

## A BAD AND UNJUST PRACTICE

Searching the End of the Rain-bow—Trade Diversion—Town Killers.

From some unaccountable reason there seems to be a disposition developing on the part of some of our young people to do their trading elsewhere than in Merkel. Such a disposition is a form of disloyalty unworthy of true citizenship. If a town is worth living in, it is worth helping, pushing and developing. Some times there are articles that must be purchased elsewhere but on the whole the local merchants carry a line that meets well the conditions imposed by the war and drouth. Now right at a time when every ounce of your trade is needed at home, when your loyalty should be most manifest, you go creeping away and urging others to go. What if you were forced to do all your shopping miles away from Merkel? If everybody did as you do, the merchants would have to go out of business.

In order to make the illustration clear, many of our teachers, the ones who gain their sustenance from the taxes paid by our business men and property owners, often find it convenient to trade elsewhere, Sunday not even excluded.

Now the teachers, not all of them, but some, are no worse than any other citizen who gains his livelihood from the fact that he has been honored and helped by the citizenship.

Some of our people have gone elsewhere to buy without ever giving our merchants a chance. If a woman wants to buy a garment, she wants one that has never been seen before. Looks like it would be wise to get one made in the dark and lock it up in the wardrobe for fear somebody might see it. Surely she could not wear it out on the streets twice.

We heard of a local party going into a store recently and practically making a purchase. A companion walked up and said: "Why don't you go to—before buying." The purchaser followed the advice. That merchant was a saint, else he could not have held his peace. Such unthoughtfulness is inexcusable. We don't believe there is a merchant in Merkel that can not and will not sell his goods for a nice percentage less than these same goods can be bought in any larger city within a radius of 200 miles.

Suppose, young lady or young gentleman, that your father was a minister, a professor, a lawyer or doctor, depending upon the community for his practice and sustenance, wouldn't it look mighty smart of you to be too high toned to consider the merchandise of your own good town. You are of the blood royal, and it might be that your father was too high toned to stoop down and practice among his fellow beings. Further, do you know that the merchants right here in Merkel carry the very same lines that are carried in Dallas and Fort Worth, and if you will give them half a chance they will deal far more fairly with you.

A certain leading citizen's wife went elsewhere recently to purchase a coat. She could have done better here in price and just as well in quality. But for the goodness of the citizens doubtless she would not have been able to purchase the coat. Another party went elsewhere and purchased a coat. It was a winter garment. Great opinions some people have as regards styles!

Be loyal to your town, to your merchants and to your

fellow brings, and in turn they will be loyal to you.

Now if any one thinks we refer to him, just get that out of his head. It is the other fellow we are talking about.

### FARM SEED

Orders are coming in rapidly for red top cane and feterita. Only a limited amount of seed are ordered. Every one ordering seed are urged to place their orders with the Commercial Club without delay.

Plenty corn, corn chops, oats, bran, shorts, cotton seed meal mixed feed at Crown Hardware Company.

### ANNOUNCES FOR COUNTY CLERK

G. R. Pain of Abilene has announced for county clerk. For ten years he has been in the grocery business in that city, having a branch in Merkel about eight years ago, known as Pain & Meeks. He is now traveling with the Geo. A. Hormel & Co. He is well qualified and capable for the honor he seeks. We heartily recommend him to the consideration of the voters.

### FARMERS WHAT HAVE YOU TO SELL

I am in the market for your chickens, turkeys, ducks, guineas, eggs, butter, hides, furs, sacks, rags, paper, old iron, castings, beeswax, and tinfoil. Will pay you cash for all you bring. Clean up your place and get money out of what is going to waste. (Conserve.) I am at the same old stand. W. P. Duckett.

### Merkel Vs Abilene Ball Game

The Abilene High School Basketball team arrived at Merkel at 4:15 Tuesday afternoon to play their second game with the Merkel quintet this season. The game was called at 4:35 by the Abilene coach, Mr. Shotwell. Fifty minutes after the game was called the Merkel quintet departed from the field bearing the victory with a score of 28 to 12.

The line-ups were as follows: Merkel—Stevens and Burns, forwards; Wilkins, center; Garrett and Pike, forwards. Abilene—Etheridge and Dodge forwards; Hall, center; McGee, and Hardy, forwards; Ligon, sub.

Remember the 10th and pay your Electric bills.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OUR RATES

For District offices	\$8.00
For County offices	8.00
For Precinct offices	6.00
For City offices	3.00
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For Clerk District Court	J. N. Routh
For County Judge:	E. M. Overshiner.
For County Clerk:	H. Holland Teaff.
	Henry R. Hicks.
	J. D. Hiltor.
	J. L. Mingus
	G. R. Pain
For Sheriff:	J. T. Dodson.
	John Bond.
For County Treasurer:	Austin Fitts.
For County Tax Assessor:	John H. Vance.
For County School Supt.	J. S. Smith.
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



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## This War Will Be Won Only When Thrift Becomes Our Watchword

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### CLASSIFIED ADS

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**COTTON SEED**—I have arranged for some good East Texas cotton seed, that will cost you about \$1.65 per bushel f. o. b. Merkel. If you are interested see me at once. G. B. Brown.

**COTTON SEED**—About 1000 bushels pure Mebane cotton seed direct from Lockhart community, at \$2.25 a bushel. W. H. Laney. 154

**TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & CARBON PAPER**—At Merkel Mail office.

**WANTED**—Good young fresh milk cow. S. F. Haynes.

**GOOD FARM**—For Rent. 135 acres in cultivation. See Crown Hardware Company.

**FOR SALE**—Good work team. Apply to W. H. Laney. 84c.

**EGGS FOR SETTING**—Full blood Rhode Island Reds, 15 for \$1.50. I. C. Holden, Route 2, Trent, Texas. 82c.

**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.

**BARRED ROCK EGGS FOR SALE**—A setting of 15 for \$1. Mrs. W. A. Campbell, Route 5, Merkel, Texas. 1t3

**TYPEWRITERS**—Second hand machines of all makes for sale. On display at Sanders Drug Store, B. F. Cox. tf

**FOR SALE**—A fine mare at a bargain. G. L. Baker. 8tfc.

**FOR SALE**—Jersey cow, 2 years old, gives over 3 gallons of milk per day. Phone W. C. Ayers 8t2.

**FOR SALE**—Sewing machine and 4-burner oil cook stove, both in fine condition and practically new. Will sell cheap. Call 63 or visit residence of J. T. Browning

## THE OIL SITUATION AT MERKEL

Many people are interested in the oil situation locally. Indications are too good here to pass up entirely. While we hoped to have more responses for this issue, yet we expect to have more in the future. Speaking in regard to the matter, J. T. Warren said:

"I don't believe we are going at this matter right. People are too ready to lease their land to small and irresponsible concerns. It seems that the thing to do would be to pool the interests of the local land owners and induce an able company to test out the proposition. The small amount of lease money is nothing compare with the big expense of drilling a well and if oil is found, the royalty is the big end of the game any way. I am for development any time, but have no land to lease."

It is a well known fact that

promiscuous leasing of land simply ties up indefinitely and militates against practical development. Those who have land to lease might do well to consider this feature of the matter. If a small irresponsible concern leases nearly all the land in this neighborhood, and a heavy company owns a few leases, it is an assured fact that the latter will do no development work until the leases of the former expire.

Some of our citizens are even of the opinion that if the matter was of such deep laid interest, and enough people could be brought together in the carrying of a proposition, it would be wise to form a local company and sink a well. At any rate it is high time to develop some interest in the matter. If a wealth of oil lies beneath our feet, we would like to be cashing in on the proposition.

Merkel Mail: Within the past

seven months I have been in correspondence with several men over the State in regard to the development of oil and I have learned that the first step to take is to have an expert geologist to come and examine this locality.

If his report is favorable the oil companies will take hold of it. I wrote a man in Fort Worth in regard to the cost of having a geologist come and examine this farm and one in an adjoining county.

The geologist he will send has had experience in practically all of the large oil fields in the United States.

Mrs. I. C. Holden. The letter follows:

Mrs. I. C. Holden: Replying to your favor of February 21st, you can safely figure that not over four days will be required to do the work you have on hand, including both tracts. In other words, the maximum charge will be \$100 and expenses.

There will be some little work required in getting up the report after party returns here. If the work can be handled in less time this, we will, of course, be glad to save that amount for you.

In preparation for his trip you might have some one locate all places where rocks come to the surface on tracts, also locate all drilled wells with logs, if possible, the idea of this being to save time in the field.

May we suggest that if you so desire, you might interest your neighbor or the owners of near by ranches, that you can trust and have this report made covering their land also, as it is possible with practically no more expenditure of time to get out even a better report on a larger area. You would see that in this way you save yourself some expense and get a better report and possibly open the way for future co-operation that will be mutually advantageous.

Awaiting your reply with interest, we are, The Geologist.

Merkel Mail—Reading your editorial in last week's issue of the Merkel Mail regarding the possibilities of a greater Merkel brought about by the proposal of oil interests being developed. Beg to say the writer has been very enthusiastic about this matter for some time, and now after having just returned from Ranger, Texas, where they have an abundance of oil being produced. I am more enthusiastic than ever and think the people of the Merkel Country are sleeping on their rights by not having our fields developed, which I am sure can be had in abundance. Now this may seem like fairy tales to some, but the same was said of the Ranger fields not over six months ago. People merely hooted at the idea of there being oil in that locality and to day they are developing one of the best fields in the State. Property that was absolutely worthless, now stands the owners and independent fortune. Lands that had gone begging are now bringing the owners as high as \$300.00 per acre lease to say nothing of the royalty it will bring later. One man for instance is now receiving something like \$650.00 per day as royalty. Of course this you might say is a happen so, but Texas is rich in Minerals and Oil and some day will be developed, so why wait for the other fellow. Lets get busy and organize a Home Institution, free, and independent from graft and put some good worthy men behind our project and go after that which is our own. The writer is in for organizing a Home Company of \$50,000.00 or \$100,000 of home people. Let every man, woman, boy and girl take a \$100.00 share and lets develop one of the best counties on earth.

A. C. ROSE.

## RECENT SHOWERS REVIVE HOPE

Last Friday night one-half inch rain fell in Merkel, Saturday night another little shower increased the rainfall to two-thirds of an inch. It fell so slow that all the water went into the ground. A short distance north and northeast of town the rainfall was about one inch. In the canyon the fall reached an inch. In some places considerable tank water was caught. The people are feeling better over the rain and generally are going right ahead and planting their crops. Everybody believes we are going to get plenty of rain. There is enough season in the ground to bring up the seed. Wheat is reported coming up nicely and doing well.

### DRY BILL PASSED

Austin, March 6.—The Spencer, Smith, Bledsoe statutory prohibition was finally passed this afternoon, after suspending the rules. The bill, which was substituted for the Looney bill, was engrossed by a vote of 92 to 31.

### Jones And Clark Indicted

The grand jury for district court of Taylor county, in special session late last week returned several bills of indictment, four growing out of the wrecking of a Wichita Valley passenger train in December, 1915. These indictments were against Felix R. Jones and W. C. Clark, two charges against each.

Deputy Sheriff Ben Peavy went to El Paso after Clark returning with him early this week. His bond was placed at \$1,000. Jones was not remanded of the El Paso authorities as he is held there pending action on appeal of his case wherein he was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 25 years imprisonment.

### FIRE LOSSES IN 1917

Losses from fire aggregated \$230,000,000 in 1917 and were larger than in any previous year in the Nation's history, except 1906, according to a communication received here from the Council of National Defense. The San Francisco earthquake and conflagration occurred in 1906.

The great Irish leader, John Redmond, died on March 6. For more than 25 years he has fought for home rule in Ireland.

### Interscholastic League

University Interscholastic League for the Abilene district will be held in Abilene, April 19 and 20. Supt. R. D. Green, Abilene, is general director.

### School Owns Thrift Stamps.

In the Merkel school there is an enrollment of 654, and they own 1,623 thrift stamps. Of the total enrollment, 508 agree to plant or work in a war garden. Some of the older citizens might do well to take a lesson from the school children.

### Miss Blanch Walker Sails.

A telegram was received from Miss Blanche Walker, stating that she was due to sail Tuesday, March 5, from San Francisco to China, where she will resume her missionary work. Her destination is Tian-Fu-Shantung. Kiangtse, Shantung, China. Miss Walker visited in Merkel several weeks ago.

### Singing at Trent Sunday.

Sunday afternoon at 3, there will be a singing at the Christian church at Trent. Everybody invited to attend.

Plenty corn, corn chops, oats, bran, shorts, cotton seed meal mixed feed at Crown Hardware Company.

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.

MULBERRY NEWS

Well let us wash our faces and forget it.

A good rain has settled the all pervasive dust. Let us hope that its season of aerial activity is over and that it will stay down where it belongs, ready for its legitimate business of raising "garden sass," thirty cent cotton, and feed, which if the present sky-scraping prices maintain, will be worth at least ten cents a "nibble."

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barker spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Martin.

Aron Horton and Will Moore attended the burial of grandpa Hughes Sunday.

Mrs. R. B. Wells visited Mrs. B. N. Billingsley one day last week.

Misses Frankie and Maggie Lee Chacy spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Maggie White-scarbough.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore rejoice with them in the convalescence of their little grandson J. C. Buford, who has been seriously ill of the dreaded disease Meningitis, at his home in Fort Worth.

Mrs. D. W. Martin of Tye and Mrs. Aran Horton visited Mrs. Will Moore Sunday.

Since the rain Sam Martin no longer goes around looking like a decrepit rooster with the rump, but moves as if he didn't mind it, and wears a perpetual yard-wide indestructible smile.

Little Woodrow Wilson Moore is right sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fortenberry and C. L. Britton of Clyde visited relatives and friends in this community recently.

Last week B. N. Billingsley dug the sand out of his eyes and declare that he would "sell out" at the first opportunity, it is thought however that the rain settled those foolish notions along with the sand.

Mrs. Ras Walton has gone on a visit to her parents in Coleman Co.

The young son of Mrs. Bersha Baker, who has been quite sick is improving.

Mrs. Prather and grandchild-

ren spent Sunday with Mrs. Northcutt.

Faces are bright since the rain—also cleaner.

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YOUR WORK

Do not look so far away  
To another distant day.  
Nor imagine you should grac  
This world in some other  
place,  
Your work is just where you  
stand  
It is lying by your hand.

Do not idly waste your days  
Thinking of more brilliant  
ways—  
While you think life stale and  
flat,  
Go and feed your hungry cat,  
Wipe your squalling baby's  
nose,  
Do not sit and count your  
woes.

Any homely task may come  
Little part of lifes great Sum  
Do not think it not worth  
while,  
Do it bravely with a smile.  
For the willing work you do  
Time will make it up to you.

Dwell not on the petty stings  
Of lifes "useless" little things  
Never doubt that soon or late  
Any needed work is great.  
Ever know that all your light  
Lies along the path of right.

Better than a thousand flow-  
ers  
Idling thro' the passing hours  
Is the one whose mind serene  
Never thinks her own work  
mean  
Mourning not her meager lot  
Keeping bright her little spot.

Let not small vexations  
grieve  
Time will bring a swift re-  
prieve  
For your fleeting years are  
few  
Peace and quiet wait for you  
In the years that you will  
rest  
With your hands upon your  
breast.

JUANITA

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LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. F. H. Lathem left Monday for Houston, where she will join her husband.

Hooverize and keep your clothes cleaned and pressed. Best service by Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Miss Dunn visited Miss Maggie Wheeler last Sunday.

GOOD FARM—For Rent, 135 acres in cultivation. See Crown Hardware Company.

Mrs. Mabel Bickley went to the sanitarium in Abilene last Friday night where she was operated on for appendicitis. She is getting along nicely and expects to return in a few days.

Mr. Nichols of Cross Roads underwent a very severe operation at Abilene last Monday evening.

R.M. Parker was on the sick list last week, but is able to be at his post of duty again, much to the delight of the teaching faculty.

W. W. Russell is reported to be real sick. He was taken to the sanitarium in Abilene Sunday night. The institution was so crowded that he had to be brought back home. It will be two or three weeks before the operation can be performed.

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER has been a household remedy all over the civilized world for more than half a century for constipation, intestinal troubles, torpid liver and the generally depressed feeling that accompanies such disorders. It is a most valuable remedy for indigestion or nervous dyspepsia and liver trouble, bringing on headache, coming up of food, palpitation of heart, and many other symptoms. A few doses of August Flower will relieve you. It is a gentle laxative. Sold by Grimes Drug Store. 30 and 90 cent bottles.

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New Socks

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When the women take over the county offices the cuspidors will go out of the courthouses. With a woman judge on the bench the lawyers will have to quit smoking. And with women councilmen we may expect ordinance making it a misdemeanor to wear a dirty shirt or come down town unshaved. There is considerable to this woman suffrage question beyond what appears on the surface.

The Farmers' Home Journal rises to speak a good word for the hen and her part in winning the war. "In all this talk about food production the humble hen should not be forgotten, because in a rush job she is in a class by herself. She can produce food in the shape of eggs and meat, and can reproduce herself more quickly than any other sort of livestock, and in doing it can use up more varieties of waste-food products."

**For a Bad Cold**  
Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It has stood the test of time and can be depended upon.

It is a well known fact that the most severe critics of the public schools and the churches are the people who have never taken the trouble to enter the doors of the institutions that they criticise. They stand outside and bark instead of entering and learning for themselves the truth about matters. It is far easier to set up a hue and cry than to make a thorough investigation.

**For Diseases of the Skin.**

Nearly all diseases of the skin such as eczema, tetter, salt rheum and barbers' itch, are characterized by an intense itching and smarting, which often makes life a burden and disturbs sleep and rest. Quick relief may be had by applying Chamberlain's Savle. It allays the itching and smarting almost instantly. Many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all Dealers.

## A MESSAGE TO THE NATION

Nature has implanted in every human being a sense of justice. This sense of natural justice does not emanate from any religion or creed; it is the common possession of humanity. It constitutes the one great distinguishing mark between man and the animal. And the more highly educated, the more highly refined a man becomes, the stronger is his sense of natural justice. We condemn a violation of natural justice, not because we learn from a man or a book that such an action is worthy of condemnation, but because it violates that conception of justice which was born in us.

We do not have to be told that it is wrong to torture a helpless child. We do not have to be told that it is wrong to go to a farm house and burn it to the ground, torture its inmates, and then throw them into the burning ruins of their own home. Such things are repugnant to our sense of natural justice.

It is this elementary attribute of humanity, this quality which distinguishes man from the beast, which has been violated by Germany. Not only has natural justice been violated, but its violation defended by emperors, preachers, philosophers, teachers, and that mass of individuals who sympathize with the German cause.

While the most enlightened teachers of humanity are telling us that man by aspiration and effort can raise himself to partake of the Divine nature, Germany is teaching and practicing the doctrine that man should invert the theory and take his place amongst the lowest types in the animal world. They hold forth as the goal of human ambition, after centuries of upward struggle, the figure, type and mentality of a beast rather than that of a God. The animal which lives on the flesh of others, whose right to existence is based only upon its strength and its ability to crush its prey, would appear to be the German ideal.

It is largely because the German idea is so repugnant to us as enlightened Americans, because their practices send a shudder through every fibre of our bodies and produce such nausea in our souls, that we are at war with Germany today; and it is because of these conditions that every decent, honorable, thinking man must pledge, if necessary, his fortune, his life, his all, to eradicate this unspeakable thing which has fallen like a curse upon the sons of men.

Conceive, if you can, the condition of this world if we allowed such doctrines to prevail. Property would go to the man with the strongest arm and the most unscrupulous mind. Liberty would die a shameful death. Freedom would shriek as Justice falls. Religion would perish from the earth and a false God—one of blood, iron and bestiality, would be set up for the worship of a cringing, cowering humanity.

There are indifferent ones who say that such things can never happen in this country. These people do not realize that one of the penalties—the greatest of all penalties—which we should pay for defeat would be the Germanization of our people. One of the terms of our defeat would be the privilege of Germany to trade, teach and colonize freely in this land of ours. One of the things coveted most by the German mind is the souls of men, for when they have these they have their bodies, their wealth their all, and if during the course of the next generation the Germans could capture or even deeply influence the soul of America they would consider that they had won the greatest victory in the history of their Nation.

As citizens of an enlightened democracy we must fight by every means in our power this menace which would steal our souls and those of our children. No greater tribute was ever paid to a human being than that paid to one of the old

# NOW IS THE TIME

## For You to Acquire a Splendid Occupation Quickly and Cheaply

Young men and young women must step into the business and industrial life of the country and keep things moving while the boys are at the battle front. The army has called from the offices the men of military age. Many business institutions are already hampered. There are many boys and girls in this vicinity who are looking for an opportunity—for a career.

Why not use the art of stenography as a stepping stone? It leads, when backed by true principles, courage and ambition, to the very highest positions in the land. It leads to professional life. Without it law would be minus many of its leading lights. In the halls of Congress may be found many who were given their great life's opportunity by being thrown with men of power and influence through stenography. It is an art not to be despised.

And to think you can get the very best training to be given anywhere right here at home, without having to pay high board elsewhere, and at a very moderate rate of tuition. If you live near here you can take the course. Board can be secured here very reasonable.

You prepare for years to teach—any occupation usually requires years of time. What other line of work can you engage in that will lead to such quick results?

We have a class that is making rapid progress in this art. Several more are contemplating starting at once. We expect to start another class right soon. Don't defer this matter. Learn to do something that will gain you a situation to be of help in time of war, for the war is not yet near the end and will not be for some time to come. Act now.

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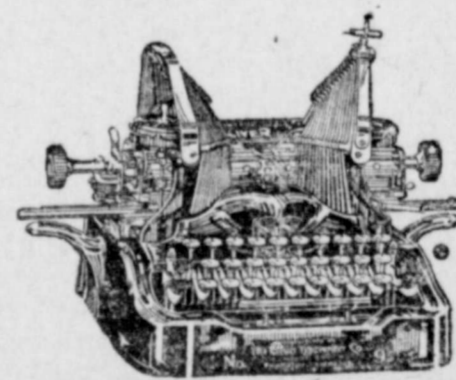
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kings of England of whom it was said:

"His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him That nature might stand up and say to all the world 'This was a man'."

It is for such an eulogy we all yearn, unconsciously, if not consciously, and those who would lay restraining hands upon us as we aspire are our mortal and immortal enemies.

There is a practical side to every question, however great and spiritual that question may be. The warfare on behalf of your better self, for your higher interest, and that of your children, is being waged by brave men who have the profoundest claims upon your sympathy and assistance. It seems a pitifully small and totally inadequate thing that you can do, but yet if that is all—do it, and do it to the limit of your ability. Place on record your purchase of a Liberty Bond when the Government calls upon you in the very near future.

### TO THE OLD WOMAN AND THE NEW WOMAN

Greeting. The best kind of men, the men who count for most in the world, the men who have "done things", almost without exception have been inspired by women. Dante was inspired by Beatrice—whom he saw only once. Socrates was inspired by a lady of whom he saw and heard too much. Henry VIII of England made history at the instigation of a number of ladies. Shelley wrote some of his best work under the influence of Mary Wolstanecraft—before she became his wife. But these women never did anything. They stood on pedestals and radiated inspiration.

Times have changed, and apparently women have changed. I do not know today of a single woman of my acquaintance, nor do I read of one in contemporary history, who is willing to be a silent partner in the business of a man's life, whether that business be running a kingdom, writing poetry, thinking great thoughts, or running a business.

The influence which women now exert and the inspiration which they offer to the male of the species comes from their leadership in human activities.

Those of us who are interested in the raising of the Liberty Loan in this section gladly accept the new order of things and call upon the new order of women to inspire and influence the men of the district by their actions and their example rather than by any attempt to stand on a pedestal and let somebody else do the work.

Woman today is claiming equal rights with man, and cannot expect to enjoy these unless she is willing to take her share of the responsibilities which rights and privileges always carry with them. The woman who believes in the equal civic right of the sexes is bound to take at least as active a part in the war as do the men. She can do no less unless she wishes to violate her own creed.

Let no one suppose for one moment that the writer of these lines imagines that the modern woman is less approachable on the grounds of her womanhood and her motherhood than the old fashioned woman who was content to knit socks, wash the children, and inspire her husband; but it is permissible to point out that the newer type of woman should help in the Liberty Loan Movement because she is a woman, a wife and a mother, and because in addition to all these things she is bound absolutely by the creed of the new womanhood to vie with men for supremacy in the realm of initiative and action.

It seems not unlikely that the women of the Eleventh Federal Reserve District will be the determining factor in campaign work during the Third Liberty Loan Campaign, and these remarks are addressed to the women of the District in the hope that they will take in this important work the position which they have claimed as their own; namely, that of comrade, co-worker, even leader, in all matters in which both men and women are jointly concerned for the national good.

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period of the war .....

Help win the war with a garden.

The school attendance here is holding up fine, except from the effects of some sickness—measels, roseola, principally.

The boys in the first call are expected to receive notice at any time that they are needed at their respective training stations.

Retail merchants have been ordered to only sell one customer 12 pounds of flour at a time if he lives in town and 25 pounds if he lives in the country. We would not be surprised if we did not have to do without flour entirely before long.

Remember the road bond issue. It is the duty of those who are for it to come to the polls and vote; it is the duty of those who are opposed to it to come to the polls and vote. This is a democratic government, not an autocracy—thank God.

Germany is still pressing the Russians back. Japan is about to come to the assistance of Russia. It would be a wise move for them, and we believe, would so encourage Russia as to bring her fighting strength up to its full power.

### Forget What He Needed

From the Republican, Mt. Giliaid, Ohio: The editor had an interesting experience some time ago, when a young gentleman came to this office and asked for a copy of the Morrow County Republican. He scrutinized it carefully when a copy was handed him, and then said: "Now I know!" "What is it you are looking for," he inquired. "My wife sent me after a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I forgot the name. I went to several stores and the clerks named over everything in the line on the shelf except 'Chamberlain's I'll try again, and I'll never go home without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.' The Republican would suggest to the proprietors of stores, that they post their clerks, and never let them substitute. Customers lose faith in stores where substituting is permitted, to say nothing of the injustice to makers of good goods and the disappointment of customers.

### In Danger.

"Now they say women are to wear trousers."  
"Aha! I thought I noticed my wife viewing my best pants with a speculative eye."

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### Notice of Sale of Assets.

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of March 1918, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash all of the assets of The Southern National Bank of Merkel Texas.  
John Sears, Liquidating Agent.  
2c.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Morgan have returned to Baird to make their home in the future. They have been residing in San Angelo for some months, but recently Mr. Morgan accepted a position with Swartz of Baird and they moved there to make their home.

Rev. and Mrs. Cameron were called to Sweetwater to the bedside of their daughter, who is very sick.

J. C. Joiner, aged about 70 years, dropped dead at his home, near Tye, at 11 o'clock last Tuesday morning. Burial took place in Abilene cemetery.

G. J. Jones, and daughter, Miss Ruby, visited his son, Choc at Camp Travis, leaving Friday and returning Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Compton, Lucile, Christine Russell and Phala Diltz were at Hastings Okla last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Philip Diltz and Jesse and Delma Compton.

### Card Of Thanks

We cannot express in words, our heart felt thanks to our many friends who so kindly rendered their services during the long weeks of suffering of our father. Extending the same thanks to the telephone and telegraph companies, and to our never tiring Dr. Cranford. Especially do we thank Mr. Web. Honner, who for the past ten days of father's illness, left his own home and waited by father's bed most all the time, rendering every aid possible for human hands—Sincerely,  
John S. Hughes  
Charlie Hughes  
Mrs. E. H. Paterson  
Mrs. W. T. Cox  
J. H. Hughes, Morris, Ala.

### Try This For Sour Stomach

Eat slowly, masticate your food thoroughly. Eat but little meat and none at all for supper. If you are still troubled with sour stomach take one of Chamberlain's Tablets before going to bed.

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.

### A Pleasant Physic.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To whom it may concern:  
To all creditors other persons interested in either of the Estates of W. A. Hall deceased or R. E. Hall deceased, we the undersigned were appointed Administrators jointly of both of said Estates by the County Court of Taylor County, Texas sitting for Probate business on the 19th day of February A. D. 1918 and all persons having claims against said Estate or either of them will present said claims to us within the time prescribed by law. We each reside in Taylor County, Texas and our Post Office address is Merkel, Texas, Rural Route.  
W. A. Campbell, Route 5,  
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We have the exclusive listing of a few choice farms near Merkel. We have tried to obtain farms of such dimensions as would interest any one in the market for land.

These farms range in price from \$25 to \$35 an acre. All of them have improvements, which if removed, would reduce the value of the land from \$5 to \$15 an acre.

Every one of these farms have made money and big money. They made something this year in spite of the worst drouth this country ever saw.

They will produce one year with another nearly as much as the black land belt. If the seasons are right they will produce more.

Compare the price with from \$150 to \$200 an acre land in other sections and where the improvements here are often even better. It will be worth money to prospectors to look over this section.

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Just 5 1/2 miles from Merkel, with public road and rural route running squarely on two sides is one of the richest and best improved farms in all Texas. The only reason the owner has agreed to part with this ideal farm is on account of his boys being of military age and subject to call at any time.

The residence consists of 6 rooms, frame, is painted white, has hall, front and back porches, lightning rods, \$300 acetylene gas plant with lights and light fixtures in every room. Adjacent improvements include brick and cement cistern, storm house, smoke house with counter, meat cabinet fly proof, shelves, etc., 32-barrel zinc tank, large chicken house, cow lot that will house 5 cows with shed covered with new corrugated iron; granary 32 feet long that will house 2500 bushels of grain, built of 6X6 sills, 2X6 studs, with 11-foot shed, costing over \$300; well built shop building, with large side room; windmill, brand new, with everlasting water; barn 33X28 feet, well built, and high plank fence 2-acre hog lots, with partition, hog sheds and feed troughs; yard for little chickens, rat and varmint proof, with well built house; outhouse that can be used for cotton pickers, servant house or for storage purposes. These improvements are located systematically and a nice distance from each other.

Of the 540 acres in this place, 330 are in cultivation and 210 in pasture. Adjoining the improvements just mentioned, is a pasture of 80 acres, with tank that has never been dry.

There is another set of improvements on the place including 4-room box house, painted white, with brick flues, porch on north, fronting on public road; barn two chicken houses and lot, zinc stock tank, cellar, plank lot fences, adjoining pasture of 130 acres, with tank that has never been dry. These improvements also include a windmill. Near this place is a 2 acre plot, sub-irrigated, with a fine young orchard, and fenced to protect plants from rabbits and all foreign varmints. The farm runs to the creek bottoms.

With the exception of the first residence mentioned, all of these improvements have been added within the past four years at an aggregate cost of nearly \$8000., including the very substantial fencing placed over and around the land.

This place is within two miles of a modern school building, where the Baptist and Metho-

dist churches hold services regularly, with Sunday School every Sunday.

In 1914 170 acres produced 105 bales of cotton; in 1915 100 acres produced 1600 bushels of wheat, 10 acres 400 bushels of rye, 100 acres 4000 bushels of oats and 50 acres 32 bales of cotton; in 1916 53 bales were raised off of 150 acres, and tons and tons of feed were raised; this year the farm made enough feedstuff to run the place and several bales of cotton.

The farm has a complete outfit of machinery that can be purchased with the farm at a big bargain, including 40-20 Case tractor, 7-bottom disc plow 28-50 Case separator practically new, drills, rakes, harrows, etc. This farm can be improved, throwing one set of improvements on each part. 200 or more acres can be sold off of the west side.

This is absolutely one of the biggest bargains in all the country. We will gladly refer inquirers to any business man in Merkel as to the correctness of the above description.

### GOOD LOCATION FOR DOCTOR

Have four-room house, good barn, good water, 10 acres of land, small orchard, good fences, creek running through property in thickly settled neighborhood. The only doctor within 11 miles. Fine opportunity. This property can be purchased for \$600.

The reason for selling is that present owner is advanced in age and desires to quit practicing medicine. Other land can be obtained in the neighborhood at a reasonable price.

Any one desiring a nice little home of their own will do well to buy this place. Close by land can be rented almost any time.

### SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY

A farm of 175 acres, located seven miles northeast of Merkel in one of the richest sections of this country, is for sale at the very low price of \$30 per acre. Of this land 110 acres are in cultivation and 65 in pasture. Improvements consist of 7-room residence big barn, small tenant house, storm cellar, well, pump and good water. There are 21 pecan trees on the farm, and a plum orchard.

This place is located 1 1/4 miles from school and church.

Owner has lived on the place for 10 years. The crops were short this year. Last year he made 30 bales off of 60 acres. For several years previous he never fell below one-third of a bale per acre.

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Don't try to make your fortune by easier means than hard work.

Don't speak carelessly of a lady's character. It is her only anchor.

Don't forget that the best and greatest man that ever walked the earth was a boy.

Don't haunt the lady of your choice at a ball, party or picnic. She has certain civilities to pay elsewhere.

Don't fix your stare on the fair ones that pass along the streets. To stare at anyone is not manly at all.

Don't neglect your business. Take pains to do your work well. Good workmen are always in demand.

Don't sneer at the opinions of others. You may learn wisdom from those far less pretentious than yourself.

Don't swear. It is not necessary and does no good. It is neither wise, manly nor polite, nor agreeable to others.

Don't grow up to be a soured old bachelor, when there are so many true and lovely girls that will make such excellent wives.

Don't flirt with a young lady to whom you are a perfect stranger. It looks most ridiculous; and you may get thrashed for it some day.

Don't unnecessarily make enemies. The good will of a dog is better than his ill will. But don't cripple your independence and your individuality to please friends.—Exchange

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FROM MR. M'ADOO**

On January 21st Mr. McAdoo issued a personal message to all holders of Liberty Bonds, in which the following very wise and timely remarks occur. They should be read by every Bond Holder:

"It has been brought to my attention that a large number of patriotic citizens who subscribed to Liberty Loan Bonds of both the first and second issue are being approached from time to time by Agents who have, with too frequent success, induced them to sell their Liberty Loan Bonds and take in exchange securities which in a number of cases have been of a very questionable value.

"I therefore warn investors in Liberty Loan Bonds against exchange of these evidences of their patriotism for any securities or so-called securities. While some of the securities, or so-called securities, offered in exchange for Government Bonds are of sound value, there is no doubt that a large percentage of them are worthless.

"I believe it is for the best interests of the people at large, as well as for their actual protection, that they disregard all such offers and hold fast to the best investment in the world, that is, Bonds of their own Government.

"It is my earnest hope that every purchaser of a Liberty Bond will realize that the only genuine help he gives his Government is by keeping his Bond as an investment as long as it is possible for him to do so. Where because of misfortune or imperative necessity, the holder of a Liberty Bond is forced to sell, there can, of course, be no objection."

**SMALL WE SEE IT  
THROUGH OR QUIT?**

The Government is finding it necessary to call upon us three times within a year to provide by subscriptions to Liberty Loans, sums of money hitherto considered of fabulous proportions. These facts should impress upon us as no mere words could do, the intense seriousness, the stern necessities, of the situation.

Continued acquaintance with the more serious aspects of life is apt to breed indifference, and to distort our mental vision. As the soldier shudders with horror at his first sight of carnage, but later becomes hardened, so are we apt to become complacent under conditions which call actually for increasingly strenuous effort.

The Liberty Loan with its original accompaniments of novelty and noise appealed to our national love of a new sensation. In the Third Campaign much of the novelty will be lacking, but the serious purpose behind the campaign will have grown. Our money was needed when both the First and Second Liberty Loans were floated, but it will be more than ever needed when the Third Loan is called for. Our army has grown, our national pay-roll has grown, the needs of our allies have grown, the necessity of forever banishing the unspeakable menace of Prussianism has grown. No longer can we hope into the entrance of this Country the struggle will induce an early peace. More arrogant, more desperate than ever the German Government puts forward its impossible claims upon the rights and life of humanity.

Our Government in its growing need is calling upon us to give up our luxuries, is conscripting the lives of our sons, is controlling trade, labor, and prices, with an ever increasing earnestness and firmness of purpose.

The test of our personal strength of character and determination is at hand. Your Government pleads with you very earnestly to preach and practice both before and during the next Liberty Loan Campaign a steadfastness of purpose, an unselfish patriotism, which shall reflect the spirit of a man who having set his hand to the execution of a necessary task would rather lose that hand than draw it back. This is the spirit of our President, of our Allies—it is surely our own.

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Sired by "Napoleon" No. 910, his dam by "Midnight" No. 3355. This jack has made three seasons at my barn and has mules all over the country, which I would be glad you could see before breeding.

My terms for either horse or jack is \$10.00 when the mare is served, and I give you the following note to secure you against any loss:

**\$10.00** Trent, Texas **19**

One year after date for value received I promise to pay to the order of \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of ten dollars with interest from date at the rate of ten per cent per annum. This is a conditional note and is to be void if the mare described below, which has been served by my horse—jack—is with foal and bears a colt which is able to stand and suck. If said mare is not with foal this note is to be in full force and effect.

Payable at Trent, Texas. Non-negotiable.

Description of mare: Color \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_ years, height \_\_\_\_\_ hands, name \_\_\_\_\_ brand \_\_\_\_\_

As to my ability to pay above note, please refer to The First State Bank, Trent, Texas

Will not be responsible for accidents

## L. W. ROSS

Located 4 miles west of Trent. Follow T. & P. railroad from Trent

**A HEART STORY.**

By WILLARD CHALLONER.

"One hundred dollars!" exuberated Warren Deane in a positive burst of ecstasy.

"Two hundred, my dear fellow," corrected Rupert Thrall, picture broker. "Why do you minimize a really pretentious streak of fortune?"

"Because I agreed to give you an even half of whatever 'The Masqueraders' sold for."

"We will waive that in this instance," Thrall asserted. "I've got faith in you, in your ability and in your final fame and fortune, therefore I insist on financing you, to an extent, and making up for it when I am selling your pictures at thousands instead of hundreds. So I decline to take my commission, provided you follow my directions explicitly as to the investment of the money."

"And that is?" submitted Warren.

"Take a vacation."

Warren Deane had been a home boy, living a quiet life with his widowed mother until she died. Alone in the world, he followed the bent of his mind in the direction of art and literature.

The sale of "The Masqueraders" was his first streak of luck. He followed the advice of the only friend he had found in the great wilderness of the city, the picture broker, and two days later was established in a quiet village boarding house at Virden, and roaming the hills with easel and color box, seeking subjects and studies.

One morning he was sketching out in crayon a dell outline upon the canvas, when a little miss of about five passed along a woodland path fringing the deep gully beyond. A great bushy dog frisked about her. Her charming face, her graceful bow attracted him and irresistibly his eyes followed her. Suddenly, appalled, he sprang to his feet from the camp stool. In switching about her, the dog brushed too close to the child—she toppled, and went out of sight over the edge of the cliff.

Shocked, half-stunned, shuddering, Warren ran to the ledge. A great sigh of hope rent his lips as, five feet down, he saw the child wedged against a slanting rock and crying with fright and clinging to a frail bush. Beneath yawned an abyss.

"Don't move! Don't let go!" cried Warren. He was trembling all over as he let himself over the ledge. He uttered a gasp of joy as his feet were anchored. Slowly lifting the child, he pushed her beyond the ledge, climbed up himself, and fell upon a log, breathless and exhausted.

Warren soothed her and carried her to where his easel stood, and placed her on the camp stool.

"Now you must rest, and then go home, and don't ever get so near the ravine again," he said.

"And I'll tell Maudie how good you are, and she'll just love you," prattled the innocent. "And—oh, my! I'll get some more doughnuts and bring them here, and it will be my picnic, and you are invited. Won't that be grand?"

Warren resumed his work. Sure enough, at the end of two hours the little one reappeared. She carried a paper bag, which she placed carefully on the stool.

"I told sister Maudie, and she said I must thank you, and bring you home with me, for her to thank you."

And then little Winnie questioned him about the easel, and his being there, and what was an artist man. He caught her pose with a true artist's eye as, on tip-toe, she held one of the doughnuts above her head, the dog standing on his hind feet and reaching for it.

"Don't move—keep that way," ordered Warren in a fever of enthusiasm, while he sketched the presentation rapidly. "I'll make a canvas of it. That will do."

Warren tried to evade going home with little Winnie, though invited, but she was persistent. When he came to meet Maude Springer, whom he never afterwards forgot, she was all that was lovely, dainty and gentle.

One day at the village he learned that Maude Springer, although she lived humbly, was heiress to one of the largest estates in the district. The same day he packed up his kit disconsolately. He would never tell his love!

"I will not even tell her good-by—it is better to go now, before I suffer more deeply," he mused. "I wonder, though, what she would think if I told her that I loved her, and asked her to become the wife of a poor but devoted sutor, and—"

All of this was what Warren Deane wrote as a story in the woodland dell that sunny, last afternoon in paradise. It was his true heart story. He left the sheets across the camp stool, as he proceeded some distance away to take down and pack up a hammock he had strung between two trees in a shady nook.

He came back to get his other traps together, little knowing that during his absence Maude Springer had visited the spot. She read the pathetic heart story. Then she took up its last page and added—"fnis!"

And this was the "fnis" that Warren Deane found added to his true heart story:

— and Maude Springer would have said 'yes,' and the bright desire of her life would be to lay at the feet of the man she loved, not only her loyal devotion, but her fortune, to help him to give to the world some great work of art that would make him famous."

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**Uncle Bill Hughes Dead**

The young may die; The old must die; We were made to feel the truthfulness of this when on Friday, March 1, the Grim Monster—Death, visited the home of W. F. Hughes and claimed for his victim Uncle Bill, as he was commonly known by his many friends. He was born in Jefferson County Ala., April 3, 1838, and came to Taylor County in the fall of 18193, where he, by his cheerfulness and square dealing, has stamped his honored name on the hearts of many friends.

Uncle Bill was an old soldier, having suffered the hardship of the Civil War. He espoused the cause of the South and fought many hard battles, one of which was at Atlanta, where Uncle Bill lost one of his arms. The war closed but Uncle Bill never gave up his struggle for independence. Having only one arm he faced life's battles bravely.

By the sweat of his brow he earned an honest living and reared a family of ten children. Aside from this Uncle Bill managed to lay up sufficient funds to take care of him in his old age.

This writer was with Uncle Bill much during his last five weeks of suffering. He bore his agonizing pains with all the patience one with a worn out body could be expected to.

Yes Uncle Bill's body wore out, for when he was too feeble to work he contented himself by doing many little things about the place. We can only say to his devoted wife—Grandma Hughes, wait for a short time and then you shall join Uncle Bill again in that country from whose bourne no traveler has ever returned.

By a friend of Uncle Bill's  
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Six Years Ago, Thinking She Might Die, Says Texas Lady, But Now She Is a Well, Strong Woman and Praises Cardui For Her Recovery.

Royse City, Tex.—Mrs. Mary Kilman, of this place, says: "After the birth of my little girl...my side commenced to hurt me. I had to go back to bed. We called the doctor. He treated me...but I got no better. I got worse and worse until the misery was unbearable...I was in bed for three months and suffered such agony that I was just drawn up in a knot... I told my husband if he would get me a bottle of Cardui I would try it... I commenced taking it, however, that evening I called my family about me... for I knew I could not last many days unless I had a change for

the better. That was six years ago and I am still here and am a well, strong woman, and I owe my life to Cardui. I had only taken half the bottle when I began to feel better. The misery in my side got less... I continued right on taking the Cardui until I had taken three bottles and I did not need any more for I was well and never felt better in my life... I have never had any trouble from that day to this."

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State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1925. A. W. GLEASON, (Seal) Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists. 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

An exchange tells the story of a boy who was sent to market with a sack full of rabbits, lingering around town all day and coming back without selling them. When asked by his mother why he had not sold the rabbits, he said no one asked him what was in the sack. How many of our merchants are like this little boy? They have plenty of goods for sale, but fail to tell the people what is in the sack. If you expect to sell goods in this day and age, you must open your sack and keep shouting the merits of your stock in trade.

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## NOTICE ROAD BONDS ELECTION

Notice is hereby given of a road bond election to be held within and for Road District No. 2, Taylor County, Texas, on the 30th day of March, 1918, in accordance with the following order of the Commissioners Court of said county:

Abilene, Tex. Feb. 13, 1918. "Order of Commissioners Court Ordering Bond Election For Road District No. 2."

On this day was presented to the court the petition of M. Armstrong and others asking for a road bond election for Road District No. 2. And it appearing to the court that said Road District No. 2 has been heretofore laid off and defined by metes and bounds by order of this court made and entered on the 11 day of Feb. A. D. 1918, and that said petition is signed by more than fifty resident property tax paying voters of said district, and that there is a necessity for said road bond election in order to provide funds for the construction, maintaining and operating of macadamized graveled and paved roads and turnpikes and in aid thereof and that there is a necessity for such roads in said district. It is therefore ordered at this a regular session of said court, all commissioners and the county judge being present that an election be held on the 30th day of March, 1918, within and for Road District No. 2, said county, to determine whether or not the bonds of said Road District shall be issued in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) said bonds to bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum and to mature at such times as may be fixed by the commissioners court, serially or otherwise, not to exceed thirty years from their date, for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining of macadamized, graveled and paved roads and turnpikes and in aid thereof, and to determine whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the taxable property of said Road District to provide a fund for the purpose of paying interest on said bonds and the redemption of said bonds. Said Road District No. 2, is particularly described by metes and bounds in the order of said court dated Feb. 11, 1918 which is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, said metes and bounds being as follows, viz:

Beginning at the intersection of the N. line of Sec. 58, Blk. 19, T. & P. Ry Co. surveys with the west line of Taylor County Texas, Thence north with the west line of said county to its N. W. cor. Thence East with the North line of Taylor County to its intersection with the west line of the David Bruce Sur. No. 135; Thence southward along the west line of David Bruce sur. to the N. E. cor. of Jose Gabo sur. No. 128; Thence southward along the east line of Jose Gabo Sur. and the east line of the John McSherry Sur. No. 129 to the S. E. cor. of Shelly's Subdivision No. 4 of said McSherry Sur. Thence westward along the

south boundary lines of subdivision Nos. 4 and 3, Shelly's, and south boundary line of Drummond's subdivision and south boundary lines of Rister's subdivisions Nos. 7, 5, and 4 and M. B. Toole's sub. of said McSherry sur. to west boundary line of said sur. Thence northward to N. E. cor. of Willis Avery Sur. Thence along the north boundary line of said Avery sur. to its N. W. cor. Thence continuing in same direction across N. B. Teaff sur. to east line of W. R. Willis League; Thence southward along east line of said Willis sur. to S. E. cor. of Henry Sayles Jr. Subdivision No. 29 of said W. R. Willis sur. Thence westward along the south boundary lines of subdivisions Nos. 29, 27, 26, 25, 24, 23, '2, and 21 of the said Henry Sayles Jr. Subdivision to the W. B. line of said Willis sur. Thence westward along the S. B. line of Sub. No. 11 Grimes County School Land League No. 146; Thence northward along W. B. lines of subdivisions Nos. 11, 10, and 1 of said league No. 146; Thence westward along N. B. lines of said League No. 146 and S. B. line of Sur. No. 4, Blk. 18, T & P. Ry. Co. surveys to S. W. cor. of said Sur. No. 4; Thence northward along W. B. line of said Survey No. 4 to its N. W. cor. Thence westward along the N. B. lines of sur. Nos. 5 and 6 Blk. 18, T. & P. Ry Co. surveys to the N. W. cor. of said sur. No. 6; Thence Northward along the E. B. line of Sur. 62, Blk. 13, T & P Ry Co. sur. to its N. E. cor. Thence westward along the N. B. lines of Secs. Nos. 62, 61, 60, 59, and 58, Blk. 19, T & P Ry Co. Surveys to the place of beginning.

All resident property tax paying voters of said Road District No. 2 shall be entitled to vote at said election which election shall be held in conformity with the general election laws of this state and Art. 628 et seq. of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, the general election laws governing where no special provisions are made with reference to road bond elections. The polls shall be opened at the following places, and the following persons are hereby appointed managers of said election, viz:

Election Prec. No. 6, City Hall, Merkel, W. O. Boney, Presiding Judge; J. Van West, Henry West and J. J. Stallings, Assistants.

Election Precinct No. 11, School House Trent, T. J. Wilkerson, Presiding Judge; C. T. Beckham, W. A. Abbott, and E. D. Massey, assistants.

Election Prec. No. 20, Tye-Merkel at S. Y. Reese, Residence; J. B. Thomas, Presiding Judge, S. Y. Reese, assistant.

The qualified property tax paying voters of said Road District shall vote at their usual voting places in their respective precincts, except those who reside in election Prec. No. 26, Blair and who are embraced within the bounds of said Road Dist. No. 2, shall vote at City Hall, Merkel.

All voters voting at said election who desire to support the proposition of issuing the bonds and paying the tax shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "For the Issuance of Bonds" and those opposed to the proposition shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "Against the Issuance of Bonds."

A copy of this order signed by the county judge of said county shall serve as a proper notice of said election and the county judge is directed to cause said notices to be posted and published as prescribed by law. Passed Feb. 13, 1918 at a regular session of the commissioners court in testimony of which witness our hands on said date.

Now therefore, I, E. M. Overshiner, County Judge of said county hereby order said election to be held at the time for the purposes at the places by the officers and in accordance with the stipulations and provisions of the foregoing order and issue this notice which shall be posted and published as prescribed by law.

E. M. Overshiner, County Judge, Taylor County, Texas.

## A Happy Mishap

By GEORGE ELMER COBB

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"Hi! out of the way there!" Bob Grinnell, the proudest boy in Leighton, made the welkin ring with his sturdy tones. He was running, or rather was made to run by a younger heifer, to the neck of which he had attached an eight-foot rope. Every time the nimble animal made a spurt pedestrians crowded aside, for twice Bob was dragged sprawling. He held on like grim death, however, for to him the scrawny, long-limbed animal was a treasure inestimable.

A month previous a state commission had advertised that at a certain date, a three-month-old heifer would be entrusted to the keeping of any school-attending boy or girl in the town, who would bring a letter from their parents agreeing to guarantee the care of the animal.

Bob had been allowed to pick out a brindle calf that caught his fancy. He had now conveyed it away from the group about the courthouse square. Suddenly, as he was crossing the street, a puffing automobile came rushing around the corner. His captive acquisition gave a wild dash. Clear around a square the animal coursed, and then sank exhausted and placid where an alley cut in from the main thoroughfare.

"Whew!" panted Bob and sank down beside the cowed and quivering animal. Just then a man carrying a fair-sized satchel came along. He was old, bent and cross-looking.

"Hi, there, Bob!" spoke this man, Ezra Grinnell.

"Yes, sir," responded Bob. "Mind this satchel while I go up to my lawyer's office a minute, will you?"

"Sure, Mr. Grinnell," accommodatingly acquiesced Bob.

"And mail this letter on your way home past the post office and I'll give you a dime."

"Thank you, sir," bobbed Bob. The old man stumped along and disappeared up the street stairs of a nearby building. Bobby noticed that the heifer had stretched out upon the ground as if thoroughly tamed. A bright idea struck him.

"I'll have to go out of my way homeward to get to the post office," he reflected. "Besides, I want to keep off the crowded streets with this wild and woolly brindle of mine. I've got it!"

Bob proceeded to tie the loose end of the rope through the handles of the satchel. Then he made a dart two blocks down the street, mailed the letter and hastened back to the starting point.

"Oh, now!" cried Bob in stupefied consternation. "Hi, Bob! Where's my satchel?" halled him and there was Mr. Grinnell at his side.

"Oh!" gulped Bob, glaring down the alley—"she's gone!"

"Who's gone?" challenged Mr. Grinnell.

"Brindle. I tied her to your valise and she's bolted, satchel and all!"

Grinnell let out a roar. His eyes blazed, his face reddened.

"Boy!" he thundered in an awful tone, "there was ten thousand dollars in that valise. Find it, get it, or I'm ruined!" and he sank to an ash box, the picture of desolation.

Bob was weeping by this time. The loss of Brindle, the added catastrophe of the valise completely overwhelmed him. He ran down the alley, glancing anxiously into backyards. Where it opened into another street he met a boy chum and breathlessly imparted his deplorable situation.

"Heifer and satchel?" excitedly observed his friend. "Yes, sir, I saw it!"

"Where—where?" projected Bob. "Bentling it lickety-split toward the baseball grounds," and Bob dashed on. His tear-stained face was woe-begone as he came back downtown an hour later. He had to inquire as to the whereabouts of Mr. Grinnell, for the latter he knew, had given up his old home a week previous, pursuant to moving to the city. At length, Bob found him at the village hotel. He narrated his dismal failure as to locating the heifer and valise.

Mr. Grinnell dismissed him with a scowl and rushed forth to search himself for the precious satchel. He put in two hours with spying into all kinds of odd corners in yards and lanes and making inquiries. He was passing a stretch behind some houses facing the street beyond when he gave a great gasp of hopefulness.

"The heifer!" he shouted and swung over a fence with the nimbleness of an agile schoolboy. Yes, there was the heifer, its rope trailing the ground, nosing in a neat garden bed, but—where was the satchel?

Grinnell looked eagerly all about. There was no trace of his missing valise. He ran up to the animal and seized it, shook it frantically as if to make it speak. Then he turned at a speedy hail.

"Why, Uncle Ezra!" Immediately the old man forgot his money loss. He drew back with a chilling expression of face. "I asked you once never to address me again," he began sternly. "Nonsense! See here, now you're

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## WAR GARDENERS

By LOUISE OLIVER.

Fred sniffed unasily as he turned the corner from the station. There was a faint aroma of something cooking, just what he could not yet tell, but he knew that it came from his own kitchen as surely as he knew that the sun was coming up next morning. As he came nearer he was able to distinguish it more clearly—tomatoes in some process of preservation!

How weary he was of this canning. Night in and night out it seemed for weeks and months past it had been the same thing. He had come home to find Laura overheated, overtired, not dressed, and her temper at the snapping point.

The bunglow as he approached it looked so bare and cheerless that he was almost tempted to turn back to the station and take the first train away from trouble. The porch boxes that last year had been a varicolored mass of foliage and trailing vines were now innocent of so much as a coat of paint; the awnings, so bravely and cheerfully striped a year before, hung stained and despondent from dry, dusty eaves; the flower beds formerly gorged with peonies, big orange poppies, roses and a thousand varieties of everything, and the close-clipped emerald lawn, had given way to a vegetable garden.

But Fred's thoughts were bitter, not so much on account of the war dress of the house as with conditions within. He thought of Mary Ann, that precious family jewel who had come to live with them after the honeymoon, and of the three delectable meals he and Laura had sat down to every day. Mary Ann had left at Christmas. But the worst of the whole thing was Laura's insatiable penchant for canning.

"For goodness sake, can't you ever get through?" Fred had asked despondently the day before, when Laura, up to her neck in pear butter, had set him down to a fried egg and potato on the corner of the kitchen table.

"Goodness, no! There are the tomatoes yet and peat!!! and catsup!"

Fred did not argue. But he smelled the tomatoes now and predicted another triangular meal in the kitchen.

He was right—almost—except that tonight's meal had but one dimension—a baked potato.

"I was just too tired to cook, Fred," declared Laura wearily.

And then Fred said things he'd never meant to say about coming home to a mussed-up house and a dickens-of-a-looking wife, and flung out of the kitchen and out of the house, climbed on the train, got a seat on the river side, and settled back for his twenty-minute ride.

Suddenly some one leaned forward and said in his ear, "You're getting back early, my boy."

Fred turned in surprise. It was old Mr. Prompter, the senior partner and by long odds the hardest worker in the firm, in spite of his age. He was very rich and lived in a fashionable section two stations beyond Fred.

Fred said something about his dinner, but the old man was deaf, somewhat; moreover, he was changing his seat to talk to Fred.

"I was just thinking," the old man was saying, "that our young men in the office weren't taking the interest in the business they ought to, but it seems I'm wrong. I'm glad to see, my boy, that you are willing to do your bit in this sudden extra pressure of work."

Little by little it was soaking in. Old Mr. Prompter took it for granted that Fred was going back to the office to work like himself. And Fred was too paralyzed to enlighten him.

"After all," thought Fred, "it won't hurt to let him think I'm a little tin angel. I've been after a raise and this may help some. I'll go get a bite somewhere, telephone to Laura and humor the old chap by working like a sailor all evening."

That night Fred came tiptoeing in at twelve o'clock fearful of waking his wife, but she was sitting up sewing beside the living room lamp and looking like his honeymoon wife of last year. She was dressed in a gown he liked and her hair, always lovely, looked prettier than it had for months.

Before Fred could say a word Laura sprang up. "Poor dearie, you must be tired. Come on and sit down and we'll have one of our old parties. I've been an awful person to you lately, and I'm never, never, never going to put up another thing and neglect my house and husband as long as I live, war or no war."

Fred took her in his arms and patted her head tenderly. "Listen, dearie, it's the best investment you ever made. Old Prompter got so worked up when I was the only one who turned up for work that he—you'll never guess it—he took me into the firm. That baked potato meant thousands of dollars a year to us. You'd better put it in alcohol on the mantle."

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Champ Has New Version.  
Champ Clark has added another classic to the list of proverbs, according to the Washington Star.

It was in the midst of a debate. Representative Gillett of Massachusetts had been guilty of gross exaggeration by saying: "A bird in the hand is worth seven in the bush."

Champ Clark was not to be outdone: "He thinks so," declared the speaker, "but in my district there is a lawyer who believes a bird in hand is the noblest work of God."

## TOUCHSTONE REACHES CHINA

(Continued from last week)  
January 12, 1918.

Dear Mamma: It's very hard to get down and write a long letter. I was off the train at Kyoto when I closed my last. The hotel to which we went was far up on the side of a high hill. As it was built for a summer hotel and it was then the first of December, the beauty of the surroundings was the chief attraction—no fires in the rooms, just a charcoal furnace about a foot across to warm hands and feet by.

The hotel stands in between two parks and overlooks the city. We decided we would ride the street cars instead of rickshas or autos, so got us a map of the city and started out. The city is well laid out, streets running with the compass so it was easy to find our way to where we wanted to go, at least to know what direction we wanted to go and about what distance. But the signs on the cars were not made for foreigners to read. The best we could do was to make an effort to pronounce the name of the place to which we wanted to go and the conductors were keen enough to understand and courteous enough to put us off when we got there. It is a city of temples, but we saw nothing very different from what we had already seen. There are so many beauties of nature nearby, we were told, but our time was limited so we did not go outside the city. There is a very large castle, but like the one at Tokio it has a wall and moat around it and we could tell nothing whatever about it. This castle is probably more than a thousand years old. Immediately after lunch we took the train for Osaka, about thirty miles to the southwest, near the coast. It is a city of about 600,000 and is called the Chicago of Japan, being the largest manufacturing city of the empire. Here we intended to spend the night and visit a few of the most interesting places. Last summer I met a very wealthy Japanese gentleman, who is a Christian, and I wanted to call on him. But when we went to the only hotel that is prepared to entertain foreigners we were told that they had not a single vacant room. By telephone I learned that my Japanese acquaintance was not in his office so I made an engagement for eleven o'clock next day and we caught the next train for Kobe, twenty miles away. We got there about dark and went to the Oriental Hotel, the only foreign owned hotel in the city, rates ten yen (five dollars gold) per day. That sounded pretty high as the most we had paid previously was just half that much. But we were glad in a way that fortune had sent us that way, for it was November 29, Thanksgiving Day, and the Americans in Kobe, with their foreign friends were celebrating with a

big dinner. Although we had been absent from America not quite three weeks we were glad to be in such an atmosphere as prevailed there that night. Next morning we left before breakfast (paying for a half day) and got to Osaka by nine o'clock where we ate breakfast at the railroad restaurant, a good meal too for the equivalent of thirty cents gold. By way of explanation I will say just here that gold means American money out here. If one does not say gold, it means Mexican money, which by the way is now worth almost eighty cents gold, where as three or four years ago it was worth forty. That is why the missionaries salaries are just a little more than half what they once were when they get them converted into local currency. Here in China the Mexican dollar is the common medium of exchange. I will have more to say on this subject later. The Japanese "yen" is worth fifty cents gold, but in Japan will purchase as much as a dollar will in America. But to continue the account of our visit to Osaka. We again took the "poor man's" method of transportation, the street car, and went to the east end of the city to a large temple. The principal object of interest here was a bronze bell, the largest bell in the world which is still hanging. I believe there is a larger one in Moscow, Russia, but it is broken and is no longer hanging. This bell at Osaka is sixteen or eighteen feet across, but is about thirty feet high. The Japanese bells are not shaped like American bells, being much longer and almost as large at the top as at the bottom. I think I sent you a picture of this one but I am not sure. There were so many interesting things around there (the temple covered several blocks) that it was time for me to call on my friend before my traveling companion got through seeing the sights. So he stayed and I went back to the city. It was very laughable to hear him tell how he got lost and how he tried to tell the people where he wanted to go. But he managed to find someone who knew enough English to send him back to the city and he met me at twelve o'clock as agreed. Mr. Yoshidizumi, the gentleman on whom I called was very cordial and immediately suggested that we go to lunch with him and then take the electric car to Nara twenty miles away and visit the temple there. As we had heard much of Nara, I accepted, with becoming modesty of course, but nevertheless accepted for both of us. We

thought we had seen many wonderful and beautiful things before, but Nara "laid them all in the shade" so to speak. It is a truly ancient Buddhist temple, having been originally built about the eighth century if I remember correctly, and having been burned down twice and rebuilt. The idol here, that is the principal one, is even larger than the one we saw at Kamakura, and being on a higher pedestal, with more ornamentation around and above, and being also in a building while the other is outside, is very much more imposing in appearance. It is a truly wonderful work of art. The temple stands in the midst of a park of several hundred acres—I say temple, the one in which this immense Diabutus is housed. There are temples and shrines all over the park, besides numerous tea houses and curio shops. The park is as pretty as any natural one I ever saw, and a very interesting feature was the tame deer that were everywhere, hundreds of them it seems to me. This park and temple, as I understand, are maintained by the imperial government. We got back to Kobe. Here we found our steamer in the harbor (she stayed in Yokohama three days discharging cargo) and went aboard for the night. We had spent five days in Japan, and were of the opinion that we had seen about as much as any two tourists had ever seen in that length of time. We had not missed a train, or anything that we tried to catch for hat matter, except the room in the hotel at Osaka, and we felt in the end that was good luck instead of bad.

On Saturday morning I took a train for Okayama, one hundred miles from Kobe, to visit Mr. Motoyoshi, a Japanese preacher who graduated in my class at Vanderbilt. I never saw a "foreign" face from then till I got back late Sunday afternoon, but that is another story which I will try to tell another day. Kobe is the principal seaport and shipbuilding city of Japan. It is also a center of missionary work for several denominations, there being some half a dozen schools there. Its situation is very picturesque, jammed in between the sea and mountain, the residence section reaching far up the mountain side and overlooking the bay. I am to be a guest at a dinner party tonight so must quit and get ready. Dinner parties are the one social diversion we missionaries have. Luckily there are enough of us in Soochow that we do not get very lonesome.

(To be continued.)

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Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Armstrong-Brown Wedding

A quite wedding took place at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon when Roy Armstrong of Oklahoma City, Ok., was married to Miss Etta Mae Brown at the home of the bride. A large number of friends attended the ceremony, which was conducted by Rev. C. S. Cameron.

Mr. Armstrong comes well recommended and is to be congratulated upon winning so charming a young lady, as his life's helpmate.

Miss Brown is one of Merkel's most popular young women.

The young couple will make their home in Oklahoma City. The best wishes of their many friends go with them into their new home.

B. Y. P. U. Social

The young people of the Baptist Young People Union will have a social at the home of Mrs. Lytton Howard Saturday night.

The Kings Daughters of the Methodist Sunday School, met with Mrs. H. A. Sanders on Tuesday afternoon for a social and business hour.

After important business had been dispensed with, the Social Committee, gave the ones present a surprise in the way of a unique program. The ladies were lined up and a real old time spelling contest was entered into with much interest.

It is needless to say that some of the best spellers to be found any where were present, and the way the match was conducted was amazing.

Mrs. Geo. Brown was the winner and was awarded a large kitchen spoon.

Mrs. H. C. Williams favored the audience with a reading, which was much enjoyed by all.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to the following ladies:

Mrs. T. A. Johnson, Mrs. H. C. Williams, Mrs. R. M. Parker, Mrs. N. B. Cobb, Mrs. J. C. Calvert, Mrs. Fred Latham, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Permyer, Mrs. J. J. Shelton, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Geo. Brown, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden.

Mrs. Sanders proved her self a most excellent hostess, and all enjoyed the occasion greatly.

Resolutions of Respect Of William Crockett Rister

Willie, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Rister, was born August 2, 1896 in Coryell Co. Texas.

He moved with his fathers folks to Taylor Co. in 1900.

He professed faith in Christ August 30, 1915, and was baptized into the membership of the Tye Baptist church August 20, 1916, and lived a consistent member until the death angel called him home Feb. 4, 1918.

Willie leaves a father, mother and five brothers and five sisters, a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death.

They not sorrow as those who have no hope for our loss is Heavens gain.

Willie was a faithful member of Cross Roads Sunday School and a favorite with his friends in the social life of the community, and will be greatly missed.

Whereas is has pleased our Heavenly Father, in his foresight and wisdom, to call Willie from among us to that home which Jesus has gone to prepare for those who love him, and

Whereas we shall feel the loss of our friend keenly,

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the Officers, Teachers and pupils of the Cross Roads S. S. and class No. 2, extend to the bereaved family our heart felt sympathy.

Respectfully submitted Ollie Bigham, Della Teaff, Ted Bigham, Committee.

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The girl who is pretty enough, or has the pulse to carry off extremes of style, may go to any length she likes in her inconsequential little fineries, to be worn within her own four walls. Certainly the new boudoir caps, just now beginning to blossom in the shops, in anticipation of autumn weddings and the holidays, will delight the maid who is looking for unusual things. Designers seem to have searched the wide, wide world for inspirations—and they have brought many captives home to Rome.

There is the coolie hat from China, translated into lustrous ribbon and lace, the Dutch cap, the head band that is a bequest of old Greece, the visor cap, suggesting a jockey's headwear and the oriental cap with lace that covers the eyes, which must have come from India or Arabia or elsewhere—horns of veiled ladies. It is shown in the picture, made of pink crepe georgette laid in folds and forming a sort of hood. It is bordered with lace, with a fine wire set in a hem along its lower edge and a strand of pearl beads outlining both edges of the lace.

The cap is merely a straight piece of the crepe laid in folds, tacked to place, that adjust it to the head. At each side strands of pearl beads in loops

of graduated length provide the proper decoration for this new arrival in the gay company of boudoir caps.

While these new ideas in caps are attracting enraptured attention, caps like that at the right of the picture go on selling. This is of crepe de chine and cream colored net, edged with lace and embellished with frills of baby ribbon set on the net. At each side there are small, simply made ribbon flowers. These caps are made in all the gay, light colors and are as popular as ever.

Julia Bottomley

#### Proper Way to Air Hair.

To air the hair take out all the pins and shake the hair loose. Stand before an open window, shaking the hair until it has been thoroughly aired. Then arrange it for the night. Never let it remain massed on the head. This will soon take all the life and fine texture from it. Instead, part it in the middle of the forehead down to the neck and make two loose braids of it, each beginning just behind the ears. This will divide the hair so thoroughly that the scalp at the middle, usually covered, will be free and may be well aired.

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#### CHURCH NEWS

Sunday School Report	
Attendance	Collection
Methodist 164	\$3 75
Baptist 116	5.28

#### Services At Baptist Church

Paul, the Jap at Simmons College, has been invited to fill the pulpit at the Baptist Church both morning and evening. A big treat in store for you, come out and receive it.

#### B. Y. P. U. Program.

Song Service. The Good Shepard, Faye Richie. In Straight Paths, Tom All-day. In the Dark Valley, Geneva Brown. At the King's Table, Rosie Laney. Conclusion, Roy Holmes.

#### Epworth League Program

Subject, Progressive Christians. Leader, Miss Hattie Smith. Song, Scripture, Prayer. Add to Your Faith Virtue, Miss Agnes Rister. Add to Your Virtue Knowledge, Miss Essie Tucker. Song. To Knowledge, Temperance, Miss Annie Bickley. Miscellaneous, Song Prayer.

#### Christian Endeavor Re-Organize

The Christian Endeavor has re-organized with a membership of 24 and meet every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Minor Burns is president; Roy Moore, vice president; Claude Riney, secretary; Roy Holmes, treasurer; Miss Ona Fay Bland, pianist, and Miss Eula Baxendale, violinist, Mrs. R. L. Bland is corresponding secretary.

#### C. E. Program.

Topic, Making the most of Ourselves, Eph. 4:11-16. Leader, Miss Julia Martin. Seeking High Gifts, Miss Iva Bragg. The Best in Life, Frank Count Training in Solitude, Miss Hazel Harkrider. Using Our Talents, Tom All-day. Putting Zeal Into Service, Min or Burns.

## "FORGET SELF; BE AMERICANS; DO YOUR PART"

—William G. McAdoo.

### RICH AND POOR, OLD AND YOUNG CAN SERVE AND MUST AID TO BRING VICTORY

"We have a great deal of money to raise and it cannot be raised by bankers alone.

"The banks of this country have not the resources to sustain America's needs in this war and to enable America to extend to our Allies who are fighting with us the essential aid which they must have to enable them to go on with the war.

"The rich people of this country alone cannot do it. The men of this country alone cannot do it. The women of this country alone cannot do it.

"But all of us, the people of the United States, by disregarding partisanship, forgetting selfish interest, thinking only of the supremacy of the right and determined to vindicate the majesty of our ideals and to secure the safety of America and civilization, can do this great and splendid piece of work.

"Our business these days is to think only in terms of America; to forget self; to forget ambition; to forget partisanship; to forget everything except right and justice and triumph for America's cause and the suppression forever of those infamous things which have cast civilization itself into the darkness during these last three horrible years.

"Every man, woman and child in this country who wants to serve can serve and each can serve in a very simple and effective way. Every twenty-five cent piece invested in war savings stamps is a loan to your Government and every twenty-five cent piece will do something to help."—From speech delivered at Washington by William G. McAdoo, secretary of the United States Treasury.

## LOCAL NEWS

C. M. Largent writes from Wichita, Kansas, that he has disposed of Dale Fairfax, a junior yearling bull for \$2500.

He won one junior champion bull and get of sire and the produce of dam.

They are now in Oklahoma City, and Saturday night they will leave for the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth.

Seed oats, at G. M. Sharps.

Dresden Casey of Mulberry Canyon left Tuesday night for Waco to enter school.

Cowfeed and oats G. M. Sharp

Send in those spring clothes and have them cleaned and pressed to look like new ones. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Dr. Miller has returned after an absence of several months. He has been attending hospital clinics and doing special practice. He reports a pleasant stay and one that has afforded him an opportunity to acquire knowledge beneficial in the practice of his profession.

GOOD FARM—For Rent. 135 acres in cultivation. See Crown Hardware Company.

Remember the 10th and pay your Electric bills.

H. K. Sheppard and family visited in Dallas the past week.

Plenty corn, corn chops, oats, bran, shorts, cotton seed meal mixed feed at Crown Hardware Company.

Tally Holloway sent his mother, a big box of fresh English Peas, from Imperial Valley Cal. He says California is a fine place to make money, but he likes Merkel best.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

I. D. Walton left for Goree last Wednesday and will return in August.

Plenty corn at G. M. Sharps. Ben Merritt of Fort Worth was in Merkel last Saturday, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt, and shaking hands with his numerous friends.

Garden seed at G. M. Sharps.

James Brown of Camp Bowie has returned to camp after a short visit with home folks.

Nice five room house to rent in West Merkel. G. M. Sharp.

Miss Owens of Hamby returned home after an extended visit to her cousin, Miss Flossie Cypert.

I buy hens and roosters, A. L. Jobe, Kent Street Wagon Yard.

Miss Edith Brown left for Abilene Wednesday after a few days visit at home.

Choice hay at G. M. Sharps.

Dno't forget to plant a garden

Stanley King of Fort Worth is visiting his mother, Mrs. T.J. King, who has been very sick with pneumonia.

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