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## AN ANTI-FERGUSON MEETING

An Anti-Ferguson meeting was held at the Cozy last Tuesday evening. A large crowd was in attendance...

The principal speaker of the evening was Hon. Harry Tom King. He covered the matter in a very thorough and genteel manner...

Following him, J. C. Mason was called upon to speak. His address was short but spicy. He proved himself an orator of no mean ability...

Dr. Sandefer was unavoidably kept away on account of not being able to make train connection. He hopes at a later date to speak to an audience here.

J. T. Browning was elected chairman, but during the proceedings was called away on account of a sick child, and J. C. Mason was appointed to take charge...

Merkel, Texas, May 8, 1918. We, your committee, appointed to present reasons why we oppose the candidacy of James E. Ferguson for Governor of Texas...

1. He has always in public life been a rabid and obnoxious anti-prohibitionist, fully devoted to the saloon, to which he owes his elevation to the governorship. In his loyal support of the brewery and liquor interests of Texas he has not refrained from denouncing the ministry, the leading educators and the great and forward moral forces of Texas...

2. In public life he has never proven a friend to women. He has consistently fought woman suffrage, and her elevation to political power was entirely against his will. As a champion of the saloon he could hardly be expected to take any other view.

3. He has not only fought prohibition and women suffrage in every form in the State but he has also opposed these measures in the National Democratic Convention. He did so when they were endorsed by our National Democratic leaders, including even our President and Senator Morris Sheppard.

4. We are not in sympathy with the claims made by some of the citizens of our country that they owe Mr. Ferguson their support because he voted to place the A. & M. College in our country. He swore under oath, that in his judgment Abilene was the best location for the school. We believe he swore the truth. If he did he could

not have been an honest man and voted to place the school elsewhere. We do not subscribe to the doctrine that we are forever under obligation to a man who has performed a faithful trust, and in doing so incidentally helped us. Such logic would commit us to the basest, even the most despicable criminal, if during his criminal career he had in some way bestowed upon us a favor. On the other hand, we feel that if Mr. Ferguson's private and official acts have been commensurate with the high office that he then held there would have been no demand for the repeal of the law establishing an A. & M. College in the west, and as a result we would now likely be in possession of this much coveted institution.

5. We can not, consistent with our ideals of public servants, support for the high office of governor any man who has been charged with and found guilty of so many things as have been imputed to Mr. Ferguson. If he has done no more than he admits, he is in our judgment not entitled to the support and confidence of the Christian citizenship of Texas. He admitted under oath that he received \$156,000 from sources that he refused to divulge. We condemn any such action in a public official since we feel that it makes them unworthy of public trust.

6. We do not accord to Mr. Ferguson all the honor that goes with the improvements in our rural schools during his tenure in office. Mr. Ferguson did not initiate any constructive rural school legislation. He permitted it to become a law by withholding his veto after it reached him coming from other hands.

Compulsory education and increased money for a rural school was championed by hundreds of good women and men in Texas years before Mr. Ferguson ever aspired to be governor. Both Mr. Ferguson and some of his friends have unduly capitalized this legislation in his favor and sought to pro-

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR SALE—Work stock. See Dr. M. Armstrong. 9t2c

FOR RENT—Gaither house on Oak Street. See Dr. Armstrong. 9t2c

FOUND—Bunch of keys, marked "Return to First State National Bank, Merkel, Texas, No. 393." Finder please call at Merkel Mail and secure same by paying for this advertisement.

FOR SALE—A second hand windmill. See H. L. Propst. 3t3c

WANTED—All your papers of all kinds. Magazines and newspapers. Place them on the front porch so parties collecting them will lose no time. Friday is the day we want them. Red Cross.

mote with it further his political ambitions. They have therefore usurped honors, that for the most part should go to others, rather than to Mr. Ferguson. Let no one believe that to Mr. Ferguson belongs all the glory.

7. We do not believe that the people of this State will ever again elect a legislature and a senate whose views are consonant with the views of Mr. Ferguson. We sincerely hope that such will never be the case.

A large number of the present senators are hold-overs. It is not likely that they could ever be induced to support any pet measure of Mr. Ferguson's that did not comport with their views. Again if he should be elected and in some way be permitted to take the oath of office, the state would in all probability continue to be rent in twain. The public mind would be kept so perturbed and divided as to make it impossible to develop a unified state of mind, whereby the state's welfare could be conserved in that way that would enable the state through its citizens to render

FOR SALE—Six good jersey milk cows, all fresh. Cash or good note. W. H. Stamps, Trent, Texas., Route 1. 26t3

FOR SALE—A new Oliver Typewriter. A bargain if sold at once. Herbert Patterson t2c.

FOR RENT—150 acres bedded and ready for planting, good 4-room house and plenty of water, some pasture. F. Z. Turner, Merkel, Route 5, Box 61. 3t4p.

FORD CAR—For sale, in good condition, at a bargain. C. P. Stevens. 3t1f

FOUND—Fastener for auto headlight at Merkel Mail office.

FOR RENT—Large, cool office room for \$5.00 a month, over Woodroof-Bragg store. See the Merkel Mail. t1f.

our illustrious President and the nation that constructive service that they so much stand in need of in this hour, that is the most critical in the nation's history.

8. Mr. Ferguson has been tried, impeached and removed from office by the constituted authorities of this state. The testimony developed in his trial, coming from both him and from other witnesses, was of such a nature as to convince even his most partisan friends of his unfitness to hold the high office of governor. We feel that our state has already paid dearly for Mr. Ferguson's services. We protest, therefore, against his election at this time, feeling that he is unfit, since he has been by law judged so, and condemned by those whose relation to him has enabled them to know best his private as well as his public acts.

Respectfully submitted.

R. L. Bland, Carmm. J. L. Harris. W. G. Cypert. Mrs. Jas. T. Dennis Miss Eva Williams.



## When a Feller Needs a Friend



Contributed by Briggs.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATES

The Seventh Grade entertainment last Friday night at the Cozy represented a remarkable achievement. High credit was done Mrs. Shepperd, who has given her very life to the upbuilding of that Grade for the past several months. That she has wrought nobly is self-evident. Out of 45 members of the class, 43 received diplomas. Supt. Parker said this was the best class he had ever seen. They have made great progress. The entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by packed house. There being such a large crowd of graduates we failed to get the names for this issue, but hope to have them next week.

## A TERRIBLE DISASTER

The explosion of a cannon at Camp Bowie last Wednesday evening caused the death of 7 and the wounding of 9. First Lieut. Allen, J. McDavis and Private Morgan C. Sanders of Abilene were among the killed. Other Abilene boys were wounded. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

## HIGHWAY MEETING

The Bankhead Highway meeting was held in Abilene on Wednesday, and the Ozark Trails on Thursday. Wednesday about 25 Merkel citizens were in attendance. A large number left Thursday, but we go to press before receiving a report. Considerable enthusiasm is being aroused. We have voted our bonds and can make the road meet the requirements so every highway we can secure will be a great asset to this country.

## WAR NEWS

For the past week war news has been entirely in favor of the Allies. The British have made important gains. It is believed, however, that the Germans, are preparing for another attack, but it is likely that they will again meet with defeat.

## SHOWING THEIR PATRIOTISM

We the pupils of Trent High School, realized as we entered the school room May 6, that our beloved and appreciated Supt. Roy C. Scudday was really gone. Surely none will be missed more than he. April 26, Mr. Scudday volunteered to serve his country, and we can say there was never in the history of Trent High School a teacher appreciated by the pupils more than Roy C. Scudday. For a teacher and as a friend to his pupils, he excels all others.

Now Mr. Odor of Abilene will occupy the place left vacant by Mr. Scudday and Mrs. Davis of Abilene will occupy the chair vacated by our principal, F. Hubert Toombs, who May 3rd volunteered to serve his country. These two men were loved by all who knew them.

And we will show Mr. Odor and Mrs. Davis our every courtesy and appreciation in coming to us in time of need.

Although our beloved teachers have gone we feel that our school will be a success.

We hope that when the Star Spangled Banner is carried "over the top" that these two men will return triumphantly to their beloved fatherland with the honor of having offered their lives for the cause of democracy and liberty. Signed—Pupils of Trent High School.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OUR RATES

For District offices	\$8.00
For County offices	8.00
For Precinct offices	6.00
For City offices	3.00
Subscription price, 1 year	1.00

Always Cash in Advance.

- For Clerk District Court: J. N. Routh
- For County Judge: E. M. Overshiner, H. Rob Keeble.
- For County Clerk: H. Holland Teaff, Henry R. Hicks, J. D. Hilton, J. L. Mingus, G. R. Pain, Miss Fannie Tippett
- For County Attorney: W. E. Martin, W. H. Sewell.
- For Sheriff: J. T. Dodson, John Bond.
- For County Treasurer: Austin Fitts.
- For Tax Collector: G. B. Tittle.
- For County Tax Assessor: John H. Vance.
- For County School Supt. J. S. Smith, C. E. Sims
- For Commissioner, Precinct 2: T. R. Lassiter, Sam Butman, Jr., J. L. Banner, E. D. Coats.
- For Public Weigher at Merkel: J. M. Garrett, H. M. Mayfield, James Patterson, Jr., W. R. Britton
- Justice Peace, Precinct No 5: W. W. Wheeler.
- Jones County Candidates: T. L. Lollar
- For Sheriff: T. P. (Tom) Hudson
- For Tax Collector: W. C. Cutrell.

WANTED—All your papers of all kinds. Magazines and newspapers. Place them on the front porch so parties collecting them will lose no time. Friday is the day we want them. Red Cross.

Statement of Condition

**The Farmers State Bank**  
Merkel, Texas

At Close of Business March 4, 1918

RESOURCES

Loans .....	\$235,867.77
Banking House .....	9,200.00
Furniture and Fixtures ..	3,950.00
Bonds, Cert. and Stamps ..	3,004.26
Interest in Guar. Fund....	3,003.57
<b>CASH &amp; EXCHANGE.....</b>	<b>88,388.02</b>
Total.....	\$343,413.62

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock .....	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	31,660.25
<b>DEPOSITS .....</b>	<b>269,547.37</b>
Rediscunts .....	7,206.00
Total.....	\$343,413.62

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

TRENT WINS GLORIOUSLY.

The citizens of Trent subscribed a total of \$12,200, which was well above her allotment of \$10,005.50 to the Third Liberty Loan. They have already received their Honor Flag and it is floating proudly, displaying 40 stars. The stars present an amusing aspect, in that a star is supposed to be placed on the flag for each time the subscription is doubled. It is alleged that C. T. Beckham, who is a patriotic enthusiast of the first degree, conceived the idea of placing a star on the flag for each boy in the service. As the flag stands it represents that Trent has subscribed \$400,000 to the loan. Some of Mr. Beckham's friends suggest that he make up the difference, as they would dislike to see any of the stars come off. In lieu of further enlightenment, T. A. Johnson asks if the stars did not represent the number of years since Trent had seen a good rain. At any rate that flag is flying high and the people look upon it with pride and say "We got ours first."

Following are the subscriptions received at Trent since the last report:

Anna Grace Hale	50
Miss Madge Hale	50
F E Allen Jr.	300
Miss Fannie Hassell	50
Mrs. V. O. Rear.	50
Anderson Bros.	50
L. A. Ross	400

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.

Church Announcements The 12.

Next Sunday, we trust, will be a high day at Methodist church. At Sunday School we hope to have a full attendance of officers and teachers and scholars. Let every officer and teacher do their duty, and providence permitting, we will have a great Sunday School day.

Rev. Sensabaugh, presiding elder of Abilene district will fill the pulpit at 11 on an important subject, come and hear him.

You should see how our Juniors are doing. They are doing fine work. Our Senior League will meet at their regular hour. They will have charge of the evening hour which is 8.45 o'clock. They will put on a League pageant, it will be fine, come out and enjoy it, every body.

Next Saturday there will be a Sunday School rally at Union Ridge. There will be dinner on the ground. Our Sunday School will send delegates, but there is no restrictions, Let's all go and enjoy the day.

Dr. O. F. Sensabaugh and Bro Carpenter will preside.

C. S. Cameron

Let me order you a fine Palm Beach or Kool Kloth Suit, and save you from \$2.50 to \$5. on a suit. See samples at my store. A. L. Jobe.

For a Sprained Ankle.

As soon as possible after the injury is received get a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and follow the plain printed directions which accompany the bottle.

**Tan-No-More**  
THE SKIN BEAUTIFIER

The most scientific and most wonderful facial preparation of the modern age. It imparts to the skin a velvety softness and delicacy which is delightful in appearance and pleasing in effect. Used during the day it is a protection from the Sun and Wind. In the evening its use assures a faultless complexion. Tints: White and Flesh. All dealers, 36c, 50c and \$1.00, or sent post paid on receipt of price. Sample for the asking.

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LOCAL NEWS

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

T. L. Grimes received a card showing that his son, Dr. Robert, had arrived safely, doubtless in France.

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

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hall sold their stock and will leave in a few days for Detroit, where they will be for some time.

Thank you; I need and appreciate your business. Come see me when in town. A. L. Jobe, Kent Street.

Mrs. E. C. Snyder and children of Hermanas, New Mexico, are visiting at the home of her mother and sister, Mrs. Campbell and Ruby.

Be sure and figure with us before you buy your bran and oats. Bob Martins Grocery Company.

Miss Viola McCracken of Hamlin has accepted a position in the office of Dr. Miller. She resides with her aunt, Mrs. Charlie Stevens.

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

G. W. Brady of Lamesa has sent his renewal subscription to the Mail. He says they have had rain up there and things are looking good.

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

Jas H. West is making some extensive interior improvement to his residence. A modern bath room has been installed and the entire house has been papered. He is having it fixed jam up and will move in next Monday.

Plenty of fresh groceries at I. Sharps.

**Some Real Snaps**

**WHITE DRESSES**

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. Our prices are very low, in most cases are lower than today's wholesale price.

Our Money Not Wasted

All of the money being expended for war purposes is not going to be a waste. Some of it is going to be shot away; some of it is going to be sunk at sea; some of it is going to be invested in machinery that will be used less in time of peace.

But a very great portion of it is being spent for things that will be as valuable when peace comes as now, though not so imperatively needed then—as ships for instance. And as for the immense amount spent in adapting our manufacturing plants to war purposes it is estimated that 90 per cent of our war machinery can and will be used for other manufacturing work after the war.

The invisible and intangible forces, the moral forces of the world, the soul and conscience of mankind are fighting on our side.

About Rheumatism

Rheumatism causes more pain and suffering than any other disease, for the reason that it is the most common of all ills, and it is certainly gratifying to sufferers to know that there is a remedy that will afford relief, and make rest and sleep possible. It is called Chamberlain's Liniment.

Importance Of Buying Coal

It is patriotic for the private consumer to buy his next winter's requirements of fuel now, says Wiley Blair, Federal Fuel Administrator for Texas. "The Government does not regard such action as hoarding, because it is very essential that every pound of coal and every stick of wood that can be moved from mine or forest into the consumers back yard, should be bought at once.

"The public should not get the impression that the movement urging them to buy next winter's fuel is for the benefit of the dealers. The efforts being made are most emphatically in the interest of the consumer.

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

## ROCKCROSSING NEWS

I do not see why most of us should worry about the dry times as now we can reverse the old proverb and say "more dry weather more rest." However we must record, some of our good men and women as heroes and heroines when we see them out continually and bravely battling with the sand.

We have had quite a homecoming at our gatherings the past week as a result of the returning of some of our good citizens, who have been away, working during the quiet times here. Some of whom we have welcomed back are, Messrs. Sargent Turner, Elsie Roland and father, Marion Logan, and Baccus. We are glad to have their smiling faces about with us again.

The singing class Sunday afternoon was attended well by old and young. There seemed to be special interest in the social singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Barnes. Sunday night judging from the number and spirit of the attendance. We have some fine singers here.

Mr. Bell and family with his mother from Collin Co. spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Redding of the Canyon community. While there they assisted in the celebration of Grandpa Riddings, birthday. Grandpa as we all know is an old "war hos."

It may not be hard to give or lend ones money for a noble and patriotic purpose when there is plenty and prospects for more are at hand, but real, true patriotism and noble sacrifices can only be realized when a people, who are crushed to the very ground through adversary and drouth to preserve for our wonderful nation the cultivated lands of this Western country, living on borrowed money, feeding starving stock and cattle on the same kind of money, with very little but sand storms as a prospect for more to close out that cash and with a throbbing heart for liberty and righteousness sake lay it in the hands of our Nation saying take this and our boy. All that we have and use it for the good purpose that you are fighting for. It hurts but done willingly as our good people have done and are doing. This is what I call true patriotism. We are coming, we do not need "cussing," we are human. There is a limit to our feeling. We are fighting prussianism, harsh "forceism." Away with it. We are giving all we have to get it off of the world. We do not like for it to be sent back at us in any manner what so ever, as a "Bulldoze" by some one who does not understand our conditions as a "forceism", to do that which we are so patriotically doing. Our good people resent in their hearts language used in some public speeches supposed to be patriotic, that in its very sound is indecent for our good women or men to her, much less contrary to the holy principles of justice and morality for which we are sacrificing. We would that our noble committee could do some thing for an improvement along these lines when such is brought about in our streets and in our midst. Do not call me a slacker for I resent it to the last. I am ready to go are you?

Charlie Curb and Leslie McNeas attended District Conference of Methodist Church at Anson the first of last week. They report a wonderful conference.

Mrs. J. H. Campbell has been to the bedside of her son, Luna Fittle, who is in Abilene, sick from the effects of a vaccination.

The Sunday school report was omitted in last weeks paper. There were present 51 and 65 cents contribution. The Sunday School still grows in interest and activity. You are still missing something by not joining.

For Indigestion, Constipation or Biliousness  
Just try one 50-cent bottle of LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN. A Liquid Digestive Laxative pleasant to take. Made and recommended to the public by Paris Medicine Co., manufacturers of Laxative Bromo Quinine and Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic.

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

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**Hardware, Feed and Groceries**

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

## Crown Hardware Co.

# Accommodation and a Curse

## AN ACCOMMODATION

- ☐ Credit 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.

☐ 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.

## 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.

## HENRY D. HALL WRITES

New York, N. Y.—Dear Mother: While I was down in South America it took a letter almost six weeks to get to me. When you sent me the telegram that Pa was sick on January 23, I received it in March. Then I wished you had not sent it, because it kept me in such suspense. I was hoping for the better and dreading for the worse. You can't imagine how it hurt me, for you know what I thought of Pa. If I could only have been home, but I was about 8000 miles away when I received the sad news. Nothing could have hurt me worse. He may have passed away, but his good will and spirit will never die. How I wish I could have seen him just once again. I had planned to come home when time was up, but it don't seem as I care so much about it now. He and Ma did more for me than I could ever repay in a lifetime. I can hardly realize that anything so sad could have happened. Your son, H. D.

April 24. Dear Sis—Glad to hear from you. Guess when "hubby leaves you won't have much time to write to me. Well I am glad to know that he enlisted though for the duration of the war, for after that his place is with you. Of course he won't care for a little brotherly "advice." You see I am just trying to look out for your's and his welfare. But of course its only right for him to do what he thinks best.

How would you like to visit some of the South American countries? First lets stop off at Bahia, Brazil—I know you will be delighted. The city is built on a pen, or whatever you call it. The streets are very narrow and in places dirty. To get up in the main part of the city you must either go up a hill by a trolley car or an elevator. The upper part of the city is the big hotels and residents. The lower part next to the beaches is composed of business houses. I am sending you a souvenir of the city. Now lets drop down to the south a little way. "Rio" is very much modernized of late. This great change was mostly brought about by European Countries. Did you ever read of the greatest gardens in the world? Well you will find them here, the Bratinacel, is if I am any judge of flowers and trees, this garden must be the next thing to Eden. Now we will take a drive out to the Sugar Loop. This peak is about 2100 miles in highth. It is impossible to climb it, so you ascend by trolley. At one place you are 500 feet in the air, just swinging by two cables in a small car. The capacity of which is about 12 or 14.

The city also has a large zoo. There is quite a variety of animals and fowls. I almost felt like calling the dog when I chanced to stray on to a cage with a coyote from North America.

The people are mostly Portuguese. But as time is limited I can not now describe their habits and occupations. If you care to, some other time, we will visit Montevideo, and Buenos Aires.  
Henry D. Hall

## 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. Pepsin preparations and cathartics only made matters worse. I do not know where I should have been today had I not tried Chamberlain's Tablets. The tablets relieve the ill feeling at once, strengthen the digestive functions, purify the stomach, liver and blood, helping the system to do its work naturally.—Mrs. Rosa Potts, Birmingham, Ala. These tablets are for sale 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.

## THE RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION OF MERKEL, TEXAS

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

# THE LIBERTY LOAN COMPLETED

Merkel raised \$56,800 in the Third Liberty Loan drive, exceeding her quota by 13 per cent. The National drive exceeded the quota by 33 1/3% which, we bet, made the old Kaiser squirm.

Of the above subscriptions, \$35,750 went through the F. & M. Bank and \$21,050 through the Farmers State Bank. Both banks worked hard on the proposition and deserved no little credit for the fine record shown. The entire committee did yeoman service.

The honor flag has been received and is now at the F. & M. Bank. It will be raised shortly.

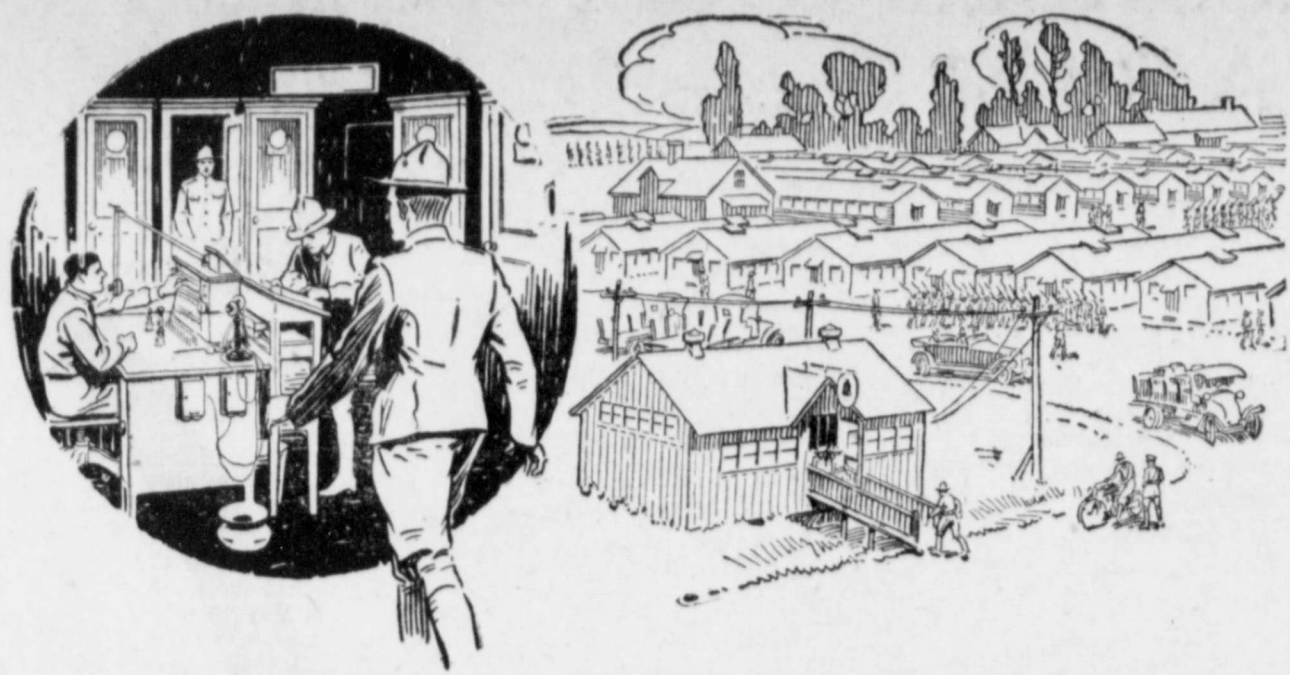
J. W. Hoopes, head of the work in the Eleventh District, expresses his high appreciation of the splendid work done here.

The beauty of the entire project is the number of subscribers. The banks formerly took the bonds, but in this instance the people took them.

Following are the subscribers not hitherto reported:

Jno. A. Pike	50
Ford Smith	50
Robt Beasley	50
Jesse Childress	50
F. H. Dennis	50
A. R. Robins	50
Mrs. Chas. West	50
Clyde Sears	50
L. B. Scott	50
Mrs. Clyde Sears	50
W. B. Robertson	50
Mrs. Pear Mershon	50
J. H. Grayson	50
Jhon R. Collins	100
W. J. Bicknell	100
R. M. Beasley	100
Beulah Bird	50
Mrs. A. N. Pike	200
George Groene	50
H. F. Groene	100
Geo. D. Richie	1000
J. V. Sheppard	50
Jno B. Bell	50
J. H. Grayson	50
M. Rose	50
Barnes	50
H. M. Rainbolt	50
N. C. Bush	50
T. L. Grimes	50
C. M. Largent	5000
Tom Largent	200
R. B. Reynolds	50
Burton-Lingo	300
M. E. Parry	50
J. R. Barnett	50
L. R. Stanley	50
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C. E. Jacobs	50
Mrs. R. B. Wells	50
W. M. Jones	50
G. W. Moore	50
Waid N. Watson	50
G. G. Callahan	50
P. F. West	50
L. L. Wood	50
D. P. Moore	50
Mrs. J. W. Lattimer	50
Flornance Hall	50
Sam Butman Sr.	50
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W. H. Porter	50
Miss Lottie Butman	50
R. D. Brandon	50
W. T. Sherrill	50
Raymond Hill	50
G. L. Anderson	50
Caster B. Ellis	50
J. T. Dennis	50
W. M. Snow	100
Burton-Lingo	200
J. T. Browning	50
Mrs. Beulah Meek	50
Jim Meek z z z z z	250
Miss Lola Blackburn	50
Mrs. T. A. Blackburn	50
Dewell McLean	50
G. I. Clinton	50
Roy Riney	50
W. H. Hathaway	50
J. T. Howard	50
Henry James, Nubia,	25
Thos Johnson	250
W. H. Frazier	50
L. H. Craig	50
Clifford Rose	50

**Grandma Ayers Dead.**  
Grandma Ayers, mother of W. C. Ayers, died Wednesday morning at 7:30 at the home of her son at Tye, and was buried at Caps. The funeral services were held in the Methodist church at Tye. Rev Tucker officiating. All the children were present at time of death. She was a sister of Andy Young. The relatives and friends are extended our most heart felt sympathy.



## Big Camps Have Bell Service

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☐ Each has been equipped with a complete telephone system of a switchboard and a modern cable distributing plant, and supplied with especially trained switchboard operators.

☐ Long stretches of open wire and cables containing from fifty to one hundred pairs of wires furnish trunking and toll facilities to near-by cities. Where the camps are remote from any large town or city, toll switchboards have been installed.

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☐ This company owns in Fee 25 acres and actual construction of refinery began Monday, May 6. Shares are now offered at \$2.00, fully paid and non-assessable, in blocks of 25 to 10,000 shares, which is the limit.

☐ This plant will be modern and will use the most improved methods of refining. Oil products are as staple as sugar, wheat or corn.

☐ This plant is under experienced management and is a clean business proposition—no graft, no preferred stock, no gamble. It will be under State inspection every ninety days and the books always open to inspection by its stockholders.

☐ Quarterly dividends will be paid direct to the stockholders.

☐ Oil refining is one of the best industries of the day and this offering is worthy of investigation.

☐ The Ranger citizens are taking hold of this liberally and we invite your co-operation.

☐ If interested, see

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**School Men Resign.**  
Superintendent R. C. Scuddy and Principal F. H. Toombs of the Trent public schools resigned last Friday to enter the army, the former being in Class 1 and the latter going as a volunteer. These men have done good service in the schools at Trent and through their efficient management the system was held together in the churches while the magnificent new school building was under construction. The Board was very fortunate

in supplying their places however, as J. F. Odor of Aspermont was secured as Superintendent and Mrs. Davis of Abilene as Principal. Mr. Odor formerly taught in Trent and went from there to Aspermont. His school was out last week and he was able to be on hand Monday and take charge.

The work is proceeding without interruption.

Miss Amber Lewis, Second Grade teacher, left Friday for her home in Midlothian.

### CHURCH NEWS

Christian Endeavor, May 12. Topic, Christian Endeavor Fellowship. 1 John 1:1-7.

Bond of Fellowship, Eph. 4: 1-6, Maurine Cobb.

Fellowship With Christ, Luke 24:15-32, George Groene.

Fellowship with God, Gen. 5: 24, Kenneth Sharp.

Fellowship With one Another, Mal. 3: 13-18, Hazel Harkrider.

Fellowship in Service, Phil. 1 1-7, Earl Thornton.

Fellowship in Joy, Acts 4:23 -31, Claude Riney.

### Epworth League Program

Leader, Bourdon Smith.

Song.

Lords Prayer, Psalm 17 responsively.

Quartet, Will Stevens, Roy Moore, Bess Tucker and Vida McNeas.

Scripture, Rom 12:1-21.

Prayer.

Our Goals, Wallace Bragg.

Recruiting and Enlarging the Epworth Forces, Mr. Conner.

Special Music, Ruth Holloway

The Great Get-together Impulse in the League, Essie Tucker.

A Standard Chapter, Annie Bickley.

Prayer for the Realization of this Goal.

Song.

How to Attack and hold Boys and Girls to the Church, Mrs. Sanders.

The Cross in the Heart of Every Epworthian, C. S. Cameron.

Song, Offering, Benediction.

### Red Cross Women at Work.

The Red Cross women of Trent have one of the school rooms for their headquarters. On a visit there this week we found the room full of workers. Sorely all over the country the good women are realizing just what war means and intend to do their part.

Cream Meal, at G. M. Sharps

## A Soldier's Strength

Every enlisted man would stand up stronger during the first year's service if he could have the benefits of

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## LOCAL NEWS

G. M. Byrom of Trent, Rt. 2, was a caller at the Mail office last Saturday. He felt so good over the rain that he placed a subscription with us.

All sorts of junk is bought at W. P. Duckett's.

Mrs. M. A. Pettis of Woodville, Texas, sends her renewal subscription to the Merkel Mail.

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

T. J. Melton same in last Monday and renewed his subscription to the Merkel Mail, and taking advantage of our clubbing rates. He says he has his grain planted and thinks he will have a good stand. The fine rain the past week makes everything look fine, in his community, he says.

If you want good bran see G. M. Sharp.

Miss Virginia Duckett left last Sunday for her home at Grandbury. Her father and other members of the family who have been visiting here, left Thursday morning.

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

John West, of the Quartermaster's Department, is now issuing uniforms to the men. He writes that 2700 new recruits will pass through his department within the next 15 days. He is at Fort Sam Houston.

We weigh our oats to you; don't guess at them. Bob Martin.

Emmitt Grimes, Jas Brown and Roy Adams came in Saturday night from Camp Bowie. Emmitt and James returned Sunday night, but Roy will remain over until Friday.

**Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days**  
Your Druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

R. P. Peterson, near Noodle, dropped in last Saturday and placed a subscription with the Merkel Mail. He said he was feeling good over the rain. It seems to have been general all over the Merkel country.

Get my prices before you buy your groceries. A L. Jobe.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns and R. L. and Maurine Cobb left Wednesday morning for San Angelo to visit Mr. Burns nephew who is very low.

after a visit to Austin and other points, returned Monday. They visited Lt. Sherley King, of the aviation school at Austin, who says he will visit the homefolks before long.

Miss Alice Burns left Friday for her home at Albany. She teaches the First Grade in the public school and is one of our most efficient teachers.

Minor and Ira Burns left on Tuesday evening for Ft. Worth and will either work there during the summer or go on to Dallas. These boys are hustlers and we are counting on them making good.



## RED CROSS CANTEENS; JUST WHAT THEY ARE

American Woman Tells Vividly of Her Canteen—The Gayest, Brightest Little Room One Ever Saw.

NEVER SO PROUD OF ANYTHING IN ALL HER LIFE

Just what a Red Cross canteen is, how it is outfitted, and the hundred problems the American women have to meet in feeding the French, English and American soldiers is well shown in this letter from an American Red Cross worker:

We have really a wonderful place. It was given to us so rough and plain and ugly. I had a coat of plaster put on the walls, painted a bright blue wainscot three feet high with a stencil of flowers of red, white and blue above, white walls and ceiling, doors and windows outlined with light green, and stencils of bright colors between the windows of trumpets, and over the five doors delicious little paintings by Miss Kirkpatrick and Miss Beckett of soldiers and canteeners in the most clever and attractive way.

### Brightest Little Room.

At the end of the room we have two girls, one American and one French, holding French and American flags. We have red and white oilcloth on the tables, red glass carafes and red turkey window curtains, and always flowers on the counters. It is the gayest, brightest little room you ever saw. However, it only holds about 120 men seated at the tables and it is to be used as a recreation room and even movies. Our big room is to have a huge kitchen and seats for 1,000 men or over, and will open right on to the platform. It is to be decorated by an artist from the Beaux Art, as Miss Beckett has gone and Miss Kirkpatrick is too busy.

It will really be a splendid big place and we can work in comfort instead of being put in straits as we are now in to feed so many men with only six gas burners in a long row. We make the coffee, soup, cocoa, and ragout or sometimes regular Irish stew on our stoves and the roasts are cooked for us gratuitously at the bakers'. All food except coffee, meat, cocoa and sugar is cheap down here. It is the garden district of France. All the men are so pleased and grateful and we get such post cards and thanks. We have stewed apples, stewed dates and figs for deserts and I tell you it keeps us hopping to keep things going. Sometimes we run out of meat and then we fry eggs for them and they love them. The dormitories are wonderful. I never was so proud of anything before. Two Hundred canvas stretchers for beds. We never used them before, but we can keep them clean and put them outside if there is any vermin.

### Model of Cleanliness.

We have a splendid fumigating plant and an incubator, and the place is a model of cleanliness. All the men take off their wet and dirty boots. We have good felt slippers for them, two woolen blankets for each bed, two big stoves and an orderly that wakes them for their trains, good shower baths and wash rooms and altogether, when the big room is finished, it will be a model of everything it should be, particularly as our last touch is a barber. Last year the men slept in the road. We have adopted the Auberger sabots as the only sensible footwear as the roads and our floors are always wet.

## TOO YOUNG TO KEEP GAS MASKS ON

Many people say: "Why doesn't the government do the work of the Red Cross?" There is no better reply to this question than to cite some of the activities of the American Red Cross.

Last August the American Red Cross issued an order for an automobile to be given to a French hospital for children of Toul, near Nancy. A lot of chintzes for the bedrooms were sent down to brighten them up, a lot of toys for the children—French children brought in from the war zone, too young to keep on their gas masks. Today ten Red Cross automobiles are hauling to Red Cross hospitals in France French children whose parents, held in slavery in Germany, are now being dumped every day at Evian, on the Franco-Swiss border.

Fancy our government doing that for French children. Yet it must be done, if the French morale behind the lines is to be kept up. These deeds of the American Red Cross are just as much a part of our military policy in France and Italy as though they were done under articles of war.



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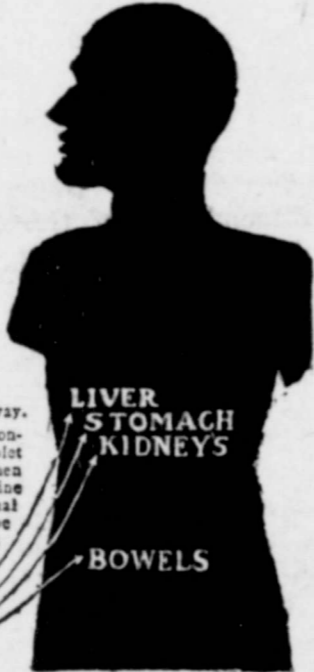
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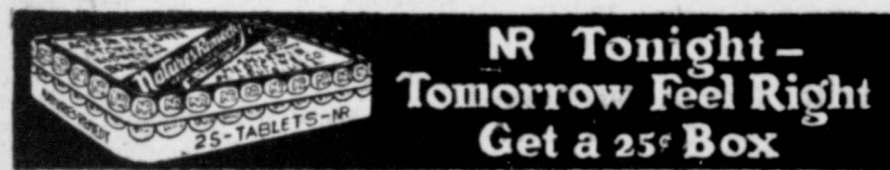
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Sharp, Geo.  
Smith, Mrs. Marvin.  
Sheppard, Elma  
Swann, J. S.  
Sanders, S. E.  
Sanders, Mrs. S. E.  
Shelton, J. N.  
Smith, Mrs. C. B.  
Smith, Miss Posie.  
Smith, Miss Hattie Mae.  
Smith, Miss Ruby.  
Sears, Frank.  
Sears, Miss Mary Eula  
Sears, Mossie.  
Scott, Mrs. Beryl  
Scott, S. Burneal Jr.  
Swann, Nellie  
Swann, Annie Mae.  
Swafford, S. H. L.  
Smith, Gray.  
Swafford, Virginia  
Safford, J. N.  
Stackey, Mrs. M. J.  
Sipes, C. S.  
Stevens, R. M.  
Shelton, J. J.  
Shelton, Mrs. J. J.  
Swafford, Mrs. S. H. L.  
Tarvin, Mrs. R. A.  
Touchstone, Mrs. Alice.  
Thomas, Mrs. Jim.  
Tipton, S. G.  
Teaff, R. E.  
Tucker, C. S.  
Tucker, Mrs. C. S.  
Thomas, Miss Murphy.  
Tittle, Miss Sue  
Tittle, C. R.  
Tittle, Mrs. C. R.  
Touchstone, Raymond.  
Tucker, J. S.  
Tiner, Milton.  
Tinson, S. S.  
Thomson, G. E.  
Teaff, H. H.  
Tasberry, Mrs. J. W.  
Talsberry, J. W.  
Teaff, Mrs. J. W.  
Teaff, J. W.  
Teaff, Ruby.  
Stephens, Isabel.  
Sanders, Dorothy.  
Supplett, J. P.  
Sharp, Nellie.  
Strickland, E. R.  
Shelton, Mrs. S. A.  
Sears, Bud.  
Sears, Mrs. C. F.  
Shuff, Geo.  
Snow, Wm.  
Stephens, A. I.  
Smith, G. W.  
Smith, Mrs. G. W.  
Stanley, S. R.  
Tipton, J. W.  
Tittle, W. A.  
Teaff Billie.  
Turner, E. L.  
Tittle, Lena  
Toombs, H. H.  
Toombs, Mrs. H. H.  
Toombs, J. J.  
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Toombs, H. C.  
Toombs, J. R.  
Toombs, Mrs. J. R.  
Toombs, Miss Willie.  
Toombs, Miss Sallie  
Toombs, Tom.  
Toombs, Mrs. Tom.  
Toombs, J. M.  
Toombs, Miss Fern.  
Toombs, Mrs. J. M.  
Toombs, Miss Bettie.  
Toombs, Miss Mabel.  
Toombs, Miss Emma.  
Shouse, O. C.  
Stephens, Earl.  
Smith, F. J.  
Smith, Bourdoon.  
Sublett, Verner.  
Smith, Marvin.  
Saddier, J. G.  
Simpson, Mrs. Geo.  
Shaffer, Mrs. J. B.  
Sublett, B. F.  
Swafford, Hicks.  
Smith, Miss Lillie.  
Simpson, H. D.  
Sheppard, Mrs. W. J.  
Toombs, Jas.  
Toombs, L. J.  
Toombs, Jessie Pearl.  
Toombs, Leon.  
Toombs, L. T.  
Toombs, Joe Bailey.  
Toombs, Will.  
Tittle, Mrs. C. R.  
Tweedie, Lois  
Teaff, Mrs. J. W.  
Teaff, Miss Olive.  
Toombs, A. R.  
Thomson, Mrs. Nan  
Turner, G. F.  
Turner, Mrs. G. F.  
Valentine, Miss Mae.  
Whitaker, Lucille.  
West, Jno.

West, Paul.  
West, H. C.  
Wheeler, J. W.  
Warren, Bill.  
West, Mrs. Chas.  
Whisenhunt, Mrs. M. J.  
Wyman, Mrs. Emily.  
Wood, A. W.  
Williams, Charlie.  
Wheeler, Rath.  
Warren Mrs. J. B.  
Warren, Irene.  
Whitescarven, C.S.  
Wheeler, Mrs. J. W.  
Walters, Jake.  
Warren, Booth.  
Wells, R. B.  
Wells, Mrs. R. B.  
White, J. S.  
Woodrum, Frank.  
West, Chas.  
Woodard, J. A.  
Wells, Mrs. E. S.  
White, Mrs. J. J.  
White, J. J.  
Moodrum, Mrs. R. M.  
Wells, Mrs. J. O.  
Warren, Mrs. J. T.  
Warren Louise  
Wells, J. A.  
Warren, Mrs. Harvey.  
Whitaker, Wilburn.  
Whitaker, Mrs. Josie.  
Winters, Mrs. Sam.  
Wills, Mrs. Maggie  
Warren Elles  
Watson, W. N.  
Wood, A. W.  
Walden, Myrtie  
Warren, J. T.  
Williams Mrs. B. M.  
Wheeler, Maggie  
Wheeler, W. W.  
Wells, Oran.  
Young, A. J.  
Young, Mrs. A. J.  
Addison, J. E.  
Addison, Mrs. J. E.  
Budgeman, Hazel.  
Buttler, W. D.  
Butman, Lottie  
Braune, Christian  
Braune, Mrs. Christian.  
Braune, Arthur. C.  
Braune, Ed.  
Braune, Ella  
Braune, Chas. H.  
Braune, Mrs. Bettie.  
Braune, Walter.  
Campbell, J. H.  
Craig, J. H.  
Craig, Mrs. J. H.  
Davis, R. E.  
Davis, Mrs. R. E.  
Denton, J. J. Jr.  
Denton, Clyde.  
Dye, J. R.  
Dye, Mrs. J. R.  
Ferguson, Raymond.  
Garrett, J. M.  
Goliday, Mrs. Frank.  
Harris, Mrs. J. S.  
Hunter, Mrs. M. O.  
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Larance, Mrs. J. F.  
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Still Loves The Merkel Country.  
Leonard, Tex.—I have lived in the Merkel country the past four years and had rather live there than anywhere. We left Merkel last July on account of the drouth, seeking employment. Here we met our old friend and neighbors who gave a glad hand. It is our intention to return to Merkel this fall. We can hardly wait until fall. We have a fine crop prospects here. We have 120 acres in crop. We have a fine garden and 150 little chickens, and I want to do all I can to win this awful war. It is hard to think of our dear boys who are gone from us and many of whom may never return. Ah, people, we must work and pray; work to feed our dear boys while there and constantly pray for them, for our heavenly says, "Ask and it shall be given, seek and ye shall find." Dear Christian wherever you are, haven't you oftimes felt heavy hearted and discouraged and go to the father in prayer and always get relief? And I know that there is not a Christian in all the land who is not willing to sacrifice half of their time to feed those dear boys. I am and I will do all I can to help to feed them and I will constantly pray that this sinful time will soon end.

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Dora Warren.

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Great things have happened in Europe, still happening, and judging from the activities now being carried on there, since the temporary relaxation of major activities, one is compelled to believe that the future holds in store prospects for even greater and bloodier battles than the course of the war has so far witnessed. The fact that Italy come to feel safe and justified in dispatching a portion of her forces to augment general Foch's forces in the west gives forceful credence to this belief.

Every Allied nation is now represented on this main front. The activity on this main front will be more pronounced this year than during any former year of the war; because England, France, and America, with all their colonies and minor allies, have massed their greatest possible strength on the Gallic front.

As we know that the burning desire to end the war induced all the Nations to mass their armies here in an effort to win a decision, likewise do we know they will not remain passive and concentration. Such a thing would be almost as costly, in money, as if actual operations were going on, to say nothing of the folly of it. Therefore we will at least expect, heavy fighting between Switzerland and the Sea in the coming months.

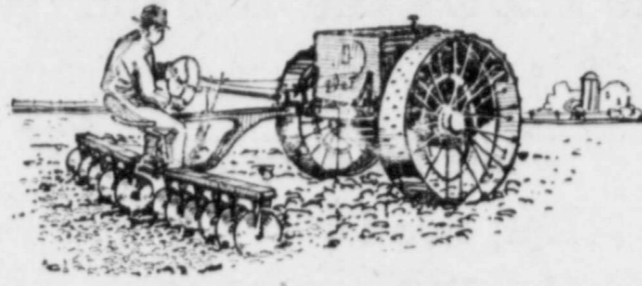
It is the belief that we can whip Germany, which should concern our attention most. We should not count too heavily on being favored by fortune, consisting of Germanys own internal misfortunes. We as well as our Allies, have longed for this very thing to come about. If it was ever possible, in a small degree for internal disruptions impeding Germany's war measures, it is still possible, in even a greater measure. Her recent failures and reverses lend color and prospect to this likelihood. Who does not know already how extensively the German war lords promised victory to their long since war weary people if they would only consent for

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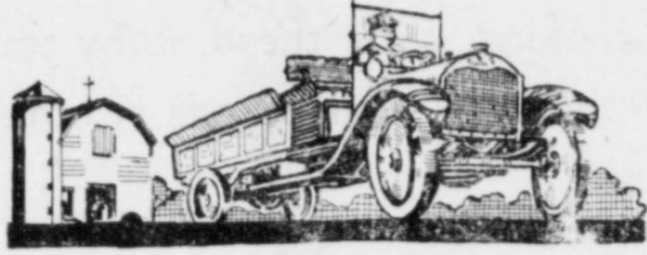
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I will endeavor to give a correct amount of our Red Cross work here Saturday 27 for the benefit of its many readers.

The rope winners were as follows: First, Frank Duncan roped and tied the Goat in 40 seconds. Luther Statue in 45 seconds. Third and Fourth ropers tied, Clea Johnson and Dale Estep, in one minute and 5 seconds.

The ladies baked four large cakes for the winners.

The boys who tied divided the cake they won. First winner wanted his cake sent to the President, to show him what a poor little town away out in West Texas was doing to help win the war by supplying surgical dressing for our boys at the front, but later decided not to send the cake for fear the President might think a German spy was sending it to him.

Second winner, gave his cake to be sold again Saturday night at the School auditorium after the play, and it was sold for the neat sum of \$20.85, for which we thank Mr. Statue. The roping contest brought in \$40.19. The play was a decided success and immensely enjoyed by all and netted us \$61.50.

We had some Merkel people with us throughout the day and we appreciated their presence and cooperation in our work. The total proceeds were \$123.26.

The Red Cross ladies presented Mr. Fred Hale with a nice big cake for auctioning of our fine chickens to such an advantage. Trent certainly grows the fine chickens if that is what you are after.

Roys Dowdy was home for a short stay from Camp Bowie. He arrived in time to take part in our play and all were glad to see him. Everybody has a welcome and a kind word for our soldiers.

Thanking the editor for the past favors and all who took part and helped us in any way to make our play and roping a success for the cause we all are working. —Mrs. D E Tedford.

# I-C-E

The Greatest Food Preserver. No article can help you to better comply with the spirit of war time food regulations. DO NOT WASTE—Ice saves every ounce of food, saves your butter and milk, and lessens kitchen drudgery. BUY AN ICE BOOK TO-DAY—and let our wagon stop at your door every day

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A coal famine will follow this fall. Our ships are to be supplied at any cost. You save money and insure your coal supply by buying now.

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them to give their military powers one more trial?

Again, who does not know how badly foiled were their hopes and expectation? Discontent is already beginning to evince itself among the German people, and since they failed to acquire their objectives in the first big initial rush—the one they counted so heavily upon, how can they hope to realize greater victory from their efforts which are to follow, when we have assembled sufficient forces to check mate any further menace?

Grover Lewis.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

We acknowledge receipt of a subscription to the Merkel Mail from Mrs. G. Nelson of Snyder, Texas.

### Boschee's German Syrup.

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

### CONGRESSMAN BLANTON PUTS DUTY TO COUNTRY BEFORE POLITICS

Citizens 17th Congressional District:

I am a candidate for reelection, but have no time now for politics. Civilization is in a death struggle for its existence. I don't believe the people desire that time, energy and money be spent in a political campaign during a war crisis. Soldiers at the front are giving their all. We who stay at home must support them by consecrating every moment in some avenue of service. We must put duty to Country first, and satiate ambitions later.

Through a gerrymander, political framing redistricting in the Legislature, took from me 48 counties in which I am well known and have the support of the people, added new territory, and gave my district a new number, hoping to benefit new aspirants. The Legislature can frame districts, but thank God, this office belongs to the people, and you only can give or take it away. Though 2000 miles from you, I am not afraid of the voice of the people.

Stand on my record, public and private. I am bending every energy, straining every nerve, exhausting every resource and devoting my entire time in supporting the President and his policies, trying to assist our Commander in Chief to win this war speedily. Congress is daily excusing Members to return home, hence a working, dependable Administration quorum must be maintained here. Until all needed legislation has been enacted by Congress, I shall not leave my post of duty, regardless of consequences. In asking for a second term, I am confidently depending on my friends in the old, and my few acquaint-

ances in the new counties to care for my interests.

Sincerely your friend,  
Thomas L. Blanton.

Adv.

### Do You Enjoy Life?

A man in good physical condition is almost certain to enjoy life, while the bilious and dyspeptic are despondent, do not enjoy their meals and feel miserable a good share of the time. This ill feeling is nearly always unnecessary. A few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets to tone up the stomach, improves the digestion and regulates the bowels is all that is needed. Try it.

### Forth Grade Picnic

In some manner the Fourth Grade picnic, which took place last Saturday week, was omitted from last week's issue. The teacher, Miss Ruby Campbell, and pupils secured enough autos to take a spin out to Huddleston's pasture, where they report a great time. Those furnishing cars and accompanying the children were Mesdames A. C. Rose, Pick Allen and R. D. Holloway, and Messrs. Adcock and J. T. Coats.

They played every game they could think of. The hills and ponds were a great attraction, and they certainly put in the time in fun and frolic. Everything they did seemed to increase an appetite, and while they had plenty, it is stated they brought back little. The evening will be one long to be remembered by this fine grade of boys and girls and their beloved teacher.

Cream Meal, at G. M. Sharps

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 3c.

### The Liberty Loan And The Newspapers

The relation of the newspapers of the country to the Liberty Loan and other governmental efforts is expressed in the telegram of Secretary McAdoo to editors assembled in New York last week in attendance on the meeting of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association.

"Will you be good enough to express to the members of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, now in session my sincere and warm appreciation of the great service they have rendered to their country by their consistent, unselfish, and patient support of the successive Liberty Loans, which have been offered by the Treasury Department.

"These loans could not have succeeded without the support of the newspapers, and it gives me great pleasure to make this acknowledgment. An enlightened public opinion is the chief asset of a democracy. By keeping the people of America informed on public events and transmitting word of the financial and other needs of the Government, the American newspapers have performed a public and incalculable service to the Nation. I know that the service will be continued and that the newspapers will do their full share in assisting America to win this war for democracy and justice."

### Cause of Headache

By knowing the cause, a disease may often be avoided. This is particularly true of headache. The most common cause of headaches is a disordered stomach or constipation, which may be corrected by taking a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets. They are easy to take and mild and gentle in effect.

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## BIG BUSINESS DEAL

One of the biggest business deals pulled off here for a long time was put over the past week, when The Anchor Mercantile Company traded their business building to and purchased 2665 acres of land near Tulia from A. B. Rowley. The entire deal amounted to \$80,000.

In connection with this deal, G. F. West Company purchased from the Anchor Mercantile Company the latter's big stock of hardware and implements, which will be consolidated with the former's already full line, the deal amounting to about \$25,000.

Still a further deal was recently perfected by a member of this enterprising firm, when H. L. Propst purchased from Davis Beasley and W. T. Sherrill a section of land near Tulia for a consideration of about \$18,000. In this deal, Mr. Propst traded his residence to Mr. Beasley, and is now improving his place on Oak Street, known as the Dickson place.

The total deal amounts to about \$100,000. The Anchor Mercantile Company will continue in the drygoods, grocery and feed business, having leased the building for a couple of years. Mr. Rose will have charge of the business, and Mr. Propst will manage the farm land of the company.

Mr. Propst authorized the statement that he always looked like a man from the grass and is just simply bound to go back to his first love. He came here 27 years ago without a dollar, but ambitious, energetic and persistent has pushed to the front with remarkable rapidity. His success is merited, but we can not give all the honor to him, for by his side is a helpmate that has stood with him at every turn of the game, well worthy of a division of honors.

It has not been so many years ago since Mr. Rose came from the farm, wild and woolly and hard to catch, and is still hard to catch. He did not say so, but we have heard that his first job paid him the magnificent sum of \$15. a month. He was willing to work, willing to take the chances that usually come in the line of business and moved forward with great rapidity. He, too, did not make his achievements alone, for Mrs. Rose played well her part in the game and proved to be no small factor in his wonderful success.

These men have given us a splendid example of what determination, fair-dealing and vision will do. They are still young men, and when that big ranch comes under development from their management we predict that their present success will be small to their future achievements. It will take more than war and a two year's drouth to stop these boys from their ambitions investments.

A. B. Rowley of Tulia was in Merkel Monday and Tuesday closing up his deal with the Anchor Mercantile Company.

J. M. Chandler of the High school left last Friday for his home in Abilene.

Miss Emma Houston, teacher of the Fifth Grade, left last Saturday morning for her home in Abilene after a very pleasant and successful school term.

H. V. Rainbolt and wife of Dallas visited his parents, H. M. Rainbolt, last week. They made the trip in their car.

Miss Alma wells, the efficient Third Grade teacher, left last Friday for her home at Anson after a most pleasant term.

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I have accepted the agency for the Abilene Steam Laundry. Will call for and deliver your packages. Cash on delivery. Phone residence 149, or call the City Barber Shop. W. F. Hamblett. 3t2c

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## STOMACH TROUBLE

Mr. Marion Holcomb, of Nancy, Ky., says: "For quite a long while I suffered with stomach trouble. I would have pains and a heavy feeling after my meals, a most disagreeable taste in my mouth. If I ate anything with butter, oil or grease, I would spit it up. I began to have regular sick headache. I had used pills and tablets, but after a course of these, I would be constipated. It just seemed to tear my stomach all up. I found they were no good at all for my trouble. I heard

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recommended very highly, so began to use it. It cured me. I keep it in the house all the time. It is the best liver medicine made. I do not have sick headache or stomach trouble any more." Black-Draught acts on the jaded liver and helps it to do its important work of throwing out waste materials and poisons from the system. This medicine should be in every household for use in time of need. Get a package today. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c a package. All druggists.

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### A FINE RAIN

Last Friday and Saturday practically all of this great Merkel Country was blessed by a fine rain. Here the rainfall reached 1.25 inches, and falling slowly it all soaked in. Some places report a larger rainfall. It is the best rain we have had for two years. The land is in good shape. There is enough moisture to bring up seed planted now. That already in the ground will do considerable growing. Prospects are better than they have been in a long time, if we can only get another rain within the next two or three weeks this country will move on in progress rapidly.

### Meeting Of Taylor County Medical Society

The doctors of the county met at the office of Dr. Armstrong last Tuesday afternoon in their regular onthly meeting. Those present were Drs. Bass, Fitzpatrick, J. M. and S. M. Alexander and C. B. Leggett, all of Abilene, Dr. Watkins of Trent, and Drs. Adkisson, Cranfill and Williams of Merkel. Dr. Gambill also attended the meeting and seemed to enjoy it as well as the M.Ds. Several papers were read, and considerable time was given to discussion of the subject in hand.

Ice water, lemonade and grape juice, etc. (we didn't learn what the etc. was), were served. They all report a most delightful time in the doctors' splendid apartments.

Jack Embry, who has been attending School here the past term, returned to his home at Sweetwater.

Miss Bernice Rainbolt and Mrs. Chas. A. Fryar of Abilene visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt last Saturday and Sunday.

### Mrs. Grayson Dead.

We are pained to record the death of Mrs. R. D. Grayson, mother of our splendid citizens, S. L., J. H. and Hugh Grayson of Shiloh, which took place at her home at Sunset, Montague county, the past week. She was 89 years of age. Her life was a fruitful one in undying love for her maker, as is attested by her faithful and stalwart sons. She lived to an honored age, for beyond the allotted time of man, and passed to her heavenly reward, but the influence of her life still lives in sublime beauty and will continue to bless mankind until that day when all men will appear before the judgment throne.

Dr. Armstrong reports a fine girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rome Whetsel of View. We have been trying to urge the doctor to be patriotic for some time, but he seems to be struck on the girls. If he don't change his report soon we certainly will have to report him to the army officials. If every other doctor in the county reported girls all the time we do not know what Uncle Sam would do for an army after a while.

E. V. White, Dean of C. I. A., Denton, formerly Supt. of the Schools here, visited his wife's parents and family, Mr. and Mrs. V. Martin last Tuesday. He came by from an intensely sad trip from a visit to the burial of his mother at Roscoe. His many friends here greatly sympathize with him at this sad hour.

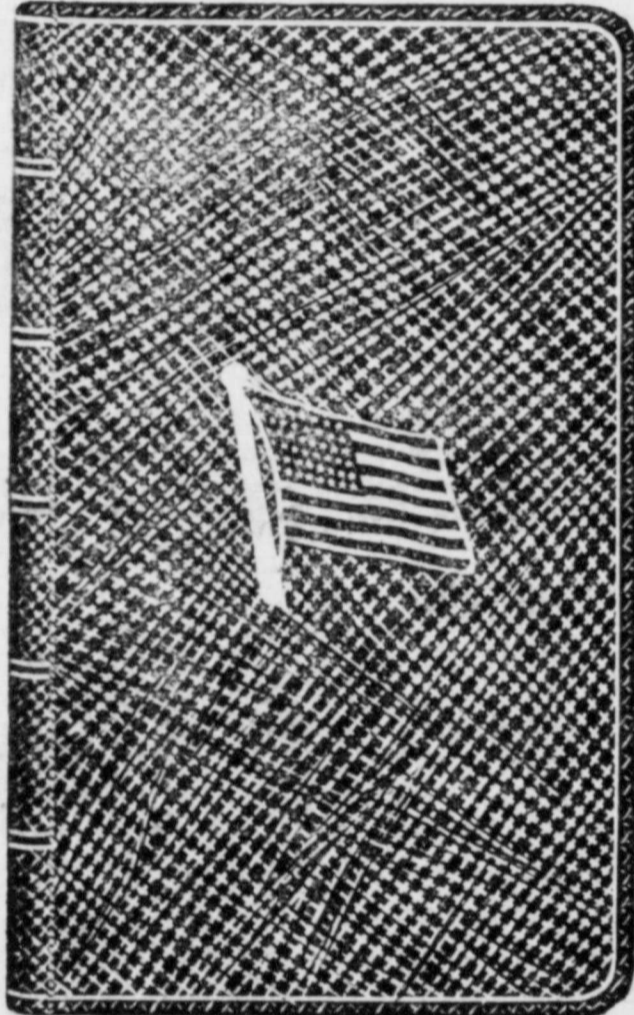
### Advertised Letters.

Lester, Mrs. C. E. Barton, C. Sent away May 27 dead letter office.  
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**Special Day At Trent**  
Next Sunday at 11 a.m. we will have a "Parents Day Service." Come and let's honor Parenthood. Special music.

At the evening hour the "Children's Day" program will be rendered by the children, everybody cordially invited.  
F. T. Johnson, pastor.

Miss Ora Bryson of Noodle, one of the High School graduates, left a few days ago for her home.

### Red Cross Help.

Due to the courtesy of the Woodrum, Hotel, receipts from the sample room are donated to the Red Cross. The amount reached \$2.50 the past week.

**A Very Sad Death**  
A very sad funeral was held in Merkel last Thursday afternoon, when Mrs. Canal, daughter of Mrs. Pilkerton of Abilene, was buried. She resided with her family in Dallas, but underwent an operation in Abilene while on a visit to her mother and sister last week, and failed to survive. She was 29 years of age and was raised in Merkel. Her lamented father and her little daughter, Mary, preceded her to the grave some few years. She leaves a husband and three children, besides her mother and sisters.

She is well remembered by a number of Merkel people, many of whom attended the funeral, which was conducted by Rev. O. J. Hull of Abilene.

## 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. Ferrion.  
De Gorcus.  
Wm. R. Green.  
James F. Holloway.  
B. Jobe.  
Pete Meek.  
F. O'Brien.  
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  
Roscoe 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.  
Rufus H. O'Neal.  
Willie E. Pool.  
Ennis Grimes.  
Charley Fitzgerald.  
Berry Forrester.  
Joseph A. Pruitt, 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  
Euleus McNeas.  
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.  
Charlie Clifton Smith, Trent.  
Fred Pribble, Trent.  
Ernest Massey, Trent.  
Lee Massey, Trent.  
Hosea Winn, Trent.  
Skyler Dunn, Trent.  
Elmer Dunn, Trent.  
Will E. Smith, Trent.  
Jas. Harmon Peterson.  
W. Clarence Melton.  
Dalton Blackmon, Trent.  
Otto Blackmon, Trent  
John W. Hassey, Trent  
Roy Stevens, Trent.  
Spurgeon Scott, Trent