

MERKEL RED CROSS DRIVE

The Red Cross Drive is on. The fireworks started last Sunday afternoon when a crowd came up from Abilene and held a meeting at the Presbyterian church. The first meeting in this district was held at Blair, where Mr. W. A. Campbell was appointed as chairman of the work. Their quota at Blair was placed at \$50 and this amount was almost reached Sunday. From Blair the team went to Trent, where considerable enthusiasm was aroused. At 5:30 they reached Merkel. While the church was not crowded, yet a representative crowd was present, and at the close of the program about \$260 was subscribed. Merkel's quota proper is \$750, Nubia's \$150, Tye's \$50 and Blair's \$50, making \$1000 for this district.

Those present at the meeting Sunday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Reeves, Miss Bourn, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Girand, Miss Alma Girand, Miss May Burkett, Miss Beaton, Mrs. Rupert Harkrider, Miss Morris, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Len Faucett, Col. W. C. Kinsolving, W. H. Holford, Judge Overshiner, Prof. Edward Mundine, W. H. Free, Dallas Scarborough, Clyde Newberry and Simmons College Quartette, Messrs. Edwin Skinner, Carroll Spangler, Fred Cole and Truett Walton.

R. L. Bland is the local chairman, and W. A. McSpadden, vice chairman. The committees for solicitation of funds are as follows:

J. T. Browning, assisted by Misses Sallie Toombs and Maud Hogan and F. B. Huddleston Sam Swann. Mrs. W. J. Largent, assisted by Mrs. C. M. Largent. Mrs. Lytton Howard, assisted by Miss Maud Martin. H. C. Williams. J. J. Stallings. Mrs. R. O. Anderson. H. F. Greene, assisted by Misses Ada and Sadie Woodrum, and Elma Sheppard, Wallace Bragg, Mrs. N. D. Cobb and Mrs. Asa Sheppard. Dee Grimes, assisted by Mrs. M. Armstrong. Miss Mossie Sears, assisted by Miss Sadie Collins.

We predict that these committees will go over the top at once. There is no way around it. The territory has been equitably divided. The cause is a truly great one. It merits the assistance of every one, and he who is able to help and does not, is not doing his duty to the government. Out of all thus far solicited, not more than two or three have failed to do their part.

Saturday, May 25, will be Red Cross Day in Merkel. On that day we must celebrate "Going over the top." And, too, we are to raise the Honor Flag for going over the top with the Liberty Loan. Also on that day we want to raise a nice sum for the local Red Cross work. The program for this day is in the hands of the following committee:

W. A. McSpadden, chairman, T. A. Johnson, R. M. Parker and Walter Jackson.

It will be an auction day. Everything brought out on that day will be auctioned for the Red Cross, and when the committee runs out of anything else to auction, R. M. Parker is going to auction the moon. Doubtless some woman will bid in the moon in order to reserve the man there from the ravages of war so that when peace is declared she will be ahead of the game. If the Trent Red Cross will bring down the goats and a good team, a goat roping contest will be upped off also, the amount received from this feature going equally to the Merkel and Trent Red Cross organizations. This has been suggested

by some Trent parties. The following items have been given for auction:

Tom Largent, a calf; Mrs. H. T. Merritt, pair of Rufus Red Belgian hares; E. L. Wills, turkey gobbler; C. L. Tucker, rooster; C. E. Story, chicken; R. M. Parker, the moon.

Any further donations will be given publicity next week. This ought to be a great day. Our Red Cross women are working faithfully. The only criticism that can be made is against those who do not attend the workroom. Once and a while a whisper of criticism has gone out against those who do attend, which is very unpatriotic and can not be countenanced. They just as well criticize our soldier boys at the front. They are disloyal and probably do not know it. The Red Cross is fully one-third of the nation's real fighting strength. The Council of Defense is ready to report the name of any one criticising our Red Cross women just as quick as it would for criticising unlawfully any other war measure. Surely people in this stressing war time, if not at any other time, ought to use the common sense that God has given them.

Many of our boys are going to come home from the front simply because the Red Cross was there. It is heaven sent. Let us stand by it with all the God-given loyalty we possess.

Our goods are packed here, thoroughly examined at other points and every shipment has received the commendation of higher ups.

The only unfortunate circumstance in connection with the drive is the illness of the chairman, R. L. Bland. So successful has been his plans that he either has the mumps or the bighead—we cannot determine yet.

TO LADY VOTERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY

As it may be impossible to see all of you in person. I take this method of soliciting your vote and influence in behalf of my candidacy for county clerk. I thoroughly understand the duties required to handle the county clerk's office and promise if elected to serve the people in such an efficient manner they will always be glad they selected me as their servant.

Thanking you in advance for your favorable consideration, I am,

Respectfully,
(Pol adv. 15t2p.) J. L. Mingus.

51,600 MEN CALLED

Washington, May 15.—Twenty four states and the District of Columbia were called upon last night by Provost Marshal General Crowder to furnish for the National Army 51,600 more men qualified for general military service. Movements of the drafted men to camps under this call is to extend over two periods from May 20 to 24 and from May 29 to June 2.

Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas are included in the list of states called upon for men.

Appreciates The Press.

To The Editor: The greatest compliment I can pay the Press of the Eleventh Federal Reserve District is to the point to the constantly growing totals of the Third Liberty Loan Subscription Lists.

The work you have done so generously and so freely is its own reward.

Allow me, however to say what a pleasure it has been to me, and to our Publicity Manager to have such a splendid spirit of mutual helpfulness displayed by the Press.

With my kindest regards,
Very truly yours,
J.W. Hoopes, Deputy Governor.

SAVIOURS

By ANGELA MORGAN

Yours is the daring skill to tread
The waters of a world at war;
Yours is the miracle to shed
Where rocking seas of hatred are,
Courage and comfort, like a star.
You cry unto an earth dismayed,
And God is thrilling in your tone:
"Brothers, the ship is not alone;
Be not afraid!"

Ye are the Christs of this black hour,
The Great Physician come again,
Within your sacred hands the power
To heal the race of men.
Ye hold the hurt world to your breast;
Ye bind her bruised and broken soul;
The sick, the maimed and the oppressed—
Yours is the gift to make them whole.
And where the stricken miles unroll
Ye sound the resurrection morn;
Above the bier where Justice lies,
With visions of an age new born,
Ye bid the dead arise!

O World, that walkest now in tears
Where Truth again is crucified
After the thousand, thousand years—
See yet that Christ is not denied!

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

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 loose no time. Friday is the day we want them. Red Cross.

FOR SALE—Tomato plants at 1/2 cent each. C. L. McNeese. 1t.

FOR RENT—Two business buildings, both 100 feet deep; one 40 foot front and the other 25-foot. Apply to Geo. Bovce. 1t

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.

FOR RENT—Large, cool office room for \$5.00 a month, over Woodroof-Bragg store. See the Merkel Mail. 1t.

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

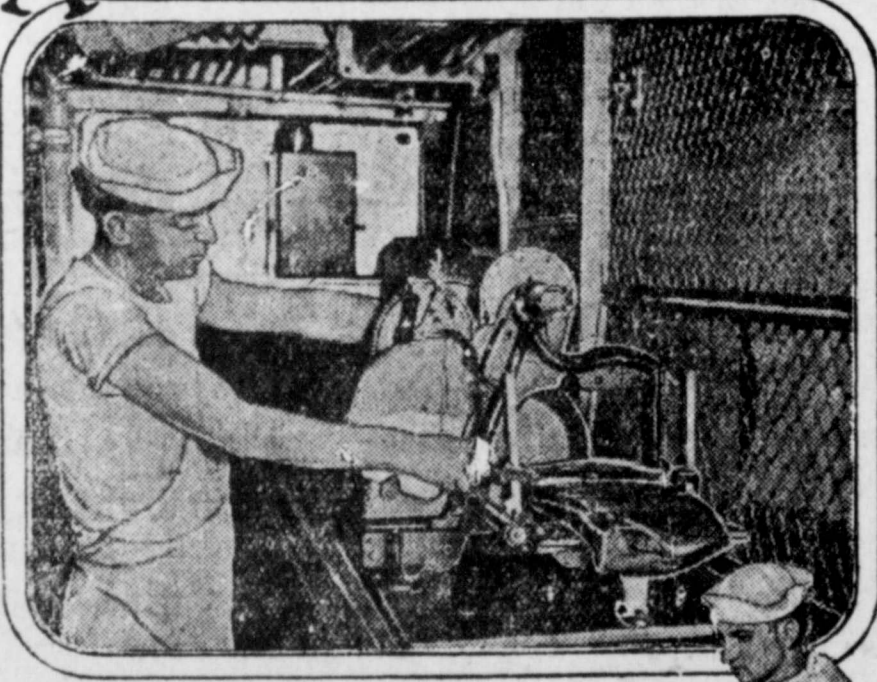
FOR SALE—A good gentle work horse. E. D. Coats. 17t1c

FOR SALE—Typewriter ribbons at the Merkel Mail office.

REMEMBER THE DAYS

SUNDAY	ONE MEAL WHEATLESS	THURSDAY	ONE MEAL WHEATLESS
MONDAY	ALL MEALS WHEATLESS	FRIDAY	ONE MEAL WHEATLESS
TUESDAY	ONE MEAL WHEATLESS	SATURDAY	ONE MEAL WHEATLESS
WEDNESDAY	ALL MEALS WHEATLESS		

AMERICAN NAVY ELIMINATES WASTE



SLICING BACON ON BATTLESHIP

ACKIES in the American navy are classed as the best fed body of men in the world. In the ship's galleys every effort is made to eliminate waste.

In the upper photo one of the cooks on the North Dakota is operating a meat slicer that cuts bacon with the least possible wastage. Fat is fuel for fighters. Bacon is badly needed in the allied armies and navies. The allied needs in pork products are 150,000,000 pounds monthly, three times as much as before the war.

Another waste eliminator on the North Dakota is the potato peeler, shown in the lower photo. Nothing is lost except the actual potato skin. There is a sufficient quantity of po-



HOW THEY PEEL POTATOES ABOARD SHIP
Potatoes in America for greater use in every home and for all needs of army and navy. Eat more potatoes, eat less wheat.

A Pension Bill

Thos L. Blanton introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions and ordered to be printed:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that no person residing without the territorial limits of the United States shall be entitled to draw a pension, and all such persons shall be dropped from the pension rolls from and after the passage of this Act.

Felix Jones Appeals From El Paso Verdict.

Austin, Texas, May 13.—Appeal has been filed in the Court of Criminal Appeals in the case of Felix R. Jones, from El Paso County, convicted of murder.

Hun Leaders Pick Rulers

London, May 15.—The Austrian and German emperors at their meeting at German great headquarters, German newspapers say, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen, selected monarchs from Lithuania (Lithuania), Courland, Esthonia and Poland.

Help The Oil Industry

The time has come when it is very important that the oil industry be developed here. Several legitimate projects are on foot and ought to be encouraged. No one man can put a deal over; it takes co-operation to do that. There is nothing to gain by holding out against progress. A farmer is safe in going into a proposition with a drilling contract. What he has got to steer clear of is the system of selling his lease for so much an acre and permitting it to checker-board against legitimate projects.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Hodge Winter of Abilene is very low and not expected to live.

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.
Jonas County Candidates
County Clerk.
T. L. Lollar
For Sheriff:
T. P. (Tom) Hudson
For Tax Collector:
W. C. Cutrell.

THE TEXAS DIVORCE DAY

We have our wheatless days, meatless days and a number of "less" days, but of all the days, a new one has been sprung on us in the form of a day specially set aside for divorce day and the penalty is close confinement for the male. Those most vitally concerned are to have no voice in the matter. Their tears and entreaties, or demands for the right of trial by jury are to go unheeded. The demands of humanity make it necessary a state-wide separation be enforced.

The cruel-hearted politicians have decreed that shall be Texas Rooster Day. On this day every patriotic farmer or poultry raiser separate the male from the female. It is true that the hens may object, but the raisers should overrule objections in favor of the of humanity, for hens needs eggs, and it has clearly demonstrated the presence of the rooster flock is a menace to the ing qualities of eggs during summer months. Infertile will keep well, while fertile are soon unfit for human consumption, and in order to produce infertile eggs the must either be killed or to exile.

As we go to press rain are brewing.

BAPTIST PASTOR

Rev. McMahan of who was recently called pastorate of the Merik church, has accepted and will be on the field June 1. Rev. McMahan highly recommended, a pulpit orator and an pastor.

The congregation the parsonage in shape reception of his family time stipulated. The B. Y. P. U. Sunday will be the one outlined for last the previous meeting been called off on the Red Cross meeting Presbyterian church. tance is urged.

First Merkel War

The first Merkel war against war, just cause she is a girl. S the home of Mr. and O'Brian at ten o'clock day morning and pounds. Frank came Camp Bowie to see his and will remain a mother and child are ly.

Many Business

Raymond Touchstone has been employed at ers State Bank for s has accepted a position bank in Galveston at that city the past week, by his energy is rapidly ascending ing field with a ver him a great future. Wallace Bragg has the position made v Mr. Touchstone. Wallace secretary of the cial Club for several and has shown mark in the work. He enters ing field with a ve future.

Miss Charlie Bell who will soon course in stenography typewriting at the Business College, has the secretaryship of merical Club. She competent and we have of her ability to "m

Statement of Condition
The Farmers State Bank
 Merkel, Texas
 At Close of Business May 10, 1918

RESOURCES

Loans	\$260,990.89
Banking House	
Furniture and Fixtures ..	13,000.00
Interest in Guar. Fund....	3,003.57
Stamps, Bonds and Cert. .	11,339.69
CASH & EXCHANGE.....	47,938.45
Total.....	\$336,272.60

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	34,732.54
DEPOSITS	237,022.48
Rediscounts	29,517.58
Total.....	\$336,272.60

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

BUY WAR SAVING STAMPS
DONATE TO THE SECOND RED CROSS
WAR FUND

MULBERRY NEWS

Aron Horton and family spent Sunday in the Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Moore and Miss Clara Daniel visited the family of Matt Daniel last Wednesday.

Mrs. Calloway Chancy spent Monday with Mrs. Hamilton Chancy.

Misses Myrtle and Addie Rogers of Clyde are visiting friends in this community.

Mesdames. W. C. Moore, Alice Martin, Ras Walton, and Clara Burns spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Mattie Warner.

Miss Maggie Lee Chancy spent Sunday night with Mrs. Rosa Chancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Authur Rogers spent Sunday with relatives near Noodle.

Miss Myrtle Daniel visited a few days last week at the home of her uncles, W. C. Moore and J. D. Daniel.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Northcut who has been real sick is now doing nicely.

Mrs. Flora Gardner visited her brothers, J. H. and W. T. Bird, last week. Mrs. Gardner lives in South Dakota, and she and her brother, J. H., had not met in over twenty years. Needless to say it was a much enjoyed reunion.

J. W. Childers had the misfortune to lose a fine mule last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Elkins.

C. L. Brittain of Clyde was in our midst one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore spent Sunday with Mrs. D. W. Martin at Tye.

The very high winds of last week have carried away much of the moisture of the recent rain and our farmers are about ready to howl "Calamity." A bad beginning makes a good ending," is an old saying that has been passed down through the generations so it must have some truth in it. If it has let us

take courage for our "ending" must be glorious indeed.

Juanita.

Patriotic Window

Sanders Drug Store wins the prize in the way of a patriotic Red Cross display. A great many favorable comments have been made on it. The red, white and blue is worked in admirably, the background being a picture of "The Greatest Mother on Earth." H. A. Sanders, Harry Barnett and Claude Rinney got their heads together, and we have the result.

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.

The stockholders of the Silver Lake Oil Company of Petrolia met a few days ago and reports were made that it is in very good shape and expects soon to be paying 15 or 20 per cent. Twenty or thirty local people are interested.

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

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, 25c, 50c and \$1.00, or sent post paid on receipt of price. Sample for the asking.

BAKER-WHEELER MANUFACTURING COMPANY
 DALLAS, TEXAS

CONDENSED STATEMENT

Farmers & Merchants
NATIONAL BANK
 MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business May 10, 1918

RESOURCES

Loans	\$165,055.36
War Saving Stamps	1,029.77
U. S. Certifics of Indebtedness	60,000.00
U. S. Bonds	14,100.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,500.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Other Real Estate	3,132.00
CASH AND EXCHANGE	121,432.98
Total	\$370,162.61

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	35,420.05
Circulation	5,950.00
Rediscounts	None
Bills Payable	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
DEPOSITS	303,792.56
Total	\$370,162.61

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct
THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

Harry Barnett is in receipt of a letter from his cousin, Herman, who is in the army station at Corpus Christi. He writes that bathing is grand now and says "Come on in the water is fine." He says he is just in from a 14 mile hike, carrying the heavy marching order pack, and "You don't know what work is until you get in the harness under them on a hot day." He is delighted with the army and is ready to "Go over."

Expected car of hay this week. G. M. Sharp.

E.N. Brown spent last Thursday and Friday in Gleburne and Dallas. He says the wheat and oat crops are very short on account of the lack of moisture.

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

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rose and children, and mother, Mrs. Alice Rose, left Wednesday for Mineral Wells, where they expect to remain about ten days. Mrs. Austin Fitts joined them at Abilene.

Looking for car red oats on ever train. G. M. Sharp.

James M. Page of Temple visited his sister, Mrs. J. T. Pue, Tuesday. He goes to the army as a volunteer. His camp is located at Indianapolis. He will be in the railroad engineering and operating department. He is only 17 years of age.

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

R. H. Collins left Tuesday for Bagwell for a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Vernon Jones.

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.

OFFICE OF
Brown Dry Goods Co.

READ THIS STATEMENT

☛ **GOODS BOUGHT NOW** for cash, or during this month and next, will be cheaper than you will see them after present stock is sold out, for months and may be years.

☛ **For your own gain read the above statement.**

☛ For instance, just plain old fashion yard-wide unbleached domestic is now 25c at the mills. Also good gingham now is selling at 35c. These items named practically make everything else advance.

☛ **AGAIN**—Manufacturers are selling standard overalls now at the factory over \$2.00 per pair. Common field work socks have gone to 20c per pair. So in 50 to 60 days you will see our statement fulfilled as to the rise in prices.

☛ **WE ARE FIGHTING HARD** to make our cash win you every battle possible.

☛ **We are keeping the Quality up and Price down.**

Yours sincerely

THE BROWN D. G. CO.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. B. C. Moore of Maryneal writes that the Maryneal Red Cross will give a parcel post sale on June 1, in the interest of the Red Cross. Each package is to sell for 50 cents. Those who can not go are requested to send their package by Uncle Sam.

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.

Misses Irene Swann and Ruby Campbell visited Miss Ada McCargo at Anson Saturday and Sunday. Sam Swann and Misses Agnes Powell and Willie Swann went over after them Sunday afternoon.

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

Mrs. T. P. Pierce underwent an operation at a sanitarium in Abilene last Sunday. She is getting along nicely according to late reports.

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

Eldin Ely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo Ely, had his adenoids removed at Abilene last Sunday. He is getting along splendidly.

Lola Dennis underwent and operation in Abilene last Sunday for the removal of her tonsils and adenoids. She is doing nicely.

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.

GROCCERS HELP IN 50-50 PLAN

SIGN PLEDGE TO CARRY OUT
FOOD ADMINISTRATION
PROGRAM.

POST CARDS, IN STORES.

Explain New Wheat Ruling to
Thousands of Customers—In-
sures Greater Food Saving.

Grocers of the nation have accepted enthusiastically the 50-50 basis for the purchase of wheat flour and are doing their utmost to explain the new regulation to the housewife. This ruling by the U. S. Food Administration requires each purchaser of wheat flour to buy one pound of cereal substitute, one kind or assorted, for every pound of wheat flour. It was necessary to restrict the use of wheat flour in order that the allies and our fighting forces abroad might be assured of an adequate supply of wheat to meet their vital needs. This supply must come from our savings because we have already sent our normal surplus.

Wheat saving pledge cards were forwarded by the Food Administration to all retail food merchants, and these are being signed and posted in stores throughout the country. This card states, "We pledge ourselves loyally to carry out the Food Administration program. In accordance with this order we will not sell any wheat flour except where the purchaser buys an equal weight of one or more of the following, a greater use of which in the home will save wheat:

"Cornmeal, corn flour, edible corn starch, hominy, corn grits, barley flour, potato flour, sweet potato flour, soy bean flour, feterita flour and meals, rice, rice flour, oatmeal, rolled oats and buckwheat flour."

Some confusion has resulted on the part of the consumer in construing this "50-50" ruling to mean that an equal amount in value of substitutes must be purchased with wheat flour. This is a mistaken idea. The ruling states that the consumer in purchasing flour shall "buy at the same time an equal weight of other cereals."

One exception to this ruling is concerning graham flour and whole wheat flour, which may be sold at the ratio of three pounds to five pounds of wheat flour. This provision is made because approximately 25 per cent. more of the wheat berry is used in the manufacture of these flours than standard wheat flour.

Another exception is that concerning mixed flours containing less than 50 per cent. of wheat flour, which may be sold without substitutes. Retailers, however, are forbidden to sell mixed flours containing more than 50 per cent. of wheat flour to any person unless the amount of wheat flour substitutes sold is sufficient to make the total amount of substitutes, including those mixed in flours, equal to the total amount in wheat flour in the mixed flour. For instance, if any mixed flour is purchased containing 60 per cent. wheat flour and 40 per cent. substitutes it is necessary that an additional 20 per cent. of substitutes be purchased. This brings it to the basis of one pound of substitutes for each pound of wheat flour.

A special exemption may be granted upon application in the case of specially prepared infants' and invalids' food containing flour where the necessity is shown.

Some misunderstanding seems to exist on the part of consumers in assuming that with the purchase of wheat flour one must confine the additional 50 per cent. purchase to one of the substitutes. This is not the case. One may select from the entire range of substitutes a sufficient amount of each to bring the total weight of all substitutes equal to the weight of the wheat flour purchased. For instance, if a purchase of 24 pounds of wheat flour is made a range of substitutes may be selected as follows:

Cornmeal, 8 pounds; corn grits, 4 pounds; rice, 4 pounds; buckwheat, 2 pounds; corn starch, 1 pound; hominy, 2 pounds; rolled oats, 3 pounds.

These substitutes may be used in the following manner:

Cornmeal, 8 Pounds.—Corn bread, no flour; corn muffins or spoon bread, one-fourth flour or one-third rice or one-third hominy; 20 per cent. substitutes in whole bread.

Corn Starch, 1 Pound.—Thickening gravy, making custard, one-third substitute in cake.

Corn Grits, 4 Pounds.—Fried like mush, used with meal in making corn bread.

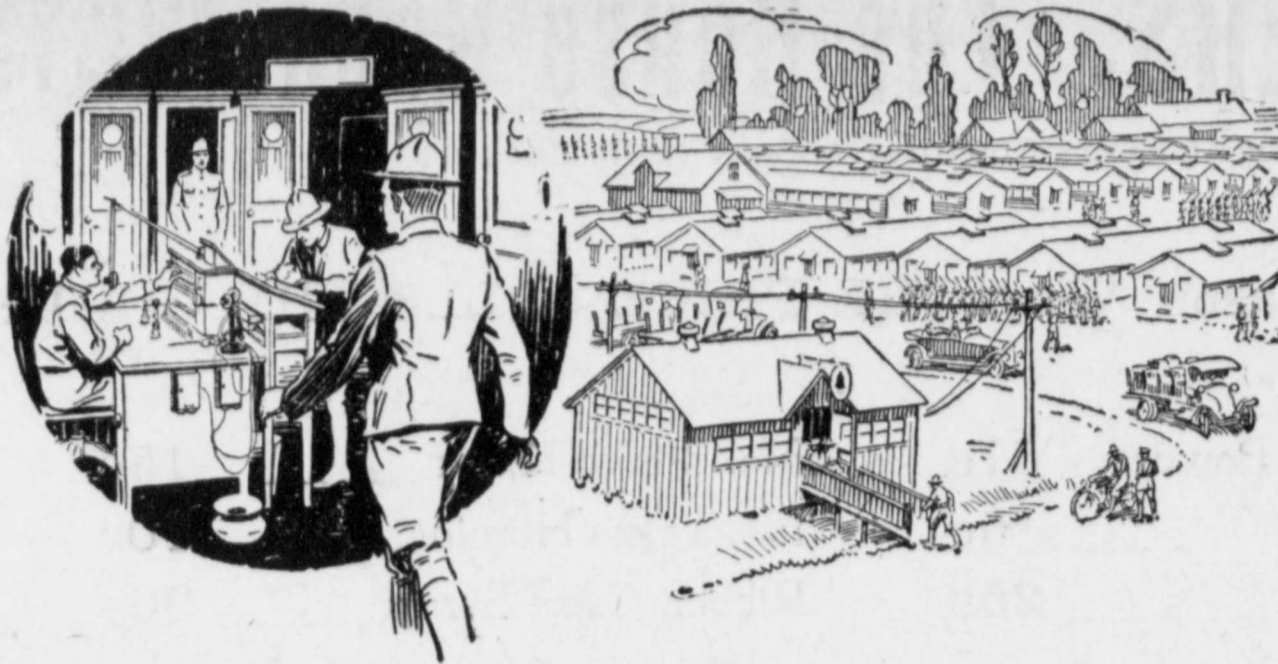
Roller Oats, 3 Pounds.—One-fourth to one-third substitutes in bread, one-half substitute in muffins; breakfast porridge, use freely; oatmeal cookies, oatmeal soup.

Buckwheat Flour, 2 Pounds.—One-fourth substitute in bread, buckwheat cakes.

Hominy, 2 Pounds.—Bolted for dinner, baked for dinner, with cheese sauce.

Rice, 4 Pounds.—One-fourth substitute in wheat bread, one-third substitute in corn bread, boiled for dinner (a bread cut), as a breakfast food, to thicken soups, rice pudding instead of cake or pie, rice batter cakes.

Several grocers have stated that their customers who strictly observe the 11 wheatless meals each week find it necessary to buy substitutes in addition to those ordered under the 50-50 plan.



Big Camps Have Bell Service

☐ The Bell Telephone System has supplied complete telephone systems for the National Army Cantonments and National Guard Camps.

☐ 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.

☐ Telephone equipment which under normal conditions would require from nine to ten months to manufacture was manufactured and installed in less than four months, to meet the military needs of the nation.

Help Win the War; Conserve the Nation's Resources and Lay up
Something for Emergencies by Buying War Savings Stamps

THE SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE CO.

Chautauqua Week

ABILENE, TEXAS

May 22-28 Inclusive

PRESIDENT WILSON SAYS

☐ "The work that the Chautauqua is doing has not lost importance because of the war, but rather has gained new opportunities for service.

☐ "Let me express the hope that you will let no discouragement weaken your activities nor that you fail in the support of a patriotic institution that may be said to be an integral part of the National Defense."

A FEW FEATURES OF THE

PATRIOTIC PROGRAM

Captain Fallon

The man of the hour who will give his patriotic lecture—
"FIGHTING THROUGH HELL"

Ladies Regimental Orchestra

Eight clever, charming young ladies, and every one a trained, experienced musician. Two separate programs—afternoon and evening.

Rapheal Emanuel

He tells you of a people who are living today the same as their ancestors did 4000 years ago. He comes from Mesopotamia, the accredited location of the Garden of Eden.

Cimeras Band

Six successful seasons in the east, Cimeras comes with a judicious blending of the celestial and modern. Also that wonderful soloist—
HELENE CAFARELLI

Harriet Bird Warren

An American Red Cross nurse who has just returned from the FRONT LINE SERVICE.

The Marr Entertainers

Although incapacitated for active war service, the vim and "pep" that brought them through, shows in every line of their splendid program.

Dr. Ira D. Landrith

Orator. College President, American, standing for liberty and righteousness freedom and justice. Full force and vigor driving every point home, but always coming back with a smile.

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Melton Baby Dead

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melton of near Nubia, died last Monday. The little girl only came and remained long enough to entwine its heartstrings into the hearts of its parents, to breath on the flowery petals of love for a very short time, and then to return to God who gave the little spirit. Only a baby, but with it went mother's heart and father's love, and there is a vacancy in that home. And yet, twined closer than before, are those parents' hearts to the great beyond. The little fellow is gone and to the bereaved parents we can only lend our sympathy in this dark hour. Burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery, on Tuesday afternoon, Elder W. G. Cypert officiating.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

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Misses Ruth and Dixie Howard are on an extended visit to their sister, Mrs. Margaret Middleton of Stamford.

Miss Sophia Howard has closed her school at Essie and returned home for the summer.

Robert W. Kelly left for Waco last Monday. He joined the Fifth Regimental Company 21, Aviation Field.

A. B. and G. M. Barrow of Hamlin visited their brother, D. G., last Sunday. They report crops looking good.

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 through 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.
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ALLIES DEMAND MORE CEREALS

American Meat Restrictions Relaxed to Effect Greater Wheat Savings.

ARGENTINE ARRIVALS SHORT.

Meat Supply Here Considerably Enlarged — Food Administration, However, Warns Against Waste.

The allies have made further and increased demands for breadstuffs, these enlarged demands being caused to some degree by shortage in arrivals from the Argentine. It is, therefore, necessary for the U. S. Food Administration to urge a still further reduction in the consumption of bread and breadstuffs generally if we are to meet our export necessities. The Food Administration has issued a statement explaining the situation in detail, particularly the reasons which lead it, for the purpose of centering effort for the time being upon the cereal situation to relax temporarily the restrictions on meat consumption.

Experience shows, this statement says, that the consumption of breadstuffs is intimately associated with the consumption of meat. For various reasons our supplies of meat for the next two or three months are considerably enlarged, and we can supply the allies with all of the meat products which transportation facilities render possible and at the same time somewhat increase our own consumption. In these circumstances the Food Administration considers it wise to relax the voluntary restrictions on meat consumption to some extent with a view to further decreasing bread consumption.

Conservation of food must be adjusted to meet necessities from time to time, for neither production, nor allied demands are constant factors, nor can any of these factors be anticipated for long periods in advance in the disturbed conditions in which we at present live. While the world situation is not one that warrants any relaxation in the efforts to eliminate waste or to relax economy in food, the Administration desires to secure better adjustment in food balances.

So long as the present conditions continue the only special restrictions we ask are the beefless and porkless Tuesday.

The meatless meal and the porkless Saturday are no longer asked.

The farmers of the United States are responding to the national call to increase hog production. Their increase, to all appearances, is being attained more rapidly. Of more immediate importance, however, are several complex factors which have effected an immediate increase in meat supplies.

The transportation shortage before the government took over the railroads, the bad weather in January and early in February, the large percentage of immature corn in the last harvest and the necessity of feeding this corn as rapidly as possible to save it from decay, have not only resulted in backing up the animals—particularly hogs—on the farms for a longer period of feeding, but have resulted in a great increase in their average weight and will result, with improved transportation conditions, which already appear, in larger than normal arrivals at market for the next two or three months. The weight of hogs coming to the market for the past two weeks indicates an increase in weight of from an average of 208 pounds last year to the almost unprecedented average of 232 pounds, or a net increase in their meat value of over 15 per cent. This is a distinct addition to the nation's meat supply. It therefore now seems certain that we have such enlarged supplies for at least some months to come, that we can not only increase our exports to the allies to the full extent of their transportation facilities, but at the same time can properly increase our domestic consumption.

The response of the public to our requests for reduced consumption of meat during the past few months has been most gratifying, and this service alone has enabled the government during this period to provide such supplies as transportation to the allies permitted.

The Administration also suggests that in those parts of the country where the old fashioned home preservation of pork is still the custom, this practice should be extended at the present time, as it will relieve the burden upon transportation to and from the packing houses and is economically sound as saving the cost of packing operations and at the same time will provide home supplies of pork to last over the months of decreased supplies.

The Food Administration desires to repeat that it does not want to give the impression that these are times when simplicity and moderation of living are not critically necessary, but that its sole desire is to secure an adjustment between our different food supplies and meet changing conditions from time to time and to keep the public fully and frankly advised of its position with the full confidence and reliance that whenever it becomes necessary renew appeals for saving will meet the same loyal response as in the past.

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This paper has enlisted
with the government in the
cause of America for the
period of the war.....

In the Liberty Loan campaign we reported last week that W. T. Sherrell purchased \$100 worth of bonds, when it should have been \$250.

Governor Hobby made his opening campaign speech at McKinney last Saturday. It was clear and forceful, free from personalities and on a dignified plane. He will doubtless spend considerable time from now on speaking in the interest of his campaign.

Abilene is in a furore over the Governor question. Some state that the entire city is for one; some say it is for the other. They are actually calling each other names in that beautiful city of "Brotherly Love." Let them keep it up, perhaps they will get two A. & M. Colleges.

The bank statements, just issued, show up splendidly under the conditions. In a marvelous manner the resources of the country have been preserved. The banks have responded nobly to the local situation. At a time like this it takes courage to stand behind the people and permit them to go forward in the effort to make another crop. It is worth more to the government in the way of enabling the people to make feed-stuff than the buying of Liberty Loan and governmental securities. As long as our bankers stand solidly behind the people and the people solidly behind them, so long can we hope for the ultimate achievement of marked success.

Our orators are fast getting into the habit of "daming" the Hun. It grates on our nerves. It is not smart. There is not a man, nation or power under heaven that can "dam" anything. To hear a puny man get up and talk about damning something is traversing upon the power of God. It does not sound like enlightenment. It is not given into our hand the power to damn the Hun. Let us march bravely on and kill him, but let us remember that when breath leaves his body, all human power stops. To damn him is just beyond our reach, and we must be satisfied with killing him. Whenever we hear a soldier or a citizen wanting to damn some thing, it looks like he is afraid of his own power and wants to invoke the devils of hell to help him. Certainly he wouldn't talk in such a manner in the very presence of God.

The clouds are unmistakable. The people of Texas are going mad. They are forgetting that war is on and that patriotism is in peril. Two men are going up and down the country in the interest of their candidacy for the Governorship. The people are lining up. They are not stopping with their own personal convictions, but from the street corner and the housetops they are urging the populace to desperation. Sorrowful indeed is the sight. When our brave boys are today grappling the gravest problem that ever confronted this world, those at home are in danger of going mad and permitting enmity to rise up in their midst only to satisfy personal ambition. Let the people think and vote their sentiments. We doubt if many

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of them will change, no matter how much fuss and fight is shown. And now some of the seemingly good citizens are demanding that our local candidates declare themselves as to which of the two candidates for governor they are for. As we have said before, we here repeat, that is a very short-sighted policy, the very thought of which is deplorable. There are only a few candidates that come within this range and that is the governor and the State representatives and senators. These are the people concerned with the muss raised in Texas. We believe every man and woman should prepare to vote, but for one time in the history of our country, it would cease from the practice of entering into heated discussions where feelings are aroused. We believe it is wrong. We are not advocating peace. We are for war and war to the hilt, but we believe it should all be done quietly at the ballot box. We have never seen the expression of bitter enmity do much to elevate democracy. We are not going to fall out with our neighbors who do not see as we do. We value their friendship and good will more than all the prospective governors this State ever had or ever expects to have. And remember that whoever wins, he will be our governor, too.

Liberty loan went over the top gloriously in Merkel. We have scanned the list of contributors. Some few could have done more, but many gave out of their very want. It makes us feel glad that we are a part of so great a people. We are not in fear of losing our great democracy as long as the colors are sustained by so noble a people. It matters not so much what hardships we have to endure here at home, if only we can keep the boys in a reasonable degree of comfort so that they can do their best against the horrid, hated Hun. We are winners if we give our all and bind future generations to the noble debt, if only victory will finally perch upon our lovely banners. Defeated, we are nothing, have nothing, not even hope. Victorious, the world is ours to enoble and help. Old Mr. Kaiser, we are not giving our boys and our means just to measure arms with you. We did not go into this fight as a mere plaything. But, remember, when it is all over, we think there will be ample room for you on the other side of the Rhine for many a long year. While our boys are pumping lead into your unholy throne, every loyal man and woman in this country is sending along the necessary. The lesson of sacrifice is heaven-born. We are learning a great and noble lesson. The good that lies enshrouded in the human heart is coming to the surface. We are about to find that we all are the same kind of people, near-akin. We love each other better by the little sacrifice we have made. There is go-

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ing to be a powerful fraternalism all over this land that will make us want to help each other, love each other and bear one another's burden. The devastating effects of war is a great leveler of hurtful pride. Together we stand until the "Star-nobled Banner" rings through the streets of Berlin and this liberty loving country is honored and respected by all nations.

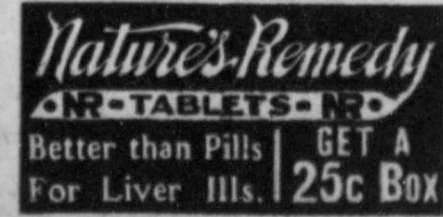
The committee appointed to push the Red Cross drive decided against publicity as to the outcome of their efforts this week. We regret to lose the "scoop," but the will of the committee must be obeyed. It is a profound secret, however, and yet half a dozen have confided the secret to us, upon the condition that we do not tell. Several men and several women compose the committee. We are sure the gossiping is all done by the men. We might say, however, that the committee was a good one, and whatever they

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The organs of digestion, assimilation and elimination—the stomach, liver and bowels—are closely allied, and the proper action of any of these organs is largely dependent upon the correct functioning of all the others. "Whipping" your liver into action with irritating laxatives or strong cathartics is a great mistake. A better, safer plan is strengthening and toning the whole digestive and eliminative system with Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets), which not only brings immediate relief, but genuine and lasting benefit. It acts on the stomach, liver, bowels and kidneys, improves digestion and assimilation, overcomes biliousness, corrects constipation and quickly relieves sick headache. Get your system thoroughly cleansed and purified for once; stomach, liver and bowels working together in vigorous harmony, and you will not have to take medicine every day—just take one NR Tablet occasionally to keep your system in good condition and always feel your best. Remember it is easier and cheaper to keep well than it is to get well. Get a 25c box and try it with the understanding that it must give you greater relief and benefit than any bowel or liver medicine you ever used or no pay. Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) is sold, guaranteed and recommended by your druggist.

T. L. GRIMES, Merkel, Texas



LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hall left Tuesday morning for Detroit, Mich., where they expect to remain for several months. He has leased his farm. They have resided in Merkel nearly 12 years. During that time Mr. Hall was city marshal four years and served a term as alderman. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have always taken an important part in fraternal work. Mr. Hall has taken the Shrine in Masonry and has held every important position in the local lodge. They will be greatly missed by a host of friends.

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

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Campbell, and Mrs. H. H. Tittle and daughters, of Blair were visitors in Merkel Monday.

Plenty corn at G. M. Sharps. Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

Leonard Will of Norfolk, Va., on the ship Ohio, came in Wednesday a week ago to visit the homefolks and returned the past Wednesday. He says he is well pleased with his work. He comes from a family prominent in the Civil and Spanish wars, and is just as patriotic as any member of his family who has preceded him upon the field of battle.

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

J. B. Walton of Gilham, Ark., writes that he likes the country fine and that they are having plenty of rain. He hopes this country will make a bumper crop this year. If it does, we bet he comes back.

Dr. J. T. Pue of Brownwood visited homefolks the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dunn recently returned from Ft. Worth, where they have been the past year. He, his father, J. M., and brother, D. T., leave Friday for Johnson county, with their thrashing outfit. They expect to be away during the season.

Mrs. G. J. and Davis Jones are visiting relatives and old friends at Nevada, Farmersville and other points.

Miss Vernadine Freeman left Sunday for Fort Worth, where she joins her father, who is employed there for the present.

Miss Ada Raley of Clyde, has returned home after a weeks visit with Miss Mattie T. Mann.

Mrs. F. A. Sanders left Wednesday for Beumont, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. J. A. Adkisson and take treatment under a specialist.

Mrs. W. L. Cash of Hamlin, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. T. Stevens.

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CITATION PUBLICATION

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting: W. W. Wheeler, Guardian of the estate of Arrie Wilson, Frank Wilson, Chester Wilson and Roy Wilson, Minors, having filed in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, his Account for Final Settlement of the estate of said Arrie Wilson, et al, Minors together with an application to be discharged from said guardianship.

You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for at least twenty days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper printed in the County of Taylor you give due notice to all persons interested in said estate to appear and contest said account for final settlement and application, if they see proper, at the June term A. D. 1918 of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the Court House of said County, in Abilene, on the 3rd Monday in June A. D. 1918 at which time said account and application will be acted upon by said Court.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and official seal, at my office in Abilene, Texas, this 24th day of April, A. D. 1918

J. D. Hilton,
Clerk County Court Taylor County, Texas.

By Kate Z Williams, Deputy 3t3c.

Advertised Letters.

These can be redeemed upon payment of one cent.

Beakley, W. B.
Cook, Mrs. Anna
Mitchell, Mrs. I. A.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on May 29th.

H. C. Williams, Postmaster, Merkel, Texas.

L. M. Huffman expects to leave Saturday for a visit to niece, Mrs. Johnnie Haynes, of Fredrick, Ok. He will likely be gone some time.

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Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hall. Last Thursday afternoon the Eastern Star entertained in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hall. A nice toast was given by Mrs. Causseaux, and was responded to by Mr. Hall. A regular dinner was served and all present had a great time. One candidate was initiated. Mr. and Mrs. Hall left Tuesday morning for Detroit, Mich.

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hall, The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons gave a banquet at the Collins House last Saturday evening. Those present were: J. T. Browning, J. C. Mason, R. L. Over of Abilene, Mr and Mrs. J. A. Patterson, T.M. Mayfield, Mr. and Mrs. P.L. McClary, Wesley Edwards, Dr. and Mrs. Gambill, Mr. Shannon, Mr. Sanders, R. M. Parker, T. A. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Mershon, Miss Annie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boney, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hall, C. W. Roberts of Abilene, T. J. Smith, J. S. Crawford of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. B. Cox, W. P. McGuire of Abilene, L. Williams, Walter Jackson, G. W. Johnson, W. L. Buchanan, G. E. Comegys and Dr. M. Armstrong. Honoring Mr. and Mrs. Hall.

THE B. Y. P. U. SOCIAL. The B. Y. P. U. will have a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann Saturday night. A full attendance is urged. This organization had many delightful times on the spacious lawn of this hospitable home last year, and the committee is planning a general good time for the coming entertainment.

Cook-Cypert Wedding. The wedding business seems to be holding its own in spite of the war. Friends of Frank Cook and Miss Flossie Cypert were not a little surprised when last Saturday afternoon the news leaked out that they had taken a spin to Abilene and were married at the courthouse by Judge Ford.

Miss Cypert is the daughter of Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert. She has lived here a number of years and has a host of friends who wish her bon voyage upon the matrimonial sea.

Mr. Cook has only lived here a short time, but has proven that he is made up of the right kind of stuff. Full of vim and energy, we predict for him a career in keeping with the prize he has won for a helpmate.

Mr. Cook has been examined and accepted as a volunteer in the cavalry service and is only awaiting his call. His wife will remain here for the present.

We wish them years of happiness and a full share of prosperity.

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.

C. E. Sims of Guion was in Merkel last Saturday in the interest of his candidacy for County School Superintendent. He says things are looking mighty good for him in his home section and he is receiving considerable encouragement all over the county.

OIL OIL OIL RANGER OIL

It must be refined. The Odessa Oil and Refining Co., located two and one-half miles east of Ranger, Texas, incorporated for \$100,000, is offering a fine opportunity to the moderate investor.

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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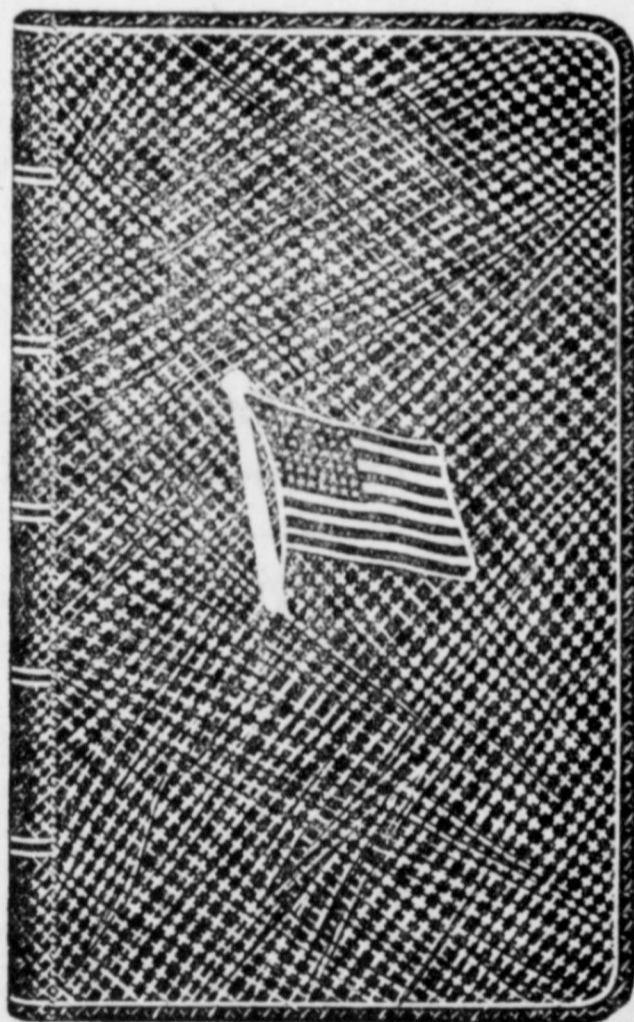
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Oscar Calloway of Matador and Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sosebee of Paducah attended the funeral of their mother last Tuesday.

Miss Ida Nelson has returned to her home at Loraine after having visited Miss Ida Meeks and her former pupils, Essie and Bessie Tucker.

CHURCH NEWS

Epworth League Program. Topic, Efficient Epworthians. Leader, Wallace Bragg.

Song, Hymn, Come Ye That Love The Lord.

Responsive Reading, Psalm XCI.

Prayer. Quartet, Misses Mamie and Vida McNees, Ruth Holloway and Bess. Tucker.

Why the League Works as it does, Julia Martin.

Test of Efficiency, Annie Bickley.

Where Efficiency Can be gotten, Wallace Bragg.

Scripture Readings. Instrumental Solo, Annie May Costephens.

Why the Summer Conference Means Efficiency, Vivian Hutcheson.

What the Summer Conference Can Mean to Me, Rev. Cameron.

How Our Chapter Can be Represented, Claude Riney.

Song. Prayer.

Christian Endeavor For May 19. Leader, Roy Moore.

Topic, Education the Doorway to Service. 2 Tim. 2:15.

Mose's Education. Acts. 7:20—24, Will Merritt.

Paul's Opportunities, Act. 22 1—5, Preston Guthrie.

Timothy's Preparation, 2 Tim 1—7, Julia Martin.

Training Utilized, Exod. 35: 30—35, Evelyn Barbee.

Training in The Temple, 1 Sam. 3:1—4, Frank Armstrong.

Daniel at School. Dan. 1:1—4, 17, Iva Bragg.

Announcement for our Protracted Meeting.

Sunday May 19, Meeting to begin in Methodist church. Rev. C. A. Bickley will do the preaching. We invite cooperation of christians. Now let our people, as far as we have control, bend everything—All trips off and arrangements contribute to helping the moral and religious interest of our community. Now men and women and children! you will be true to the kingdom of God, won't you? I know you will. Prayer meetings in the homes and in the church every day and night this week. Come! C. S. Cameron.

Jap To Preach. Special services will be had at Rock Crossing church Sunday at 11 o'clock. The Jap, of Simmons College, Abilene, will be in charge of the service. He is a very interesting speaker and never fails to draw a crowd.

J. L. Mingus of Abilene, candidate for County Clerk of Taylor County, spent Wednesday and Thursday in Merkel in the interest of his candidacy.

Brandon Trussell of Wise county, candidate for State School Superintendent, was in Merkel Thursday in the interest of his candidacy.

Messrs. Daggert and King of Fort Worth Livestock Commission Company spent Wednesday night in Merkel.

Mrs. W. A. Thornton has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Martin of Putman.



O, You Knocker You Sorehead, Read This

After God had finished the rattlesnake, the toad and the vampire, he had some awful "substance" left with which he made a "knocker." A knocker is a two-legged animal with a cork-screw soul, a water-sogged brain and a combination backbone made of jelly and glue. Where other people have their hearts, he carries a tumor of rotten principles. When the knocker comes down the street honest men turn their backs, the angels weep tears in heaven, and the devil shuts the gates of hell to keep him out. No man has the right to knock as long as there is a pool of water deep enough to drown his body in, or a rope to hang his carcass with. Judas Iscariot was a gentleman compared to a knocker, for after betraying his Master he had enough character to go hang himself, and a knocker has not.—Salt Lake City Times.

Dad Wilson Writes.

Bridgeport, Texas, May 14—Dear Editor: Am leading quite a nomadic life so I want my Merkel Mail to follow me so please send it to Bridgeport, as I don't want to even lose one week of the Merkel news. Tell all my friends that I'm trying hard to like this country, but all I've gained so far is a good case of rheumatism and I think I'll give up and just say there is no place like the "Great Merkel Country," and no people like those I left behind. Good luck to you all. H. S. (Dad) Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Compton, Lucile and Mabel Russell were in Abilene Tuesday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Reed.

T. F. Compton returned last week from Cisco where he had been under treatment of Dr. Milling.

J. W. McConnell had the misfortune to lose one of his work horses the past week.

C. P. Stevens and Jim Meeks spent a couple of days in Ranger this week.

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, Soc.

Elder W. G. Cypert left Thursday morning for Wichita Falls to be away about ten days.

Miss Nellie Swann left on Thursday night for Tulsa, to visit her sister, Mrs. Henry F. Jones, for some weeks.



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 Gorus. 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. Hubert 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. Shery 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. De 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 McNees. John P. Gibson. Leonard Wills. Winslow J. Beckham, Trent. John Rex McClain. Clarence 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. Robert W. F.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We have sold our mammoth hardware and implement stock to G.-F. West Company and trust that those who have favored us with their patronage in these lines will find our successors just as painstaking to please as we have always tried to be. We thank the people heartily for their patronage in these lines, which has contributed in no small way to the success that has been ours.

We did not sell these lines because we had to, but to better enable us to make a big land deal that we think is to our interest.

Stay In Business

We are not going out of business, but intend to enlarge our dry goods, grocery and feed lines to meet the local demand. We are deeply gratified over the patronage that has been ours, even during the great period of drouth, and it is our greatest desire to be of greater value to the people of the Merkel country than we have ever been.

Anchor Mercantile Co.



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Receipts		Payments	
From By-products	\$24.09	Paid for Live Cattle	\$84.45
	26%		91%
From Meat	\$68.97		
	74%		
Total	\$93.06	Total	\$93.06

* This net profit of \$1.29 per head averages 1/8 cent a pound live weight.

And out of this small net profit dividends must be paid to shareholders.

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FAREWELL TO KAISER BILL

This Spring as I travel in city or country town I'm confronted with our soldier boys All dressed in suits of brown The railroads are all loaded, Boys are going with a will, Determined every one of them To knock hell out of Bill.

Our soldier boys are full of vim; Their courage never falters, And when they sail for Europe, Across the deep blue waters, Should they chance to meet a battleship, And we don't know but they will, They'll do their best, we know, To knock hell out of Bill!

He planned for many years To build an empire grand, And make slaves of all nations So they'd jump at his command. He started straight for Paris, But the Belgians were not still, They fought like little tigers, And they knocked hell out of Bill!

If all our boys can't do it, And they call for older men, We'll go all under sixty-five, All able-bodied men, And what we'll do for Billy He'll never live to tell; There'll be no hell in Billy then Cause Bill'll be in hell!

He started out to conquer, "Me and God", said he, "will win, We will build a mighty empire, And we'll dictate what is sin" But Bill-Kaiser, God don't need you, He knows your heart too well And this cruel war would soon be over If your carcass was in hell.

And when Germany is rid of him, I mean this Kaiser Bill, They'll form a better government, I know they can and will. But Kaiser Bill is going: Better say to him, farewell! Our U.S. troops can do the deed, They'll knock hell out of Bill! —Composed by a Blind Man.

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.

Mrs. Calloway Dead.

Mrs. E. J. Calloway is dead. Her life has been long and fruitful. To her and her devoted husband, who preceded her to the grave just two years ago there were born 12 children, nine of whom survive. Mrs. Calloway was a resident of Noodle for seventeen years, was a consistent member of the Christian church at that place and died in the faith. Mrs. Andrew Barbee is the only living child residing in Merkel, and the funeral cortege started from her home. Several of the children, of which there are five boys and four girls, live near here.

Mrs. Calloway was born in East Texas and many of her girlhood years were spent in Orange. She was 69 years of age. After marriage she and her husband resided in Hill county, moving from there to Jones county 17 years ago. They had been married 51 years when Mr. Calloway died. Their son, Otho, is the only child living near the old home place at Whitney.

The funeral took place in the Rose Hill cemetery Tuesday evening, Elder W. G. Cypert officiating.

Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved in the death of their honored mother, and faithful citizen.

Swindlers' Trick Takes Money Sent To Soldiers

Relatives and friends of several soldiers in Army camps have been victimized by swindlers who wired or wrote for funds under soldiers' names. In each instance it was requested that money be sent by wire waiving identification, or by mail to general delivery, the customary explanation being that the soldier had been discharged and would have no way of securing identification, or of getting mail addressed to his company.

The following is a typical telegram, sent to the father of a soldier in a southern camp: "Have been discharged. Coming home. Going to Atlanta through country tonight. Please wire me \$60 at Atlanta so I may pay for uniform and come home direct. Wave identification as I am not known in Atlanta. Wire cash quick so I can get it to-morrow morning."

Before being complied with, any request for money to be sent under such conditions should be verified by a letter or telegram to the commanding officer of the camp in which the man whose name is signed to the request is stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning left Wednesday morning for Mineral Wells, where they expect to remain several days.

WHEN IN ABILENE EAT AT

The Metropolitan Cafe

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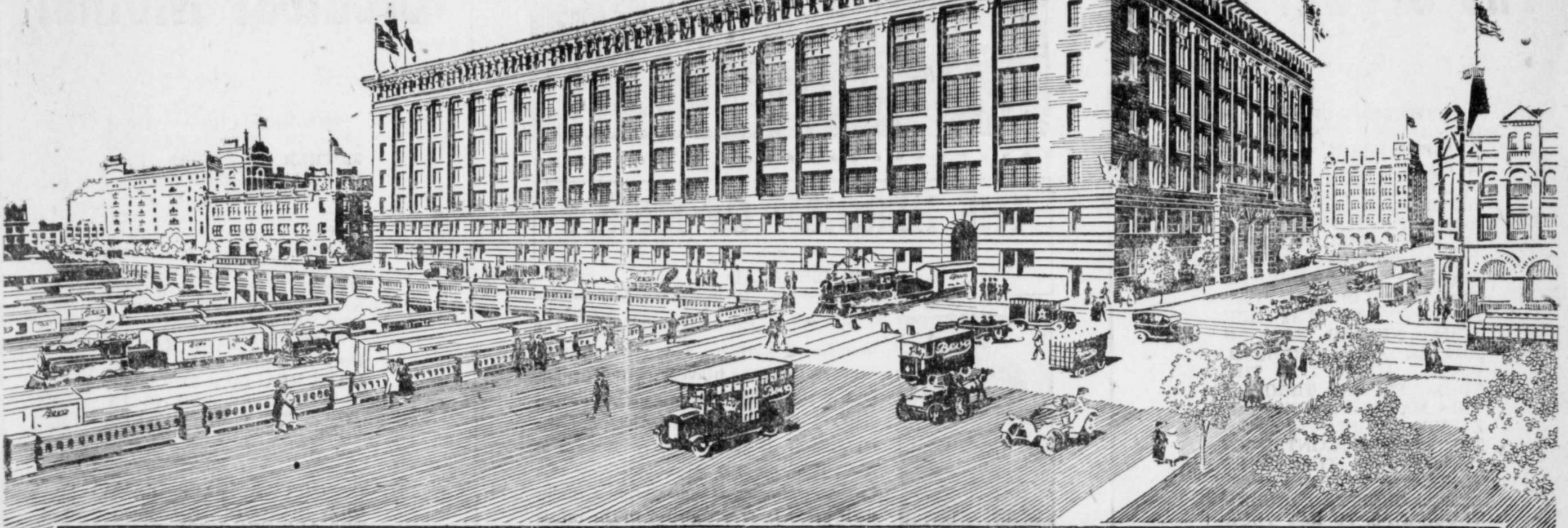
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WHY THE CHAUTAUQUA IS NEEDED

Why the Chautauqua is running this year is well explained in the following sentences taken from the article written by Charles F. Horner, for the first page of the Chautauqua booklet:

"Since last September I have been in Washington serving the Government to the best of my ability. I have seen the great need for economy in men, labor, materials and efforts. I can say that I was willing to abandon Redpath Horner Chautauquas an institution to which I have given twelve years of my life, if by so doing the big cause would be bettered.

I saw many departments of government activity were doing and encouraging the same kind of work the Chautauqua is doing. I found that while there are thousands of Chautauquas in America, the aggregate cost of all of them would not run the Great War one little hour.

I found that the total cost to an entire average community was about what one very moderate priced automobile would cost. I found that if every people required sane, clean, wholesome diversion that time is now. That at the same time Horner Chautauquas could tell to the people the very latest first hand information of the land over there, to which the hearts of so many thousands of mothers are turning.

The Abilene Chautauqua runs from May 22nd. to 28th. inclusive. The program contains many patriotic features of unusual interest. There will be Capt. Fallon of the British Army who has been wounded fifteen times. Harriett Bird Warren a Red Cross nurse just returned from the front. The Marr Entertainers, four cana-

dian soldiers incapacitated for active warfare. There is also Cimera's big band, Dr Ira D. Landrith, lecturers. Ralpheal Emanuel from Mesopotamia and many other attractions. Two splendid programs daily.

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER

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

Ozark Trails Convention

Monte Ne, Arkansas, May 13.—Reports to the home office from all over the territory covered by the Ozark Trails System of roads indicates a large attendance at the Annual Convention to meet at Miami, Okla., June 5, 6 and 7.

Numerous delegations, many of them accompanied by brass bands, are coming from the six states now penetrated by the Ozark Trails.

Miami is preparing for the convention and one of the most successful meetings the Association has ever had is expected.

MONDAY

ALL MEALS
 WHEATLESS

USE NO BREAK CRACKERS,
 BASTY OR BREAKFAST TOASTS
 CONTAINING WHEAT



EXPLOSIVE LAW

The Fourth Called Session of the 35th Legislature enacted a law, which makes it incumbent upon every State, County and Municipal Peace Officer in Texas to enforce the Federal Explosive Act, which went into effect last November; and to co-operate with and report to Chas plosives Inspector, San Antonio, violations of the Federal Explosive Act and the willful failure or refusal of any such officer to discharge and perform the duties imposed by this Act shall constitute a misdemeanor involving official misconduct, and on conviction he shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars and removal from office. This law was introduced and passed at the suggestion of the Texas State Council of Defense.

The Federal Explosive Act prohibits the manufacture, sale purchase and possession of all explosives and their ingredient, in time of war, without a license. In other words the dealer must have a license, and the purchaser must have a license. The dealer must keep an itemized record showing the name and address of purchaser, and purpose for which it is to be used. This also compels practically every drug store in the United States to have a license permitting them to have in possession and sell explosives ingredients in quantities of an ounce or more, and the dealer must keep the same record as the party who sells dynamite. These in-

According to Chas. B. Waters, United States Explosive inspector for Texas, this law will be rigidly enforced in the future; it having been ineffect since November 15, 1917 and

every dealer has had time to familiarize himself with the law and all its details, and no excuses will be accepted in the future. A careful and systematic check is being made, by the Federal Authorities, of every dealer in Texas who handles explosives or ingredients regardless of location or size. An inspector or some deputy may drop in any day and dealers should not allow themselves to be caught unprepared.

G. W. Johnson is one of the United States Explosive Licensing Officer for Taylor County, and such dealers as have not already procured their license should take immediate steps to do so.

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.

Mrs. J. R. Lamar returned Monday from Crosbyton, where she has been on an extended visit to her sister.

T. B. Kimmons and family arrived last week from Hanover, Ill., Mr. Kimmon has taken up his duties as mail carrier of Route 1, swapping places with J. O. Wells. Both parties made the trip through in their cars.

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.

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