware, Groceries and Feed.

Crown Hardware Co.

Merkel Boy Accepts Position
We are always glad to record the success of our boys. The past week Will S Merritt accepted a position with The F & M Bank at Abilene. He secured his bank training with The F & M National Bank of this city. Will is one boy that is going to the top. He is attentive to business, reliable and accurate. He is to be congratulated upon his success.

ADLER-I-KA HELPS SON!
"My son had inflammation of bowels and was greatly bloated (with gas) After giving Adler-i-ka he is completely CURED. Doctors did no good." (Signed) M. Gerhard, Ferdinand, Ind.
One dose Adler-i-ka relieves sour stomach, gas and constipation instantly. Removes all foul matter which poisons system. Often Cures constipation. Prevents appendicitis. We have sold Adler-i-ka many years. It is a mixture of buckthorn, cascara, glycerine and nine other simple drugs. Sanders Drug Store advl

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Twenty-four hours are mine to-day
For work, and rest, and thought, and play
And in each one of them I see
A gift of Opportunity
To carry on, if I've the bent,
God's work of earthly betterment.
The time is full, the way is clear.
The tools to do the work are here.
And few of us have need to ask
The why or wherefore of the task
Such are the needs that round us lurk—
So, brother, rise and get to work.
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A charge of one-half a cent a word is made for all Cards of Thanks and Obituaries. Please remember this and let remittance accompany the copy.
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jumped up at a moment's notice. The result of these wise regulations is that French couples as a rule stay married. There is some divorce in France, as everywhere but it is allowable there only upon grounds such as would make a continuance of marital relations not only bad for the individuals directly concerned, but for the community as well. In this country money matters cause the majority of divorces. The family income is insufficient, too often, for the support of the family in the style it aspires to. This is largely because the marriage came before either party had shown any disposition to save any money. The theory is that "love is all in all." It is a foolish untruth. Love does not necessarily outlast humiliation, bad temper, disillusion, extravagance.—Dallas News

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

Mrs. Dr Miller and Clara Louise left for Dallas Saturday to spend a few days with Misses Lura and Stacy Adkisson, after which she will go to Beaumont to visit relatives. She will be away about two weeks

The Strong Withstand the Winter Cold Better Than the Weak
You must have Health, Strength and Endurance to fight Colds, Grip and Influenza.
When your blood is not in a healthy condition and does not circulate properly, your system is unable to withstand the Winter cold.
GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC
Fortifies the System Against Colds, Grip and Influenza by Purifying and Enriching the Blood.
It contains the well-known tonic properties of Quinine and Iron in a form acceptable to the most delicate stomach, and is pleasant to take. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

FROM COAST TO COAST

A Remarkable Chain of Home Testimony. And Merkel Adds Its Voice to the Grand Chorus of Local Praise.

From north to south, from east to west; In every city, every community; In every state in the Union Rings out the grateful praises for Doan's Kidney Pills. 50,000 representative people in every walk of life Publicly testify to quick relief and lasting results And it's all for the benefit of fellow sufferers. In this grand chorus of local praise Merkel is well represented Well known Merkel people Tell of personal experiences Who can ask for better proof of merit?

E W Dennis, retired merchant, N. Main St., Merkel, says: "My kidneys annoyed me, due to their being congested. The kidney secretions were scanty and painful in passage and my back ached Doan's Kidney Pills corrected those ailments and I used them until I was quite free from the complaint."
Price 60 cents, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills the same that Mr Dennis had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N Y.

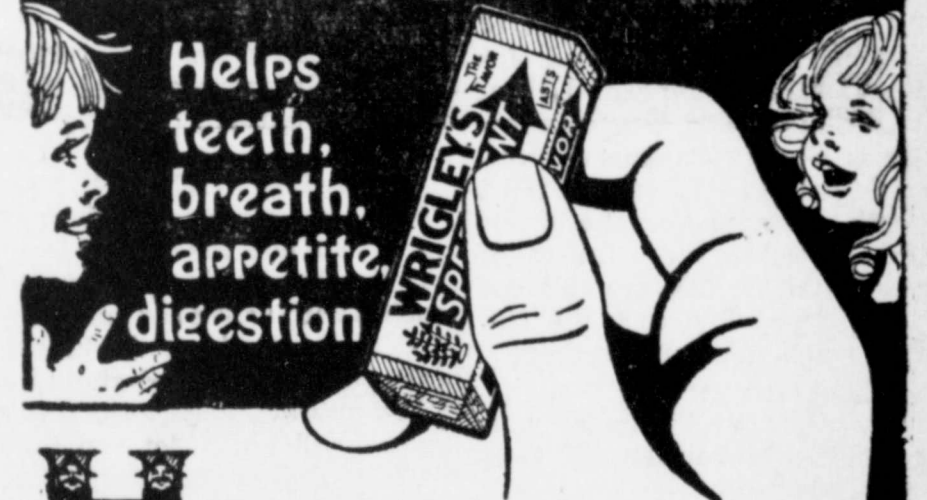
MOVED—MOVED

The Cash Tailor Shop is now located opposite the Post Office. Call and receive the same prompt and courteous treatment you have always received.
Mrs C. L. CASH

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

Cotton cake at G M Sharp's.

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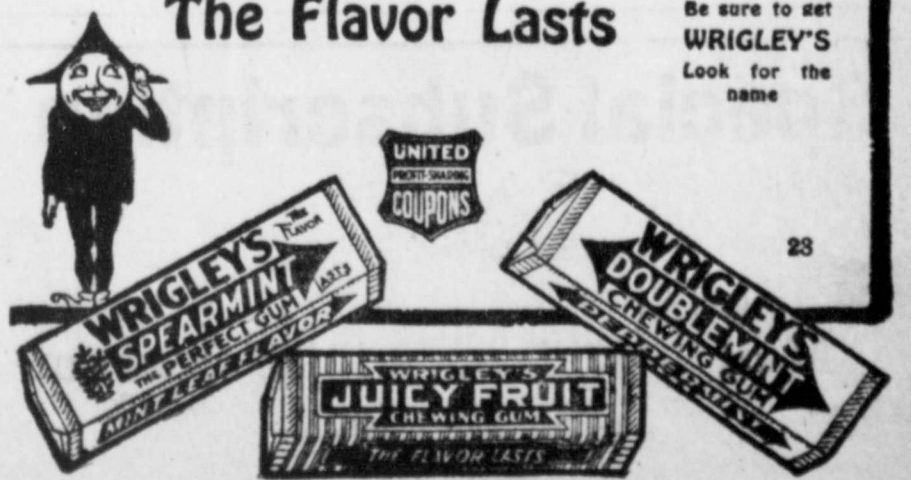
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LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. McGee and children left Wednesday for Anson where they will spend several weeks.

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

Second hand furniture bought and sold. J. T. Dorsey.

Mayor N. D. Cobb is confined to his bed, suffering with a second attack of the "Flu".

Robin Red Breast meal at Bob Martin's.

Laundry agent at Pate's Barber Shop.

Mr and Mrs Fowler and children of Lubbock are visiting P. L. McClary and family. They will possibly locate here.

Figure with me on oats before you buy. Bob Martin's Grocery.

E. S. Kelly of Lubbock visited his son, E. W. Kelly, and family this week. He made some purchases of lots and leases while here.

I will handle the A. E. Anderson, Tailoring line, and will have an experienced man to take the measurements. So give us your order for a spring suit.

Mrs. C. L. Cash

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp.

Moves Place Of Business

J. T. Dorsey has moved his second hand furniture store to the Thornton Building on Kent St. He has increased his stock and expects to do a larger business. He has one of the best store rooms in Merkel.

John S. Hughes of Route 5, Merkel, called at the Merkel Mail office Tuesday and placed three subscriptions with this paper. He says he has been here 30 years and states that he never saw better prospects for a good crop.

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

A. W. and E. L. Bankhead, of Oglesby; Eugene Bankhead, Justin; Charlie Bankhead, Dallas; Mr and Mrs. W. R. Graves, Crosbyton; George Bankhead, Roscoe; Charlie Bankhead, Fort Worth, were visitors here this week, attending the funeral of T. R. Bankhead. All are children of the deceased, except the last two named, who are brothers.

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

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 6c.

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

TENNESSEE'S PARDNER

The Merkel Dramatic Club rendered "Tennessee's Pardner" to a packed house last Friday night. The play was thoroughly enjoyed throughout. The play was directed by Ralph Henson, who played the leading role. Others taking part were Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, Mrs. Duncan Briggs, Miss Lorena Dry, Wallace Bragg, Jim Black, Milton Pate, Joel Counts and Harry Barnett.

They seemed not as amateurs, but as veterans of the stage. So well pleased were those in attendance that there was a demand for a repetition of the play. It is to be hoped that no time will be lost in preparing and staging another play.

The total receipts was \$117.00. A number of special comedy acts, carried out by the high school girls and one or two others, were very much enjoyed.

The amount received from the play went to charity.

Mayor Cobb Announces

Mayor N. D. Cobb has announced for the office of Mayor. He has served in this capacity for the past two years. His knowledge of law has stood him in stead on many occasions and enabled him to discharge his duties as an officer in an efficient manner. That he has served the city well, there can be no doubt. We bespeak for him due consideration at the hands of the voters.

Announce For Alderman

J. L. Harris and G. W. Boyce announce for the position of aldermen. Both are among our most reputable citizens, and both have served in this capacity before. They are willing that their previous records be subjected to any form of criticism. We bespeak for them the consideration of the voters.

J. J. Stallings is keeping batch. Mrs. Stallings left Saturday for Fort Worth, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. McGee. Mrs. Stallings will remain in Fort Worth several days, and will then visit other relatives in Denison, Denton, and other points.

Lewis Swann came home Wednesday, having received his discharge he expects to remain in Merkel.

Miss Alma Wells visited her sister in Brownwood last Saturday and Sunday.

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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Striking effects in plaids, checks, & stripes, all colors—fast, fadeless and wonderful durability. 27 inches wide 29c the yard

NEW GINGHAM DRESSES

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NEW MIDDY BLOUSES

For ladies and misses—combinations and plain white—priced from \$1.00 to \$1.95

New Millinery

Each day new Hats are added to our exclusive millinery stock.

If it's new you find it here.

Special Showing

of misses and children trimmed hats for Saturday.

SPECIAL SHOWING OF NEW SILK SKIRTS

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Also featuring a Silk Jersey Peticcoat with taffeta flounce in all the new shades. A bargain at

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Mrs. Cash is also putting in a Tailoring line. She is a hustler and we bespeak for her great success with this new line.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

We have the goods and want to sell them; you have the money and want the goods. Let us get together Barrow Furniture Company.

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.

Jack For Service
Will stand my jack, John S. Fee of \$15.00 when colt is dropped I will use every precaution to avoid accident, but will not be responsible for accidents. —J. N. Teaff 214c

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures Kidney and Bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

ORAN THORNTON KILLED

Orin Thornton, 33 years of age who was mysteriously shot with a 45 caliber pistol at midnight on last Saturday, died Sunday at 10:25 p. m.

Thornton was the proprietor of a grocery store, and was in his own house next to the store when shot. His gun with one bullet fired was found under the corner of the front porch immediately after the shooting and he was found crumpled up on his bed and the bullet had passed through his body.

He was conscious several times Sunday and repeatedly said that he did not shoot himself and

that he did not know who did it. The gun evidently was placed up against him as the left lapel of his coat is badly powder burned, and from the location of the bullet hole in the box in the room he was standing up when shot.

The bullet went in just above the heart Thornton leaves a wife and three children, who were in Loraine, Texas, at the time of the shooting. His wife reached his bedside early Sunday morning.

The remains were sent to Loraine, Texas for interment.

Call For Old Clothing

The Red Cross send out a call for old clothing for the stricken Belgians. Any one having any thing in this line will please have it ready by Tuesday as that is a day set aside to gather them up. It does not matter how small or great your bundle it is badly needed. Phone Mrs. H. F. Groene

We will take that old piece of furniture in exchange for a new one at a reasonable price. Let us know what you have to trade. Barrow Furniture Company.

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