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# **OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL**

corridors in our splendid school Cozy at 8:30. thraldom releasing them from made by J. T. Browning. where they had no love nor Commissioner Sellers touched will never return.

The Baccalaureage Sermon.

church of Abilene. His theme cedea by all that a very enthuwas one to inspire the young stastic start has been made. men and young women on towards other goals in life's tion was present.

A Southern Cinderalla.

the Seniors desired to do their surne. ...t"in the world's bitter struggle, so Monday night they rendered "A Southern Cinderella." your groceries. The scene was laid in an old = Southern aristocratic home. Myrtle Reeves played the part of Madame Charteris, an old aristocrat advanced in age and feeble. Filled with the pride of noble dignity of proud ancestry, she played her roll to the utmost perfection. Ora Bryson played well the part of Cinderella. Her natural beauty blending so strikingly with her quiet For Clerk District Court and dignified manner fitted her best for this selcet part. In For County Judge: every phase of the play she proved herself to merit the name of Charteris and through- For County Clerk: ly won the Madame to her heart. Essie Tucker, as Miss Rosie Winterberry, famous as a settlement worker, lent spice and touching interest to the act. Sympathy and reason and wit found in her a spokesman that For County Attorney: fitted in with marvelous precision. Ona Fae Bland, as a little coquette, delighted the audience For Sheriff: with her very pretty manners brought out in all her striking loveliness. Dixie Howard was For County Treasurer: just as mean as she could be in personating Katherine Hawk, an For Tax Collector. English nurse, and Edna Watts was just a little meaner as Car- For County Tax Assessor: oline Hawk, her sister. Two girls could not have carried out For County School Supt. these unpopular roles to better enect. Both of them were just as pretty as they could be and For Commissioner, Precinct 2 both were artists, for it takes an artist for sweet-tempered girls to play roles so vitally different from their natural makeup. All the above played their For Public Weigher at Merkel: parts to perfection, but "Laws a mercy, honey, jis you wait until Mammy Judy Johnson comes onto the stage." This feature was reserved for Virginia Justice Peace, Precinct No 5. Duckett. Talk about your stars, she simply "delivered the goods," So popular was the pro County Clerk. duction that it is staged again for Friday night at the Cozy. For Sheriff: The proceeds last Monday night

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BOY SCOUTS ORGANIZED

C. C. Sellers, commissioner and scoutmaster of Abilene came up in automobile last Friday afternoon with seventy- The Banner five boy scouts. They paraded of the World's over town for some hours in the School has closed. The long late afternoon, repairing to the

building are now silent. The Mr. Sellers delivered a very tread of hurrying feet no long-- interesting address, one that er speak of young America and every parent in Merkel should "writ and rule and rod" of the have heard. He outlined first school mam are laid aside the boy's duty to God; second, to be woven into time's dark and their duty to the government; dusty web. The shackles are third, their duty to mankind. loosened, the lid is off, and "the Dr. R. A. Maddox, scoutmaster call of the wild." with its sub- of Abilene, gave a splendid talk lime music is ringing through on the Scouts. Another talk was the multitude of young minds. made by Emmett Chandler al-It is another prominent mile- so scoutmaster of Abilene, his stone on life's journey. To some subject being scoutdom. W. P. it has been a mountain peak; to mahaffey spoke on the good of others it has been a low lying Scouts. Rev. Knox of Abilene, valley. In some hearts the throb told of many good things that of vital ambition is spurring can be done by the Boy Scouts them on to more lofty efforts; and of vital necessity of the to others it only means the nelpfud co-operation of the parloosening of the shackles of ents. The welcome address was

sympathy. Some have depart- forcibly upon the respect of ed in full anticipation of return- the Sabbath. He explained that ing and gathering from the it is very necessary that when fountain of knowledge a full boys were out on a hike that share of its offerings; others they arrange to get in by 12 o'clock Saturady night and under no circumstances be out on Sunday.

The past week has been giv- Uncle Bill Sheppard was apen fully over to the school pro- pointed scoutmaster. About gram. The baccalaureate ser- eighteen boys applied for memmon was preached at the Meth- bership, and since the meeting ing by Rev. J. C. Burkett, pas- received. A strong organization

Miss Gladys Byers of Baylor great battle. A large congrega- College, Belton, visited Miss Miss Johnnie Bell Randolph, a Little Coquette .... Ona Fae Bland Geneva Brown last Sunday. She to a College society at Simmons Inspired in the path of duty, College. Her home is at Cle-

A L. Jobe.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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|----------------------------|--------|
| OUR RATES                  |        |
| For District offices       | \$8.00 |
| For County offices         | 8.00   |
| For Precinct offices       | 6.00   |
| For City ottices           | 3.00   |
| Subscription price, 1 year | 1.00   |
| Always Cash in Advan       | ce.    |

J. N. Routh E. M. Overshiner. H. Rob Keeble.

H. Holland Teaff. Henry R. Hicks. J. D. Huiton J. L. Mingus G. R. Pain Miss Fannie Tippett

W. E. Martin. W. H. Sewell. J. T. Dodson.

John Bond. Austin Fitts. G. B. Tittle.

John H. Vance. J. S. Smith.

C. E. Sims T. R. Lassiter. Sam Butman, Jr. J. L. Banner. E. D. Coats.

J. M. Garrett. H. M. Mayfield. James Patterson, Jr. W. R. Britton W. W. Wheeler. Jones County Candidates

T. L. Lollar T. P. (Tom) Hudson from the crowded house netted For Tax Collector: W. C. Cutrell.

Salvation



Provided You Do Your Share

General Haig said to his men, just before the last great German offensive: "I call upon every man to conduct himself as though the result of the battle depended upon his personal efforts alone."

No deeper or more significant message was ever delivered to men entering a life and death struggle. This was the philosophy of the Soldier-it must be the philosophy of the Civilian. It is impossible to over-emphasize the very real and deep personal responsibility of every man and woman in the great National crisis. Every American faces a lifetime of satisfaction or regret for the part that he plays in this war. Experts in figures assure us that the average American is called upon to set aside about one-fifth of his income for the use of the Government, the money to be handed over to the Government in the form of taxation or the purchase of Liberty Bonds. It is not only one-fifth of your neighbor's income, but your's, that is called for. Have you done

### A SOUTHERN CINDERELLA

#### PROGRAM

"The Pride of Seventy Years Will Not Bend"

"This Life Seems to be a Dream"

Miss Rosie Winterberry, Famous Settlement Worker Essie Tucker "Better Break Your Word than Break Your Heart"

"Three Strings to a Bow" 

"Leave it All to Me" Caroline Hawk, Her sisler, an Adventuress...... Edna Watts "But if it Should be Found Out"

Get my prices before you buy Mammy Judy Johnson, a Black Widow.....Virginia Duckett "A Widow Four Times Removed"

> At Opera House Friday evening at 8:30 In the interest of the Red Cross Admission 15, 25 and 35c Tickets on sale at Grimes

Anxious to do their "bit" the High School Seniors, with the able assistance of Mrs. J. G. Hale, are donating their efforts entirely to the Red Cross. The play is a beautiful one, touching the aristocracy of the beloved Old South. Those who attend will be contributing to one of the army's strong arms, the Red Cross, will give encouragement to the splendid efforts of our own dear girls and will share in an entertainment well worth the time and price.

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

FOR RENT-Large, cool office SEII OR TRADE-For milk Woodroof-Bragg store. See the and mule. Mrs. Causseaux. Merkel Mail. tfc.

ICE CREAM

tionery line at A. C. Boney's.

Land For Trade land out here. If you want to Merkel, Route 5, Box 61, 3t4p. trade see me. J. C. Mason.. t2p

PIGS FOR SALE—Five each. See or phone, J. S. Hutson. Lost—Elgin open face watch, TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & with small leather strip attach- CARBON PAPER-At Merkel

ed. Finder pleases return to the Mail office. Merkel Mail office and receive reward. J. H. Ensminger. 3t2p

Laundry Agency

blett.

room for \$5.00 a month, over cow or young stock, work mare

FOR SALE—Six good jersey FOR SALE-A second hand milk cows, all fresh. Cash or windmill. See H. L. Propst. 3t3c good note. W. H. Stamps, Trent, Texas., Route 1.

Or anything else in the confec- FOR SALE—A new Oliver Typewriter. A bargain if sold at once. Herbert Patterson t2c.

I have a good farm of 160 FOR RENT-150 acres bedded acres in Red River County, al- and ready for planting, good 4so 108 on the Coast, near room house and plenty of water. Brownsville. Will trade for some pasture. F. Z. Turner,

> Varnish, paint and enamels at A. B. Barrow & Co.

condition, at a bargain. C. P.

I have accepted the agency FOR SALE-What will you do for the Abilene Steam Laundry, for bacon now? Your neighbor Will call for and deliver your has sold his last sow. She's packages. Cash on delivery. gone to feed the boys in France. Phone residence 149, or call the Buy a pig, its your only chance City Barber Shop. W. F. Ham- in Merkel Saturday. May 4th. 3t2c Lee D. Williams.

### A LIST OF NEW RED GOOD NEWS FROM CROSS MEMBERS

Pribble, T. M. Propts, H. L. Patterson, W. F. Porter, J. D. Pearce, J. P. Pate, Jno. Perry, M. E. Propst, Roy Propst, Mrs. H. L. Parker, Houston. Patterson, E. A. Pee, T. M. Patterson, J. A. Price, J. H. Price, Mrs. J. H. Perminter, E. W. Pike, Jno A. Patterson, Mrs. Pames. Palmer, R. S. Powell, Miss Agness. Porter, W. H. Petty, Miss Annie. Pates, Ealy. Pee, P. R. Pee, Mrs. J. R. Pate, Miss Jewel. Pate, Mrs. J. M. Pomroy, Miss Irene.

Penn, Miss Susie. Penn, Mrs. P. G. Polly F. A. Palmer, Mrs. R. S. Parker, R. M. Parker, Mrs. R. M. Ponder, Mrs. R. C. Roberts, Sam. Russel C. K. Russel, Mrs. C. K. Rose, H. M. Rose, Mrs. H. M. Robins, E. B. Richie, W. T. Robertson, Austin. Robbins, Mrs. E. B. Riney, Roy Reid, C. F. Robertson, W. B. Reidenback, Mae. Reidenback, George. Reidenback, F. W. Reeves, J. W. Richie, Mrs. Geo. Richie, Mrs. J. P. Ragan, Mrs. T. E. Ragan, T. E. Rainbolt, H. M. Riney, Claud Ragan, Mrs. Eva Rogers, Earnest. Roberts, E. B. Reed, Mary. Rose. Ona Fae. Riney, B. H. Rister, G. A. Reynolds, B. B. Riney, Mrs. B. H.

Robertson, Mrs Austin Rainbolt, Miss Berdine Reed, Homer Swann. Robertson, Mrs. W. B. Reidenback, Mrs. N. E. Rogers, Mrs. Earnest. Rister, Mrs. Jno. Rose. Clifford Rains, Albert. Reid, Mrs. Sallie. Reid, Alton Reid, J. W. Sears, Miss Eula Sears, Mrs. Frank Sherrell, W. T. SherrellMas. W. T. Sherrell, Margie. Sherrell, Bonne. Shelton. D. J. Shelton, Mrs. D. J. Swann, Miss Willie Stanford. P. A. Sheppard, Mrs. Asa Swann, Miss Edna Stewart, G. W. Sharp, Kenneth. Sharp, Mrs. J. P. Sharp, Arl. Swafford, T. J. R. Swann Majr, Jas. Seago, C. G. Stanford, W. E. Swann, Lewis. Sharp. Parker. Sharp, J. P. Sears, Jno. Sharp, Misc Elsie. Shannon, E. C. Stephens, Miss Ora. Sheppar, H. K. Smith, Ford. Smith, Mrs. Ira Mae. To be continued next week.

As the Third Liberty Loan raised its head to leap well over the top, as a veil of suspense hung over the land as regards the great battle in progress, as doubtless many of our own boys are approaching the scene of action, the glad and welcome news came to hand a few days since that Germany's most spec tacular attack had been met wih a wall of fire and that the enemy had wilted. The field was left covered by dead Germans. In the first great assault 15 Ger man divisions, about 200,000 men, were hacked to pieces. Surely Germany can not stand

the strain long. Truly grateful are we that indications point to the people doing their full duty at home. No matter what we do, we are not making half the sacrifice our boys are making.

#### RED CROSS NEEDS

The women of Merkel are not responding to the Red Cross as much as formerly. Surely they are not getting tired of this noble work. Those who work seem to be doing their full duty, but there are nany women who rarely if ever darken the door. R: member, good women, that fully one-third of all the war's er orts are made in the Red Cross rooms. It we do not take care of our boys, then how can our boys go out to give their lives for an unappreciative people. Let us not be negligent of our supreme duty in this perlious hour.

Mrs. C. S. Cameron returned home Wednesday from an extended visit to Cleburne and rt. Worth.

Corporal Horton Writes

March 14—Dear mother: I will answer your most welcome letter, which was received with great pleasure. Words can not express how glad I am to get a letter from home. It sure makes a fellow feel good, believe me. The boys sure make a home run when they hear that the Mail has arrived. Some will get so many letters and packages from home, and some will be forgot-

We have been over here in France several months. Spring is beginning to come and such pretty spring weather they have here. They have plenty of snow in the winter, but it does not get as cold as it does in West Texas. I would give anything in the world to be there with you now, if for only just a short while. I could tell you much experience I've had since I left home. We are getting along about as good as a person could wish for. We have the Y. M.C. A. with us every where we go, and we sure do appreciate the good which it is doing for us. We also have the Salvation Army people, which are do ing all they can to make us feel at home over here.

The prices of things are sure high in this country, but the people think that the American are all right. When we get our money changed into French money, we have a pretty good size purse. Our money is worth a little over five times as much as theirs. When a man gets a hat full of francs he thinks he is rich and he has not enough to buy a good meal.

The trenches are not as bad as I hought they would be. I like to go. We have so much excitement.

We sure are having some pretty spring weather. Everything beginning to look green

Your loving son, Cpl Horton, Co. D., 16th xas Statement of Condition

#### The Farmers State Bank Merkel, Texas

At Close of Business March 4, 1918

#### RESOURCES

| Loans                     | \$235,867,77 |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Banking House             |              |
| Furniture and Fixtures    |              |
| Bonds, Cert. and Stamps . | 3,004.26     |
| Interest in Guar. Fund    | 3,003.57     |
| CASH & EXCHANGE           | 88,388.02    |
| Total                     | \$343,413,62 |

#### LIABILITIES

| Capital Stock\$     | 35,000.00  |
|---------------------|------------|
| Surplus and Profits | 31,660.25  |
| DEPOSITS            | 69,547.37  |
| Rediscounts         |            |
| Total\$             | 343.413.62 |

The above statement is correct. R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier.

Engineer Employed

everything within his power, all report a delightful trip. ably assisted by the commissioners, to get the plans completed so that the funds may be available for use while the people here are so much in need of A. M. Wimberly reports a good

Be sure and figure with us anyway. before you buy your bran and oats, Bob Martins Grocery Duckett with your eggs. He will Company.

pended for home labor.

Miss Sophia Howard, who is

Send in those spring clothes and have them cleaned and pres C. L. Cash.

Miss Mae Burkett visited her sister, Mrs. L. B. Howard this week, assisting Mrs. Howard at the musical recital of her pupils Tuesday evening.

Varnish, paint and row & Co.



A. M. Wimberly and G. L. It is our understanding that and Fred Baker, all of whom the Commissioners Court has reside north of Merkel, have reemployed an engineer to pre-turned from a trip to Fort pare plans for the improve- Worth and Cleburne. They visiment of the east and west road ted Camp Bowie and saw the as provided in recent election. Merkel boys, one of whom is He is expected on the ground Brit Baker, son of G. L. Messwithin a few days and will lose rs Baker visited relatives in no time in having the plans Cleburne. Mr. Wimberly went ready to submit to the proper on to Midlothian where he visited his sister, Mrs. Ida San-In this connection we might ford, and brother-in law, E. L. state that Judge Overshiner Cavender, and his brothers. He has rendered us splendid ser-spent one day at Waxahachie avice. It was almost entirely mong old friends and acquainthrough his presistent efforts tances. Waxahachie is Mr.Wimthat he induced the national berly's old home town. Fred government to agree to donat-Baker remained in Cleburne ing the \$20,000 for this high- where he will follow the carway. The Judge is now doing penter's trade for a while. They

> Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp and save enough to buy war saving stamps

them. They mean to see that season on his place, but the every dollar possible will be ex-late winds have pretty well dried the land out. He says the men on his place will dry plant

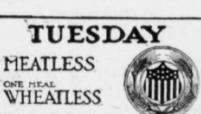
> Don't forget to go to W. P. buy everything.

Mr. Bonnie Berry's wife, who teaching near Essie, accompan- lives west of Stith, is very low, ied by a number of people of following the birth of a baby. that section came in Monday The baby is not doing well, eithevening to see the school play. er. A speedy recovery is hoped for both of them.

See the new pretty sed to look like new ones. Mrs. cedar chest at A. B. Barrow & Co.

> Mr. and Mrs. Blair, who have been operating the Commercial Hotel for the past few months, have moved into the residence of Mrs. E. Hall on Oak Street.

We weigh our oats to you; enamels at A. B. Bar- don't guess at them. Bob Mar-



### THE **FARMERS & MERCHANTS** NATIONAL BANK

will observe the new schedule and beginning April 1 will set the clock up one hour At that time we will begin opening at 9 o'clock a.m. and will close promptly at 4 p.m. according to the new time

Great Liberty Bond sale begins on the 6th of April. War Saving Stamps for sale at all times. Let us take your subscription.

We invite your banking business, promising the best of service. Call and see us

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

### LOCAL NEWS

F. Z. Turner of Nubia came in last Tuesday and placed a subscription for his son, W. F. Turner of Eunice, N. M.

#### Linseed oil, turpentine and floor oil at A. B. Barrow & Co.

Mrs. P. C. Forrester Route 1. Trent, called and renewed her subscription to the Mail Monday. She also subscribed for the paper to go to her son, Berry, at Mare Island, Cal.

#### Buy a new refrigerator from Barrow's Furniture Store.

Mrs. H. A. Houston of Stanton visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris several days this week.

#### See the new pretty cedar chest at A. B. Barrow & Co.

J. F.Abernathy of Noodle called in Saturday and placed a subscription with the mail. He says everybody is busy planting crops out his way.

#### Wall Paper; we have a big stock. A. B. Barrow & Co.

Oran Edwards of Midland is visiting his mother, Mrs. Lula Edwards, and sister, Mrs. G. M. Sharp, and brother Wesley Edwards, a few days ago.

#### Glass, glass, glass, all sizes. A.B. Barrow & Co.

Mrs. J. E. Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lamar, who has been visiting her parents for the past several weeks visited her sister, Mrs. R. C. Tyler, in Baird a few days ago, and will remain here a while longer.

Varnish, paint and rels at A. B. Bar-

# Some Real Snaps

#### DRESSES WHITE

For children and misses. They are as cheap as the material will cost you now. Prices run

50c, 90c, \$1, \$1.50 to \$2.40

### **Good Line of Fancy** Lawns

Prices are about half of todays wholesale cost. Prices

10c, 12½c, 15c, 20c and up

### SEE OUR NEW SILKS

For Dresses, Skirts and Waists, at 90c, 1.15, 1.45, 1.70 & 1.95

### MEN AND BOYS SUITS

Now is the time for you to save \$5 to \$7.50 on a man's suit and \$2.00 to \$4.00 on boys' suits.

### **MEN AND BOYS HATS**

Every one is under-priced

### UNDERWEAR

For men and women, boys and girls. sale price.

### Our prices are very low, in most cases are lower than today's whole-

The Brown D. G. Comp'ny

#### Change In Hotel. Misses Ada and Sadie Wood-

um again have the management of The Commercial Hotel and have changed the name to The Woodrum Hotel. Both of tnese splendid young ladies practically have been reared in the hotel business and know every phase of the work. They formerly had charge of this hotel until a few months ago. when they decided to retire from the business. They are making plans to operate the hotel on a more modern plan than ever before.

The building is to be repapered and repainted and a sewerage system is to be installed. The improvements will greatly assist them in carrying out their plans for better service. Their efforts in the hotel line have always met with favor and we predict for them a full share of patronage.

Buy a new refrigerator from Barrow's Furniture Store.

#### Whenever You Need a General Tenic 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.

Mrs. W. H. Bullock of Strawn and S A. Duckett of Snyder visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris this week, both leaving for their respective homes Tuesday morning.

#### Wall Paper; we have a big stock. A. B. Barrow & Co.

Miss Fannie Tippett of Abilene has been in Merkel the past few days in the interest of her candidacy for County Clerk She says she feels greatly encouraged over the prospects.

Glass, Glass, Glass, all sizes. A.B. Barrow & Co.

#### WAR SAVING SOCIETIES

The following war saving socities were organized April 25, in the Merkel Public School as follows:

Room 1-Sterling Sheppard, president; Maurine Tyler, secretary; Rex Roberts, four minute speaker; Miss Hattie Mae Smith, teacher.

Room 2-Dennis Wilkins, pre sident; Maude Highsmith, secretary; Charles Largent, four minute speaker; Miss Alice Burns, teacher. .

Room 3-George Cox, president; Opal Fatterson. secretary; Hollis Bankhead, fur minute speaker; Miss Lorena Dry, teacher.

Room 4—Chester Hodge, pre sident; Evelyn Woodroof, secretary; John Mann, four minute speaker; Miss Amber Lewis, teacher.

Room 5-Lewis Giles, president; Lena Bond, secretary; R. L. Burns, four minute speaker; Miss Alma Wells, teacher.

Room 6-Floyd Hutcheson, president; Belle McDonald, secretary; William Woodroof, four minute speaker: Miss Ruby Campbell, teacher.

Room 7-Gaston Bond, presidnet; Grace Cook, secretary; Weldon Wells, four minute speaker; Miss Emma Houston. teacher.

Room 8-Mary Eula Sears, president; Margie Sherrell, secretary; Herman Bond, four min ute speaker; Miss Lillian Allen,

Room 9-John Wheeler, president; Evelyn Barbee, secretary; Ruth Wells, four minute speaker; Mrs. A. Sheppard, teacher.

Room 10-Paul West, president; Abbie Ruth Darsey, secretary; Doyl Garrett, four minute speaker; Miss Flora Wright, teacher.

Room 11-Roy Lendsey Holmes, president; Nell Eula Britain, secretary; Ralph Hicks Swafford, four minute speaker; Miss Annie Laura Smith, teach-

Room 12-Claude Riney, president; Dixie Howard, secretary; Bourdon Smith, four minute speaker; J. M. Chandler, teach-

A certificate has been issued to each of the four minute

where they will remain about a

#### TIME TO ACT

Don't Wait for the fatal stages of kidney illness. Profit by Merkel people's experiences.

Occasional attacks of backache, bladder disorders, headaches and dizzy spells are frequent symptoms of kidney ttrouble. It's an error to neglect these ills. The attacks may pass off for a time but generally return with greater intensity. Dno't delay a minute. Begin aking Doan's Kidney Pills, and keep up their use until the desired results are obtained. Good work in Merkel proves the effec tiveness of this great kidney re-

Mrs. J. V. West, Merkel, says: "An attack of the grip several years ago left my kidneys weak and disordered, causing severe pain, As Dona's Kidney Pills had been taken with good results in my family. I used them. They reached the seat of the trouble, completely curing me. I have had no return of the suffering since."

Price 60¢, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy -get Doan's Kidney Pills-the same that cured Mrs. West. Foser-Milburn Co., Mfgrs., Buf falo, N. Y.

#### New Holiday

The postoffice closed on last Friday. Many people asked why The answer is that it was Liberty Loan Day, and was recommended by President Wilson.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC, drives out Malaria enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 60c

Wall Paper; we have a big stock. A. B. Bar- THE RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION OF MERKEL, TEXAS FITH PEDE row & Co.

Plenty corn at G. M. Sharps.



# GROCERIES

We have just added to our line a complete stock of Staple Groceries and are in position now to supply your wants in most anything you may need in this line. We will make deliveries free to any part of town and will appreciate an order, for we shall strive to please you and send you reliable goods at as low prices as can be afforded, and they will be found as low as goods can be sold on legitimate basis.

> We have on hand a full line of feed, in Corn, Oats, Bran Cow Feed and Cotton Seed Meal

> > Call on us for your needs in

### Hardware, Feed and Groceries

and we believe you will be satisfied with the goods, prices and service we render

## Crown Hardware Co.

# Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grafford left Thursday for Missouri, Accommodation and a Curse

### AN ACCOMMODATION

- Tedit is a good and a bad thing.
- To the man who will and does pay, it is a great convenience and an accommodation.
- There have been times when the extension of credit has saved a man from financial ruin, when a helping hand has kept his head above water.
- And again, a man whose word is as good as his gold, is in a tight and the extension of credit by those who honor and respect him is not only an accommodation to him but it is a pleasure to those who give him credit, for they feel SAFE for their debtor is a man of HONOR.

### CREDIT A CURSE

- With all its good points, the more CREDIT you get the less you have, for once you get the habit it is an easy matter to fall deep in debt-so deep that you can not see your way out.
- How many good men have failed in business because they gave Credit to those who COULD but WOULD NOT PAY?
- Are you among that number who have forced some honest hardworking man to the wall because he HONORED you by giving you credit? If so, can you walk the streets and look him in the face?
- MEN, it is time to GET RIGHT. for the days of the "Dead Beat" are numbered. When he has gone his limit he stops.
- The business men of today are lined up with the Retail Merchants Association and they can get your record at a moment's notice. It is not their wish to turn down a GOOD MAN, and if you have some unpaid bills, settle them or go to your creditors and make satisfactory arrangements. They will help you in any way possible, for it is to everyone's benefit to have an A1 record.
  - ¶ Let us ALL put our shoulder to the wheel and PUSH TOGETHER.

#### NEWS

Mrs Bettie Chancey and the condren spent Monday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Whitescarbough.

MULBERRY

J. W. Childers was an Abilene visitor Sunday.

Mrs. Lavinia Horton spent Sunday with her sister Mrs. Mattie Warner.

Mrs. Ruby Buford and children of Fort Worth are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore.

of Stith spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs Will Moore. Mrs J. D. Daniel spent Mon-

Mr and Mrs. Curren Daniel

day with Mrs. W. C. and W. D. Moore. Roy Isom, Henry Prather, Hamilton Chancey and Jim

Burns visited the latters brother, John Burns, who is very low at a Sanitarium at Abilene, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Billingsley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin.

Aron Horton visited in the Canyon last Sunday.

Miss Omega Martin and some friends whose names we aid not learn, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Ruby Moore.

Crops are fine in this vicinity -so very fine that it is difficult to locate them. What little bit of stuff that is up looks like it had met with a very cold reception in a most unfriendly world. It has been so burned and battered by the sand that most of it is about dead--and what isnt dead looks like it wishes it JUANITA

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 indi gestion 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 ou. It is a gentle Iaxative. Sold by Grimes Drug Store. 30 and 90 cent bottles.

Brothers Meet After 40 Years.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Giles is visiting his brother, John A., who recently moved here. The former is from Alabama and the brothers had not meet in over 40 years or more. The latter met the train, expecting to meet a son with the same initials. When the former got off the train he had to make inquiry, as they failed to rec gnize each other. Both are over 68 years of age, separating away in Alabana when both were young men. It was indeed a happy meeting and doubtless will take weeks to go over their boyhood experiences, scenes, and escapades. They are having a great time. James A. said "John, it wont be 40 years until we meet again, though the meeting take place up yonder."

#### A TEXAS WONDER.

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

Rev. Wells of Anson, who recently accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church of Stith, preaches there every first Sunday and Saturday preceding. Rev. Wells is the father of Miss Alma Wells, one of our faithful and efficient teachers in the public school here.

For Indigestion, Consti-

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If you have any news items we will appreciate it if you will get it to us, either by phone, in person of by mail.

We have heard of some men saying that on election day they will go to the kitchen while their wives go to vote. Don't be alarmed, our dear womenfolks, for they wont stay there long. About the time you get your vote cast they will be calling you to come quick for they have let every thing burn, even to the water. No, you need not be afraid of losing your job.

We want to publish reasons from home people on "Why ed to Camp Bowie lastSungay, women should vote; and why they should not." Let those who wish to write do so, using not over 100 words. Every one will P. L. McClary of Ranger visi- and Community be expected to sign his or her ted homefolks last Saturady name, but we will publish no and Sunday. name. While we believe it unneccessary, yet we ask that arguments be made on a high, tine and floor oil at A. respectable plane, one that will B. Barrow & Co. give enlightenment and provoke thought, and not arouse the ridiculous and harmful lines of argument.

The whiskey traffic is drawing its sword from the bleeding wound of civilization. For centuries it has robbed mankind of its richest blessings. It demand- ped off in Merkel a few days ed youth, and promised prema- ago on business, while on his ture age; it demanded virtue, way to Fort Worth. and gave vice; it demanded gold and gave horrid serpents; it demanded men and gave brutes; it demanded pure women, and and eggs. gave foul demons, and yet its al Mrs. Davenport Gaither of into a life worse than death. And ford, the past week. yet in weakening strain we hear some men talk of personal lib- Hooverize and keep your erty. Soon the murderer can clothes cleaned and pressed. has Done for the Individulas, the young couple. not say: "I killed my man in a moment of intoxication." If no other reform is effected than the obliteration of the hateful liquor traffic, the world war will have been worth while. As dreadful and as costly as has been the war, yet not as murderous nor as costly as the liquor traffic during the past quar ter century. Honorable it is to die for one's country; but dishonorable it is to die by the slow and suicidal whiskey route. the fumes of thy iniquity.

#### Biliousness and Constipation

For years I was troubled with biliousness and constipation, which made life miserable for me. My appetite failed me.I lost my usual force and vitality and save you from \$2.50 to \$5. Pepsin preparations and cathar- on a suit. See samples at my tics only made matters worse. store. A. L. Jobe. I do not know where I should have been today had I not tried Chamberlain's Tablets. The tab lets relieve the ill feeling at from an extended trip to Glenonce, strengthen the digestive rose, Walnut Springs, Comanfunctions, purify the stomach, che, May town, Rising Star, and liver and blood, helping the sys- Crossplains, Baird, etc., He retem to do its work naturally .- ports a nice trip. He says they Mrs. Rosa Potts, Birmingham, have had good rains over that Ala. These tablets are for sale section. He says he has just by all dealers.

For a burn or scald apply Chamberlain's Salve. It will allay the pain almost instantly and quickly heal the injured parts. For sale by all dealers.

Advertised Letters. Blackmon, G. H. Calvin T. O.

Harrison, Ruth McClean, S. R. Perkins, W. A. Biley, W. H. er, Johnnie.

> ev, 15 1918. ostmaster,

OUR BOYS "OVER THERE" EN-JOY TOASTED CIGARETTES.

Through the patriotism of the citizens of this country thousands of smoke kits are being distributed to American soldiers in France. Authorities agree that men in the trenches need cigarettes almost as much as food and munitions.

Doctors, nurses, and commanding officers all join in the demand which has awakened in this country a great movement to keep our boys supplied with smokes.

Millions of the famous LUCKY STRIKE Cigarettes are "going over" all the time. There's something about the idea of the toasted cigarette that appeals to the men who spend their time in cold, wet trenches

Then, too, the real Kentucky Burley tobacco of the LUCKY STRIKE cigarette gives them the solid satisfaction of a pipe, with a lot less trouble.

Corporal Will Brown return-

See us before you buy your oats and bran. Bob Martin.

### Linseed oil, turpen-

Earl Lassiter made a trip to Red River county the past

Thank you; I need and appre- strong. ciate your business. Come see me when in town. A. L. Jobe, Service, Margrette Baggnely. isent Street.

J. B. Johnson of Tulia stop-

Don't forget to go to W. P. Duckett's with your poultry

luring scepter called forth San Antonio visited her parmany of our noblest and best ents, Dr. and Mrs. W. U. Cran-

Best service by Mrs. C. L. Cash. Frank Counts.

Uncle Billy Johnson, of Trent, who suffered a broken hip aout six weeks ago, is still in a weak condition. He is over seventy years of age, and an accident like that goes pretty hard with one of his age.

#### Buy a new refrigerator from Barrow's Furniture Store.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rogers Begone from the face of the have moved from Clyde to Stith earth this vile monste of debau- wherethey have lived for a chery, this dissembler of hap-number of years. In spite of all piness, this destroyer of homes, the dry weather Mr. Rogers and intends trying his luck another year, at least.He placed a subscription with the Mail and took advantage of our clubing rates with a number of other publications.

> Let me order you a fine Palm Beach or Kool Kloth Suit,

> A. D. Scott of French Pasture returned some days ago started dry planting.

Remember the 10th and pay your Electric bills.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Duckett and daughter, Louise, of Snyder visited his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Duckett the forepart of the week.

Stith Red Cross

The Stith Red Cross meets three times a week, Mnoday, Wednesday and Friday after- concern expects to do a thriving noons. All the way from fifteen business. to thirty of the women of the neighborhood attend regularly. They are doing lots of work and interest is being kept up. The women certainly can be counted on to do their part in this great world war.

#### CHURCH NEWS

C. E. Program May 5, 1918. Leader, Lola Armstrong. Topic, Christian Duty an rivilege.

Co-operation, 1 Cor. 12:12-26, Uva Baxendale.

Good manners, Col. 3: 18-25. Frank Counts.

Christine Collins

Lloyd Dry. luby Hamm.

J3, Howard Laney.

That was a fine service last

nal singing. church take notice. Let our par- Camp Bowie and Jinks Winters. ents see to it that their children are in our League next Sunday.

Epworth League Program Subject, Service in Church

Leader, Frank Counts.

Song. wer by Leaguers.

done for Church and Commun- from there to Austin and other ity, Mrs. Hutcheson.

Some Illustrations of This

Song. Bus.ness. Benediction.

B. Y. P. U. Program. Devotional Meeting, Confessing The Lord.

Songs No. 144 and 21. Prayer, Holland Teaff. Rom. 10: 32, Girlie Howard. Matt. 10:9-11 Nellie Swann. Talk, Edna Swann.

the Conditions, Ruby Teaff. Violin Solo, Miss Dovie Teaff. her for his life's helpmate. Gratitude for What Christ Our congratulations go with

Consideration of Our Person- Senior- Junior Enetrtainments. alResponsibility, Alva Wheeler. Reading, Lucy Tracy.

Confession of the Mouth, Wilma Garrett. Testimony of Character, Af-

filiation with the People of God, punch bowl. The evening was Claude Riney.

Poem, Mrs. Ergeal Meader. Seven Ways of Confessing long ago been buried by the two Christ Every day, Walter Jack-

Song No. 292.

#### Dirty Thieves At Work.

Last Monday night some low and perish with thy foulness still believes in this country tires from the car of H. R. Hicks, and auto accessories from Price Bankhead. Doubtless it must have been some dirty thief passing through. No clue has been found.

#### The Inspiration Consolidated Copper Co.

Offers employment in its mines at Miami, Arizona, to reliable, able-bodied Americans. The wages are \$5,15 per 8-hour shift, and the Company advances railroad transportation.

Representatives of this Company will be in Merkel at Collins House on May 6. Inquire for

G. E. BEDFORD

Openes Line Of Groceries The Crown Hardware Company has opened up a full line of groceries in connection with meir hardware, implement and need lines. This enterprising occassion. Various games were





Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

In Honor Of Jinks Winters Last Wednesday evening a delightful entertainment was given at her home by Miss Eva Helpfulness. Ruth 2: 1-3, Williams in honor of Jinks Winter, who left Thursday evening Cheerfulness, Prov. 15:13, for Camp Travis where he joins the colors. The guests were en-Patience, 1 Thes. 2: 1-8, tertained with such games a forty-two and five hundred. Burden Bearing, Rom. 15: 1 Welsh rabbit was served on the chafing dish. The evening was one long to be remembered.

Those present were Mr. and Sunday morning. Be present Mrs. R. M. Parker, Mr. and Mrs next Sunday. Come; enjoy our Clyde Sears, Mr. and Mrs. H. choir music and congregation- C. Williams, Misses Ona Hamblett, Mamie Rister, Ruby At 11 o'clock we will receive Jones, Mossie Sears, Maud Marnembers into the church, and tin and the hostess, and Mess paptize babies and children-rs. Sam Swann, Ellis Warren, mothers of unbaptized in our Sargeant Wm. B. Brown of

King-Calloway Marriage C. S. Cameron, Pastor, Last Wednesday evening Stanley King and Miss Winnie Calloway, accompanied by Bob Dennis and Dewey Brown, and Miss Dorton of Abilene, who has been visiting Miss Callo-Scripture Lesson, Mark, 12: way, quietly stole away and 8-34, Luke 4: 16-22. Prayer went to Abilene, where they were united in marriage by Rev. Some Questions and their An Dallas. They took No 6. out of Abilene immediately after the What Some Chapters have ceremony for Dallas and will go parts of the State. They will be Special Music-Lola Arm- away a couple of weeks.

Mr. King is the popular agent here for Wells Fargo Express Company. He is a home boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom King. He is full of ambition and is bound to make his way in the world.

Mrs. King is the daughter of Mrs. W. C. Calloway, who recently moved here from Abilene. Though only here a short time, she has become very popular. She is an accomplished and amiable young woman, and we Because Our Savior asks for congratulate Mr. King upon his exceeding good luck in securing

"Drink today for tomorrow Present Benefits, Olive Teaff we die" was the cry of the Juniors when they had met at the home of Mrs. Jenkins, Tuesday night week, upon invitation of Seniors and were lead to the

spetn in various and many games. The "hatchet" having asses. Everyone seemed to have ane excellent time.

Queer talents were manifested by many—even Mr. Chandler made a "speech" apon the

extraordinary study "Latin" At a "very early hour" went their separate ways declaring one more real time.

Wednesday of last week the Senior class assembled at the home of Miss Dorthy Duckett and spent the evening in schoolday chats and frolics. Everyone enjoyed receiving the picture of their future mate. The Seniors alone know how to enjoy such happy occasions as their days together are expiring and in their companionship they have learned the true spirit of friend ship, which will remain with each of them forever.

Vegetable sandwiches and fruit were served to the following: Misses Edna and Lillian Watts, Beulah Walker, Julia Martin, Ara Bryson, Essie and Bessie Tucker, Dorthy and Virginia Duckett, Messers Hugh McRee, Wade Ensminger, Vernon Coats and Bourdon Smith.

School Children Entertained. On last Thursday afternoon the First, Second and Third Grades were lined up and march ed out to the Diltz pasture, where they enjoyed themselves as only children can on such an played, after which a bountiful tunch was spread and all partici pated with much enjoyment.

Misses Hattie May Smith, Lorena Dry and Amber Lewis, teachers of the above mentioned grades, accompanied the children. All report the time of their

### Health About

Gone

Many thousands of women suffering from womanly trouble, have been benefited by the use of Cardui, the woman's tonic, according to letters we receive, similar to this one from Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, N. C. "I could not stand on my feer, and just suffered terribly," she says. "As my suffering was so great, and he had tried other remedies, Dr. get Cardui. . . I began improving, and it cured me. I know, and my

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about gone."

doctor knows, what Car-

dui did for me, for my

nerves and health were

#### The Woman's Tonic

She writes further: "I am in splendid health . . . can do my work. I feel I owe it to Cardui, for I was in dreadful condition." If you are nervous, rundown and weak, or suffer from headache, backache, etc., every month, try Cardui. Thousands of women praise this medicine for the good it has done them, and many physicians who have used Cardui successfully with their women patients, for years, endorse this medicine. Think what it means to be in splendid health, like Mrs. Spell. Give Cardui a trial.

All Druggists

Reply To Criticism To Whom It May Concern:

to it. It is clear that the writer of the article intended to leave cases, he has failed.

is thoroughly ignorant of the by said Court. facts, by a "meddler," or, by one who is extremely vicious and should be watched.

The status of all the teachers standpoint of loyalty to the have exeduted the same. government. One of the men has been in the volunteer service as a reserve subject to a moments call for some time, April, A. D. 1918 and the other is waiting only to finish his school before enlist- Clerk County ing. These are the facts in the County, Texas. (Signed) Roy C. Scuddy, Supt. Trent Tex.



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#### CITATION PUBLICATION

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County-Greeting: W. W. Wheeler, Guardian of e estate of Arrie Wilson, Frank Wilson, Chester Wilson and Roy Wison, Minors, having filed in the County Court of In last week's edition of this Taylor County, Texas, his Acpaper there appeared an article count for Final Settlement of neaded "Lack of Patriotism" the estate of said Arrie Wilson, with the anonymous name et al, Minors together with an "Taylor County Citizen," signed application to be discharged rom said guardianship.

You are hereby commanded. the impression that he was not Inat by publication of this only not a resident of the town writ for at least twenty days that he had in mind, but that before the return day hereof, in the name of the town should a newspaper printed in the not be generally known. In both County of Taylor you give due notice to all persons interested Among the statements in the in said estate to appear and article, was one to the effect contest said account for final that the School Board of this settlement and application, if town was greatly embarrassed they see proper, at the June because the teachers had not term A. D. 1918 of said Counbought bonds of the Third Lib- ty Court, commencing and to be erty Loan. Such a statement, holden at he Court House of and other similar statements said County, in Abilene, on the are entirely unauthoritative, 3rd Monday in June A. D. 1918 and could be made only by at which time said account and some irresponsible person who application will be acted upon

Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof this writ, with your reis entirely satisfactory from the turn thereon, showing how you

> ficial seal, at my office in Abilene, Texas, this 24th day of J. D. Hilton,

Given under my hand and of-

Court Taylor By Kate Z Williams, Deputy

In The Long Ago

A way back yonder when the Merkel Mail was young, when Mary Jane Cox held sway over the portfolio of its destiny, S. P. Martin, a venerable gentleman of the old south, placed his subscription with this publication and has remained with it continuously throughout its varying vicissitudes. Last year he moved to Arbala, Texas, but we are just in receipt of his renewal subscription. He is vieing with W. W. Wheeler and a very few others in the length of his subscription with this publication. Certainly he has a warm place in our hearts,

### HIS BACK TO THE WALL; HELP HIM!



power-crazed German hordes. brought encores. Perhaps today a score of our brave lads were killed or wound-

d. Hundreds we know are Shall we at home limit our in- interested party feels grateful terest to pity for them? No- to her for working so faithfully they do not ask or want it. The toward the successful outcome. boys in khaki have gone to their task willingly, most of them enthusiastically. Many of them are volunteers; all of them awaited the call with a ready spirit. The American soldier realizes he is doing a stern duty, and he does it with a will, as he does everything else. When his sense of duty drives him to extra effort, and Miss Burkett is an advanced inspires him to supreme cour- voice student and shows marveage, he doesn't give his bit, HE ldus power. Her renditions

GIVES ALL. red-blooded Americans, hates a is showing her worth to the city traitor, pities a coward, and de- of Merkel. In fact should she spises a slacker. Of all our leave here she would be greatly troops, now in France, and the missed. Not only is she willing aillions that are to follow, here will be no cowards or lackers. From the reports of Gen. Pershing we have yet to learn from "over there," of the marked ability in the part they first deliberate slacker. And took, and the big audience went now, with all these things in away highly pleased. Those of view, it is unthinkable that we, her pupils taking part on the with every energy and every program were as follows: dollar at our command, shall Misses Christine Collins, Julia even for a moment hesi- Martin, Loraine Boyce, Hazel tate to back the 'rave boys, many of them perse ally known to us, to the extreme limit. Liberty and freedom gave us the opportunity to be prosper- and Melba West. ous and comfortable, and now with our boys at the front, giving their all to preserve to us lars, given grudgingly, but with by Superintendent Parker: our financial life-blood, if necessary? Don't stop to argue and debate about the causes of the war, and how we might have stayed out of it, and listen to pacifists, but look the grim KILLED. This rabies-infected Roger Coates. animal is biting only your neighbor and his children at present, but it can be here in a week. IF WE FAIL, IT WILL TAKE THE GERMAN FLEET BUT ONE WEEK TO REACH THESE SHORES.

#### SNAPPY THOUGHTS

### From Liberty Loan Speeches.

"Gentlemen, I never made a speech in my life and 'aint goin' Methodist church of Abilene. to now, all I say is-we're in it -let's win it."

"Don't say you got no money. If you 'aint got none, go borrow some.'

"We are going to try William Hohenzollern for murder in this Church next Wednesday. You are summoned on the jury and there will be a heavy penalty if you do not attend."

"A Chinaman went to one of our banks last week and said. 'Me buy Lib'ly Bond.' 'What broken. They will not all attend bell last Wednesday. Miss Brown J. A. you want to buy one for, John,' the same colleges. Always a ten- Whipkey, while only here a very beckham Mrs. C. T. said the Cashier, just to make der spot will remain in each short time, made many friends Billings Mrs. B. conversation. 'Why no buy?' heart of the joys and struggles by her frank and cheerful man-Buford W. A. said John."

sould buy Liberty Bondsshould go in rags to do itshould starve himself, if necessary to do it. And that is because it is the right thing to do. What is the difference whether Liberty Bonds pay four and one-quarter per cent. interest or no interest at all? It is the duty of every American to buy them.

"Defeat would mean ruin to the farmer; it would mean tax- tem we have had, we owe a and Mrs. W. A. MsSpadden. ation to a point which would large debt of gratitude to the mean slavery to German mas- School Board. They are men ters."

"The war is a 'Family Affair.' The boys who are fighting for us have earned the affection and protection that is due to a son. They have earned the right to 'the title of 'Our Boys.' "

# OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL

(Continued from page 1.)

the Red Cross \$91.25. We look for Friday night to prove equally as good. Hurrah for the Seniors!

Merkel's orchestra proved, as usual of late, an indispensable Today Uncle Sam's boys are part in the week's entertainon the fighting line-right in ment. Extras on the program the midst of the blood and car- were readings by Lucy Tracy nage. At this moment good and Louise Warren and solo by American youths are facing the Miss Mae Burkett, all of which

The success of the play was largely due to Mrs. Hale's untirfacing privations and suffering. ing efforts in training. Every

#### A Musical Recital.

Mrs. Lytton Howard gave a recital of her music class at the Methodist church Tuesday even ing. Assisting her were Merkel's orchestra and her sister, Miss Mae Burkett, the latter rendering several diffcult solos. brought forth encores. Surely The American soldier, like all as never before, Mrs. Howard to take part in every worthy undertaking, but she is also highly competent. Her class showed a

Harkrider, Ruth and Nellie Hol- management has evolved a TRENT LIBERTY LOAN SUB loway, Ona Fae Bland, Annie school system worthy of the pat May Costephens, Ruth Jones ronage of any pupils any where.

#### Graduation Exercises.

rian; Misses Bess and Essie ing efforts. Tucker, Myrtle Reeves, Minnie truth in the face: THERE IS Ora Bryson, Beulah Walker, forget to mention the janitor. Johnson W. W. MAD DOG RUNNING Edna Watts, Messrs. Bourdon Mr. Ashby has kept the build- Johnson R. B. AMUCK, AND IT MUST BE Smith, Wade Ensminger and ing spotlessly clean for the en- Knox J. W.

> was rendered and thoroughly for the teachers and pupils. Mangum Mrs. E. L. gram was opened by prayer by ful attention to their room. Elder W. G. Cypert. The address of the evening was given by Rev. McClure of St. Pauls

side. Twelve remain. Let us hope they will ascend in higher schools of learning until they of the pencil pusher of the Rec- Neill T. W. are best fitted for life's great ord of Colorado, visited her old Ragan T. E. work. Here the family must be acquaintance, Miss Ruby Camp- Ross L. W. of these past years. We will fol ner. her; is only one reason low their careers with interest w's every man in America and trust to see them become true leaders of men.

#### Seventh Grade Exercises.

The Seventh Grade exercises were held Thursday night, a report of which we are unable to market for nearly everything Estep E. C. optain as we go to press before you have to sell, and will also Graham M. C. the performance.

Honor to Whom Honor Is Due Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Winsta of Boyd F. G. For the splendid school sys- Cisco, spent Sunday with Mr. McLeod N. L. worthy of the confidence placed

in them. Fortunate indeed is the School Board in being able to obtain and hold as our Superintendent, R. M. Parker. His able



MERKEL PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING

John Burns Dead

Silent and unseen this rav-

ager of all human effort-

death-lurks upon this earthly

sphere striking with viporous

touch at unexpected moments.

Last Tuesday night at the san-

itarium at Abilene this grim

monster visited John Burns,

whose family lives about six

miles northeast of Merkel. A

with pneumonia and for awhile

it was thought that he could

not pull through. The crises

that puss had formed on the

lungs. He was taken to Abilene

for an operation, which he

stood nicely and seemed to be

well on the road to recovery.

However, the trouble increased

and when he was again examin-

ed, it was found that no human

His wife died a few years

ago. His mother-in-law, who

had been keeping house for his

family, died a few weeks ago,

now the father is gone. He was

father-in-law in the nobleness

Burial took place at Stith at

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THE SANDSTORM

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yet,

weter

fight

run-

and wipe

break

stay

howls along

50 By our in-law relations

50 We weary of the sameness,

50 Or a raid by German "Zeps"

aid could pull him through.



R. M. PARKER, SUPERINTENDENT

He has brought about a harmonv between teachers and pu-

these privileges, in the name of the graduation exercises of the The teachers have done faith- Anderson Bros. reason, shall we hesitate to High School were held. Diplo- ful work. They have greatly en- Archer J. T. back them, not with a few dol- mas were given to the following deared themselves to the pupils Beckham C. T. and the patrons. They have Bowers J. E. Misses Julia Martin and Vir- worked hard and have the Bowers Mrs. J. E. ginia Duckett, valedictorians; thanks of every parent in this Bright James Fitzhugh L. McRee, salutato- school district for their untire- Dingle Mrs. B.

> And last of all we must not Dowdy J. W. tire school term. He has made Lester Mrs. H. L. A very interesting program it a healthful, inviting place Mangum E. L.

enjoyed by a house taxed to its The fifth grade room honor- Massey E. D. capacity, with hundreds turned ed Mr. Ashby with a shower on McLeod R. W. away. Dressed in black robes, last Friday, consisting of can- McRee R. B. seated in a semi-circle about the ed goods, fruits and vegetable, McRee Mrs. R. B. rostrom, the class made a very to express to him in a small way McRee Mrs. Nannie striking appearance. The pro-their appreciation of his faith-McRee R. B. Jr.

#### Goat Roping

The goat roping contest at Scott M. G. & Bro. Trent last Saturday was full of Shouse W. E. We congratulate this splendid thrilling interest from start to Smith O. A. class of graduates in their com- finish. First prize, a cake, was Star Hardware Co. pletion of the second round in won by F. H. Duncan, and sec-Stranhan Miss Missouri their educational career. Look- ond prize, also a cake, by Luth- 'liner J. W. back in the lower grades we find er Statue. There were 20 con- Tiner Milton a great host starting with them. testants. Quite a nice little sum Winn J. K. P. Many have fallen by the way- was realized for the Red Cross. Baker Mrs. S. C.

Miss Lela Whipkey, daughter Keyes G. W.

Miss Price of Colorado, Tex., AcRee J. A. is visitor at the home of her Collins T. J. long-time friend, Miss Flora Adrian L. E. Wright.

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\$100 ation, are bravely standing the 100 strain. 500 100 3:30 Wednesday afternoon, Dr. 100 Hendrix, of Merkel officiating. 900 Mr. Burns was a hard work-100 ing, honest citizen. A short Donnell T. C. 100 time ago he was in the best of 100 health. We can only say of him 1000 that he was a good man, and 100 true, and our heartfelt sympa-600 thy goes out to his children and 500 relatives in their irreparable 150 loss. 100 600 The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head 50 500 50 McRee Cecil 100 That last one was the best one Peterson H. Pribble L. W. 50 500 We thought the ground was 50 150 and now we only wait and hope 600 The next one wont be "better," 200 50 We've fought the sand a valiant 50 It threatens to defeat us 100 We're thinking of a place to run Hamner W. E. 50 Perhaps we have "sanditis" 100 We sweep and swipe and dust 50 Oh! it keeps us a hopping. 50 It takes a joy ride all day long 50 And never thinks of stopping. 100 Right merrily it sails along 50 And little sand piles fashion, Churchwell Mrs. J. C. Henderson Miss Eugenia 50 It comes on gaily thro' the wall 50 And lights upon the rations 1000 1000 Its display once might serve to Armour W. J. 50 Life's dull and ever tameness. Bishop L. R. W. P. Duckett is still in the Elsberry J. M. 50 But when the 'steenth one

> \$11,200.00 Total We have 40 boys in service from Trent and vicinity. -L. E. Adrian.

Journson G. C.

McLeod T. R.

Robinson C. S.

Watkins G. H.

Mashburn J. F.

Cream Meal, at G. M. Sharps

### **WOMEN OF AMERICA** MUST HELP WIN WAR



"Why should we American women be shielded and kept from doing the work that French and English women have done?" This is the question being asked by Miss Grace Parker, who was sent to Europe to investigate woman's war work on the other side of the Atlantic. Miss Parker points out that one million English few weeks ago he was stricken women are making ammunition, that several hundreds of thousands are working on the farm, that they are performing every past, but it was then learned kind of labor needed to build a battle ship; that ten thousand are working in France behind the firing line; that twelve thousand are acting as motor drivers; that within ten days of the declaration of war sixty thousand nurses were enlisted.

At her meeting in Dallas recently Miss Parker's question was applauded vehemently. This was to be expected of Southern womanhood.

There is a work into which the woman of the Southwest can throw all those energies a splendid, accommodating) felwhich they would gladly exlow, honored and respected tend in more arduous and danwherever he was known. His gerous tasks. They can secure for the Government a huge List of subscription to the of his heart asserts that he will over-subscription to the Liberty pils that has made things move Third Liberty Loan at Trent. stand by the children. The noble Loan. This will send food and Wednesday night at the Cozy forward at a marvelous rate. Our quota was fixed at \$10,560. boys and girl, realizing the situto our Allies. Will build ships, help to crush Germany and so achieve the object of every true American woman. Do the duty that arises clearly defined before you, and the same credit, will be due as to the over-alled, dirt-stained sister on the other side. In the army of Democracy some must go "over the top"-some must engage in the prosaic work of mule drivingsome making ammunition-others again must provide the money. All are necessary. Do your part and you will share equally in that glorious triumph which must one day be ours. Women of the Southwest, we look to our men to subscribe the Liberty Loan quota. We look to you to double it.

> "Mother, I believe Mamie is a pro-German. She's got 25c and won't buy a war stamp.' These are the actual words of a five-year-old Ellis county child. The man who has not subscribed to the Liberty Loan, or has not purchased his full quota, should realize that his action is subject to the criticism of even the children.

At a Liberty Loan meeting held in a Louisiana parish the speaker drew such a vivid picture of the duty we owe to our boys in France and pleaded so earnestly for economy and sacrifice that a prominent citizen of the community drew off his \$500 diamond ring, handed it to the speaker, saying, "It would burn my fingers now, Sell it and invest the money in Liberty Bonds.'

Read this letter from Otto Meissner of Copperas Cove, Texas, a town of six hundred people: "I am a farmer. I called a meeting at the public 50 We'd almost risk a good long house, put up the posters, explaining the facts. After the meeting I said, 'I am ready to sell Liberty Bonds' and sold a few. Next day I started my campaign from house to house In three days I had my sold. I worked my with pleasure." ing, or busin his Co

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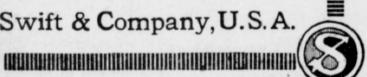
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#### TOUCHSTONE IN CHINA

SOME CHINESE TEMPLES

There are many temples,

arge and small, in Soochow, as well as several pagodas, which are also places of worship of a little different nature, and of guite different architecture, being in the form of high towers. Yesterday several of us visited the largest pagoda in Soochow, which is also the second largest in China. It is nine stories high, octagonal in shape, with a balcony at each floor all the way round. We had no way of measuring it, but it is about thirty feet across and 175 or 200 feet high. It is built of brick and stone and has some ornamentation, but its interest lies chiefly in its great height. There are a few gilded idols on the first two or three floors, but I have seen so many hundreds of them in the last three months that they have little interest for me. The pagoda has an ordinary temple of moderate size in connection but we did not go in it. From the top balcony we could look right down on the tops of near by houses, and in fact the only thing we could see in the main part of the city was the roofs of the houses. The streets are so narrow that they looked like little cracks in a great pavment of tiles that is when we could see them at all. Of course at a distance it was impossible to distinguish streets at all. The city within the walls is about three miles wide and four miles than the general level. The view the old religions. was well worth the climb.

long life, children, etc. etc.

ship the square and the temple this. We then went into a curcrowded, laughed and talked, Pushing them back didn't seem and gave little evidence, as I to do much good. saw it, of real earnestness. I A few days later we went to saw one fellow drop his burning a temple outside the city walls stick of incense into the fire known as the "Temple of the (tha was his prayer) and pick Five Hundred Gods." There are up a stick that some one else five hundred images, each one had put in and light his cigare- numbered (I know enough of tte with it. That may have been characters to read the numbers an extreme case, but will give but I don't know all the charayou some idea of the reverence cters yet as there are 32,000.) they do not have. It was a sad Some are gilded, some are mersight and at the same time one ely painted black, some are not hard to comprehend, that peo- even painted. And there was ple, many of them well dressed where we saw what they are and intelligent, should bow made of-just ordinary mud or down to worship images made clay. These five hundred imagby the hand of man. However es do not really represent gods, religion is at a very low ebb in but are "Saints", something a-China at present. People have fter the order of the Saints of begun to get enough enlighten- the Catholic Church. Some were ment to see that their old reli- noted for one virtue (or vice), gions are false and have not yet some for another, and it is easy embraced Christianity. The fact to tell what some of them repre

long. Of course it was all in opposition to Christianity has plain view as no spot of ground practically disappeared, is sufis as much as ten feet higher ficient evidence of the decay of

The square around the tem-On China New Year Day I ple itself. At any time it is full went with two Chinese young of small shops, quick lunch men to the principal Buddhist counters, barber shops, bird temple in Soochow. It stands in stores, various sort of gambling a large square fronting the prin devices, fortune tellers, story cipal business street of the city. tellers, "punch- and judy" The temple proper is a building shows, beggars, they are every abuout eighty or one hundred where so far as that is concernfeetsquare and with walls about ed, a matter of "education". We twenty- five or thirty feet high, went to a show, which in its covered with a moderately elaborateness and cleverness of steep roof which has the curv- operation far outclassed any ing eaves and corners like you "punch-and-judy" ever seen in see in all pictures of Chinese America. There was a regular buildings. There are three prin- stage about four feet wide and cipal images, representing the two feet deep, on which dolls a-Buddhistic Trinity (I am sorry bout fifteen inches high per-I cannot tell something of the formed a regular Chinese play. theory of this religion, but it is There was no attempt made to so complicated and so vague in conceal the strings by which its philosophy that it is very they were worked, but it was hard to get a clear conception of none the less interesting to see it), and any number of smaller them walk out, bow, raise their images which are worshipped at hands and salute, sit on chairs, various times of the year. A per- light with crowds, dance, turn son born in one month worships somersaults, and cut all sorts of one image, one born in a differ- capers. They represented royentmonth worships a different alty, servants soldiers, enterimage. There are images wor- tainers, executioners, etc. and shipped for different years, for the comedian was a monkey different seasons of the year, doll. All movements were to the images worshiped to secure a time of music or rather the beat ing of drums and cymbals. I New Year Day being the one stood on the wet, cold ground special day for ancestor wor- for a full half hour watching were crowded, so much so that tained off space where some we had to force our way among nesh-and blood actors were the people, old and young, rich pretending to give a play, but and poor, male and female. The it was a very crude affair from air was stifling from the smoke every standpoint. Not even my or incense, and there was hurry Chinese friends could underconfusion everywhere, stand anything that was said. Many people were worshipping, so we did no tarry long. It was but in a very hurried, get-thro-interesting to notice that a ugh with it sort of way. They number of children were up on bowed low before one image one end of the stage, and someafter anoher without straigh- times pushed up till there was tening up. They pushed and nardly room for the actors.

that many, many temples are sent by the expressions of their falling into decay, and that real aces, if they are made of mud.

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Others are very grotesque and horrid to look at. To say the east of them, it takes no mean artist to produce one of them. The building that contains the 500 saints is at one side of the court (all the temples have a court or square), while the tem ple proper is just like all the Buddhist temples in having its trinity of images, surrounded by numberless small ones.

Connected with the temple is a small garden or park, though not like our own parks. But we visited a much larger one that day where we ate our lunch and rested for quite a bit as we had quite a long walk to reach the temple. Both of these gardens nave an artificial lake as their central feature. The larger one is really a number of small pavilions, large pavilions, small tea rooms, larger ones, and one or more large halls or parlors where large parties can be enertained. They are purely artficial but large rough stones have been brought from a distance and piled up and cemented together in a way to give a very natural, rustic appearance and many different flowers and blooming shrubs and trees are planted in the most artistic way the ponds or lakes have lilies and gold fish. I am sure that wnen spring comes it would be hard to find a more beautiful place, and I am told that such places are plentiful, many rich individuals having them surrounding their homes, though on a smaller scale perhaps. But one walk ing down the narrow streets shut in by high walls would never suspect that anything decent, much less beautiful cou'd be seen on the other ide of the black and mouldy vall. The Chinese do not display their wealth to the gaze of tne public, and there is much more privacy about a Chinese well -to do home than in the average western home, though the homes of the poor often open right on the street and it is a common thing just before night to see them standing on the streets eating their bowl of rice. That saves having a light inside for one thing. But I am

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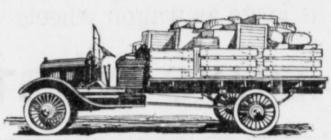
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will be present, and Col. Har-

vey has been urged to be pre-

sent. Members of the association at Merkel are urged to at-

A meeting is to be held in

it intelligently.

tend.

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getting off the subject.

a sort of umbrella kind of ar- describe more accurately. Cary rangement, made of cloth and highly ornamented, some one thing and some another. Those on hoseback were mostly relaofferings to the gods, etc. After

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quite a crowd had passed down ! Last Saurday afternoon I got the narrow street, there came a to see a funeral, a real stylish large party of people dressed in one, and that is perhaps the sack-cloth, and partly protected most interesting sight to be from the view of the crowd by seen to many foreigners. The men bearing a wide strip of different paraphernalia that I cloth on each side of them. mention are all furnished by the After they crossed each bridge undertaker, who also furnishes (we were standing near a as many mourners as the fam- bridge) they stopped, turned, ily is able, or cares, to pay for. and made a low bow as a form I might say too that some of of worship. These were the imthe mourners are "mournful" mediate family of the deceased. enough looking, to change the Then came the coffin, a very meaning of the word a bit, for large wooden affair all draped they are just ragged boys and in cloth, and carried suspended men that are picked up on the on poles by ten or twelve men. streets to carry certain things It was fixed up to represent a that I don' know how to des- dragon and sticking out in front cribe in the prosession. At the on a neck as long as a giraffe's head was a military band, and was the dragon's head. It also if I had not been told it was a had a tail something like a funeral I might have taken it hen's tail spread out. I was told for a circus parade. Then fol-that one man's funeral cost lowed a long procession of peo- \$250,000 last fall. I imagine ple, some on foot, some on horse however that the undertaker back, those on foot carrying made a fair margin of profit. I banners of different kinds, and hope the next one I see I can

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Cause of Headache

By knowing the cause, a disease may often be avoided. This 100 is particularly true of headache

... most common cause of headaches is a disordered stom-500 ach or constipation, which may 500 be corrected by taking a few 5000 doses of Chamberlain's Tablets. 50 They are easy to take and mild

A Successful Play.

"The Womanless Wedding" 500 at the school building at Trent 50 last Saturday night was a big 50 success. A large sum was realiz-50 ed for the Red Cross.

About Rheumatism

Rheumatism causes more 50 pain and suffering than any oth 200 er disease, for the reason that 100 is the most common of all ills. 100 and it is certainly gratifying to 50 sufferers to know that there 50 is a remedy that will afford re-50 lief, and make rest and sleep 50 possible. It is called Chamber-100 lain's Liniment.

J. A. Duckett, daughter, Luc-50 lile and Willie Mae, and son, 50 Fred, of Grandbury, came up 100 Saturday night, visiting his 100 father, J. P. Duckett. They left 50 for their home today. Miss Vir-50 ginia, another daughter, return 50 ed with them. She has been at-50 tending school here, and was 50 one of the valedictorians in the 100 graduating class.

For a Sprained Ankle. As soon as possible after the 50 injury is received get a bottle 50 of Chamberlain's Liniment and 50 follow the plain printed direc-100 tions which accompany the bot-

Remember the 10th and pay your Electric bills.

### ARE YOU FOR AMERICA OR FOR GERMANY?

### Which Will YOU Wear?



The Kaiser would gladly confer the Iron Cross on the man who dodges buying a Bond of the THIRD LIBERTY LOAN



You think this an unnecessary question, but stop and think! A traitor is a man who gives aid and comfort to the enemy. Do you know of any better way of giving aid and comfort to the enemy than to leave your money in the bank doing nothing, when it could be used by the Government to build ships, make ammunition, and so help win the war? The Kaiser would ask nothing more of an American friendly towards Germany. He could hardly ask him to openly fight the Government of this country, because he would go straight into an internment camp, but he would ask him to do all in his power to hold up contribution of money to the allied cause, because the Kaiser knows that at the very end it will be money and resources, and nothing but money and resources, that will beat him to his knees.

You may say "If I do not subscribe to the Loan that is no reason why other people should not, therefore the matter is entirely a personal one." It is not. Example is everything in such matters. If you subscribe freely your neighbors will subscribe freely. If you are a tightwad your neighbors will see no reason why they should be anything else kut tightwads.

Do not feel offended at having this matter put up to you so plainly. There is many and many a good American who believes that he has done his full duty when he has not done it at all. This war is now three thousand miles away, and it is a little hard to realize all the grave necessities of the situation,

Read over a perfectly true incident which occurred only last week at the Union Station, Dallas. The writer of these lines vouches for the truth of the story, which follows:

"Last night I saw a soldier taking leave of his mother at a railroad station. The two drew away from the crowd, the woman threw her arms around the boy's neck, and looked up at him as she sobbed words which will remain forever sacred to the occa-

For a moment I could not see very clearly, and as a consequence I bumped into a friend of mine, a man, by the way, who has made more money this year than ever before in his life. After a friendly greeting he said, 'Say, you fellows are hitting us up pretty hard on this Liberty Loan business. Do you realize that we are having to make some terrible sacrifices to meet our

"My friend has a business, owns farm land, and has a substantial bank baiance; he has no toy in the army, and he has subscribed ten thousand dollars to the Liberty Loan. His sacrifice consisted of the loss of about one and three-quarters per cent on ten thousand dollars, for probably he would have secured six per cent instead of four and one-quarter per cent had he invested dyspeptic are despondent, do his money in some way other than the purchase of Liberty not enjoy their meals and feel Bonds.

"What is the matter with my friend? Is he a pro-German always unnecessary. A few dosor a traitor, or a poor American even? Not a bit of it! He just has not the right glasses for his mental vision. He doesn't see the digestion and regulates the things quite right. That's all. He will, though-I am sure of it." bowels is all that is needed. Try

HONOR ROLL

Following is a list of our boys who are in Uncle Sam's service.

Willie Leo Miller, Trent. Lester Earl White. G. C. Hodges. Z. T. Lamar.

Ulric Forrester.

Andrew Archer. Roy Adams. Britt Baker. Fauss Banner. Edgar Breeze. W. B. Brown. Arthur Derrington. Frank J. Ferrier. De Gorcus. Wm. R. Green. James F. Holloway. B. Jobe. Pete Meek. F. O'Brient. Herbert Ricker. Paul Stamford. Bill Sheppard. Paul Turner. George White. L. B. Wells. Riley White. L. Powers. Emzi Burroughs. Thos Bearden. Jas. Brown. Emmitt Grimes. L. M. Hutchins. Chester A. Duncan, Trent. John T. Morris, Trent. Joe L. Evans, Trent. W. W. McElmurray, Trent. Hurbert J. Swan, Trent. John Moore, Merkel. Lieut B .B .Brown Chester Hall. Stuart Grimes. Jas. Clyde White. Lloyd Shepard. L. A. Dudley. Robert Vernon Boring. Sherley King. O. A. Horton. Ira Huss. Archie Rose. Fred Harrell. Chas. C. Jones. Glen Thompson Rescoe Sharp. John Ware. John D. Dudley. John Edward Hunter. E. M. Harris. George Smith. Geo. N. Reynolds. J. H. Rister, Tye. Wayne Abernathy, Trent. H. W. Beckham, Trent Dee H. Donnell, Trent Hollis Brown, Trent. Royce Dowdy, Trent. Robt. B. Parker. Frank E. Smith Luther Grimes. W. L. Diltz, Jr. William B. Tarpley. N. D. Teaff, Tye. Arthur E. Windland, Tye. James O. Dulin. Jasper L. Hassey, Trent. Kirby L. Vidrine. Leonard Morrison. Joseph A. McMurray. Charles I. Swain, Trent. Rufus H. O'Neal. Willie E. Pool. Ennis Grimes. Charley Fitzgerald. Berry Forrester. Joseph A. Pruit, Trent John T. Mattingley, Noodle. Reuben C. Hall Henry D. (Doc) Hall R. O. Stevens. Tom Smith Martin. Leland L. Martin. T. J. Bird. R E. Harris Robert Rainbolt. Lee Raymond Campbell Euless McNees. John P. Gibson. Leonard Wills Winslow J. Beckham, Trent. John Rex McClain. Clanance Melton. O. R. Burns. Joe Thomas Hartley. John Robert West. Robert Grady Collins Jim F. Winters. Arthur McMurray.

Do You Enjoy Life? A man in good physical conaition is almost certain to enjoy life, while the bilious and miserable a good share of the time. This ill feeling is nearly es of Chamberlain's Tablets to tone up the stomach, improves