

ARE HELPING THE FARMERS

Last Thursday was Farmers Day for Merkel. Every business house was closed and over 100 merchants and clerks went to the cotton patch and put in the day. Every house in Merkel but one signed up to close and that one also closed. In last week's issue some of the signers were omitted, by oversight as follows:

We, the undersigned will close up Thursday, June 6th, and offer our services to the farmers of the Great Merkel Country on this day:

- Cozy Studio, 2.
- Merkel Mail, 1.
- Merkel Power Co., 2.
- Anchor Mercantile Co., 10
- G. M. Sharp, 3.
- W. P. Duckett, 1.
- A. B. Barrow & Co., 2.
- Farmers State Bank, 5.
- Sanders Drug Store, 2.
- The Star Store, 4.
- Merkel Motor Co., 2
- E. L. Rogers, 2
- J. T. Dennis, 4.
- F. H. Dennis, 1.
- Y. C. Dennis, 1.
- J. M. Dry, 1.
- Grimes Drug Store, 1.
- Woodroof Bragg Co., 2
- F. & M. Nat. Bank, 5.
- Bob Martin Co., 1.
- Brown D. G. Co., 3.
- Merkel Drug Co., 2.
- City Barber Shop, 3.
- E. G. Turner, 1
- G. E. Sanders, 2.
- A. C. Boney, 1.
- Ira Armstrong, 1.
- Jno B. Bell, 1
- Geo. Brown, 1.
- E. L. Ash, 1.
- J. T. Dorsey, 1.
- Merkel Lumber Co., 1.
- A. L. Jobe, 1.
- Crown Hwd Co., 4.
- H. M. Rose, 2.
- T. G. Ferguson, 2.
- Ben Pilcher, 1.
- Warren Bros., 2.
- H. C. Floyd, 1.
- J. M. Meeks, 1.
- Chas. Stephens, 1.
- C. E. Conner, 1.
- J. A. Brown, 1.
- G. W. Stewart, 1.
- J. M. Pordon, 1.
- R. L. Renfro, 1.
- Merkel Garage, 3.
- W. T. Dennis, 1.
- T. E. Ragan, 1.
- Burton Lingo, 1.
- Wm. O'Briant 1.
- F. A. Polley, 1.
- Geo Woodrum, 1.
- H. M. Mayfield, 1.

Every store in Merkel but one is closing up at 4 o'clock and the merchants are going out and putting in the balance of the afternoon chopping cotton. They are doing good work, too, from all reports. It is a matter heartily approved of by the Council of Defense. No stone should be left unturned when it comes to the crops now. Other towns over the country are going out. We can do more to win the war by raising crops than by any other method. If the need arises the government will order every able-bodied man to the field and suggest that women and girls go to the stores. We too often forget that our present law makes every living soul a part in the great war plan and whatever the government suggests, it is the duty of the people to obey.

It may be that the business men will not be able to get around. They will not likely be able to help any one person until he is through, but they will lend a helping hand to just as many as they can possibly reach.

A glorious spirit rests with the people. Even the girls all over the country, and by the dozens from town, are going out and working all day, girls that never worked before, girls who

never thought they would ever do such a thing, yet they find themselves at the very forefront when it comes to patriotism and they are willing and anxious to "do their bit."

Many a farmers' daughter has donned overalls and gone on the plow. Great girls they are. The whole world can not conquer such a spirit. It is just simply unconquerable.

4 Personal Dots.

W. A. McSpadden was seen to stop a number of times on Thursday afternoon and calculate as to whether he could make another round.

Dee, Grimes, Judge Mahaffey and others went out to Hurley Toombs' cotton patch and worked like trojans the forenoon. Mrs. Toombs very unwisely served good old country ham and many other savory dishes, and spoiled the cotton choppers. No wonder they did not return to work in the afternoon. It is mighty hard to get them out now. A repetition of such a dinner would take all Merkel out and they would work, too, until dinner time, and not charge a cent. Ham is a delicacy that makes us all hungry.

Fred Groene got mighty tired last Thursday. He wanted to make a good appearance and tried to detain the "boss" by telling stories.

W. O. Boney would often stop and look down the row, wipe the sweat off his brow and say: "My, but aren't these long rows," and then with a sigh moved on down the line.

T. A. Johnson went out and plowed all day. He didn't think he could do it; neither did we, but he did. Geo. Moore had the receipt that put him through. It is said that Mrs. Johnson is mighty anxious to get the receipt.

G. M. Sharp went out two afternoons last week. His experience made him wiser, however, and he was not able to go on Thursday. He is sure making good this week, and many a weed is falling beneath his sturdy blows.

John Sears is a regular acrobat when it comes to killing weeds. We published this so that Mrs. Sears can be put next in order to make suitable arrangements when she goes to plant next season's garden.

If you think G. E. Comegys can not "get there" when it comes to hoeing cotton, you are badly mistaken. It is no trouble for him to gain a row with most any gang he goes out with. And he gets to work just about as early next morning, feeling no ill effects from a battle with the weeds.

J. M. Dry is a hard hitter. He strikes a gait that makes everybody else move to keep up with it. It is a familiar sight to see him flying down the rows with his tongue out, but never letting up.

So enthusiastic has Geo. Woodrum become in the matter that it is a hard job to get him to stop and come home. We bet if his crowd was to leave him he would just work all night.

Buryl Scott also chopped. He didn't say how much he earned; neither do we know how much he was paid.

The whole Anchor bunch went out. It is said that A. C. Rose set the pace, and we guess he did, for he couldn't be killed any way. We have notice that Jim Black has not been so enthusiastic about chopping since Thursday. We have not learned whether Mr. Rose set too great a pace for him, or does he just simply have an aversion for such exertion. Lytton Howard worked so hard he was taken suddenly ill. Surely a little work ought not to make a man sick, but we guess it did. Lytton said so.

H. L. Propst also made a record. You couldn't lose him in the cotton patch. He says he is



CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR SALE—Redtop cane seed, re-cleaned \$2.25 per bushel, f.o.b. order now, Cobb Grain Co., Kress, Texas. 14t2c.

FOUND—A "More Lite" auto dimmer and rim on Salt Branch road about one mile from Merkel. Owner call at Merkel Mail and get same by paying for this adv.

FOR SERVICE — Thoroughbred Poland China male. H. D. Simpson, Rural Route, Trent, Tex.

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

like Mr. Rabbit: "Here was where I was born and reared."

D. G. Barrow went out the other evening and tried to make his comrades believe that he hadn't chopped cotton in 15 years. He gave himself away, however, for he hadn't been in the field 15 minutes until everybody knew that he was an old-timer. He led the bunch.

T. G. Bragg proved to be such an untiring worker, that his boss bragged about him, and before he left he signed a contract to hoe the whole field by the acre. (?); If somebody don't help him he has a job for all summer.

E. L. Rogers worked hard, but without a murmur. It is said that he certainly earned his wages.

E. N. Brown went out and chopped, becoming so absorbed in his work that he didn't know when dinner time came. We wouldn't have believed it if he had not told it. He further said that his arms got so tired he had to exercise them considerably, and so curious were his antics that as a train was approaching the engineer thought he was flagging the train and stopped.

Those who do not believe in answered prayer will likely change their mind when it is recounted that R. O. Anderson prayed for it to rain early Thursday morning. His prayer was not answered by rain, but early Thursday the bank examiner dropped in and R. O. knew his prayer was answered.

Sam Swann came in Thursday evening and told a big fish story. He said he hoed 4 1/2 acres by 2 o'clock p.m., and since then we have learned that he didn't go near a cotton patch.

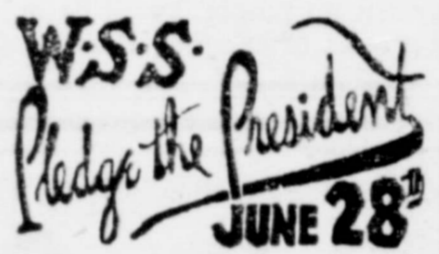
J. T. Dennis is proving game throughout the whole ordeal. He goes about it so nicely that one could not guess but what he liked it.

E. W. Kelly tried to make out

WANTED—Woman to keep house for man and children. Apply at Merkel Mail office. 7tf.

FOR SALE—Petigreed Duroc Pigs, \$7.50 and 10.00 each. J.T. Warren. 30t2c

LOST—Black horse mule 1 year old. R. L. Bland. 11c



like he didn't know how to hoe cotton, but it was noticed that he soon caught the step. We can't understand why these old farmers wont acknowledge where they came from. When this fall crop is harvested the last one of them will be claiming they came from the farm and acted the fool when they left it.

So hard was last Thursday on Q. Warren, that to get out of this kind of work, he took a run up to Knox City and bought out a competitor. If the cotton chopping season lasted long enough we bet he would try to buy out every competitor in a hundred mile radius of Merkel.

It has been noticed that the doctors have been conspicuous by their absence. Work usually makes a man healthy. We are afraid their practice will diminish if this working plan is kept up.

And the druggists pretend to believe that they might have a call for a prescription. They ought to know that the workers are getting the best prescription that can be filled.

Rev. C. S. Cameron says he is making a full hand. So contagious has the system become that it has invaded the pulpit, cleared the offices, closed the doors of business and rides under the banner of "Help win the war."

Bob Martin thought it was the custom to hoe bareheaded. He learned different before he completed the first round.

Deverle Johnson worked with his sleeves rolled up, and next day reached the conclusion that he had found a new way of skinning a man.

Wallace Bragg is a patron of the hoe. It is said that he is one of the parties who has earned his money.

We have jested about the girls going out. We take all that back. We are sorry we said it. Miss Willie Swann and others

have called us down for saying it. They worked all day last Thursday and never even complained one time. We were afraid we couldn't hold out, but when we heard they were holding out, it rested us a great deal. Hurrah for the girls who are not afraid of work. We couldn't do without them.

We have heard of the work day killing no one. It is estimated that between 1000 and 2000 acres of cotton will be saved by the acts of the merchants. Surely there is a binding tie between the people of the city and the people of the country that can not be severed. Their interests are one, and together they will go forward in the rich hope of achieving a glorious prosperity.

H. K. Sheppard can hoe cotton, too. When he got his uniform on, a typical farmer, we failed to recognize him. If he works like he looks, we must think that he has missed his calling when he chose drugs instead of the farm.

Mr. Gafford, Jr., knows all about the cotton game. Although from Missouri, it didn't take long to show him, and soon he was giving his instructors all they could do to keep up with him.

H. A. Sanders is alleged to have worked in the cotton field. He evidently knew what kind of a prescription to use as behind him the weeds withered and died.

There was an army of others, including J. C. Mason (now you may not believe it, but he was there), Asa and Jud Sheppard, and many others. They all did good work, we understand.

Tom Largent broke all records. He hoed—something no one would have ever charged him with. We know he hoed, for we have Burl Scott's word for it. It is said of him that he raced down the row with the speed of a tortoise on his way to a midnight dance in the good old summer time.

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

CRUCIAL FIGHTING IN PROGRESS

Now is a tense moment for both sides in the great struggle. For days and days the German army has pressed upon the allies. Ground has been given, but at fearful cost. In many places dead Germans have been piled in heaps by machine guns. The latest move of the enemy was against the Oise, which promises to meet with defeat. The latest word comes from the Aisne and Marne, where the German army is making a desperate effort to pull through. Possibly the heaviest fighting of the entire series is now taking place. Success now on the part of the Germans will greatly weaken the allied position.

The furious fighting which has marked the present German attempt since its inception Sunday continues unabated from south of Montdidier to the Oise. Regardless of heavy losses the Germans are throwing in divisions of fresh troops.

In driving back the Germans on their left the French menace all the enemy gains in the center of the battle line. If the French advance continues the enemy is in a fair way to be caught in a pocket in the hills between the Matz and Oise.

Belloy, Genlis wood, to the south and the heights between Courcelles and Mortemer were retaken by the French. The Germans battled stubbornly and suffered heavy losses. The French also took 1,000 prisoners and several guns. Heavy fighting is taking place around Chevroucourt and Antheuil.

This is the center of the German advance and the French hold the heights to the east, south and northwest.

Berlin in its statement Tuesday night reports the repulse of French attacks southwest of Noyon, and claims no progress.

The earlier German communique told of the capture of more than 10,000 prisoners, bringing the captures since Sunday to 18,000 and since May 17 to 75,000.

Paris remains confident in the out come, while military observers in London view the latest enemy attempt as a diversion preparatory to a greater blow further north. The Germans, it is held there, have made all the gain between Montdidier and Noyon they had hoped to make.

Northwest of Chateau Thierry American marines have driven the Germans entirely from Bajleau wood and have added 300 prisoners to their bag. Tuesday's victory came right after the advance of Monday, when the Germans were forced back.

Buy W. S. S. —
New Ruling Expected on Women Registration.
Every woman who applies, provided she is qualified, will be registered as a prospective voter by Charles A. Tosch, Tax Collector of Dallas County. He will pay no attention to where the women live. In making the announcement yesterday, Collector Tosch said he is informed that the Attorney General will soon rule that women of the rural districts and smaller cities had best register to be sure of the privilege of voting.

Recently Attorney General Looney ruled that women of the country and of towns of less than 10,000 need not register. This has been questioned by men who drafted and passed the measure that will give women the privilege of voting in Texas as primary elections.

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

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

THE WAR SAVINGS STAMP DRIVE

The trend in war finance since the United States entered the worldwide struggle has been toward an increasing larger participation in it by the masses of the people. The object of this policy has been two fold; first, of course, to get the money for the government to carry on the war with; and, secondly, to bring home to every person in the country the fact that it is his or her war and that he or she is responsible to the limit of his or her ability to see it through.

Marvelous progress has been made in enlisting the financial support of the war by voluntary loans and gifts by the people. Each succeeding Liberty Loan saw a much larger number of people participating until in the third drive about 17,000,000 Americans subscribed for bonds and for the first time in their history the American people became a nation of bond holders. The last Red Cross Drive brought in millions more of contributions, latest figures estimating that nearly 50,000,000 people made subscriptions.

The drive for war saving stamps sales, however, brings the war finance much closer to the people than any of those campaigns that have gone before, for it is an appeal that every man, woman and child in the country can respond to in some degree and there should be not less than 90,000,000 or more investors in saving stamps.

Nearly every child old enough to talk has a saving bank these days and it will be a patriotic service on the part of parents and good education for the little tots if parents will take the savings of the children and invest them in thrift stamps. It will be a lesson in patriotism to children just as they begin to learn what money is and the thrift habit will be of value to them throughout their lives.

As for older children and also grown up people it will be only a matter of carrying the matter

to their attention, for there is scarcely one of these who can not spare something for the stamps. Millions can be raised without any thought of sacrifice, while sacrificing even little things that we throw away money for every day will cause the quota to be oversubscribed. By saving the price of an ice cream soda or a cigar a day several thrift stamps can be bought each week.

And as the cards are filled up with stamps the individual's patriotic interest will be aroused and he will feel that every stamp is a bullet at the kaiser. Buying thrift stamps and war savings certificates is cheapest and safest way to shoot the Huns yet devised. And while we are thus firing at the kaiser we are at the same time piling up an interest bearing savings account which will come in handy after the war when new conditions are likely to arise.—Houston Post.

— Buy W. S. S. —
HOW'S THIS

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces, expelling the poison from the blood and healing the diseased portions.

After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all druggists, 75 cents.

— Buy W. S. S. —
DRAGON'S
PRACTICAL
Business College
ABILENE, TEXAS

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

Our Uncle Samuel

Is going to Know Where We Stand

On June 28th we will be called upon to meet at designated places and say then and there how much we will invest in War Saving and Thrift Stamps by next December 31st.

He is Going to Get Our Number

He expects every man and woman to do their duty. Let's get ready for this great campaign of saving and perform the duty cheerfully.

THIS BANK

keeps War Savings and Thrift Stamps on hand for sale at all times.

LIBERTY BONDS

for sale from our own vaults. Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps are the best investments in the whole world. Let's be thrifty, helpful and patriotic.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Thos. Johnson, Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp returned from Camp Travis last Tuesday morning. They found Choc and Roscoe in fine shape. They have been doing some mighty hard drilling of late. They are expecting to go at any time. They also saw Luther Grimes, John West, W. L. Diltz Jr. and other Merkel boys. They spent some time in San Antonio. The trip was an enjoyable one. They left here Thursday afternoon. They report varying crop prospects between here and San Antonio; some of it very good and some of it very sorry.

Car of Bran, Corn, Oats and mixed feed just arrived at the Crown Hardware Company.

Ellis Q. Warren left in his auto Tuesday for a two days trip to Knox City. He and his brother has just taken over the Knox City Auto Company. The enterprising firm of Warren Bros. are continually on the upward trend.

If you want your cleaning done right, send your clothes to Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bankhead a fine boy. Dr. Williams reports that mother and child are doing nicely.

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

Mrs. Joe Owen and baby of Petrolia are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp.

Car cow feed and cotton seed meal just arrived. See us Crown Hardware Company.

— Buy W. S. S. —

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.

Brown D. G. Company's Standard Merchandise

STANDARD OVERALLS

\$1.70, \$1.75 and
\$1.85

STANDARD UNDERWEAR

50c, 65c 75c, \$1 and
\$1.25

STANDARD SHIRTS

95c, 1.25 and up
to 2.50

STANDARD SHOES

\$2.50 to \$8.50
per pair

STANDARD

Shirting, Gingham, Bleached and Brown Domestic, Hosiery
Towels and Gloves

PRICES LOWEST POSSIBLE

The Brown D. G. Company

LOCAL NEWS

Sam Swann and Frank Hart leave the 23rd to join the colors. Gradually the boys are leaving. Day by day the pressure of war weighs more heavily upon us. The little those of us who remain at home can do will be done joyfully for the sake of the boys who are gone. No sacrifice we can make will equal theirs. Their lives are on the altar that we may live in security.

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The Fidelis Class of the Baptist church presented Mrs. Thomas Bearden, ne Miss Mary Teaff, with a war certificate as a wedding gift. This popular young couple is in Fort Worth for the present and doubtless will remain there until Mr. Bearden is called to the front.

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

Owen Ellis has accepted a position with the Grace Hotel in Abilene. Owen is a good steady worker and is just bound to go to the top. We hate to lose him from the business life of Merkel, but congratulate him upon his success.

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Miss Maudelle Biggs, milliner at Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Company, leaves Friday for her home in St. Louis.

Bring your fresh eggs and butter to E. L. Rogers. Best prices paid.

— Buy W. S. S. —

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

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. Ferrner.
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.
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.
Reaben 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
Eulless McNeas.
John P. Gibson.
Leonard Wills
Winslow J. Beckham, Trent.
John Rex McClain.
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.
Limer 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
Robert W. Kelly.
Jno. Earnest Costephens.
Wm. Roy Costephens.
Jake Eason, Noodle.

SHOES SHOES

At this time of the year we find our stock of Slippers, Oxfords and Pumps entirely too large. Rather than carry over this stock we are offering to the public our profits. Our buyer, looking ahead several months, saw the big advance in leather goods that was sure to come, and plunged.

For the next two weeks we are going to sell this new, up-to-date stock of shoes, invoicing \$15,000, at greatly reduced prices, far below the present wholesale price.

PRICES FOR LADIES SLIPPERS

\$5.00 Pumps	\$4.15
4.50 Pumps	3.65
4.00 Straps	3.15
3.50 Pumps	2.85
3.50 Oxfords	3.00
3.00 Straps	2.35
3.00 Oxfords	2.35
1 lot of black kid straps and bronze pumps worth \$5.00, 25 pair at per pair	\$2.50
1 lot of good slippers worth \$3.50 to \$4.00, while they last	\$1.70

PRICES FOR MEN'S LOW CUTS

Havana brown english last \$8.50, now	\$7.65
Havana brown english last 7.50, now	6.95
Havana brown english and straight last, worth \$6.00, now	\$5.25
Genuine kangaroo english, 6.50, now	\$5.85
Genuine kangaroo straight last 7.50, now	6.95
Tan vici, straight last 6.00, now	5.25
Palm Beach, english last, 5.00, now	4.35
Palm Beach, english last, 4.00, now	3.35
White Duck, rubber sole, english last, worth 4.50, now for	\$3.50

Just received big shipment of those good C. S. Marshall shoes in black and tan vici and mahogany calf, both straight and english lasts, moderately priced **\$7.50, \$8.00 and \$8.50**

We still have several pairs of shoes and low cuts, worth 4.50 and 5.00, present sale price **\$3.00**

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Clyde Garrett.
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Horton.
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— Buy W. S. S. —
Mrs. Puckett Dead.
Last Saturday morning at 3:45 death came to relieve the sufferings of Mrs. Elizabeth Puckett, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Wills in Merkel. Mrs. Puckett was honored with the weight of years, being in her eighty-first year. Since her girlhood she has been a consistent member of the Baptist

church. Her lamented husband, Silas, died in 1885.
Mr. and Mrs. Puckett came to Taylor county from Comanche county in 1875, settling near to Buffalo Gap. They were among the oldest settlers in this county.
To this couple were born 14 children, nine of whom survive, three boys and six girls. Seven of the children were present at the funeral, which took place Sunday morning at nine o'clock at Buffalo Gap, Rev. Robbins of Abilene officiating. She is survived by about 60 grand children. Her children are C. W. Litterfield; K. R., Eric, Okla.; and L. A., Lockney; Mrs. J. W. Dye, Plainview; Mrs. J. A. Wills Merkel; Mrs. Guss Randolph, Gomez; Mrs. C. H. Williams, Tatum, N. M.; Mrs. R. A. Moffitt, Paducah; Mrs. W. Martin, View.
Honored with age, honored with a splendid family, a noble soul is gone, leaving behind an influence that will go on and on doing good until the shades of eternity shall stop unfolding and time shall be no more. To the bereaved ones go our most heartfelt sympathy.

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— Buy W. S. S. —
Card Of Thanks.
We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the great kindness shown us in the illness and death of our beloved mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Puckett. May God's richest blessings ever rest upon them.
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wills and family.
L. A. Puckett
C W. Puckett
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Of the "wetless" days so blue,
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wonder can it be true?
Or on some cloudless morn
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Juanita.

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RAPID GROWTH OF MERCHANT MARINE

Washington, June 8.—The steady growth of the American merchant marine in all classes of vessels was revealed today for the first time since the war began in statistics from the Department of Commerce showing that in the first five months of this year there have been built in this country and officially numbered by the Bureau of Navigation a total of 629 vessels of 678,055 gross tons.

The merchant fleet of the United States now amounts to approximately ten million gross tons, not including merchant craft under control of the army and navy as transportations and supply ships. At the beginning of January 26,724 merchant vessels of 9,443,324 gross tons were flying the Stars and Stripes on trips across the Atlantic with food and munitions, into the Caribbean and Pacific with American products for foreign customers and on the lakes and rivers of this country as part of the Nation's domestic transportation system.

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Buy W. S. S. — KAISER'S "GOLD" CUP.

New York, June 8.—German proof of the saying that all is not gold that glitters was forthcoming here today with the disclosure that the "magnificent" cup which Emperor William awarded to the American winner of his ocean yacht race in 1905 was not gold and was not worth \$5,000 as was announced at that time. It was made of pewter with a thin veneer of gold and was worth scarcely \$40.

The deception recoiled against the Emperor during the recent Red Cross drive, it was revealed today, as it was auctioned and reaucted until it added \$125,000 to the nation's mercy fund.

President Wilson was in the audience when the "gold" trophy bearing the Emperor's likeness engraved on the side, was smashed with a hammer on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House here a few weeks ago. Persons who had desired to see the cup broken had paid \$5 each to the Red Cross to get on the stage. The "gold" remnants were later to have been sold for cash for the Red Cross, but the dealer to whom they were offered said they were pewter and he was not an alchemist.

Wilson Marshall's yacht Atlantic won the race for which the cup was the prize.

Buy W. S. S. — Armed Intervention in Russia Of No Advantage

Washington, June 8.—Armed intervention in Russia through Siberia or otherwise would be exceedingly difficult, on account of the hospitality of the population, and could not improve the allied military situation, Secretary Lansing was told today by Dr. John Szulpas of the Lithuanian central committee, who recently returned from a stay of nearly a year in Russia. Dr. Szulpas, who called on Mr. Lansing to ask America's moral support for the small nationalities in Eastern Russia who are seeking to set up independent States, described Greater Russia as a territory lapsing into barbarism under Bolshevik domination.

— Buy W. S. S. —
Plenty of cow feed, oats, corn, bran and mixed feed now on hand at the Crown Hardware Company.

RED CROSS AUCTION

Saturday June 15

From 3 to 5 o'clock

A large list of Articles remain over from previous auction. Any one wishing to donate anything further to this great cause will please send it in. All farm products are popular. A large number of trade tickets given by the merchants are to be auctioned.

--- Come and Biff the Kaiser ---

The proceeds go to the local work room. A special invitation is extended to all slackers. Their attendance will doubtless cause their repentance.

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

A register is kept at the Red Cross. At some time this register will likely be inspected. Those whose names do not appear on this register will doubtless be asked the reason why. And remember it will have to be a reason and not an excuse.

The splendid rains of the past few weeks have certainly put crops on the hum. Cotton and feed crops are certainly looking good. The section around Noodle almost looks like a paradise. Feed crops in many places are nearly waist high and almost cover the middles.

The man who owns a good farm or a good business, unincumbered, and who is too stingy to contribute to the Red Cross and help save the lives of starving babies and wounded soldier boys deserves the contempt of all decent citizens. He may pose as a Christian gentleman but he has none of the spirit of Christ, and the people have got his number. D'yunderstand? — Roscoe Times.

The Times is right. The people understand. Disloyalty simply is not going to be hid beneath the folds of pretended Christianity.

Merkel had her Farmer's Day. The merchants and clerks went out and from all reports worked faithfully and well. Merkel has done more. She has decided to close her business houses at 4 o'clock every afternoon and go out and hoe cotton where it is needed worst. More applications are on file than they can attend to in some days. It is not for the money that they go, but to help the farmers in their greatest time of need. Some other towns have adopted the policy of going out after closing time, but we have heard of none going futher than Merkel has gone. We haven't yet heard of Abilene going out. From that matchless little city of patriotism from whence cometh noted orators on the War Saving Stamp campaign, Red Cross and Liberty Loan, we have not heard of a single note in favor of the Cotton Chopping campaign. We'll bet they are resting in the shade. Merkel bids for the trade of all this section; Merkel is willing to assist all she can in helping to make the crops, but as yet we have heard of no one from Abilene nor from the catalog house coming this way. Yes, they profess their personal friendship but do they show it? The catalog house might send out a bunch so the good old staid patrons of those honored institutions might meet the trains and play safe.

CALLED HER FAMILY TO HER BEDSIDE

Six Years Ago, Thinking She Might Die, Says Texas Lady, But Now She Is a Well, Strong Woman and Praises Cardui For Her Recovery.

Royse City, Tex.—Mrs. Mary Kilman, of this place, says; "After the birth of my little girl...my side commenced to hurt me. I had to go back to bed. We called the doctor. He treated me...but I got no better. I got worse and worse until the misery was unbearable...I was in bed for three months and suffered such agony that I was just drawn up in a knot..."

I told my husband if he would get me a bottle of Cardui I would try it... I commenced taking it, however, that evening I called my family about me... for I knew I could not last many days unless I had a change for

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

Do you suffer from headache, backache, pains in sides, or other discomforts, each month? Or do you feel weak, nervous and fagged-out? If so, give Cardui, the woman's tonic, a trial. J. T.

The party who flagrantly stands in the way of war measures as advocated by communities or by law, is not altogether blameless when outraged local sentiment takes a hand in the game and some one is humiliated. Every righteous citizen should do what he can to uphold law and order at all times, and it is very essential that no deed be pulled off on account of personal malice, yet it behooves every individual to get in line and pull his part. When an effort is being made to carry the Red Cross movement, the party who gets in the way is simply bound to get hurt; When any one stands in the way of the W. S. S. or the Liberty Loan, then that some one is going to have to put up many times as much as he would have had to put up in the first place. It is all to win this war, and every living man must do his duty. Let us not block the game, whether it is for the Red Cross, the W. S. S. the Liberty Loan or helping the farmers chop their cotton. Mr. Wilson, our people are almost solidly for you and your plan. Command us.

SUGAR SALES REDUCED

Effective immediately, all merchants of Texas are to restrict the sale of sugar at one time to two pounds to the city trade and five pounds to the country trade, Food Administrator Peden announced from Houston on Wednesday.

Sugar for preserving purposes should not be sold in amounts in excess of 25 pounds at any one time to the consumer and such sales must not be made more than once a month.

It is necessary for the dealer to continue a statement for preserving purposes which should be returned to state headquarters of the food administration when signed by the purchaser.

Merchants are instructed to handle sugar sales in the following order:

First, to the consumer for ordinary household purposes.

Second, sugar for preserving and sugar for manufacturers, covered by certificates issued and marked statement "B".

A PROCLAMATION

In accordance with the Proclamation issued by the President of the United States and that promulgated by the Governor of the State of Texas, designating June 28th, 1918, A. D., as National War Savings Day and summoning all wage earners and tax payers, male and female, of the Union to meet together at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of said day at the schoolhouses of their several school districts, then and there to pledge the greatest amount of their savings to be invested the remainder of the year in War Savings Stamps; therefore,

I, N. D. Cobb, Mayor of the City of Merkel, do hereby proclaim and designate the said 28th day of June, 1918, A. D., as National War Savings Day in the City of Merkel, and do solemnly call upon adult wage earners and tax payers of the said city of Merkel to be present at said meeting and then and there to make their pledges as required by the Presidential proclamation, which calls upon the people of the State of Texas to save and invest \$91,000,000 in War Savings Stamps, their savings to be accomplished by the curtailment of unnecessary expenditures of money so that goods and services, needed in such vast quantities for the winning of the war, may be conserved. The material needs necessary to the successful prosecution of the war can be met only by the people of this Nation denying themselves customary but needless expenditures.

Therein fail not. The United States Treasury Department has issued instructions that the officers of such meetings shall list all persons in their districts who fail to attend said meeting and that said list of absentees shall be forwarded to the State Director of the National War Savings Committee and thence to the Secretary of the National Treasury. In the performance of his duty June 28th, 1918, let no citizen of Merkel fail.

Witness my hand this the 10 day of June, A. D. 1918.

N. D. Cobb, Mayor of the City of Merkel, Texas.



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Farewell Entertainment

As a farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Gambill, a croquet entertainment was given at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt, on Wednesday evening.

The guests assembled early in the evening and then soon were down to hard playing. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. Gambill, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jones and daughter, Miss Ruth. After playing for some time, Mrs. Merritt assisted by the visiting ladies, served refreshments of cream, cake and fruit on the croquet court. The last game was finished at 12 o'clock, and the guests departed after a most delightful evening.

Dr. Gambill soon will leave for service. He and Mrs. Gambill have a host of friends here who dislike very much to give them up, but as they go in a good cause, the best wishes of their friends go with them, and a speedy return is hoped for.

UNITED STATES MARINES PRESS GERMAN HARD

With the American Army in Picardy, June 6.—American marines attacked the Germans at dawn Thursday morning and gained three and a half kilometers over a four-kilometer front and captured 100 prisoners in the Chateau Thierry sector. The French attacking at the same time on the left took 60 prisoners.

The Americans now hold all the important high ground on the northwest of Chateau Thierry.

The marines again attacked at 5 o'clock Thursday morning and the Americans had attained all their objectives by 7:45.

The Americans have been pressing the Germans so hard that the enemy has been forced to throw three new divisions of his best troops in the line during the last three days.

The Americans are like tigers. Their commanders have all they can do to hold the men in check. Even the wounded are enthusiastic and eager to fight. They are proud of their wounds. A general who visited a field dressing station said he was elated by the sight.

The Americans sang and whistled and cheered as they went over the top. They made their way swiftly through the German dead that lay strewn in No Man's Land. In addition to prisoners the Americans captured 10 machine guns. German prisoners said they had not been fed for four days owing to the deadly fire from the French and American guns which prevented the bringing of supplies. These Germans were without helmets. They were tired of the war. They had been told the British opposed them, as their commanders were afraid to let them know that it was the Americans.

The Germans were cleared out of Veully wood also by the Americans, whose guns were thundering against the enemy Thursday evening. The fiercest fighting was in progress at last reports near Torcy, which lies about two and a half miles east of Veully.

The French attack Thursday morning was to straighten out the American line, and it was a brilliant performance. In this they were assisted by the Americans. American infantry cleared out one group of 35 Uhalans, who were mounted.

"Don't let one escape," shouted a big American. All but one was killed; he was captured.

The Americans advanced in a solid phalanx, their strong, determined faces and great physique an inspiration to their gallant French comrades, who now regard them with brotherly affection.

On Tuesday the Americans faced a Saxon division; on Wednesday a guard division; Thursday a crack Prussian division

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and also a battalion of famous Jaeger sharpshooters. The Americans caught one scouting party of eight sharpshooters and killed them all.

Soon after the attack of Thursday morning the Americans carried hill 142 the highest point in this vicinity, and sped on and stopped at the foot in a wheat field on the other side, from where they raked the Germans with machine guns. One entire enemy machine gun company was almost annihilated.

The Germans had donned the French uniforms, but the Americans forwarned, poured volleys of fire into them. One German soldier had 32 wounds. Among those captured were two officers.

The battle field Thursday night presented a lurid picture with great flashes like lightning racing across the sky. The heavy guns are roaring in the distance like thousands of drums being beaten. Simultaneously the sky is being lighted here and there with the bursting sharpnel in the trail of enemy aircraft.

The Americans are exuberant. Behind the lines the American soldiers twitted the German prisoners as they marched back. The wounded Germans were hurried to hospitals and given quick treatment.

Some of the Germans said they had been told that the Americans were not trained, but that they had found the Americans could shoot.

Buy W. S. S.

Guide for Voters in Primary

Here are some dates for you Democratic Politicians and voters that you might not be sure of.

The following calendar gives a schedule of official political happenings for the next few months in Texas:

June 3—Last day on which applications for places on Democratic primary ticket will be received from state candidates.

June 10—State executive committee meets to draw for places.

June 15—Last day to file for the county offices.

June 17—County executive committee meets to draw for places and fix assessments of candidates.

June 27—Registration of women voters at tax collector's office begins.

July 12—Registration of women ends.

July 27—Democratic primary.

Aug. 3—County executive committee meets to canvas returns.

Aug. 3—County convention meets.

Aug. 19—State committee meets to canvas returns of the primary.

Aug. 24—"Runoff" primary for state and district officers who did not receive a majority vote in the July primary.

Nov. 5—General election.

Buy W. S. S.

COAL CONSUMERS MUST BUY WINTER SUPPLY NOW

Consumers must buy their winter supply of coal during the Spring and Summer for storage if production is to be maintained at a maximum and the country enabled to avoid a serious coal shortage this Winter.

H. A. Garfield
U. S. FUEL ADMINISTRATION

A FINE SEASON

Last week we reported nearly half an inch rain fall in Merkel. Showers continued Friday, Saturday and Sunday until the total rainfall here amounted to 2.04 inches. Just north, where it was needed most, it is estimated the rainfall amounted to four inches, almost reaching the proportions of a waterspout Sunday afternoon. The Noodle country is in fine shape. They have had plenty of rain at Shiloh, Trent and all around Merkel. They have had good seasons in the Canyon and are not suffering, while the last downpour amounted to very little in that section. Unless some grave calamity comes along, we are already assured of a good feed crop and a nice cotton production. However, we hope to have more rain. Crop prospects were never better in this section. While some of the crops were planted late, yet they are growing rapidly.

Hands are hard to get, and everybody is working night and day. If our crops all mature this country will make up for last time last year. Everybody ought to feel profoundly thankful for the good rain and for the bright prospects.

Buy W. S. S.
MERKEL BOYS CALLED

The Local Exemption Board for Taylor county has notified the following registrants of Merkel to appear to be called to service during the five day period beginning June 24th, under Call No. 663 for fifty white men:

- Samuel D. Swann.
- Lee Harrell
- W. P. Banner
- M. G. Russell
- J. M. Tucker
- David M. Floyd
- Dee Ash

The Local Exemption Board for Taylor county will entrain H. B. Strode, on June 14th for A. & M. College. Frank McFarland and Lake J. Renfro will be intrained for Camp Mabry, Austin, on June 26th. These men will receive two months training in auto mechanics.

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WAR SAVINGS CAMPAIGN, SAYS PRES. WILSON, BASIS OF GOVERNMENT'S WAR-TIME FINANCIAL PROGRAM



THE War Savings Campaign is the foundation on which the Government has based its entire war-time financial program. In the measure that the lesson of saving is learned and practiced by all the people, both President Wilson and Secretary William G. McAdoo have emphatically declared, in just that measure will the Government float the bond issues that may be necessary in the future.

The saving and investing of the War Savings Stamp quota is far from the only thing based on the War Savings Campaign. The future Liberty Loan bond issues and the floating of the Treasury's indebtedness certificates are wholly dependent for success upon the constant practice of economy through the medium of War Savings Stamps.

Texasans are called upon to save and invest \$91,000,000 this year in War Savings Stamps and it is vitally necessary that this be done and that everyone practices to the utmost the principles of war-time economy which the Government is teaching with War Savings Stamps. Mr. McAdoo has declared. A single strand in the cables which uphold the great Brooklyn Suspension Bridge is not very strong, but thousands of these strands bound together uphold one of the greatest pieces of engineering in the world. In the War Savings Campaign one person is like the single strand, but all of the people saving and buying War Savings Stamps will make the Government's entire financial program a success, the Secretary of the Treasury has pointed out.

—Pledge the President.—

"NO individual in this great country can now expect ever to be excused or forgiven for ignoring the National obligation to be careful and provident of expenditure, now become a patriotic duty and an emblem of patriotism," says President Wilson in his message to Texas people. "I suppose not many fortunate by-products can come out of the war, but if this country can learn something about saving it will be worth the cost of the war. I mean the literal cost of it in money and resources."

—Pledge the President.—

TO Texas people Hon. Morris Sheppard, United States Senator, sends this message: "Texas has a big job cut out for it. Between now and December 31 the people of the biggest State in the Union are called upon to invest \$91,000,000 in War Savings Stamps. Texans will do it, too. Texas people have the habit of doing big things in a big way."

"I wish I could be down there and help in the War Savings Campaign. It is the greatest movement ever started. It means victory for America and prosperity for Americans. The War Savings Campaign is fundamental. Not only must the actual money be raised, but economy, the main spring of our whole economic plan, must be learned and practiced. Saving means victory. Let's put Texas way over."

—Pledge the President.—

IF he would protect himself and the markets for his agricultural products, every Texas farmer has a big part to play in the War Savings Campaign. D. E. Lyday of Fort Worth, President of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union, stresses the reasons why Texas farmers should invest to the very limit of their ability in War Savings Stamps:

"In 1917 our total exports to Great Britain, France, Belgium and Italy amounted to \$3,457,000,000 in round numbers," Mr. Lyday says. "Our exports to these countries constitute more than half of our export trade with the entire world. In these exports is represented the surplus product of our farms and ranches. If we fail to back up the Government with our money these products will not be exported, but will rot or go to waste on our own soil. Labor will be thrown out of employment. Our production has always exceeded our home demand and, if we are denied foreign markets and attempt to sell the whole of our farm products at home, the result will be demoralized prices with returns far below the cost of production and consequent injury to every man, woman and child in Texas and the United States. No one will suffer greater injury than our farmers and cotton growers."

"If this condition is not to exist," Mr. Lyday points out, "we must win this war and to win this war it is necessary that the Government have full financial support. For every acre he owns or rents each Texas farmer should have at least \$1 invested in War Savings Stamps. I hope that every farmer in Texas will invest to the hilt in these Government securities. They mean prosperity for him. There has never been such a good, safe and reliable investment as Gov-

ernment Savings Stamps. The Government looks to the War Savings Campaign to underwrite its entire economic program of finance. As large a portion as possible of the returns from Texas farms should be invested in war-winning, submarine-sinking, soldier-saving War Savings Stamps. They mean prosperity and victory."

—Pledge the President.—

UNITED States Senator Charles A. Culberson has emphatically declared: "In the measure that our people learn the lesson of economy that the Government is teaching today by the War Savings Stamp method, thereby releasing materials and labor vitally essential to the winning of the war, in just that measure will our arms prosper abroad and our fortunes better themselves over here. Intelligent frugality has become a National and a personal duty."

"Texans are called upon to put \$91,000,000.00 in War Savings Stamps this year and Texans will do it," Senator Culberson confidently declares.

—Pledge the President.—

W. F. DOUGHTY, State Superintendent of Public Instruction for Texas, sees in the War Savings Campaign the greatest possible opportunity ever presented to Texans.

"The United States is now a big schoolhouse of forty-eight rooms for the teaching and learning of the lesson of economy—the vital factor in defeating the German Kaiser," he says. "Each State is a thrift school-room. Texas is the largest room of them all. Every Texan, big, little, old and young, is a student."

"Unless Texans learn well the lesson of saving, each investing to the extent of his or her ability in War Savings Stamps, we will have failed to do our part. We will have blocked the progress of the Government and endangered a hundred million American lives. We must learn well this lesson of economy, study it diligently and constantly because the learning of it means National victory and personal prosperity."

—Pledge the President.—

TEXAS cattlemen, barons of the Lone Star plains, are urged by James Callan, President of the Cattle Raisers' Association, not only to keep on feeding the "boys over there" bully beef, but to invest all they can in War Savings Stamps so the Sammies can feed the Huns bully bullets. "Although laboring under the most adverse and trying conditions in the history of Texas range country, you have not lost your courage nor your patriotism," Mr. Callan addresses Texas cattlemen. "An appeal is made to everyone to help to his ability in the purchase of War Savings Stamps. 'Help whip the Kaiser, cattlemen of Texas! Our boys are on the firing line.'"

—Pledge the President.—

W. A. FRASER, Sovereign Commander of the Woodmen of the World, is intensely interested in the War Savings Campaign. Several days ago, shortly after his return from Omaha, where he and Mr. Fraser were together a good deal, Louis Lipsitz, State Director of the National War Savings Committee, received the following telegram from the Woodman Sovereign Commander:

"A War Savings Society in every Woodman of the World camp, every sovereign a member and the doctrine of personal economy practiced hand in hand with the great principles of woodcraft—that's my ambition."

"Woodman of Texas: Chop down the trees of extravagance with War Savings Stamps; blast out the swamps of unnecessary expenditures with War Savings Stamps. Help make an open road which the Government needs if it is to travel the paths of victory. "The Woodmen of Texas have a vastly important part to play in putting Texas in the clear. Acquire War Savings Stamps, invest to the hilt. Save your country. Save yourself. The cry must not go up that 'the tree is falling.'"

—Pledge the President.—

THE Government looks to the women of Texas for much support in driving home the teachings of the War Savings Campaign.

"To every Texas woman the Government has assigned the role of Joan of Arc," declares Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, former President of the National Federation of Women's Clubs. "The French maid saved the land of the Tri-color. Texas women are called upon to save with an economic hand that their funds, invested in War Savings Stamps, may perform their full office."

"Let us one and all save—save and serve for the safety of our Lone Star lads fighting for us in Europe."

NOODLE NEWS ITEMS

We farmers are sure enjoying the rain of the past week. Our crops and gardens are looking fine.

Maybelle and Kirly Goode have returned from Norman Okla., where they have been going to school.

Kirly Goode is paying his respects to Bulah Ely on Sunday and to Grace Ely the next.

Lois Tweedy of Merkel is visiting her aunt of Noodle, Mrs. R. C. Goode.

Rev. W. K. Horn preached a real interesting sermon at Shilo last Sunday morning.

We are having a new bridge put in West of Noodle.

T. Winter spent Sunday night with Rev. W.K. Horn.

Miss Hallie Green has spent a few nights with Miss Lola Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Newsom were visitors in Merkel Monday.

Mrs. T.E. Goode is looking for her son home from the army.

Maybell Goode spent the night Sunday with Mrs. Beula Eason.

H. N. Newsom and family spent Sunday evening with N. V. Nicholson and family.

— Buy W. S. S. —

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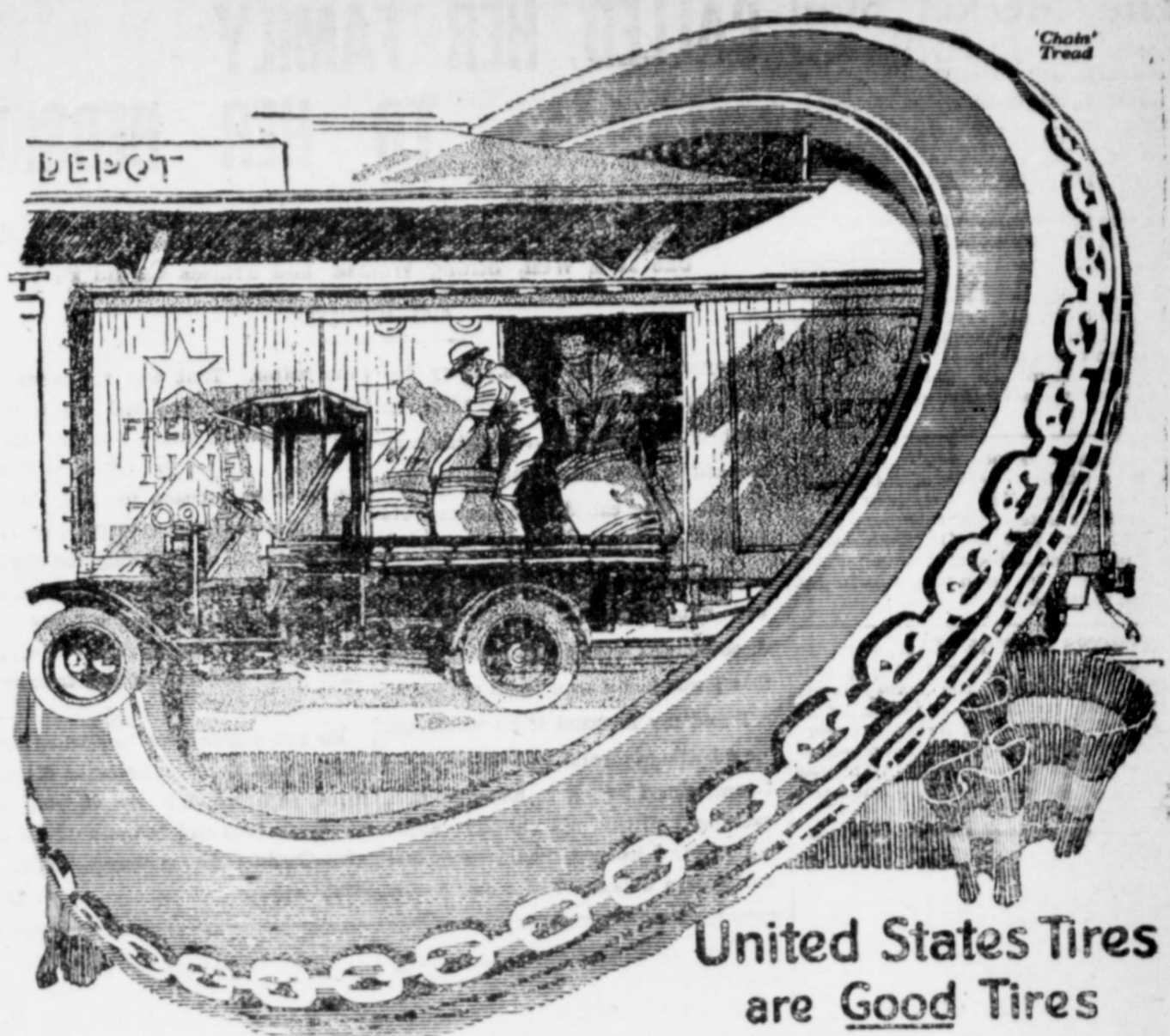
CLARENCE E. GILMORE FOR RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

Clarence E. Gilmore, of Wills Point, Van Zandt County, announcing his candidacy for Railroad Commissioner of Texas at the Democratic primary, says he is entitled to be considered as a candidate for reelection. That the Supreme Court of Texas held in the injunction proceedings instituted by him that the name of his opponent had no lawful place on the ticket as the nominee of the Democratic party, the committee had no authority to make the nomination and that he had the lawful right to make the race as a Democrat unopposed by such unlawful conduct. He calls attention to the fact that the opinion of the Supreme Court was not rendered until Saturday before the general election on Tuesday and that in contempt of the injunction his opponent's name had been certified to the various counties as the Democratic nominee, the tickets printed and distributed. Since but two days intervened, only fifty-two counties corrected the error, giving the voters a legal ballot and in these he received nearly two votes to his opponent's one, carrying practically all of them. He says he is sure the Democracy of Texas will not stand for such unlawful conduct and such contempt for the constituted authorities.

Mr. Gilmore is forty-five years of age, born and reared on the farm, owned and edited the Wills Point Chronicle for eighteen years and for the last six years has been actively engaged in the practice of law. He served three terms in the Legislature, during which time he was chairman of the penitentiary investigating committee, which made a searching investigation of the penal institutions of the state and aided in the enactment of wholesome prison reforms.

His practical business experience, his untiring energy and thorough study and understanding of every problem he deals with, and his study of problems which confront the Railroad Commission, equip him, he says, for the duties of this position.

His home people, who have known him longest, vouch for him absolutely.



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Now is the Time to Make Your Tire Buying a Business Proposition

Now, in this time of war, it is more necessary than ever to buy tires for permanent economy.

Hundreds of thousands of motorists have found that business judgment in tire-buying leads straight to United States Tires.

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WARREN BROTHERS

DID YOU?

Do you know what it means to be losing the fight. When a lift in time might set everything right? Do you know what it means—just the clasp of a hand—When a man's borne about all a man ought to stand? Did you ask what it was—why the quivering lip, And the glittering tears down the pale cheek hat slip? Were you brother of him when the time came to be? Did you offer to help him, or didn't you see? Don't you know it's the part of a brother of man To find what the grief is and help when you can? Did you stop when he ask you to give him a lift, Or were you so busy you left him to shift? Oh, I know what you meant—what you say may be true But the test of your manhood is, What Did You DO? Did you reach out a hand? Did you find him a road, Or did you just let him go by with his load?—Toilers of the Deep.

— Buy W. S. S. —

Stomach Troubles.

Many remarkable cures of stomach troubles have been effected by Chamberlain's Tablets. One man who had spent over two thousand dollars for medicine and treatment was cured by a few boxes of these tablets. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

— Buy W. S. S. —

Miss Maggie Wheeler has gone to Abilene where she will enter the Summer Normal at Simmons College. She will be away several weeks.

— Buy W. S. S. —

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

— Buy W. S. S. —

To Prevent Belching . . . Make a regular habit of eating slowly, masticate your food thoroughly, and you may have no further trouble. If you should take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper.

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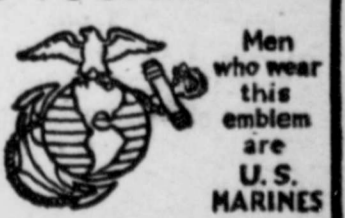


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- Derrington, Claude.
- Elliott, Roy.
- Ely, Eldon.
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- Frazier, Lorena.
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- Giles, Lewis.
- Gross, Scott.
- Gross, Erma May.
- Giles, Roy.
- Garrett, Roy.
- Giles, Fred.
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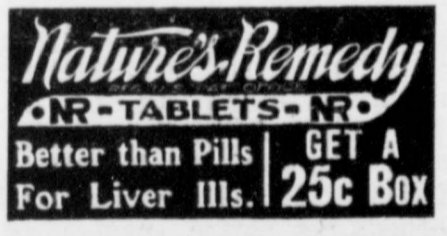
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One NR Tablet Each Night For A Week Will Correct Your Constipation and Make Constant Dosing Unnecessary. Try it.

Poor digestion and assimilation mean a poorly nourished body and low vitality. Poor elimination means clogged bowels, fermentation, putrefaction and the formation of poisonous gases which are absorbed by the blood and carried through the body. The result is weakness, headaches, dizziness, coated tongue, inactive liver, bilious attacks, loss of energy, nervousness, poor appetite, impoverished blood, sallow complexion, pimples, skin disease, and often, times serious illness. Ordinary laxatives, purges and cathartics—salts, oils, calomel and the like—may relieve for a few hours, but real, lasting benefit can only come through use of medicine that tones up and strengthens the digestive as well as the eliminative organs. Get a 25c box of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) and take one tablet each night for a week. Relief will follow the very first dose, but a few days will elapse before you feel and realize the fullest benefit. When you get straightened out and feel just right again you need not take medicine every day—an occasional NR Tablet will then keep your system in good condition and you will always feel your best. Remember, keeping well is easier and cheaper than getting well. Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) are sold, guaranteed and recommended by your druggist.

T. L. GRIMES, Merkel, Texas

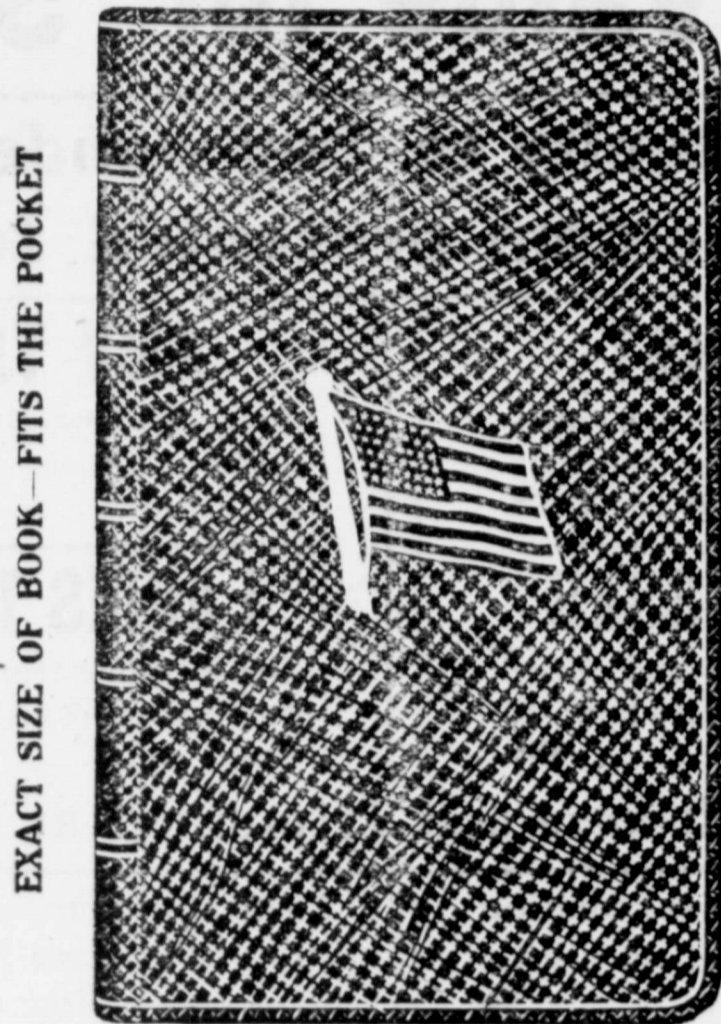


T. & P. TIME TABLE

Eastbound	
No. 2 Sunshine Spec.	8:20 a. m.
No. 4 Through Train	10:15 a. m.
No. 6	9:55 p. m.
Westbound	
No. 1 Sunshine Spec.	9:55 p. m.
No. 3 Through Train	5:18 p. m.
No. 25	5:24 a. m.



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Any one not a soldier may obtain one of the testaments and a year's subscription for **\$1-50**

Washington, June 9.—Heavy taxes upon all luxuries will be imposed by the new revenue bill which the house ways and means committee is drafting. This was decided upon by the committee Saturday, considering the various sources of revenue that may be levied upon in making up the \$8,000,000,000 budget.

The committee also decided that automobiles, except those in the government service, should be classed as luxuries and should bear a heavy tax. The tax imposed in last year's bill of 3 per cent on the sale price will be more than doubled, it is understood. This tax was estimated to produce about \$25,000,000 and the committee feels that more should be realized from this source.

The proposal to impose a federal license of from \$50 to \$500 on every car in use is also being considered.

Jewelry and precious stones, essentially luxuries, will be taxed heavily.

— Buy W. S. S. —

The Unifying Influence of the War

In my own mind I am convinced that not a hundred years of peace could have knitted this Nation together as this single year of war has knitted it together. Look at the picture: In the center of the scene 4 nations engaged against the world, and at every point of vantage showing that they are seeking selfish aggrandizement; and against them 23 Governments representing the greater part of the population of the world drawn together into a new sense of community of purpose a new sense of unity of life. (From the President's Red Cross Speech.)

WHAT CATARRH IS

Science has shown that nasal catarrh often indicates a general weakness of the body and local treatments in the form of snuffs and vapors only irritate and do little if any good.

To correct catarrh you should treat its cause by enriching your blood with the oil-food in Scott's Emulsion which is a medicinal food and a building- tonic, free from any harmful drugs. It is helping thousands. Try it. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

THE BEST INVESTMENT IN THE WORLD

From whatever angle it may be considered, an investment by an American citizen in Liberty Bonds or War Savings Stamps is the best investment in the world.

The money so invested goes to the Government, which loans some of it to our allies; all of it is used in one way or another to maintain, support, arm equip and make victorious our armies and our allies in Europe. Surely no American money could be put to better purpose. Here is an investment in the power and success of our country, an investment in the efficiency, strength, safety, and success of our fighting men on sea and land.

We do not know what commercial and industrial conditions are to be when the war closes, but we do know that a Liberty Bond and other United States Government securities will be sound and secure. Every dollar loaned the Government by our people now is a dollar saved for the time when peace comes. With their savings invested in these sound securities, American people will be well prepared to meet the problems that peace will bring. It is species of insurance for that day.

— Buy W. S. S. —
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.

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HOLD YOUR LIBERTY BOND

I earnestly hope that every one who has bought a Liberty Bond will try to keep them for the period of the war at least.

If each and every purchaser keeps his Bonds he helps to protect the credit of the Government by maintaining the market for the bonds at par, which is a very helpful thing in war time, and he also renders a more essential service to our soldiers and sailors in the field by practicing those economies and saving which release materials and labor necessary to the support, if not the very life, of our Army and Navy.—Secretary McAdoo.

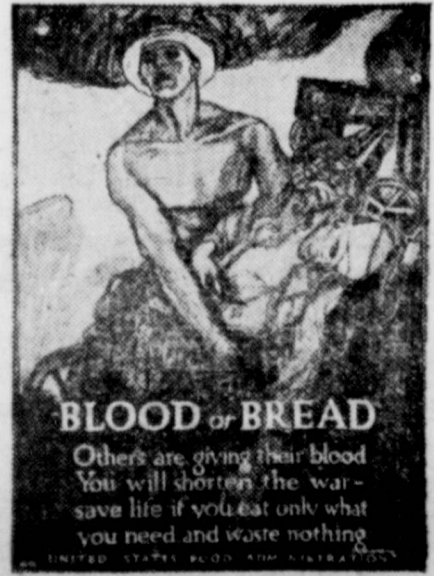
— Buy W. S. S. —

ADVERTISE—If its lost the Mail may find it. Several lost articles have been returned to the owner lately. Use the classified columns when you have anything to sell. Sales are being made daily through these columns. State your wants through these columns, and the people will know about them.

— Buy W. S. S. —

FOR SALE—Typewriter ribbons at the Merkel Mail office.

— Buy W. S. S. —



CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Dawson Accepts Call
Rev. E. E. Dawson, editor of the Evangel of Abilene, has accepted the call of the Merkel Baptist Church and will take up his pastoral duties on the 17th. Rev. Dawson is a young man of marked ability. He has achieved an enviable reputation as an editor of the Western Evangel and as a preacher and pastor. Righteous in thought, noble in deed, of a lovable personality and untiring energy, the church counts itself very fortunate in securing him as their pastor. Doubtless he will move in at once. The parsonage is being made ready for his reception. He will continue to edit the Evangel.

— Buy W. S. S. —

Abilene District League Conference.

Abilene district league conference will convene in Merkel at the Methodist Church, June 19 and 20.

Welcome address, T. A. Johnson.

Evening session Wednesday 8:45. Address by Rev. W. B. Sanders, "On value of young life of the church".

At 9:45, Get acquainted service.

Thursday Morning Session. 9 o'clock—Devotional, Dr. O. F. Sensabaugh.

9:30—Calling League Chapters and noting delegates.

9:45 Special speaking

"Young people's work from standpoint of a young man," Edwin Munden.

"Young people's work from the standpoint of a young woman," Miss Daniel.

"Young people's work from a standpoint of a Pastor," Dr. J. G. Miller.

10:40—Reports of Leagues by representatives or Presidents.

Special Music, Miss Viola McClure.

11:10—Address by Rev. R. A. Stewart on "The League and its Relation to the church".

Afternoon Session. 2 o'clock—Department Discussion.

Program Department, Miss Elizabeth Widmer.

Social Service, Mrs. E. W. Permyer.

Social life for young people, Miss Glenn.

Study of Missions in the Epworth League work, Miss Vena Miller.

Continued reports of League work and open discussions of the work in Abilene District. The will to make the League go, Dr. J. T. McClure of Abilene

— Buy W. S. S. —

Our people were considerate last Sunday. Splendid congregations were assembled at our church. We expect a big day on next Sunday. Special subject at the 11 o'clock hour.

The evening hour is given to Children's Day, for our large Sunday School. A splendid program will be offered by the primary department. You will miss a treat if you fail to be present.

Our church will entertain the Abilene District League Conference the 19 and 20 of June.

Let every Leaguer and all of our people come lend a helping hand.

Merkel Methodist has never failed to sustain her reputation of open handed hospitality. Now again let the whole church rally to our young people's support in doing honor to 40 or 50 delegates who will be our guests on the 19 and 20 inst.

Do not miss a single number of the splendid program announced in this issue of the Merkel Mail.

All our friends are cordially invited to attend the League conference.

Rev. C. S. Cameron.

— Buy W. S. S. —

Sore Nipples

Any mother who has had experience with this distressing ailment will be pleased to know that a cure may be effected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as soon as the child quits nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the babe to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with best results. For sale by all dealers.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. E. E. Britain's daughter Alma, visited her this week.

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

Miss Ona Fae Bland leaves today for Chillicothe, where she will visit friends.

Fresh peaches, berries and vegetables at Rogers,

Dr. M. Armstrong has returned home after a few weeks study in the East.

Plenty of cow feed and cotton seed meal at Bob Martins Grocery Company.

Mrs. Calloway of Abilene visited her daughter, Mrs. Stanley King, the forepart of the week.

Save by keeping your clothes clean. First class service guaranteed. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Mrs. Ethel Dulaney of Paduca, Texas is visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Cameron.

Cowfeed and cotton seed meal at G. M. Sharps.

Dr. J. E. Adkisson, having graduated from the clinics in the North, has returned and will be found in his office as usual.

Cleaning and pressing done promptly. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Jim Black leaves Saturday night to visit his parents in Bastrop county.

Plenty of cow feed and cotton seed meal at Bob Martins Grocery Company.

Miss Sophia Howard left Tuesday on a visit to Dallas, Hillsboro and Tyler, where she will remain three or four weeks.

Plenty of cow feed, oats, corn, bran and mixed feed, now on hand at the Crown Hardware Company.

Miss Virginia Cameron arrived in Merkel this week. She has been teaching school in Stonewall County.

Big shipment block salt. Bob. Martin.

Mrs. Calvert and daughter, Mrs. Morgan, visited Miss Jewel Pate of Trent this week.

Mrs. Scott, ne Miss Inez Moon, and baby of Iola, visitor Miss Tennie Brown and others on a return trip from El. Paso the forepart of the week.

Buy W. S. S. HEARD IN MERKEL

How Bad Backs Have Been Made Strong Kidneys Corrected

All over Merkel you hear it. Dona's Kidney Pills are keeping up the good work. Merkel people are telling about it—telling of bad backs made sound again. You can believe the testimony of your own townspeople. They tell it for the benefit of you who are suffering. If your back aches, if you feel lame, sore and miserable, if the kidneys act too frequently, or passages are painful, scanty and off color, use Doan's Kidney Pills, the remedy that has helped so many of your friends and neighbors. Follow this Merkel citizen's advice and give Doan's a chance to do the same for you.

T. J. King, Kent St., says: "I didn't know my kidneys were causing my backache until a neighbor told me to use Doan's Kidney Pills, saying my kidneys were the cause of my complaint. My back ached nearly all the time; even when I was lying down it bothered me. I used Doan's Kidney Pills and the discomfort left. Two boxes of Doan's cured me."

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

Millinery Specials

OF Unusual Value for Saturday

Here's an opportunity to buy wonderful bargains that is seldom presented to you

ANY TRIMMED HAT

Leghorns, Milans and Panamas, each one different; values \$5.00 to \$8.50, choice for Saturday only **\$4.98 and \$3.98**

CHILDREN AND MISSES

Children's and Misses Hats—Straws and fancy shapes, two dozen on a table, values to \$2.00 choice **98c**

ANY TRIMMED HAT

Georgette Crepe Pattern Hats, all the newest styles and colors; values to \$12.50, your choice for Saturday **HALF PRICE**

LADIES TRIMMED HATS

One lot ladies trimmed hats on a table. These hats were cheap at \$4.00, your choice for Saturday **\$2.98**

All Colored Flowers and Trimmings at Half Price

Extra Specials in Ready-to-Wear Section

5 dozen children's gingham dresses on a rack, sizes 6 to 14, values to \$2.50 **98c**

6 dozen ladies' dresses, consisting of voiles, lawns, white embroidered dresses, gingham and percales, prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$10, choice **98c**

Don't Overlook our Bargain Shoe Table

Woodroof-Bragg Co.

ICE ICE ICE

IN ORDER TO GIVE YOU GOOD ICE SERVICE—IF YOU WILL PHONE YOUR ORDERS TO OFFICE BETWEEN 8 AND 10 O'CLOCK A. M. THIS WILL INSURE YOU ICE FOR NOON. IF YOU WAIT UNTIL 11:30 WE CAN NOT INSURE YOU NOON ICE. NO DELIVERIES AFTER 6, IN THE AFTERNOON MERKEL ICE COMPANY

RED CROSS HONOR ROLL

The following ladies are on the honor roll for efficiency: Mrs. Laura Bond Mrs. Eula Bland Mrs. Alice Rose Miss Lillie Pratt Sears Miss Lola Armstrong Mrs. Josie Leach Mrs. M. Armstrong Mrs. Ida Armstrong To be on the honor roll one must work at the Red Cross rooms at least three days in the week.

Buy W. S. S. C. E. Program Sunday June 16.

Topic, Cooperation With The Sunday School. 1 or. 3:4—9. Leader, Lillie Pratt Sears. Teaching Children. Ps. 78:1—7. Lola Armstrong. The Children's Lord. Matt. 19 13—15. Newton Cobb. Praying for Children: Prov. 22: 6, Earl Thornton. Promises to Children. Prov 8 :17, 32—36, Evelyn Hamm. Training of Children. Prov. 22 6, Hazel Harkrider. An Old Sunday School. Neh. 8: 1—6. George Groene.

Buy W. S. S. What the War Has Done for Women.

The fact that nine women elected to the Danish rigsdag would appear to indicate that in other places besides the State of Texas the rights of women to have a voice in the government is being recognized. Texas has only taken half a step, however, and at the earliest

possible moment should complete the good work by giving the women of the State equal rights with their brethren. If any such evidence was needed, the present war has indicated the value of women in planning and executing the big affairs of the world.

Buy W. S. S. Americans Charge Machine Gun Nest

With the American Army in France, June 9.—In the recent fighting on the Marne, Captain George F. Wellage of Egal Pass, Texas and Captain James O. Green, Wisconsin, distinguished themselves. They are attached to regiments which deserve equal credit with the marines for stopping the German onrush to Paris.

Captain Wellage smoked out a German machine gun nest and had a duel with a German officer, whom he killed with his revolver. He captured another German officer after wounding him.

Captain Green's company was cut off by machine gun fire. He with two platoons, attacked the machine gunners and killed all of them. He continued then to advance and with his men he fought all night. Toward morning they surprised, attacked and killed all the Germans in another machine gun nest. They then crawled through ditches in order to get back to their own lines.

Buy W. S. S. Mrs. Q. Brown and children returned Friday from a visit to Plainview to visit relatives. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watson, and a sister, Mrs. Jones of Alford, returned with her. Her parents are here for a few days.

Buy W. S. S. The Red Cross leader, Mrs. H. F. Groene was kept away from the work rooms most of the past week on account of sickness in the neighborhood.

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GOVERNOR HOBBY TO BE IN MERKEL

Next Tuesday afternoon June 18, at 2:30 Governor Hobby will speak at the tabernacle in Merkel. Monday night he will speak in Sweetwater and Tuesday night in Abilene. Although it is a very busy time, yet a large crowd is expected. Men and women are urged to be present.

This will likely be the only time he will be able to appear in Merkel during his campaign. Those who are for him and those who oppose him should come out and hear what he has to say. It is always better to get information first-handed. Where ever he has spoken large audiences have listened to what he had to say with interest.

Many are the accusations that have been brought against this man. Surely no one would want to believe an untruth prejudice. Let every one come out and hear him and then be guided accordingly. There is nothing so fine as playing the game square, even if it is politics.

Buy W. S. S. Britain Jobe has been promoted to Corporal at Camp Bowie, Company I. He expects to be home Saturday and Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe.

Buy W. S. S. There will be preaching at the Baptist church Sunday. Rev. Dawson, the new pastor, can not be here until Sunday week, but will send a man. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

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Buy W. S. S. Camp Fire Girls Hike

The register at the Red Cross rooms shows quite an increase in attendance on Monday afternoons. This is due to the interest displayed by the Camp Fire Girls. All work and no play makes "Jack a dull boy" so on Wednesday morning promptly at six o'clock found them starting on a merry hike north of town. They hiked until their appetites said, "Stop and eat". A fire was quickly built and the mess kits opened, the coffee put on to boil and bacon, eggs and taters fried and then served with cold corn bread. Those who enjoyed the hike were: Mrs. Groene, Misses Smith, Lois Dry, Lola Armstrong, Iva Bragg, Julia Martin, Lillie Pratt Sears, Evelyn Hamm, Hazel Harkrider, Ona Faye Bland and Christine Collins. As the musical instrument had not arrived, Ona Faye and Hazel substituted with sticks and tin pans. All reported a most enjoyable hike.

Buy W. S. S. R. H. Collins returned from an extended visit to his daughter, Mrs. V. D. Jones, at Bagwell. Mr. Jones is cashier of the Bank of Bagwell, Milam Pike, an old Merkel boy, is assistant cashier of the bank and is getting along splendidly. Mr. Collins says crops are fine, and he never saw cotton better.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Beatrice Nidever of Cole man is visiting Miss Clara Bell Thomas for several days.

Ice cold fresh butter at E. L. Rogers.

Roger Hamblett, instead of returning to Fort Worth, accepted a position with the Corner Drug Store in Abilene.

Big shipment block salt. Bob. Martin.

Mrs. Brew Hancock of Fort Worth was a visitor in Merkel this week. While here she had her household goods shipped to Fort Worth.

Go to the Rogers grocery and see how the spot cash saves you money.

Mr. Davis, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. G. J. Jones, returned to his home at Nevada a few days ago.

Will pay 17 cents for hens this week, W. P. Duckett.

Mrs. Lytton Howard is expecting a visit from her parents and niece, Katherine Brunson of Midland. The latter will remain some time.

Plenty corn and oats at G. M. Sharp.

John Bond returned from Missouri a few days since. He reports conditions fine in that section. He says from now on every minute of his time will be devoted to his candidacy.

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Mrs. Tom Largent and children and Miss Mary Reed left Tuesday for Mineral Wells, Fort Worth, Dallas, Meridian, Hillsboro and other points. They made the trip in their car. They will return in a few days.

Go to Rogers for fresh groceries.

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