



## \$5 DOLLARS FOR \$1 FOR GOOD ROADS

In the road proposition we put up \$20,000 and the federal government \$20,000, and then the automobile tax will amount to about \$3000 annually, which in 30 years with no increase will be \$90,000 thus making \$130,000 for the stretch of road in question.

No one has refused to sign the petition who is not a consistent opposer of bonds and of progress. Some few are weighing the matter. Not a single good valid excuse has been offered against the proposition. The increase in taxation is a small excuse. If a man's rendition is \$1000, he will have to pay about fifty cents a year, if his rendition is \$5000 he will have to pay \$2.50 and so on. One or two trips over the road would repay this small amount. If there is any who are afraid business will leave Merkel, then such a one ought to leave and seek the logical terminus as naturally he would when he is where all the trade would go. If the Merkel merchants can not meet competition of our neighbors then they don't deserve the important position they hold. They can and will meet competition of all comers. Over half of the voters of the district have signed the petition and others are signing as rapidly as the matter is being presented to them. There is little doubt of the proposition carrying, but those interested are urging a unanimity of purpose in this great beneficent undertaking. Those who have not signed will find a petition at each bank in Merkel.

### Mr. Bragg To Market.

T. G. Bragg, of Woodroof-Bragg Co., left last Sunday morning for St. Louis for the purpose of laying in a select line of spring goods. He will add to the company's exclusive millinery line, dress goods and ready-to-wear. In spite of the continued dry weather Mr. Bragg believes his company will enjoy a nice business this spring.

### CARD OF THANKS

We take this occasion to thank our many friends for their kindness to us in our great bereavement in the death of our beloved father. May the richness of God's mercy be extended to each and every one of you. Your kindness will be treasured in our memory forever.

Mrs. Cynthia Hall.  
Mrs. W. A. Campbell  
Mrs. Geo. Moore.  
Mrs. Ed Sherman.  
Mrs. Mollie Wilson.

### Womans Missionary Society.

The ladies of the Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met with Mrs. C. S. Cameron at the parsonage Monday afternoon at three o'clock in a business session, with a good attendance. A few visitors and seven new members were added to the roll.

Much interest and enthusiasm were manifested. Some new plans were adopted for the carrying on and the furtherance of the work of the society. Each member seems to have entered into the work this year with renewed zeal and energy for success.

The society is making plans for the raising of money to be used in a way that is much needed, which will be mentioned later.

Next Monday afternoon is the Bible study and everybody is invited to attend. Visitors are always welcome and it is with much gratification that the increase in membership is noted.

Remember the Bible Study for next Monday afternoon and you be sure to attend. P. S.—

### MULBERRY LOCAL NEWS

Sam Martin reports his well froze over during the recent norther. Some cold spell that was.

Miss Martha Bird, who is attending Simmons College spent Sunday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bird.

Mack Herod of Tye, visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore one day recently.

Mrs. Will Elkins and children spent Sunday with Mrs. B. N. Billingsley.

Hamilton Chancy lost a fine cow Monday.

Ruth Weldon and Floy Wells spent Sunday afternoon with little Grady Billingsley.

Mrs. Mattie Warner, spent the day with Mrs. Henry Prather Monday.

Mrs. Lavenia Horton and children visited her mother, Mrs. Martin at Tye one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Martin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore.

Miss Goldie Anderson, who is attending Simmons College, visited her home folks recently.

Misses Frankie and Maggie Lee Chancy spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Arthur Jones.

J. J. Northcut and Henry Prather have gone on a trip to Parker County.

Among those who attended big Monday in Abilene were: Will Elkins, Roy Isom, Harry Bird, S. D. Martin, Jim Burns, Calloway Chancy, B. N. Billingsley, John Henry, W. T. Bird, S. T. Anderson, J. D. Daniel and Aron Horton.

In these uncertain days of drouth

When prices scrape the skies It needs no patriotic spiel

To make us Hooverize.

We Hooverize the sugar

And we Hooverize the grain,

While we hope Jupe Pluvius Won't Hooverize the rain.

### JUANITA

### Installation Program

On account of weather conditions and illness of the pastor and some of the officers of the Womans Missionary Society. We were prevented having installation of officers when we should have had it. So our next Sunday night at 7 o'clock at the Methodist church the ladies will have charge of the service and the following program will be rendered to which we cordially invite everybody. Young and old. Come one come all and enjoy the hour with us.

Devotional, Rev. C.S. Cameron Music by Choir.

Patriotic Song, Six Children.

Installation of Officers.

Song.

Story, Japan, Mrs. R. A. Martin.

Duet, Mesdames, J.J. Shelton and T. A. Johnson.

Work in The Home Land, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden.

Solo, Miss Eva Williams.

Our Work in the Foreign Field Mrs. H. C. Williams.

Short Talk by the President.

Song, by Choir.

### Successful Rabbit Hunt.

The rabbit hunt at Stith last Tuesday was a great success. About 225 rabbits and one wolf were killed. The animals were sold for about \$25.00 and the proceeds donated to the Red Cross. Those participating had an enjoyable time, even if the day was the worst from a sand-storm standpoint ever experienced.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen left this week for Abilene where they will spend a few days, and from there they will go to their old home at Bloomfield, Iowa, where they will remain about a month.

The war has created a demand for stenographers and typewriter operators. You can prepare yourself for a position by the first of September at the Merkel Business College.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

All ads in this department will be 1 cent per word for each time

**STEAM VULCANIZING**—Modern equipment, experienced, work guaranteed. Location in building with Henry Rose. E. B. Robbins.

**FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN**—5-room box and stripped house, each room 14X14. R. D. Tyler. tfe

**WANTED**—Second hand visible typewriter, Remington preferred. Write Mrs. R. D. Nelson, 72 Ave. A, Denton, Texas.

**LOST**—A gold cuff button. In-graved A. O. H. Return to The Merkel Mail office and receive a reward.

**FOR SALE**—One Princess dresser, mirror 18X40, quartered oak, \$12.50; One \$25.00 kitchen cabinet \$15.00; One new perfection high back 4-burner oil stove, with oven, \$10.00; One 50-gallon oil tank, \$3.00; One large size feed fork, \$1.00; one metal folding bed, \$8.50; 42 feet of 2-inch pipe, \$4.00; one small ice box, \$2.00. For particulars see E. P. McMillen or Asa Sheppard. 8t2p.

**FOR RENT**—C. W. Young home, 8-room, near school building, all conveniences—also 31 acres will rent with place or separate. Roy Quattlebaum, Phone 411, Abilene, Tex 18t4c

**NOTICE TO FORD OWNERS**—You will in the future find me at Merkel Motor Co., where I am prepared to do all kinds of Ford work. First door south of Star Store. Len Sublett. 19J4c.

**FOR RENT**—Choice business building, 50x65 feet; rent reasonable, on best business street. Full details at Merkel Mail office.

Fresh shipment typewriter ribbons just received at Merkel Mail office.

**FOR RENT**—Cheap. Wagon Yard with water conveniences, good lots, Camp house, stable, Feed barn.—See A.C. Boney tfe

**LOST**—Seed fork between Merkel and Hester farm. Return to W. H. Laney. t1c.

**FOR SALE**—A Good Ford Car. See James West.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OUR RATES

For District offices	\$8.00
For County offices	8.00
For Precinct offices	6.00
For City offices	3.00
Subscription price, 1 year	1.00
Always Cash in Advance.	

For Clerk District Court

J. N. Routh

For County Clerk:

H. Holland Teaff.

Henry R. Hicks.

J. D. Hilton

J. L. Mingus

For Sheriff:

J. T. Dodson.

John Bond.

For County Treasurer:

Austin Fitts.

For Commissioner, Precinct 2:

J. M. Toombs.

T. R. Lassiter.

Sam Butman, Jr.

J. L. Banner.

For Public Weigher at Merkel:

J. M. Garrett.

H. M. Mayfield.

James Patterson, Jr.

W. R. Britton

## U.S. TRANSPORT SUNK SOLDIERS LOST

The United States steamer transport *Tuscania* of the Cunard line was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine late Wednesday just off the Irish coast in the war zone. She was carrying 2179 American soldiers to Europe. Only 1922 have been rescued, according to late reports.

### Mr. Rose Leaves for Market.

A. C. Rose, manager of the Anchor Mercantile Company, left Wednesday night for St. Louis and Chicago to select his spring line of everything pertaining to dry goods, men's furnishings, shoes, ready-to-wear, etc. He will be away about ten days. Mr. Rose will select the latest designs, expecting a nice spring trade.

### UNION RIDGE BOX SUPPER

February 14, 1918, The Union Ridge School will give a program and box supper following the program. Every one is cordially invited to be present.

Why not join the shorthand and typewriting class that has just been started in Merkel? Best of facilities offered. Prices right. Merkel Business College.

## JUNIOR RED CROSS CLASS ORGANIZED

The Red Cross night class is doing fine. They meet every Tuesday and Thursday night. They expect to make refugee garments at night. Any one desiring to buy goods for this purpose are assured that their donation will be appreciated.

The day class averages about 15. Last week the attendance was over 120. Interest is holding up fine. Still there are some women in Merkel, who as a leading magazine states may be termed "Clackers". They never attend the Red Cross work, can't see why our soldier boys want to get to France and are prone to believe every story afloat, true or untrue.

The women are doing a noble work and need the moral support of everybody in and around Merkel.

### Notice To Customers:

On and after this date we will sell feed for strictly cash, so please do not ask us to charge it.

In ordering feed over the phone for delivery, please have cash ready to pay delivery boy as these rules will be strictly adhered to without and exceptions whatever. ANCHOR MERCANTILE CO.

### OUR WAR AIMS

"What we demand in this war, therefore, is nothing peculiar to ourselves. It is that the world be made fit and safe to live in; and particularly that it be made safe for every peace-loving nation which, like our own, wishes to live its own life, determine its own institutions, be assured of justice and fair dealing by the other peoples of the world as against force and selfish aggression. All the people of the world are in effect partners in this interest, and for our own part we see very clearly that unless justice be done to others it will not be done to us. The program of the world's peace therefore, is our program."—President Wilson's Message of January 8.

"The sacrifice we are exacting of the noble American boys who are going to the bloody fields of France for the lives and liberty of those who stay at home call to us with an irresistible appeal to support them with our most earnest efforts in the work we must do at home."—Secretary McAdoo.

"We have reached the time in our national life when no loyal citizen in the country can afford to spend a dollar for wasteful luxuries. Such an expenditure resolves itself into a disloyal act."—Cardinal Gibbons.

R. G. Collins returned home last Monday morning, after an absence of about 21 months. During that time he has traveled through Oklahoma, Kansas, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Nevada, California, Arizona and New Mexico. He says he had a great trip. He comes home convinced that all countries have their drawbacks, and taking one year with another a person can get along as well here as anywhere, he thinks, if not a little better.

### SUCCESS TO OUR SCHOOL

"Honor to whom honor is due" is the rule of life laid down by the Christ. And I want to say through your paper that there should be showers of honor cast upon the Superintendent of our school this year, together with all the teachers. I have three children in school and they have kept able to attend school all the time. I attribute it much to the past management on cold bad days. Success to our schools. Price Bankhead.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dunn and baby who have been in Fort Worth several months, came in last Friday morning, on the account of the illness and death of Mrs. Dunn's mother, Mrs. J. R. Pee.

J. C. Mason left Wednesday for Deport to look after business. He will be away a couple of weeks.

Mrs. G. M. Sharp and daughter, Miss Lula, visited relatives in Fort Worth the past week.

### 2,000 Men Experienced in Handling Horses Wanted For Veterinary Corps

For work in the enlisted Veterinary Corps, 2,000 men not subject to call under the selective-service law are wanted. They will be assigned to duty in veterinary hospitals and for other purposes in the corps. Service overseas can be expected shortly.

There is particular demand for veterinary and agricultural students, farmers, stablemen, and others accustomed to handling horses. A few men of the following occupations will also be accepted: Horseshoers, saddlers, pharmacists, cooks, typist, and stenographers.

Pay for enlisted men and non-commissioned officers range from \$30 to \$56 a month, food, clothing, and quarters. Applications for enlistment can be made at any Army recruiting office.

## BURGLARY ATTEMPT SATURDAY NIGHT

Quite a bit of excitement occurred last Saturday night when some one attempted to break into the home of Jim Boaz. The hour was 11:30. Mr. Boaz was away from home. Mrs. Boaz heard some one walk around the house, go deliberately to the kitchen window and try to break in. She got her pistol and fired twice, the would-be burglar making a quick get-away. A number of neighbors gathered quickly, but no trace of the culprit could be found.

It is surmised that as Mr. Boaz had just killed hogs the culprit was meat hungry and wanted a ham or two.

The name of one or two parties are said to be mentioned prominently with a strong flavor of suspicion. The City Marshal might take notice. There is no use of these continued thefts. It is a pity Mrs. Boaz did not shoot straight and effectively. The community has no need of a thief and the quicker he is out of the way the better.

### Mr. Brown At Market.

E. N. Brown, of The Brown Dry Goods Company, left last Monday for market. He is purchasing a select line of stylish goods for his spring opening. He is especially anxious to obtain a complete line of ladies ready-to-wear, and also the latest in men's apparel.

### TAX ASSESSOR

W. C. Ayers is preparing to make his announcement for the office of Tax Assessor. Friends in different portions of the county have urged him to come out. His formal announcement will appear next week.

### Mrs. Pee Dead.

Death came almost suddenly to Mrs. J. R. Pee at her home last Tuesday. She was stricken with pneumonia on Saturday and from the start it was evident that she would have to put up a hard fight with the dread disease. She rapidly grew worse from the start, the end coming at 6:30 Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Pee have lived in this section of the country about 29 years. She was a consistent member of the Union Ridge Methodist church, having been a Christian from early childhood, always taking an active part in all church work, cooperating heartily with her husband, who was formerly superintendent of the Sunday School for a period of 15 years.

She was devotedly loved for her many virtues, and a whole community mourns her sudden demise.

Mrs. Pee is survived by her husband and the following children: Mrs. M. A. Dunn, of Fort Worth, Mason, Kenneth, Cyrus her mother, Mrs. Harris, and her brother, Arch Harris, all of whom were at the bedside when the last sad hour came. Joe Pee, of Clyde, a brother of Mr. Pee, was also present.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Carpenter, of Tye, pastor of Union Ridge church. The funeral was under the supervision of A. B. Barrow & Company. Interment took place Wednesday afternoon in Rose Hill Cemetery.

To the bereaved go our heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour of affliction.

Special Service at the Methodist church Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Sunday morning subject the Great Commission. Sunday night at 7:15 our W. M. Society will have a splendid program and installation of officers. Everybody welcome. Come. C. S. Cameron.

Statement of Condition  
**The Farmers State Bank**  
 Merkel, Texas

At Close of Business Dec. 31, 1917

**RESOURCES**

Loans .....	\$241,224.22
Banking House .....	9,400.00
Furniture and Fixtures ..	3,950.00
Liberty Bonds and Thrift	
Stamps .....	2,817.11
Interest in Guar. Fund....	3,003.57
CASH & EXCHANGE.....	<b>128,507.98</b>
Total .....	\$388,902.88

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock .....	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus Fund and Profits	
(Earned) .....	33,697.66
DEPOSITS .....	<b>320,205.22</b>
Total .....	\$388,902.88

The above statement is correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

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 Texas as second class mail matter.

The casualty list of American boys at the front are beginning to come in steadily. So far the numbers are small, but soon we may expect its increase. Along with this sad news, also comes the glad report that the morale of the German army is on the wane, dissensions are rife and revolution is imminent. Let us hope for no long time will this savage war ensue.

The Commercial Club has appointed a committee to purchase seed grains. The committee is hard at work on the proposition. The important thing now is for the farmers who appreciate this cooperation to place their orders with the club at once. We certainly don't want to be short of seed, should the seasons come right. If this matter is deferred much longer, we may not be able to obtain the seed. There is plenty of cotton seed in Merkel at present, it is stated, and probably more seed of this nature will be ordered.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our many friends for their sympathy and kindness, especially Mr. J. N. Shelton, Mrs. and Mr. Pick Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Smith, Miss Amanda Curtis and all others who so kindly assisted on our recent bereavement the passing away of our dear father.

Mrs. Etta Tucker.  
 Mrs. Viola Larsen,  
 Milton, Geo. Olin and Ivan Clinton.

Car choice hay expected any day. G. M. Sharp.

FOR SALE—Typewriter ribbons at the Merkel Mail office.

Mr. Strickland Writes.  
 Lubbock, Tex., Jan. 30—I am not receiving my paper and suppose my time is up. It seems like we are lost without the Mail as I have been a subscriber for a number of years. I see a good deal of news about the country and my old friends and neighbors. I lived in Jones and Taylor Counties for five years I have made good crops in both counties and made short ones too. It will make there again if it will come a rain. We have had a dry year here in Lubbock County. The sod crops were all most a failure, but on old land feed was good where it was planted early and marketed well. There wasn't much cotton here his year. What there was made from a third to one half bale. This land is of a sandy nature and is very rich and productive for most anything, if we can get rain. Land is high here. The buying of land has not been a big business with the land agents as it was a year ago, though we have several new comers. The most of them came from the black land.

I would be glad if more of the Merkel people would write to the Mail.

The Plains have had a hard winter on cattle. Lots of them have died. E. W. Strickland

**Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's.**

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 60 cents.

W. A. Thornton, who was seriously hurt in a runaway about six weeks ago was able to eat dinner last Sunday at the table with the family. He expects a rapid full recovery and his many friends rejoice in his regained strength.

**The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head**  
 Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 30c.

J. H. Thornton of Abilene was a visitor in Merkel last Monday.

G. F. West, V. Pres.    J. T. Warren, Pres.    Thos. Johnson, Cash.  
 Henry James, V. Pres.    Will S. Merritt, Asst. Cash.



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 OVER \$50,000.00**

All forms of Commercial Banking  
 transacted with accuracy

We invite your account and will  
 extend every loan accommodation  
 justified by Safe Banking  
 Methods

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

J. T. Warren                      G. F. West  
 C. P. Warren                    Henry James  
 Thos. Johnson

**LOCAL NEWS**

Miss Louise Warren has been sick the past week.

Cold pressed cake at Bob Martin's.

Miss Geneva Brown spent Sunday and Monday with home folks.

Cold pressed cake at Bob Martin's.

Miss Bess Touchstone has just returned from a six weeks visit to Dallas, Fort Worth and Strawn.

Car of seed oats expected this week. G. M. Sharp.

**Indigestion.**

Take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets as directed for indigestion, and you will soon forget about your stomach troubles. Try it.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns left Merkel a couple of weeks ago for Dallas to visit their daughter, Mrs. Letha Banner, who underwent a serious operation. Mr. Burns returned a few days ago Mrs. Burns will remain until Mrs. Banner fully recovers. She is getting along as well as could be expected.

Typewriters Wanted—Couple of No. 5 or No. 9 Oliver typewriters, if in good condition and prices right. Merkel Mail.

**Boschee's German Syrup.**

will quiet your cough, soothe the inflammation of a sore throat and lungs, stop irritation in the bronchial tubes, insuring a good night's rest, free from coughing and with easy expectation in the morning. Made and sold in America for fifty-two years. A wonderful prescription, assisting nature in building up your general health and throwing off the disease. Especially useful in lung trouble, asthma, croup, bronchitis, etc. For sale by Grimes Drug Store. 30 and 90 cent bottles.

**To Point Out**

All the reasons why it is to your interest to trade with us would be too numerous to mention, but we wish to impress upon you that when you buy any merchandise of us you get the best in quality and price.

**Spring Sewing**

A great many ladies are beginning to think of planning and buying for their spring sewing, and it is a pleasure to us to know we are able to offer you a complete stock of high grade merchandise. We have many beautiful patterns in Gingham, Galateas, Percales, Cheviots and Romper cloth. Also other sewing necessities.

We are in a position to prove to you what we state is true

**PAY CASH AND SAVE 10 TO 20 PER CENT**

**The Brown D. G. Comp'ny**

We Sell for Less because we Buy for Cash and Sell for Cash

**GIVE YOUR SOUL A CHANCE**

Pause, sometimes, in your quest of pleasure.  
 Eager getting, and giddy dance Tarry awhile, and take your measure.  
 Listen, and give your soul a chance.  
 It will live in the unknown distance  
 Whether you win or lose the race  
 Still small voice, with its vague insistence,  
 Drowned in the moil of the market place.  
 'Tis a sad old world and its lessons bitter,  
 Give heed to its moan, and understand,  
 Pass by the lure of its tinsel glitter,  
 And give some other a helping hand.  
 And keep unspotted the fair white pages  
 Given each day, to you and me.  
 It will pay each day down the endless ages—  
 Pay in the coin of eternity  
 We will only hold in the Great Forever.  
 Out where our weight and worth is weighed,  
 Only the weight of our brave endeavors,  
 Only the worth of the fight we made,  
 The endless years, in their ceaseless spinning scorn the baubles that we have won,  
 Only the work, and not the winning,  
 Will count when the last days work is done.

JUANITA

For that Terrable Itching .  
 Eczema, tetter and salt rheumatism keep their victims in perpetual torment. The application of Chamberlain's Saive will instantly allay this itching, and many cases have been cured by its use. For Sale by all Dealers.

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**PRACTICAL Business College**  
 ABILENE, TEXAS

Only well-known Business College in West Texas. Thousands of firms nearer our Employment Department than any other. Money-back contract guarantees position. Catalogue FREE.

# ONLY 20 CENTS

Will put the celebrated CORONA ELECTRIC PERCOLATOR in your home. ☐ Twenty cents down, and double each monthly payment for four months. ☐ We have a limited amount of these percolators that we will sell at these low prices and terms. ☐ This percolator is the best that can be bought, having features that other makes have not. The feature is, you cannot burn one out.

☐ Its greatest feature is that it brings out the sweet aroma from the coffee.

Phone 202

**Merkel Power Co.**

## The Double Standard Oil and Gas Company

CAPITAL STOCK \$100,000.00  
Full Paid, Non-Assessable

\$100.00 INVESTED IN OIL HAS PAID \$40,000.00  
AND IT MAY DO SO HERE

Wages Never Made a Man Rich, But  
A Small Investment Has

Stock Selling at 10c a Share

\$20 buys 200 shares; \$50 buys 500 shares; \$100 buys 1000 shares. If desired, send 2c a share cash and 2c per share each month. Five per cent discount for all cash.

☐ Figure what it means if it advances to \$1.00 or \$10.00 as others have done.

☐ Our holdings are in Wyoming, Oklahoma, Kansas, Kentucky, Colorado, Texas, where wells produce as high as 10,000 barrels daily. One 100-barrel well will pay \$72,000.00 a year, which would enable us to pay 4 per cent a month dividends on stock issued, as 50 per cent of net profits are to be paid in dividends to stockholders.

☐ We are selling stock to increase holdings, drill wells and pay dividends. Buy now before it advances.

WM. F. REYNOLDS, Secretary

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PHONE 124

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Inspector on the ground—Quick Service

Real Estate and Fire Insurance

**W. O. BONEY** West of Farmers State Bank

### LIFE INSURANCE

The United States Government has provided a great thing in the way of insurance for our soldier boys, who are in the service of their country, an every one should take advantage of this opportunity and take out a policy, for protection to himself and dependent ones. Don't neglect it, boys, it's a duty you owe to yourself and loved ones.

But may I urge upon you that these policies do not insure the life of your body, but to the contrary, you must either die or become halt or maimed before you or your beneficiaries reap any benefits from them. But I want to, in this article, present to you a sure enough life insurance—the insurance of the soul. I am not an agent of Uncle Sam, soliciting bodily insurance, but for 25 years I have been an unworthy agent or representative of the company of Jesus Christ, and oh, how I wish, that I could induce all our dear soldier boys, who have not already taken out a policy in this company, to do so at once. Jesus, the Son of God and the Savior of lost men, is the head president of this company.

Let me give you a bit of information concerning this company.

1. As to the character and standing of the company I represent. It is the oldest insurance company in existence. It antedates the flood; has been doing business over 6,000 years. It is the most reliable of all.

Because its reserve fund is unlimited. Come wars, come famine, come pestilence, there can't enough people die to break this company.

Because no one ever heard of this company failing to meet all of its obligations.

It's the only company of its kind. There can be but one; all others are counterfeits.

Some other peculiarities. It insures against death. The head of the company himself says, "Whoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." What would Vanderbilt, Gould or Roth child have given for an indefinite continuance of natural life? No other company can insure against death.

My company's policies are made payable only to the insured. You can't insure for the benefit of another.

Policies are nonforfeitable from day of issue. It issues only paid up policies.

It rejects no applicant. The sick, the poor, the halt, the lame the blind and all are invited. The head of the firm himself says: "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

The terms of this insurance are an important feature. It is the cost that keeps men from having their lives insured. The cost to insure in this company is infinite. All the wealth of the earth would not pay the price of a single premium on a single life. It required the wealth of heaven to pay the price. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whoso-

### ANSWER THE CALL

Merkel People Have Found That This Is Necessary

A cold, a strain a sudden wrench,  
A little cause may hurt the kidneys.

Spells of backache often follow,  
Or some irregularity of the urine.

A splendid remedy for such attacks,

A medicine that has satisfied thousands,  
Is Doan's Kidney Pills.

Thousands of people rely upon it.

Here is one case:

C. E. Jordan, stock dealer, Winters, Texas says: "Several years ago I had kidney complaint and suffered a great deal with rheumatic pains. The kidney secretions passed irregularly. I heard about Dan's Kidney Pills and used them. Doan's gave satisfactory results and I am glad to recommend them."

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

ever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

But to you, dear one, it is free without money and without price. The rich and poor have the same chance. Just accept it as a free gift. For the gift of God is eternal life. O soldier boys won't you accept a policy in this company as a free gift, taking Jesus as your captain, yes, the captain of your salvation. Jesus paid it all, you are only to trust him for this life, believe him and your soul shall live.

The best time to insure. Right now, today, tonight. Don't delay. Many have missed it already by waiting. So hurry and accept it this moment and our captain's word for it you shall never perish, but have everlasting life.

My company will not promise to insure anybody tomorrow. It doesn't do business on time. Behold now is the accepted time, behold today it the day of salvation. If you wait for tomorrow, it may never come, and the greatest opportunity of your life may be forever gone. There is danger and death in delay. Oh, delay has been the ruin of many. Look to Jesus by the eye of faith and say, Lord Jesus, I take this eternal life according to the promise of thy word. May God bless all the soldier boys.—A.L. Jobe in The Baptist World.

### \$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 7c.

### RESOLUTIONS TO PASTOR

Resolutions concerning Rev.

B. Owen, our retiring Pastor

We your committee beg leave to submit the following: In as much as Bro. Owen has resigned as our Pastor and goes to other fields of labor. We deem it fitting and God honoring for us as a church to express as best we can in words our high esteem of him as our former Pastor, As a man, and as a Preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore be it resolved by the Baptist Church of Merkel, that in his going away we feel we have sustained a distinct loss. We can say with emphasis that he has been faithful to the limit of his ability in the pulpit, on the street and in the homes of the people, to help them in their christian lives and sympathizing with them in their sorrows and bereavements, during his pastorate of three years he has shown marked ability as a preacher and under his care the church in every department has made considerable growth. In view of these facts we as a Church heartily and lovingly commend them to the people to whom he goes and to the brotherhood at large, praying Gods blessings upon him and his family. Respectfully Submitted,  
Mrs. J. S. Swann,  
J. T. Howard.

### Reason Enthroned.

Because meats are so tasty they are consumed in great excess. This leads to stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. Revise your diet, let reason and not a pampered appetite control, then take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be well again. Try it.

Mrs. A. C. McGee came in last Monday night from Ft Worth, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stallings. Mr. McGee is employed in Ft. Worth, and while here Mrs. McGee is preparing to move their household effects to that city. They have been in Ft. Worth since last August.

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Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

**Farewell Social.**

In honor of Roy Owen, who left the city last week to make his home in Petrolia, a party was given at the home of Miss Eula May Ayers a few evenings previous to his departure. A large crowd was in attendance, all of whom entered heartily into 42 and other amusements, to gether with a number of musical selections on piano and victrola. Chocolate and cake were served to the following guests:

Misses Ina Fay and Evelyn Barbee, Thelma Armstrong, Nel and Ruth Holloway, Deco Sharp, Palice Meeks, Lillian and Eula May Ayers, and Messrs. Roy Owen, Cecil Newberry, G. B. Brown, Kenneth Sharp, Hollis Haynes, Harry Merritt, A. J. Mann, Fred Jenkins, John Wheeler, Davis Jones, Roy Brown, Preston Guthrie, Joe Holmes, Tom Allday, Roy Moore, Warren McSpadden and Herbert Dennis.

**League Program Feb. 10.**

Leader Miss Amber Lewis. Song, Song, Scripture Lesson. Prayer, Song. Subject. What Methodism Stands For. (Pastor's Meeting.) Origin of Methodism, Howardaney. Bishop Vincent's Methodist Ten Doctrines of Grace, Miss Lola Armstrong. Special Music. Methodist Believes She Stands for Something, Preston Guthrie Talk on Methodism, Pastor. Song, Prayer.

**JUNIOR RED CROSS**

Supt. Parker has been appointed chairman of the Junior Red Cross work in the Merkel school. The campaign will be started Monday, February 11. Further announcements will be made in the schools.

Remember the 10th and pay your Electric bills.

**SAVE**

- 1. WHEAT— Use more corn.
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- 3. FATS— Use just enough.
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**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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**B. Y. P. U. Program.**

Bible Study Meeting  
The Ten Commandments.  
Leader, Edna Swann.  
Song.  
Prayer.  
The First Commandment, Mamie, Ellis.  
Second Commandment, Virgil Mayfield.  
Third Commandment, Wilma Garrett.  
Fourth Commandment, Alva Wheeler.  
Sixth Commandment, Girlie Howard.  
Seventh Commandment, Iva Bragg.  
Eighth Commandment, Lula Sharp.  
Ninth Commandment, Roy Moore.  
Tenth Commandment Frank Counts.

Mrs. T. E. Reagan has been on the sick list the past week.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

**AT LAST THE TRUTH ABOUT BELGIUM**

At last—the American people are to have the whole truth about Belgium. They are to know exactly what has taken place in the little kingdom from a period of about eight months before the German Invasion until the present day.

The person who will supply this positive information is Mr. Brand Whitlock, former mayor of Toledo, who was appointed Minister to Belgium by President Wilson in December, 1913. He is today at the seat of the Belgium Government at Le Havre, France. Whitlock was in Belgium as you know when the Iron Heel of Germany crushed the life from the little kingdom.

Because he is the one man who has all the facts; because he is an author; because he has seen; because he is truthful; because of this Brand Whitlock has been prevailed upon to write his story now and not wait until he returns to Brussels with the King which he hopes some day to do.

So now after three years of silence, comes his story, written from a journal kept faithfully day by day. Late at night, sometimes near exhaustion from the strain of the work that he carried on unceasingly and with self-sacrificing devotion, he stubbornly held himself to the task of keeping this historic record—now the most significant of the war.

The world has been waiting for this story. It is a stupendous story, magnificent, astonishing, pitiful, inspiring, horrid, sensational too, for the whole account of ravished Belgium is to be told.

Realizing the importance of this—the story the American people have been waiting for—the Star Telegram has purchased publication rights and will commence printing the serial on Sunday, February 17th. It will be printed in the Sunday edition only. It will run for about one year. It will be published exclusively in North Texas in The Sunday Star Telegram.

In order to assist in the work of placing these facts before the people of our county we have secured a clubbing arrangement with the Sunday Star-Telegram. The regular price of the Sunday Star Telegram is \$2.50 per year. The regular price of The Merkel Mail is \$1.00 per year. We will supply both one year, for \$3.00. Give your order early—don't miss the first chapter.

**Dreadful Cough Cured.**

A severe cold is often followed by a rough cough for which Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has proven especially valuable. Mrs. F. W. Olsen, Marysville, Mo., writes: "About two years ago my little boy Jean caught a severe cold and coughed dreadfully for days. I tried a number of cough medicines but nothing did him any good until I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It relieved his cough right away and before he had finished taking one bottle he was cured. I think it is just fine for children."

**PHYSICIAN WRITES**

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 31—Not having received the Mail for the past two issues I am writing to advise you that if my subscription has expired to reenter my name and continue the paper.

I am remaining away from home longer than I had originally expected and hence must have the Mail to keep in touch with home affairs.

San Antonio is a city of soldiers of the finest type of American manhood and they are rapidly being sent to France. It is up to America and our soldier boys to win the war. For we realize

**That Terrible Headache.**

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full well the consequence if we don't win and that is why the help and resource of every American should be put behind the soldier boy, who is willing to give his life for his country and uphold the moral honor of civilization.

The agricultural districts of this part of Texas are as dry as Taylor county, hence the home folks have not suffered alone from the drouth. Dr. Geo. Miller.

**Getting Rid Of Colds**

The easiest and quickest way to get rid of a cold is to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This preparation has been in use for many years and its value fully proven. No matter what remedy you use however, care must be taken not to contract a second cold before you have recovered from the first one, and there is serious danger of this. A man of middle age or older should go to bed and stay in bed, until fully recovered. It is better to stay in bed three days at the stark than three weeks later on.

**Willie Rister Dead.**

Willie Rister, aged 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Rister, of Caps, died last Monday morning from an attack of pneumonia. He had only been sick a few days. Funeral services were held at Caps Tuesday, afternoon at 2 o'clock, interment taking place in the Caps cemetery. The funeral was in charge of A. B. Barrow and Company. The deceased has many friends in this county to mourn his death. To the bereaved we extend our most heart felt sympathy.

**A LIST OF NEW RED CROSS MEMBERS**

- J. C. Childress.
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- Derstine, Mrs. H. W.
- Douglass Tom.
- Duglis, Ocie.
- Dennis, E. W.
- Dougls, Ben.
- Dennis, Carlton.
- Dersine, Mrs. W. H.
- Douglass, Jay.
- Douglass, Mrs. Jay
- Dye, Mrs. A. V.
- Dennis, F. H.
- Dunn, Elbert
- Dry, Miss Loice.
- Dry, Loid
- Dennis Herbert.
- Davis, Mell
- Dye, Missie.
- Dunn W. F.
- Dennis, Mrs. J.T.
- Demington, Mrs Emmerson.
- Daniel, W. T.
- Douglass, A. J.
- Dye, A. V.
- Dew, Jhon.
- Douglass J. F.
- Denon, Mrs. J. W.
- Denton, J. W.
- Dalton, B. E.
- Dalton, Mrs. B. E.
- Dennis, J. T.
- Dennis, Rob.
- Donoldson, J. R.
- Dry, J. M.
- Dowdy, Mrs. J. W. Trent.
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- Duckett, Mrs. E. (81years)
- To be continued next week.

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**A Religious Discussion At Nubia**

Beginning next Tuesday at 2 p. m. the following propositions will be discussed as given here. 1st. The Missionary Baptist Churches, one of which I, G. F. Slap, am a member was fully set up or established during the personal ministry of Jesus Christ on earth and is scriptural in origin, doctrine and practice. G. F. Slap Affirms. Price Bankhead Negative.

2nd. The Church of Christ of which I, Price Bankhead, am a member was fully set up or established in the City of Jerusalem, on the First Pentecost after Christ rose from the dead, and is scriptural in origin, doctrine, and practice. Price Bankhead, Affirms, G. F. Slap, Denies.

The services will be held in the Cross Roads Church House one mile south of Nubia, and the public is invited to attend.

Written for publication by Price Bankhead, Merkel, Texas.

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Moore, Alger.  
Washington, Mrs. Irving  
Roach, W. H.  
Freeman, G. F.  
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H. C. Williams, Postmaster, Merkel, Texas.

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