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THE OIL SITUATION IN THE MERKEL FIELD

Nothing of great importance has taken place in the oil situation this week. The derrick at Trent has been completed and the owners are waiting for the machinery. The Bland well is also held up on account of the non-arrival of the machinery. The machinery for both wells is looked for on every train. As soon as it arrives the wells will be spudded in, and the promoters say they will be rushed.

The South Block reverted to the owners Efforts are being made to hold it intact. Some propositions are now before the owners.

Drilling has been resumed on the Sears well, but on account of caving little progress is being made. The well is reported to be about 800 feet deep.

Reports are current that operations soon will start on the Butman location. With three more wells drilling adjacent to Merkel, lively times are expected at no distant date.

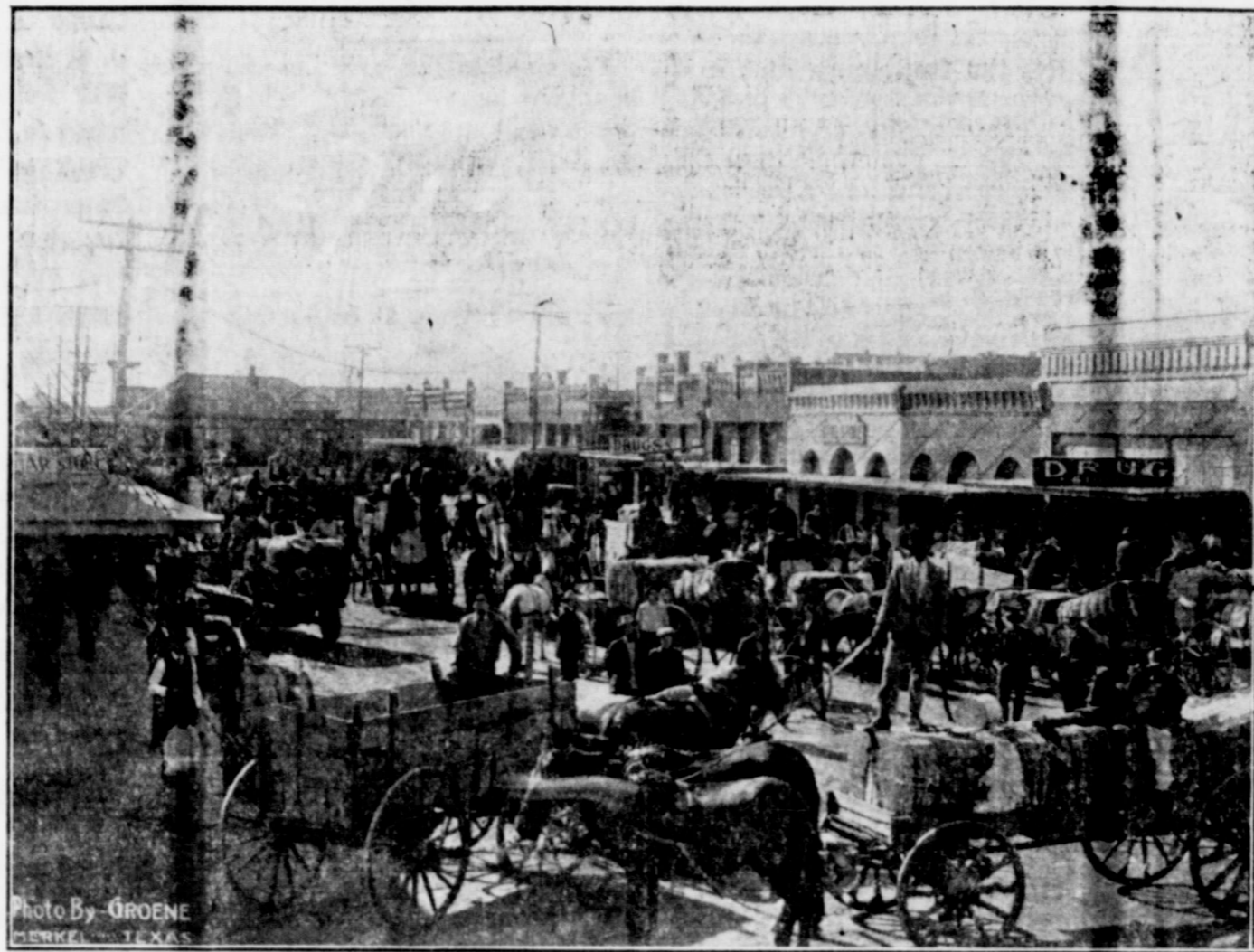
COUNCIL HOLDS LENGTHY SESSION

The City dads are getting into bad habits. It is alleged that they actually stayed out until 12 o'clock last Monday night. By all means they ought to pass a curfew law if it did nothing else than to protect them against themselves. Why just think what laws they could pass while every one else is asleep and not in position to help themselves.

They are to be congratulated in moving the turn block from the Cozy corner to the postoffice. We have advocated a turn block at this point for some time. Further, they raised the water rates from a minimum of \$1.25 to \$1.50. They discontinued the telephone at the pumping station, as it was not used, thus economizing on the public funds. A policy was adopted to plow out all ditches, thus destroying the weeds and making openings that would easily and quickly carry the water off in downpours. Efforts are also being made to get the weeds cut along the side of the streets. Other routine duties were disposed of in the usual way.

Austria To Accept Peace Terms

Vienna, June 4.—The Austrian government has decided unanimously that the peace terms presented at St. Germain on Monday are acceptable, the Neues Abendblatt says.



Judging the future by the past, we may expect to see the above congested conditions on the streets this fall. The old town is coming back. Long have we yearned for the good old days, and soon, our yearning will be realized.

Three Skeletons Found

Vernon, June 4.—The Pope Oil company found three skeletons in the excavation for the slush pit on its location north of Harrold. Reports are to the effect that two of them were apparently grown and the other one that of a child. Pioneer citizens in the community say that a house stood on the site until ten years ago but no solution can be found for the mystery concerning the skeletons. They were about four feet underground.

Men, just because you have free speech, that is no use why you should talk too much.

Some people seem to think that it is necessary to be poor to be honest.

A pretty girl naturally pities the fellow who does not admire her.

HOME AGAIN

They're home!—the boys who marched away
When duty called them to the fray;
Our hearts the joy-song sing.
They're back from war and bloody fights
From dreary days and awful nights,
And every other thing.

No more in torment must they dwell—
Beset by shot and blasting shell
That sear the patient land—
To keep the lines in shape and clear.
From fighting front back to the rear
To those who have command.

The fight is through, the work is done.
And our brave boys have justly WON
The very highest praise.
They did their work, and have returned,
The day is here for which we've yearned

May peace and harmony prevail.
May evil never more assail
(in liberty or life.
But should it come—Oh! awful day,
May boys, like these who marched away,
Be ready for the strife.
Like those who live in times before,
And for their loved ones went to war,
Throughout an honored past.
Sing on, O hearts, the joyous lay,
Our boys are really here today.
They're home again at last to stay.

SAVE THE SURPLUS

The canning season in Texas has found an abundance of berries, grapes and fruits. No doubt, there will be an unusual quantity of peaches, plums, and pears go to waste unless they are saved for winter use by canning, preserving or pickling. Have you made preparation for the canning season by providing supplies, such as jars, cans with caps, etc., so that you will allow nothing to go to waste

OUR HOME

It isn't the chairs and the books
and the things,
Or the pictures that hang on the walls,
And it isn't Captain, although gaily he sings
It's the laughter that rings over all,
It's the smiles on the face of the family at night,
And the joy in all of our eyes,
And our love for each other with all its delight
That make up the home that we prize.

The apartment is mortar and stone in itself.
And the fireplace like all of its kind;
There isn't a window or door or a shelf
That isn't endowed with a spirit that's rich,
And the commonest corner is aglow
With love and devotion and tenderness which
Make sacred this home that we know.

There are many who costlier furnishings own,
And many with treasures we miss;
But nowhere for us is such happiness known—
There dwell our contentment and bliss.
And we envy no mortal his station or place,
His home with our home can't compare;
For our home is blessed by an infinite grace,
And content is the family that's there.
— L. M. Lair.

and the greater the amount of food which is conserved by preserving, canning and pickling and stored in the pantry, the greater the amount of transportable food which may be released for shipment to those in need.

The squirrels, ants, etc, make provision for the winter months and why should mortals be less provident?

If you can all you can in the summer you may eat all you can in the winter provided the work is well done.

Talk to your County Agent, Home Demonstration Agent or write to the Extension Service of the A and M College for instructions regarding canning, preserving and pickling. Do not permit the fruits to go to waste from the lack of effort on your part.

Good Coffee

The landlady passed the coffee to the new boarder, then gazing through the window at the clouds she said, "It looks like rain."

The boarder, with his eyes upon the cup, replied: "It certainly does, but it smells a little like coffee."—Western Evagel.

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

THE WEEDS SHOULD BE CUT

The time has come when Merkel must be saved from an epidemic. The weeds on vacant lots are as high as one's head and mosquitoes are as thick as hops.

It seems that the conditions can be changed. A mowing machine put in use right now would turn the trick. The people deserve credit for the way they have generally cleaned up about their immediate premises. We believe in another week or two the situation will be hopelessly lost on account of the rapid growth of the weeds. It is time for action now. The dense

SANITARIUM TO BE BUILT AT ABILENE

At the annual meeting of the Board of trustees of Simmons College Monday afternoon with a large number of friends of the institution present from outside points, it was unanimously voted to build in Abilene a sanitarium to cost at least a quarter of million dollars.

President J. D. Sandefer was asked to name a committee consisting of ten members to take the matter in charge and arrange the details for a campaign to raise the funds.

The name of the institution will be the West Texas Baptist Memorial Sanitarium and it is proposed to locate the building near Simmons College in order that the Medical Department of Simmons University will have the benefit of same.

Work on the first building should begin about January 1.

WILL ERECT BUSINESS BUILDING

A. C. Rose and John Sears let contract to P. L. McClary to erect a modern business house on their vacant lot between Sanders Drug Store and J. M. Dry. Plans have been perfected for the most modern building in Merkel. It will cost about \$7500. The front will be set in a few feet, giving ample room for a modern show window.

This is the first business building to be erected in Merkel for a long time. We hope it will be the starting point for other building operations. When completed it will be occupied by the Merkel Dry Goods Company.

The location is an ideal one. It is convenient to every one who comes to Merkel. While only one story will be built now, the foundation will be put in to sustain another story if it is decided to add one later.

Mr. McClary is a home man and has done considerable work in the construction line. He spent several months the past year in Ranger, where he erected a number of buildings. He also built some of the best school buildings in this section.

BUY A HOME!

Mr Charles L. Houston is at the head of the great Lukens Steel and Iron Company, of Coatsville, Penn. He says that when Coatsville went dry a Polak workman came to him and said: "No beer, no whiskey, me no kin work."

The man was told that he would have to get along without beer and whiskey some way. In a few weeks he came back with shining face and said:

"No beer, no whiskey, me buy a house!"

There ought to be a hundred thousand houses built on the money that Prohibition will save its first year. Buy your own home first.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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

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

WANTED—Peacock. Address L. R. Bobbins, Merkel, Texas. 30t2p.

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

LEASES FOR SALE—75 acres near Sears well in Block 9 for \$10 per acre if sold by June 11. See—R. L. Bland. 6t1c

FOR SALE—Ford for \$200. Good casings, engine in good shape. T. E. Ragan. 6t4c

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

BERRIES—DEW-BERRIES

12 acres three miles northeast of Clyde. Thousands of gallons ripe the first week in June. Come and buy them fresh and cheap. Pickers wanted—W. B. Hicks, Clyde, Texas. 23t3p

FOR SALE—Jersey cow, 11 years old. Worth the money, \$85. See—Lee D. Williams 6t1p

FOR SALE—Good second hand McCormick binder. F. T. Hogan, Merkel, Tex. 1t1p

FOR SALE—Some good jersey milk cows for sale or trade for good red cows. R. L. Bland. 6t1c

Patronize our advertisers; you will find them the live wires of Merkel.

If you have the itch, don't scratch. It does not cure the trouble and makes the skin bleed. Apply BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. Rub it in gently on the affected parts. It relieves itching instantly and a few applications removes the cause thus performing a permanent cure. Sold by Sanders Drug Co. b

A SUGGESTION

Those who DO NOT do
business with

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

will find it to their advantage to talk to those
WHO DO

Think it Over---There's a Reason

Mexican War Veteran Dies
San Jose, Calif., June 3—Russell B. Tripp, the last Mexican war veteran in the United States died yesterday, aged 100 yrs. He was a delegate with Abraham Lincoln to the first Republican national convention.

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.

ROY COSTEPHENS WRITES

U. S. S. Emperor, May 30—Dear Annie Mae:

If you were here tonight we would go out and see Broadway, as I know the City well enough to find my way back to the boat now. There is a lot to see here in fact more than you can see on a dollar per day, but the last two days I have stayed on board caused from too many cream strawberry short cakes and other good things, however, I am feeling about ready to go out and fill up to last until I get back from this next trip. I hear we may go to Germany this time instead of France, anyway we will be back here in about three weeks from now. We will carry about 1500 now at a time, as there has been about 1000 bunks put in since we landed here. They are on all outside decks and as many as five high. I think all the troops will be

back by August 1. Probably I'll have a chance to get out.

We all thought we would get a furlough when we got on this side but there was nothing doing, however, my Chicago girl came over to see me.

Lovingly,
Roy.

P. S.—The Emperor, the ship Roy came over on, is 906 feet long, 51,000 tons, with a speed of 24 knots. It was a ship taken from Germany.

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

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

LOCAL MERCHANT HAS A CALLER

J. T. Darsey Visited By Easter-ner

J. T. Darsey was one of the many people the New York State man met when he was here who had already used Doan's Kidney Pills. Mr. Darsey makes the following statement for the benefit of any Merkel people who may be troubled as he was. He says:

"A few years ago I had a pretty bad time with my kidneys. There was a drawing ache and sharp pains through the small of my back and if I bent over to pick up something I could hardly get straightened up. I had to get up often during the night, the kidney secretions passed so often I got Doan's Kidney Pills at Sanders Drug Store and after I had used one box, my back was strong and the kidney secretions passed regularly. I was soon entirely relieved of kidney trouble and I gladly recommend Doan's to my friends."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Darsey had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs. Buffalo, N. Y.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

THE Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business May 12, 1919

RESOURCES

Loans	\$212,627.50
U. S. Bonds	9,750.00
War Saving Stamps	93.83
Interest Earned, not collected	151.96
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,500.00
Other Real Estate	3,132.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.80
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
CASH AND EXCHANGE	76,666.22
Total	\$307,834.01

LIABILITIES

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

YOUR BANKING BUSINESS IS INVITED

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

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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

LOCAL NEWS

Mr and Mrs. Chas Edwards and children, who have been visiting relatives here for several days, left a few days ago for their home at Midland.

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

Lewis Swann returned from Abilene, where he has been at work for some weeks.

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

Luther Woodroof of Fort Worth visited relatives here the forepart of the week.

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

G W Ely of Sweetwater was in Merkel Saturday on business

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

Mrs. H M. Warren and children of Knox City visited relatives in Merkel this week

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

J D Cook of Beaumont visited relatives in Merkel 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, 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."

News for The Trade

Dry Goods, Shoes - Clothing -

Prices are being advanced. Some lines in staple dry goods have been marked up 2½c to 6c per yard in past two weeks.

Goods on the Merkel market for the next two months will be much cheaper than you can get them in other towns. Bad crops and nothing to create prosperity caused many goods to be carried by our selves and our neighbors.

A HINT TO THE WISE

If you have the cash you had better buy all you can and as quick as you can. Frankness in keeping you posted is the reason for the above statement.

The Brown D. G. Co.

LOCAL NEWS

Dr. and Mrs. Adkisson of Beaumont are visiting relatives in the city.

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

John Moore wired his people from New York that he had landed safely and expects his discharge from the army at once and would be home in a few days. He belonged to the engineering corps.

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

George White wired his people from New York that he had landed safely and expected to receive his discharge soon, and would then be home.

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

Miss Stacy Adkisson returned home from Dallas where she has been employed in a milinery store for several months.

NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern:

Trent, Texas.—
June 1, Contracts and all previous oil Leases from this date stand forfeited on the following Described land: Taylor County Abstract No. 84, Block 19, Section 32, 64 acres; Block 19, section 34, 10 acres; Block 19, section 38, 80 acres

Nolan County adjoining 40 acres; Jones County Section 32, 200 acres. All parties are hereby warned not to purchase or sell or barter in any way without legal authority. D. S. Howell.

6t3c

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.

COMPERE NEWS

Many of the farmers are now making preparations for the harvesting of the grain. Some oats will be cut this week.

The Sunday school was very small Sunday on account of the weather. We hope for a larger crowd next Sunday.

Rev. Johnson of Anson will preach here next Sunday in the afternoon if the weather permit.

There was a good crowd present at the singing Sunday night in spite of the rainy weather.

George Garrett, who has just returned from oversea duty visited his sister and family, Mrs. C. S. Childress last week.

Mrs. G. E. Ellington and children have recently moved to the country.

TAKES ADLER-I-KA!

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

One dose Adler-i-ka relieves sour stomach gas and constipation instantly. Removes all foul matter which poisons system. Of ten cures constipation. Prevents appendicitis. We have sold Adler-i-ka many years. It is a mixture of buckthorn, cascara, glycerine and nine other simple drugs.— Sanders Drug Store. ave3

Mrs. W. A. Bradley and son, J. M., left this week for Batavia, Ohio, where they will visit Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Wilson, daughters of Mrs. Bradley. They will likely be away a year.

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.

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

Thrift is not necessarily a habit but a conviction Get convinced now and buy. W. S. S.

Bed Room Suits

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

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

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

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

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

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

Just received a shipment of splendid assortment of Picture Moulding
Call and examine the designs

We can save you money on your Refrigerator.

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

Barrow Furniture Co.

THANKS FOR WORK DONE IN LOAN CAMPAIGN

I cannot allow the Victory Loan Campaign to be counted as a thing of the past without expressing my personal obligation and the sincere thanks of the Treasury Department to the Salesmen and Saleswomen of the Eleventh Federal Reserve District.

Without their help all of our organizations and publicity would have been without any value. The good people to whom I refer are not registered on any roll of honor in this office, and consequently it is only through the press that I can thank them.

I trust that you will give the necessary space to the printing of this sincere expression of thanks.

Frank M Smith, Federal Director of War Loan Organization.

Teething babies always have a hard time of it when this process occurs in hot weather. They not only have to contend with painful gums but the stomach is disordered, bowels loose and the body uncomfortable. The best help you can give the little sufferer is McGee's Baby Elixir. It corrects sour stomach, cools and quiets the bowels and helps digestion. Sold by Sanders Drug Co.

PRINTS SCHOOL DIRECTORY

The Merkel Mail takes second place to no printing plant. We are willing to put our work up beside anything any other plant can turn out in the entire Southwest. Just this week we secured the job of printing the catalog of the High School at Ringgold, right in the middle of keen competition. And we didn't cut prices to do it. We gladly meet all first class competition. We are not soliciting cheap work. The above order was placed with us by Superintendent Boswell of the Ringgold public school.

S. H. L. Swafford says he is in need of some help, that he is making a big grain crop and he wants to save it. If we could find any of this Merkel bunch of business men at leisure, we would not mind advising them to go, but it seems that they are overly busy just now.

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

LOCAL NEWS

Mr and Mrs. G. C. Boswell and little daughter are visiting their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Murrell. Mr Boswell is Superintendent of schools at Ringgold. He is doing college work at Simmons this summer.

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

Misses Neil and Lucy Tracy, Julia Martin, Ona Faye Bland, Olive Teaff and Louise Warren returned home this week from Simmons College. The three last named will return for the summer term.

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

Miss Clara Horton left Sunday night for Olney, Texas, where she has accepted a position with the telephone company at that place.

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

Four inches of snow fell at Dalhart Sunday

Car of blacksmith coal just received at the Crown Hardware Company

Miss Willie Toombs is on the sick list.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

Mrs. Fay Taylor of Eastland visited Mrs T. G Bragg this week

A regular morning operation of the bowels puts you in fine shape for the day's work. If you miss it you feel uncomfortable and cannot put vim into your movements. For all bowel irregularities HERBINE is the remedy. It purifies, strengthens and regulates. Sold by Sanders Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kelley and family expect to leave at once for California. Mr Kelley was formerly manager of the Merkel Lumber Company, resigning recently to accept a position in Cisco. Disliking the oil field, he decided to go to California, where he has been longing to go for the past two years.

We pay spot cash for eggs. Bob Martin Grocery Company

Mrs. E. N. Brown, Mrs. E. B. Meador and Miss Geneva Brown attended Simmons Home Coming at Abilene Monday. They report a great time.

Car of blacksmith coal just received. Crown Hardware Company.

Miss Irene Swann spent Monday at Simmons College in Abilene.

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

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE EPOMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

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

The only house in the town that you get 24-hour service.

Don't forget our motto— Service—Cleanliness

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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.

Germany wants the U. S. to come to her assistance. Some change since she adopted the policy of sinking Uncle Sam's ships on the high seas.

It is again becoming popular to drop booms on the property of prominent Americans. Usually all of this sort of stuff emanates from foreigners. Another reason for restriction of immigration.

The Dallas News is running some mighty nice articles about West Texas. Guess this great publication has been convinced of the injury it did to West Texas last year when the drouth was on.

We wonder what the Chairman of the Ladies Victory Liberty Loan committee did with those ten helmets. No recognition from that source came Merkelward, and though all the campaigns our women have worked like trojans.

The harvest season is on in earnest. The golden grain is being gathered in, and the owners smile that long, sweet smile that just simply wont come off. Some of the grain is going to make a heavy yield.

Cotton chopping is on in earnest. It was thought that the business men would close up their places of business and grab the hoe. Well they did, nearly, all except those who had an ailment, but it happens that all of them are ailing. Yes, and they date theirs back to last year. Some have rheumatism, some stomach trouble and some that tired feeling. We believe we are afflicted with all of these.

Constitutional prohibition has won in Texas by a safe majority. Suffrage has lost, and that right at the time when the Congress and Senate of the U. S. had decided to submit the matter to the several states. The raise in the salary of the governor has lost overwhelmingly. The home ownership is hanging in the balances, with a lead of nearly 1000 and some other counties to hear from. It will take a final count to decide this last measure.

In Fort Worth citizens who allow weeds to grow on their premises are subject to a fine of from \$10 to \$100. Why cant some thing like his be done in Merkel. It is not right for the city to have to cut the weeds off of vacant lots. It would be right to fine the owners and put the lots on the market for sale to pay the fine. If the owners do not clean up the lots, they ought not to own them. Something can and ought to be done.

G I Boggs spent several days in Lawton this week.

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

The Tongue Test

Put a little alum on the end of your tongue and you will have the reason why alum baking powder should not be used in food.

England and France forbid the sale of baking powder containing alum.

You can tell whether baking powder contains alum by reading the label.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM Baking Powder

Contains No Alum—Leaves No Bitter Taste

CHURCH NEWS

Methodist Church

We had a great day last Sunday. Our Sunday school went over the top with the best attendance of the year. We have reached our goal set at the beginning of the year and now we must hold it. Our League went out to Union Ridge Sunday afternoon, where they rendered a splendid program to a full house. The people seemed to appreciate the service very much and gave the League a pressing invitation to come again. Too much praise cannot be given our young people for the work they are doing both in the Sunday school and Epworth League. Nothing gives a pastor so much pleasure and encouragement as to know he has the sympathy and co-operation of the young life of the church. These same young people made it possible for us to go over the top with our Centenary movement.

All services at the regular hours next Sunday. Sunday school at 9:45, preaching at 11 a.m. and 8:45 p. m. Come and worship with a congregation that is finding joy in service.

W. M. Murrell, Pastor.

At The Church of Christ

Sunday was a very nice day with us. Attendance was good and we had Bro. W. G. Cypert with us for two splendid addresses.

Bible study Sunday morning was as good as usual. Some of the young folks were absent, but there were more of the older people out to join us in the bible class work. That makes us feel good. Let us have more of your time and more of you.

Bro. Joe S. Warlick of Dallas will be with us for protracted meeting work the 4th and 5th Sundays in this month. Let everybody be looking forward to the attending of this meeting and make arrangements to come. We will have more to say about this meeting later.

O. J. Adcock.

At The Baptist Church

A good many folks are on vacation now since school is closed, and that fact makes it more necessary that all our folks be regular and prompt in their attendance that our averages may be maintained.

The regular services will be held next Sunday with special welcome for the school folks who are returning from their work teaching or as student in college. Morning services run from ten to noon. The evening service will be at nine o'clock.

Cordial invitation to everybody is given to attend any one or all of our services.

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

Life Was a Misery

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into womanhood . . . I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

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Childrens Day Services.

Opening Sentences, Supt. Song, Bright and Happy Children, by School.

Prayer. God's Messengers, Four Girls Love and Praise Song, Clara Louise Miller.

God's Gifts, Four Girls Song Summer Days, Sixteen Girls.

Fruitless Wishes, Two Boys. Doing for Others, Nina Bell Russell.

Song, Shine Shine, Five Girls The Children Everywhere, Evelyn Curb

Song Be Good, Fannie Mildred Rister. U.S. Recitation and March, Six

Boys

Welcome Service for returned Soldiers and Sailors.

Welcome Home, Roy Elliott. Welcome Song, Girls Your Triumphs, A. J. Tucker Good Wishes, Mary Derstine Song of the Doughboy, Melba West.

Prayer. Play, "Through The Sunday School Door, Twelve Pupils.

Song Butterfly Drill, Eight Girls The above program to be rendered by the pupils of the Grace Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening June 8th at 8:45. Every body welcome.

We desire to extend a special invitation to each and every returned Soldier and Sailor. A part of the program has been prepared especially for you and we are extremely anxious for each and every one of you to be present.

H. C. West, Supt

League Program June 8th Leader, Agnes Rister. Song, Prayer, Song. Scripture I. Cor. 9:19-27 Prayer, Rev. Murrell.

The Demand for Trained Christians

Leadership, Bessie Tucker. . . Special Music, Lola Armstrong Why Go To College?, Vida McNeese.

Where Go To College? Rev. Murrell.

Song. Benediction.

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

Miss Chitwood of Dallas is visiting Miss Stacy Adkisson.

Car of blacksmith coal just received. Crown Hardware Company.

T. C. Wier of Lampasas visited in Merkel Thursday.

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

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DOMESTIC SCIENCE IN THE SCHOOLS

Due to the courtesy of Superintendent Boswell of the Ringgold public schools, we are able to run the accompanying cuts of the domestic science department of his school. They are made from kodak pictures. This feature was installed last year. The school enrollment is 192, with 14 in the domestic science department. Under the Smith-Hughes act for vocational education the school gets \$1 from the State for every dollar put up locally. Speaking in reference to the department, Mr. Boswell said: "It is the greatest thing a school can have. We have had mothers to come and visit the school just to see what the school was doing. Many of them thought there had been food tested and cooked they decided it was the thing. To show how the department was appreciated, the domestic science teacher taught a class of 26 ladies of the town, with very

beneficial results I would give up almost any other department of school work before this department should go. The various elements of raw foods are taught, their food value is analyzed, and everything is done with the idea of economy in view. It is marvelous to note how cheaply the girls learned to prepare a meal. We have the only domestic science department in Montague county. We pay our teacher \$1100 a year. The equipment cost \$890 and is all paid for. The inspector of the Department of Education said it was the best thing in the school."

If the Ringgold School District with its enrollment can afford a domestic science department, then why can not Merkel with over twice as many. It has been found to be a fact that when once the department is installed it becomes exceedingly popular. Even the expert cooks of the neighborhood become interested. It would be a fine thing if Merkel could make this forward stride this year. It can be done.

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Mary had a little ring, 'twas given her by Joe, and everywhere that Mary went that ring was sure to go. She took the ring with her one day, when she went out to tea, where she might show it to the girls, who numbered twenty-three. And when the girls all saw the ring they made a great ado, exclaiming with one voice: "Has it at last got round to you?"

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—Adv-4

Grandmothers' Beliefs.
Nearly every grandmother believes a trained nurse is overestimated.—Atchison Globe.

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WEEKLY DELIVERIES WILL BE MADE AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE. IT IS OUR DESIRE TO PLEASE EVERY ICE PATRON, BUT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE EVERY ONE ICE AT THE SAME TIME. IF YOU MISS THE MORNING ROUTE, THE CHANCES ARE WE CAN NOT GET YOUR ICE TO YOU UNTIL AFTERNOON. YOURS TO PLEASE MERKEL ICE COMPANY, per, W. A. Mc Spadden, Manager.

U. S. WON'T PERMIT MEXICANS TO CROSS

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WOMAN SUFFRAGE RESOLUTION GOES TO STATE

Washington, June 4.—The house woman suffrage resolution was adopted by the senate late today and the proposed constitutional amendment now goes to the states for ratification. The vote was 56 for adoption and 25 against, or two more than the two-thirds majority required.

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Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Kings Daughters Meet

The Kings Daughters of the Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. C. K. Russell Tuesday afternoon with Mesdames Russell and Beene as hostesses. After devotional and business was disposed of and some new lines of work discussed, a contest of words was greatly enjoyed by all in which, Mesdames Harkrider and Hutcheson tied in winning first prize, and Mesdames Lowe and Johnson for second. A delicious salad course was served to a goodly number of members. After a delightful hour spent in this hospitable home the guests adjourned to meet with Mrs. F. Guitar, July 8th.

Baptist Sunday School Picnic

The Baptist Sunday School went picnicking last Friday in Warren's pasture. It was a delightful day, and everything contributed to the success of the occasion. Various entertaining features made the day a glowing round of pleasure. The girls and boys went wading in the running creek. Several of the parties went in swimming, and a great time they had. Swinging, ball playing and climbing steep banks were other features of the day's delight. At one o'clock the hungry bunch gathered around a festive board groaning with the good things the women had prepared. Full credit was done to the eatables and yet there was plenty and to spare. Few days could be more enjoyably spent. The thanks of the crowd are due J. T. Warren and Rev. E. E. Dawson for the part they played in the success of the day, and to those who furnished cars to carry the big crowd.

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

Rev. and Mrs. W. D. McDonald left Tuesday to make their home for the present with their daughter, Mrs. F. G. Bradley of Abilene.

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Miss Tracy Graduates

On the list of honor graduates of Simmons College, we were glad to note the name of a Merkel girl, Miss Nell Tracy. She won her honors in spite of the fact that she was out part of the time teaching. She took the A. B. degree. We congratulate her upon this marked achievement in her career.

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MAP OF BATTLE FRONT

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collins received a map of the battle front, drawn by Grady Collins, their son, a member of the Ninetieth Division. The map shows the location of the Ninetieth and adjacent divisions at the time of the signing of the armistice. Even the tanks, making their final dash, are shown. The map is outlined with ample descriptive matter, explaining in detail every feature of the ground, the forts, trenches, pits, artillery, etc. Grady is an artist of ability, belonging to the engineering squad. He also sent along a calendar, which he drew, and which is as perfect as if printed. His parents prize the drawings very much and expect to have them framed at once.

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The Negro and The Mule

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

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

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THE WHEAT CROP

The wheat crop is about ready for harvest. The reapers are already busy. We want to make one caution right here. Wheat growers should be sure their wheat was full ripe before cutting. We cite an instance: One party cut his wheat a few years ago and made 13 bushels to the acre. An adjoining field, with no better wheat prospects, was cut a week later and made 33 bushels to the acre. Wheat ought to be ripe before it is cut. The stalks must be ripe if the wheat is at its best. Most growers are very anxious to get their wheat cut, too anxious, we fear. They had better insure their crops than to cut too early.

Surgeons agree that in case of cuts, burns, bruises and wounds, the first treatment is most important. When 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, BORO-ZONE is the ideal antiseptic and healing agent. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Miss Wilma Garrett was a visitor in Abilene Monday attending Home Coming at Simmons.

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Because of her "excellent work among our men and for the wounded at the front during violent bombardment, and her heroic and soldier-like conduct under fire," Mrs. Maude Radford Warren, noted writer and Y. M. C. A. canteen worker in France, has been made honorary major of the



MRS. MAUDE RADFORD WARREN.

One Hundred and Seventeenth Field Signal battalion of the Rainbow division, now in Germany, and Col. R. D. Garrett of the One Hundred and Seventeenth has issued a decree that she "will be respected and obeyed accordingly."

Mrs. Warren holds the war record for the entire American expeditionary forces for rapid promotion. Less than six weeks before receiving her majority she was appointed second lieutenant of the Three Hundred and Fifty-fourth Infantry "for her unswerving loyalty and unselfish devotion in the front lines."

Major Warren has been in France since May, 1918, during which time she has been stationed with a number of army organizations, in Y. M. C. A. canteen service and hospital work. She served in the front lines at Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel, in the Argonne forest and in the Verdun drive, and advanced into Germany with the troops of the Forty-second division.

WANT TO GET OUT: EDUCATIN' SELVES

Somebody "slipped one over" on the Colored Development battalion at Camp Travis, and although the joke at first created consternation among the members, it has worked untold good in the cases of more than 100 of them.

When the order for demobilization first reached Camp Travis, rumors spread thick and fast as to what was going to be done with the colored troops. Some were told they were going to be sent to Germany, others heard they would be required to rebuild torn-up France and Belgium, while some even heard that an invading army of negroes was going to be organized to restore conditions in Russia.

The most alarming of these reports, however, was that before any man could get his discharge from the army he must learn to read and write, and that he must sign his own name to his discharge papers. Now, the Colored Development battalion is made up chiefly of illiterates, and only a few of them know the alphabet. Anyway, the negroes saw no hope for future freedom unless they immediately set to work "educatin' themselves," as some of them expressed it.

The report reached an officer of the Army Y. M. C. A. and he immediately saw an opportunity of pushing his educational work in these hitherto untouched ranks. The result has been that in the battalion more than one hundred negroes have learned to read and write and now one of the fads in the organization is for the men to carry spelling books and readers around with them. Every time an officer isn't looking many of the men can be found at their favorite pastime of "educatin' themselves."

In addition to this 300 others who at some time or other had learned to read and write, but who through negligence had forgotten how, were able to "brush up" and refresh their memories to an extent that they are able to do both again.

There are some 200 others in the battalion who had been in school as far as the third grade, and these have taken up studies which are in advance of those grades. Three soldier teachers and three "Y" secretaries have handled these classes which have been in session from 9 to 11:30 o'clock in the morning and from 1:15 to 4 in the afternoon.

Officers in charge at Camp Travis are highly pleased with this work, and say it is among the most important being done by the educational division of the Y. M. C. A.

LOCAL NEWS

Misses Annie May and Edna Swann will leave Friday for Abilene where they will enter school at Simmons College.

Car of blacksmith coal just received at the Crown Hardware Company

Mrs J. B. Warren and daughter, Miss Irene are visiting relatives at Waco.

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Mrs Bob Martin left Wednesday for Sweetwater to visit her brother, W. C. Calvert.

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Miss Geneva Brown returned this week from Baylor Belton.

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Mrs E. S. Kelley, mother of E. W., left Saturday morning for her home in California. She goes by way of Colorado.

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The call of the wheat field reached the ears of Blue Tittle, and he actually got down off his stool at the courthouse and went out to his farm at Trent and went to shocking wheat. We are taking his word for it, but we believe it is true, for we haven't heard of any one that could be hired, so it comes as a matter of course that if a man is to harvest his wheat he must do it himself. Blue recommends farming for one's health. We guess that accounts for the health of this country. Anyway, he is making some wheat, and we congratulate him.

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TROUBLE MAKING CANTEN TAKEN OVER BY PERSHING

Grants Earnest Request of Y. M. C. A. Head—Did Better Than Expected, Says General.

Chaumont (Special).—At the earnest request of E. C. Carter, general overseas secretary of the Army Young Men's Christian Association, General Pershing has officially taken over the army canteen, and in the future all exchanges, or "canteens," will be operated by the military instead of the Y. M. C. A., as was the ages-old custom before the present war. In replying to Mr. Carter's request, General Pershing says that as the reasons which impelled him to request the Y. M. C. A. to undertake the canteen work no longer exist, he is glad to approve Carter's suggestion. The general thanks the Y. M. C. A. for the manner in which it handled the canteen, declaring that, "handicapped by shortage of tonnage and land transportation, the Y. M. C. A. has by extra exertion served the army better than could have been expected, and you may be assured that its aid has been a large factor in the final great accomplishments of the American army.

According to Y. M. C. A. officials and investigators of recent criticism coming from overseas, the canteen has been the cause of nineteen-twentieths of the organization's trouble. In his letter to Mr. Carter, General Pershing declares that "the Y. M. C. A. undertook the management of the post exchanges at my request at a time when it was of the greatest importance that no available soldier should be taken away from the vital military functions of training and fighting." Y. M. C. A. men everywhere are sure that with the canteen in the hands of the army, all criticism of the organization's overseas work will cease, because of the impossibility of a civilian organization, handicapped as the Y. M. C. A. has been, operating such a mammoth mercantile enterprise as the post exchange business proved to be.

General Pershing's letter to Mr. Carter follows in full:

"My Dear Mr. Carter:

"I have received your letter of January 29 asking whether in view of the present changed situation it would be possible for the army to assume full responsibility for the maintenance of post exchanges throughout the American expeditionary force. As you correctly state, the Y. M. C. A. undertook the management of the post

exchange at my request at a time when it was of the greatest importance that no available soldier should be taken away from the vital military functions of training and fighting. As the reasons which impelled me at that time to request you to undertake this work no longer exist, I am glad to approve your suggestion. In reaching this decision consideration has been given to the new burdens in connection with the entertainment and athletic activities and the education that you have assumed. I have accordingly given directions that army units themselves take over and operate their own post exchanges. In making this change permit me to thank you for the very valuable services and assistance which the Y. M. C. A. has rendered to the American expeditionary force in handling these exchanges. Handicapped by shortage of tonnage and land transportation, the Y. M. C. A. has by extra exertion served the army better than could have been expected, and you may be assured that its aid has been a large factor in the final great accomplishments of the American army.

"Cordially yours,
General JOHN PERSHING."

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There were 355,955 baseballs bought and shipped by the "Y" from July, 1917, to November 30, 1918, for the use of our army. Side by side they would reach 18½ miles, and would make a solid fence of baseballs six feet high for three-fourths of a mile.

Over 10,000 bats were also furnished. Placed end to end, they would reach 52 miles. End to end in the air, they would rise to ten times the height of the highest mountain in the world, or be equal in height to 568 Washington monuments one on top of the other. If these were made in this fashion into one long bat, a man with the build and elbow grease of a giant could stand in your town, swing the bat and hit everything in a radius of 52 miles.

Among other things furnished our boys by the Y. M. C. A. for the carrying out of the national sport were 2,220 baseman's mits, 4,120 catcher's mits, 4,065 fielder's gloves, 4,066 masks, 200 bases, 80 home plates, and 2,743 indicators.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 5th day of July 1919, at Castle Peak School Building in Common School District No. 26 of this county as established by order of the Commissioners Court of this county, of date the 12th day of February, 1914, which is recorded in Book G pages 74 of Minutes of said Court, to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpaying voters of that district desire the issuance of bonds on the faith and credit of said Common School District, in the amount of \$2400 the bonds to be of the denomination of \$100 each number consecutively from one to 24, with option of redemption after 10 years from their date, both inclusive, payable 20 years from their date, and bearing 5 per cent, interest per annum, payable annually on April 10th of each year, to provide funds to be expended in payment of accounts legally contracted in constructing and equipping a public free school building of wood material within said District and to determine whether the Commissioners Court of the County shall be authorized to levy assess and collect annually, while said district sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and county and who are resident property tax payers in said district, shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Said election was ordered by the County Judge of this county by order made on the 28 day of May 1919, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

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