



# THE MERKEL MAIL



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## WOMEN MAY REGISTER HERE

Tax Collector Tittle has arranged for women to register in every voting precinct in the county. They are going to vote, too. For a woman not to vote in this election is to show no appreciation of her suffrage, and further show that she must be lacking just a little in patriotism, or else is not informed about the real measures of the day. It is her duty to vote. We have predicted that about as many women would vote in this precinct as men. The women of the country districts laugh at us when we make this claim. They may laugh, but if they do not vote, then the cities will elect all officers from constable up, and the country will have no voice whatever. Suffrage is at a test. If the women don't vote, another legislature may withdraw their rights.

In Merkel Miss Charlie Bell Thomas, secretary of the Merkel Commercial Club, has been deputized to take registrations. While the women will have to tell their ages, they may tell it to her and she will forget it. She may be found at the Red Cross rooms. The dates in which the women can register is from June 26 to July 11. Don't forget. Many say that one hundred women of the Merkel precinct will vote. Our estimate that the number will not fall below 300 and we expect it to reach 400.

Remember the county candidates, remember that prohibition may possibly become an open issue, remember the State officers, especially the Governor, and remember that it is your duty to vote, and we believe nine out of ten will vote. It is so easy to register, and not to do so will question the validity of the vote. **VOTE, VOTE, V-O-T-E.**

**DATES, JUNE 26 TO JULY 11.**

Registrations started off in a big hurry Thursday morning. As we go to press about 25 had registered. Before night we predict twice that number. Let's make it 3000.

— Buy W. S. S. —

### TRENT LOCALS

Crops look some better now than at last writing, as the worms have about disappeared.

Sunday afternoon at the home of Rev. W. A. Scott, Mr. Lee Hassey and Miss Ruth Cooper were united in marriage. Both are fine young people of the Trent community and we wish them success on the sea of matrimony.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Steadman are the proud parents of a nine pound girl, who arrived June 21.

Jodie Bright left Monday for training camp.

Mrs. Frank Stevens of Campbell, Texas is attending at the bed side of her mother, Mrs. Irvin, who has been quite ill the past few days.

Miss Vada Holton of Abilene visited in Trent Sunday.

Louis Irvin of Camp Bowie is spending a few days with the homefolks.

Cecil McRee who enlisted in the navy some weeks ago left Tuesday to enter Uncle Sam's service.

Uncle Billy Johnson is reported no better.

Walter Cozart and family of Rotan visited friends and relatives here Sunday.

— Buy W. S. S. —

E. A. Foster of the Norman, Ok., office, buyer and auditor of Wm. P. Carey Company, and W. E. Chambers, manager, Citizens Lumber Company, spent Monday with the Merkel Lumber Company, E. W. Kelly, manager. They thought the prospects around Merkel looked good.

Big shipment block salt. Bob. Martin.

## CEASE DELIVERY SERVICE

Merkel, Texas, June 19—We the undersigned merchants, of Merkel, do hereby agree, that beginning Monday, July 1, and continuing until such time as it may be mutually agreed to resume same, that we will not deliver any merchandise to any person, and that we will not cause same to be delivered or give any rebate make any payment or make any suggestion leading customer to believe that we will either in whole or in part deliver same.

G. F. West Company.  
A. L. Jobe.  
G. E. Comegys.  
G. M. Sharp.  
Crown Hardware Company  
Anchor Mercantile Co.  
J. T. Dennis.  
Bob Martin Grocery Co.  
E. L. Rogers.  
Brown D. G. Company.  
J. M. Dry.  
F. H. Dennis  
Woodroof-Bragg D. G. Co.

The above is in compliance with the government's suggestion to relieve all help possible so that the demand for hands at other points may be supplied. There is a shortage of help all over the country, and in many places women do most of the work as clerks. Men are needed in the production field as never before. The expenses of delivery service is also in keeping with the war measures. The grocery business necessarily has been greatly handicapped on account of restrictions. The business men are urged to economize in their expenses in every possible way in order to meet the restrictions made upon them. The merchants trust that their patrons will co-operate with them and help them in this new move. Other towns have already taken action as above indicated, and Merkel has just been a little backward, hoping that such a move would not be necessary.

— Buy W. S. S. —

## MOLLIE BAILEY SHOW

Its coming—The Mollie Bailey Show—on July 3. For years this show has been making regular trips through this section and is well known to every one. The managers claim that it is better than every.

— Buy W. S. S. —

Call on us for fruit jars, tops and rubbers. Crown Hardware Company.

— Buy W. S. S. —

**Fine Residence Planned.**

J. T. Browning has purchased site and building of Merkel's old hotel. He will use part of the material in erection of a modern two-story stucco residence on the site. The old hotel was an eyesore to the town, and Mr. Browning is proving a real benefactor.

— Buy W. S. S. —

## A NEIGHBORLY DEED

Last Thursday afternoon the business men of Merkel, nearly 100 strong, went out to the farm of the late G. W. Browning and hoed out the crop. It presented one of the most beautiful sights ever seen in the country. A few days previous neighbors went out and plowed the crops. The Merkel people are noted for such beneficent conduct, and whenever the need arises, they are willing to help those who by misfortune's evil tide are hampered in their onward march for livelihood. Hardly one of the workers will ever forget the deed. It makes people feel good to do a kindness for another. Several months ago the good mother died, then a son was sick and underwent an operation, being still in a very weakened condition, and now the father is dead. Yes, to help at a time like this is Christly.

— Buy W. S. S. —

Go to Rogers where the dollar buys most.

— Buy W. S. S. —

Plenty cow feed at Crown Hardware Company.

## BIG BASKET PICNIC ON JULY FOURTH AT BUTMAN

There will be prominent speakers present — Representatives for both candidates for Governor are invited to joint debate, state and county candidates are invited to speak, and able representatives of the Red Cross will be present.

A-M-U-S-E-M-E-N-T-S

Challenges are out for a baseball game, plans are being arranged for a steer riding, and other features of amusement.

All rights on the ground are retained, and after expenses are paid, the balance will go to the local Red Cross.

Thousands will be present from all over the country.

**FINE LAKE, PLENTY OF SHADE, IDEAL GROUNDS.**

Don't fail to be on hand.

A Great Program Has Been Arranged—Sam Butman, Sr. and E. H. Cordill, Route Five, Merkel, Texas, Compose The Committee.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

**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.

**Rheumatism Arrested**

If you suffer with lame muscles or stiffened joints look out for impurities in the blood, because each attack gets more acute and stubborn. To arrest rheumatism you must improve your general health and purify your blood; the cod liver oil in Scott's Emulsion is Nature's great blood-maker while it also strengthens the organs to expel the impurities. Scott's is helping thousands who could not find other relief.

Scott & Down, Bloomfield, N. J.

**Lame Back Relieved**

For a lame back apply Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day and massage the muscles of the back over the seat of pain thoroughly at each application.

**GOOD PASTURE**

Good johnson and mesquite grass pasture, plenty good water, good fences and lots. Horses \$3 per month and cattle \$1.50. Special rates for large number. Half mile east of town, known as the Hall place. See L. P. Jones at Merkel. 21tf.

**To Speak On W. S. S.**

W. J. Cunningham of Abilene will speak at the Presbyterian church, Friday night, June 28th, on the W. S. S. Mr. Cunningham is a fluent speaker, as every one knows, and a full attendance is urged. This is a very important governmental matter, and a subject all the people should be fully enlightened on.

## NOTICE TO NEW REGISTRANTS

The questionnaires to the new registrants, so it is announced, will be mailed out in a few days. W. P. Mahaffey, chairman of the Legal Advisory Board, has been informed that all members and associate members of the board in Taylor County, Texas, who served heretofore, will be expected to assist the new registrants. All registrants in the Merkel country will receive assistance at Merkel and announcements will be made later of the days that assistance will be given.

— Buy W. S. S. —

**Card Of Thanks**

We wish to thank our friends for the kindness and sympathy shown us in our recent bereavement.

May God bless each and all of you.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bullock  
J. M. Garrett and family

— Buy W. S. S. —

**Epworth League Program.**

The Power of the Cross as Seen in Woman's Missionary Operations.

Leader, Mrs. Permitter.  
Woman's Part in the Kingdom of God, Leader.  
Quartette, Mrs. Sanders, Annie Costephens, Bessie Tucker, V. Cameron.  
Missionary Drill, 8 Young Ladies.  
America, Vivian Hutcheson.  
The Missionary Centuary.  
Wallace Bragg.  
Piano Solo, Rosa Laney.  
Prayer.  
Song.  
Benediction.

— Buy W. S. S. —

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

— Buy W. S. S. —

O. R. Burns writes his parents that he has just arrived safely in France.

## 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 Tippet

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**

For Sheriff:  
T. L. Lollar

For Tax Collector:  
T. P. (Tom) Hudson  
W. C. Cutrell.

## MULBERRY NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. Alice Martin is busily engaged in canning the surplus vegetables of her war garden. Owing to their effervescing proclivities her efforts have not been especially successful from a culinary standpoint, but she hopes to get in touch with some one, in market for bombs to kill the Kaiser.

Miss Ethel Allen was the guest of Miss Ruth Wells Sunday.

Mrs. Risinger and daughter, Ruth of Tahoka are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chas Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barker spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Jess Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fortenberry of Clyde, visited the latter's mother and sister, Mrs. Bob Britton and Mrs. Arthur Jones, Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Mattie Warner died last Saturday, after a lingering illness extending many months and was buried in the Tye cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Allen and Mrs. Bersh Barker spent Sunday afternoon with the family of Clint Allen.

The Chanceys held a family reunion Saturday night, and the time danced merrily away, to the cheering tune that an ice cream freezer sings

Mrs. Will Elkins spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. B. N. Billingsley.

The little son of Dr. Barker is here from Oklahoma visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barker.

Don't forget to hooverize  
Nor fear it won't agree,  
Look at Hoover's healthy "phiz"  
Get as fat as he.  
Juanita.

— Buy W. S. S. —

## CANDIDATE MINGUS RECEIVES UNSOLICITED ENDORSEMENT

Meridian, Texas, June 15, 1918

To J. L. Mingus,  
Abilene, Texas.

Dear Sir:—We, the undersigned, have learned of your candidacy and desire to secure the nomination for county clerk at the Democratic Primary Election for Taylor County, with a view to becoming clerk of said county, and we wish to assure you and others interested of our confidence, esteem and best wishes for your success. We remember your late father as one of the pioneers of Bosque County, his upright and honorable life among us, and his hard struggle as a farmer and stockman to care for and educate his children. We remember how that you toiled on your father's farm and snatched a common school education at such times as you could be spared from the farm. We remember you as always clean in person, conversation and good morals. We remember that you served Bosque for several years as deputy county clerk and afterwards as county clerk, and that this service was always of the highest order and entirely satisfactory to all our people. We wish you success in all your honorable efforts and in your present race.

W. S. Powell, Ex. Treasurer  
Geo. P. Robertson, Atty.  
J. P. Word, Co. Attorney.  
J. A. Womack, Co. Treas.  
C. W. Tidwell, President,  
First National Bank.  
Wm. M. Stretch, City Mar.  
J. S. Lamar, Tax Col.  
B. J. Word, Lawyer.  
Jas. M. Robertson, Atty.  
W. A. York, Co. Judge.  
E. Jenkins, Co. Com.

— Buy W. S. S. —

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

— Buy W. S. S. —

Joe and Roy Owens of Petrolia are visiting friends in Merkel this week.

## COLLAPSE THREATENS AUSTRIA

The Italians began an offensive against the enemy Sunday. After a violent cannonade, the infantry pushed forward with irresistible fury. The enemy lines were broken, a riot ensued, 45,000 prisoners were taken and dead and dying were found everywhere.

So disastrous the effect of defeat that a collapse of the entire Austrian government is imminent. German soldiers are being rushed by rail to the northern end of the Austro-Italian battle lines with the purpose of restoring the Ausrian morale.

So hasty was the retreat of the enemy that many valuable cannons fell into the hands of the Italians.

— Buy W. S. S. —

**ITALIANS RUSH ON**

Washington, June 25.—The Austrians are in full retreat. They evidently foresaw the possibility of an Italian defeat, but never anticipated the possibility of their own defeat. Papers found on all the prisoners say that the offensive against Italy was to be the last stroke which would put Italy out of the war and force her to make separate peace. The Austrian soldiers were promised food and booty. This explains the extraordinary bravery with which the Austrians have fought.

Italian troops forced the last rear guard of the retreating Austrians to surrender yesterday and completely reoccupied the west bank of the Piave, the war office announced.

— Buy W. S. S. —

**TO BUILD HUGE GUNS**

Washington, June 23.—America is ready to launch a big gun program for three more years of war. The guns will be built for the primary purpose of slashing the German defenses on the east bank of the Rhine. They call for three field armies of 1,375,000 men each or more than 4,000,000 in all.

This is the meaning of the \$6,000,000,000 fortifications bill which was reported to the house Saturday. It reveals the purpose of General Pershing and the allied staffs to carry the warfare clear to the German border and assault the citadels along the Rhine with ten, twelve and four teen-inch guns and sixteen-inch mortars.

The program for carrying the war into the enemy's country was formulated by General Pershing, approved by the allied war council in Paris and by the general staff of war department here.

— Buy W. S. S. —

## WAR SAVINGS STAMP DAY

We are issuing the Merkel Mail a day in advance in order to again announce the W. S. S. Day—Friday, June 28. It will be noted in these columns that the business men of Merkel have generously responded to the government's suggestion and taken advertising space in the interest of the day. Every one is urged to go to his respective school building and subscribe for the amount he is able to meet. No one is authorized to say what a citizen ought to do. The government don't say. Do the very best you can, do something, and our beloved government will accept it in the splendid spirit in which it is done. Friday night Judge Cunningham will speak at the Presbyterian church in Merkel on this matter. Every one is urged to hear him. For convenience some one will be at the city hall in Merkel all day Friday to take subscriptions and give information.





Is There a  
W. S. S.  
In YOUR  
Pocket?



You thank your stars that the war IS "over there"—and not here at your doorstep. And you feel grateful to the boys in khaki who are *keeping* it and *winning* it "over there."

*Turn Your Gratitude Into War Savings Stamps.*

The spare dollars that you invest in War Savings Stamps help Uncle Sam to clothe, to feed and to arm those boys in khaki.

### June 28th National War Savings Day

This month you pay \$4.17 for a War Savings Stamp for which the Government will pay you \$5.00 in January, 1923. This is equivalent to 4% interest compounded quarterly.

*Get a W. S. S. pasted on a War Savings Certificate TODAY—at any post-office, bank, drug, cigar or department store, or any other place showing the W. S. S. agency sign.*

National War Savings Committee

*This space contributed to the Winning of the War by*

**MERKEL DRUG COMPANY**

#### MERKEL COUNTRY MAKES GOOD

It became our good fortune to make a trip with Commissioner Lassiter, J. T. Warren and Capt. Oliver last Saturday morning of several miles southwest and east of Merkel. From the city limits crops looked fine. Cotton is in good shape and feed crops as pretty as they can be. Mr. Lassiter has a fine crop, and it was clean, too, and growing nicely. From there the party went to the beautiful home of Mr. Haynes, and all along the way there was but one tale to tell, and that was fine crops. Mr. Haynes joined the party and showed us over his farm. He has cotton blooms galore, maize heading fine, and another nice shower will "put him over the top." From there the party went on through the French Pasture section, coming back into the Abilene-Merkel road and going on an inspection trip to the Warren farm. Here also we found cotton spreading out nicely and ready to bloom, corn that will soon be in roasting ear, maize heading out and as high as one's head and other feed crops looking good.

Talk about the Merkel country coming alive—it is already alive. It makes one feel good to look at the country. Similar reports come from the Noodle country, and from the Trent section. To the south they are needing rain. The worms have done some damage, but there is little evidence of their work in the parts traversed. Doubtless the worm talk is much overdone. In some places it is serious, but mostly where the cotton is late and where the weeds have gained a foothold.

Perhaps never before did the people need a good crop so badly. We can't help but believe they will have one this year. Of course disaster could come yet, but such a suggestion would be pessimistic, and we are not pessimistic. Prosperity is confidently expected.

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

## 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

John West came in last Friday morning on a 10-day furlough. He still says the work is fine. He is in good health and is rearing to go to France.

You save money by trading with J. T. Dennis. Invest your savings in War Saving Stamps. He has them.

Lewis Swann has resigned his position in Abilene and accepted a position with The Grimes Drug Store.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Gamble of Sweetwater visited W. A. Sheperd Sunday.

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

Arch Rose and Britan Jobe of Camp Bowie were visitors to homefolks the past week.

Use Korker and stop punctures and slow leaks. E. B. Barnes.

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

Berry Forrester, who has been in the marine corps at Mare Island, Cal., has been transferred to the aero squadron at San Diego, Cal.

Buy W. S. S.  
**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



### What Is Your Baby Worth to You?

That baby of yours—he's the very center of the world to you. When he laughs you laugh, when he suffers you suffer. His future—to you that is the most important problem of life.

His future—the conditions under which he is to live depend upon the outcome of this war. His future—the education that is to fit him for the world may depend upon the size of the family "nest egg" when he grows up.

Protect the future of that baby of yours—protect him from future wars, provide for his education. Join the millions of other American fathers and mothers. Invest for that baby of yours on

June 28th  
National War Savings Day.

Every \$4.17 invested now in W. S. S. will pay you—or the baby—\$5.00 in January, 1923. Buy all you can for "that baby of yours."

NATIONAL WAR SAVINGS COMMITTEE

*This space contributed to the Winning of the War by*

**THE BROWN DRY GOODS COMPANY**

### LOCAL NEWS

A fine baby girl came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Steadman of Trent last Thursday night. Mother and baby doing nicely.

Why be bothered with punctures and slow leaks when Korker will preserve and protect your tores. See E. B. Barnes.

Mrs. Rosie Anderson and son of Anson are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Haynes of French Pasture

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

Mrs. W. L. Johnson and three children of El Paso are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler and other relatives.

Miss Ruth Wheeler returned last week from a visit of several weeks with her sister, Mrs. W. L. Johnson of El Paso.

Buy W. S. S.

**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, 3c.

Buy W. S. S.

**CASH TO ALL**

COUPONS ARE CASH ON DELIVERY. THE ICE MAN HAS TO PAY FOR YOUR COUPON BOOK THE END OF THE DAY YOU PURCHASE. YOU WILL DO US A GREAT FAVOR IF YOU WILL HAVE THE MONEY READY FOR HIM WHEN HE DELIVERS YOUR ICE OR COUPON BOOK IN OUR ICE BUSINESS WE DON'T KNOW MR. "CHARGE-IT". NO ORDERS TAKEN AFTER 6:30 P.M. OR ON SUNDAY. OPEN SUNDAY FROM 8:00 TO 9:00 A.M. MERKEL ICE CO. ICE





# PASTE *the* KAISER WITH W. S. S. ON June 28<sup>th</sup>

Paste him in the eye with a War Savings Stamp—then paste him again and again. Don't think that you have already done your duty. Pershing's men "over there" don't go home after their first battle—they go after the Huns again—they keep on pasting the Kaiser.

Your government has officially set—

## Friday, June 28th

# National War Savings Day

On that day every American is summoned to "sign the pledge"—to save and invest in a definite amount of War Savings Stamps each month.

Every real American will prove his patriotism by agreeing to regularly paste the Kaiser.

*W. S. S. cost \$4.17 in June,  
Worth \$5.00 on Jan. 1, 1923*

"Sign the pledge" on June 28th. Paste the Kaiser with War Savings Stamps.



**National War Savings Committee**

*This Space Patriotically Contributed by*

## The Farmers State Bank



## Specialty in Farm Loans

Inspector on the ground—Quick Service

Real Estate and Fire Insurance

W. O. BONEY West of Farmers State Bank

## KOR-KER

American Standard Tire Treatment

Instantly stops Punctures and slow Leaks  
and reduces blowouts to minimum  
Guaranteed for one year

E. B. BARNES

## STOMACH TROUBLE

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

THEDFORD'S

## BLACK-DRAUGHT

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

ONE CENT A DOSE

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### Successful League Conference

The Epworth League conference, of the Abilene district, held in the Merkel Methodist church, June 19-20, was a great success, both in the number present, and the program rendered. There were nearly sixty delegates enrolled. Merkel did the big thing in entertaining the delegates. They seemed highly pleased and gave a rousing vote of thanks in the closing hours of the conference.

The program was unusually strong. President Hamilton provided a feast of good things in the program. The more prominent persons attending the conference were: Rev. W. E. Hamilton of Clyde, president of the conference; Rev. W. B. Sanders also Miss Widmer of Ovalo; Drs. J. T. McClure, J. G. Miller, O. F. Sensabaugh, Mr. Munden, and Miss Viola McClure all of Abilene; Miss Elizabeth Danner of Ovalo; Rev. L. N. Lipscombe, Capps and Miss Glenn of Eula.

Miss Viola Miller, Abilene rendered a vocal solo that won the audience. She was elected secretary of the conference, her address on young people's work from the standpoint of a young woman was very fine.

Following are the new officers for the following year: Rev. L. N. Lipscomb, Pres; A. B. Conder, Vice Pres; Miss Elizabeth Widmer, Sec; W. W. Bragg, Treas; and Miss Burford of Ovalo, Epworth Era Agent.

On Wednesday evening after the splendid address of Rev. W. B. Sanders, our Merkel League served light refreshments to the visiting leaguers, in which was given a chance to get acquainted. A great time was had for the space of half an hour.

This splendid company left for their homes Thursday afternoon, singing the praises of Merkel Methodist folks.

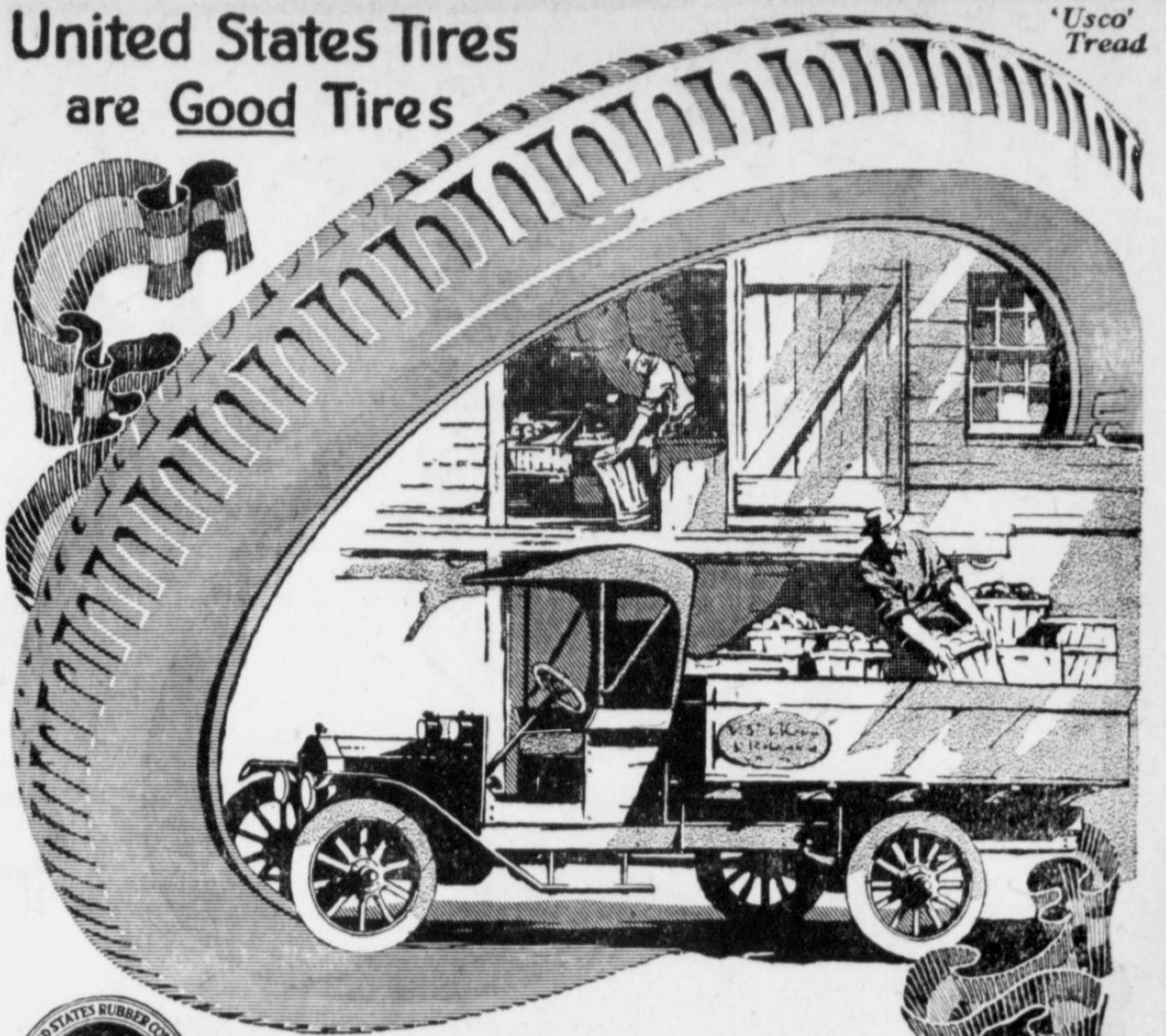
C. S. Cameron

Buy W. S. S.

For Indigestion, Constipation or Bloating

Just try one 50-cent bottle of LAX-FOS WITH PEPIN. 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.

## United States Tires are Good Tires



'Usco' Tread



## War Has Multiplied the Value of Good Tires

Never were cars so necessary—both in business and domestic life.

Never was their continuous and economical use so imperative.

Never was freedom from tire trouble and tire expense so absolutely essential.

The rapidly growing demand for United States Tires prove their war-time worth.

Thousands of motorists each week are turning to United States Tires to

get dependability and economy.

United States Tires last longest and carry you farthest at least cost.

They enable you to make the most of your car—passenger or commercial—now, when it is more than ever a vital war-time necessity.

There is a United States Tire for every possible need.

Our nearest Sales and Service Depot will tell you which ones you should have.

We KNOW United States Tires are good tires. That's why we sell them.

WARREN BROTHERS

## Many Are Lending Their Lives—What Are YOU Lending?

Thousands of our boys are going down into the trenches today—clean-faced, determined, splendid young men—going there to battle for you.

You can at least go down in your pockets for them?

Think it over—be ready on

June 28th

National War Savings Day

There's an army. Yes, a dozen armies—of stalwart, wind-bronzed young men standing between you and the grizzly Hun. These young fellows are giving their ease, their comfort, their friends and homes, their bodies, the hope of life—giving for you—for you.

You can at least lend your money for them? Prove your patriotism with dollars.



National War Savings Committee

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The Star Store



## BOYS! Help Win the War

Get out and sell War Savings Stamps on

June 28th

National War Savings Day

On that day everybody is asked to sign a personal pledge to buy

War Savings Stamps

War Savings Stamps are a direct loan to Uncle Sam. Nothing can lessen their value. They're always at par. They pay you well, though that isn't half so important to you as what money does for our soldiers "over there." Back them up. Keep food going to them. Keep their clips full of cartridges. And shoes on their feet.

Boys, get out and sell W. S. S.—and send our soldiers over the top with the go-get-'em feeling that comes from knowing you will see that they get what is coming to them.

War Savings Stamps cost \$4.17 each  
on June 28—and pay back \$5.00.

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THE OIL MAN



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The giant rum is dead in Texas and was properly interred on the 26th, according to statutory decree of our legislative bodies. Giving the devil his due, he was a mighty fighter, and over the length and breadth of the great empire of Texas he multiplied thousands of victims. It was a long and bitter fight. He sat enthroned for decades and plied his awful traffic upon the sons of men. He had no conscientious scruples, no heart, no reflection, no sympathy. From the depths of his inhuman soul he sought to dispoil the fair sons of men, to dethrone their reason, steal their self-respect, crush their fond ambitions, wreck their lives and hurl them straight to hell. And all these would not satisfy an appetite so cadaverous, but too, the fair and beautiful and loyal women of the land had to bow to the monster. In his polluted cup he dropped virtue in his hellish glee, then misery and smile that makes the blood of ages run cold, then from little children he stole the last crumb, and when the human cup of sorrow overflowed to the full he danced his mirthful war dance. His streets were paved with human hearts and bound with dying hopes. Bearded with his deadly purpose he strode the legislative halls and silenced the redemptive voice that would call him to law and order. Intrigue and bloodshed were ever ready at his beck and call. Even in death the last fluttering of his spirit breathes out defiance, but a great people will rise up at the first opportunity and enact a constitutional law to back up the statutory law. The manhood and womanhood of Texas will talk. No victory so near won will be neglected.

The 26th was an eventful day in Texas. As the beautiful sun sank in the western sky, the emblematic meeting of earth and heaven, it seemed but the planting of God of new hopes in the lives of many men and women of our beloved State. The heat of battle has died away, and the feverish brow of those who tarry long at the cup is becoming normal again. Rum-soaked bodies of that dark night will arise an army to join the great producing hordes of the land, to plant roses in the garden of manhood, to dislodge vice and corruption and to aspire to the joyfulness of clean living.

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. —

**Revival Meeting At Trent**  
 The Methodist meeting at Trent will begin next Sunday June 30th at the tabernacle, and continue 15 days. Everybody cordially invited to cooperate. All singers are especially invited to lend their assistance. Let us work and pray that we may have a real revival.

F. T. Johnson, pastor.

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.

Buy W. S. S. —

**Candidate Hoes Cotton**

We didn't think the Abilene people could hoe cotton, but we happened to get hold of one of their number, W. E. Martin, candidate for county attorney, last Thursday evening, and he sure did some commendable work. He won the good will of his fellow workers, and Friday morning seemed little worse from his experiences.

# 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
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1 lot of good slippers worth \$3.50 to \$4.00, while they last	\$1.70

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Havana brown english last	7.50, now	6.95
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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**

Most complete line of work shoes found anywhere at **\$3.00 to \$6.00**

We have a complete line of high top shoes in gunmetal and dull calf, priced at **\$3.50 to \$5.00**

Also big lot of genuine kangaroo button shoes worth wholesale \$6.70, at **\$6.00**

## Specials in our Grocery Department

Two 2-pound cans tomatoes	25c	One half-gallon can corn syrup	30c
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Big lot corn, oats, chops, bran, shorts and hay

## The Anchor Mercantile Company

A 25-cent Thrift Stamp will be given with each \$5.00 purchase in Dry Goods Saturday



## Keep Faith With Your Boy "Over There"

When your boy was so little that all the world was a foreign country to him, he trusted you to take care of him.

You sent that boy to school and to play and on your little errands, and with implicit faith he did your bidding.

Now we have sent your boy or your neighbor's boy out into a foreign land, into terrors that we cannot even know—and his faith has not faltered. He knows we will do our part, and we know he will do his.

Are we keeping the faith? Are we scrimping and saving and giving to help our boys do the thing that humanity has asked of them, and to help them come back to us sane and whole?

June 28th

### National War Savings Day

Saving to help our sons is not to be called by the ugly name of duty or sacrifice. It is love's blessed privilege.



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## Crown Hardware Company

## LOCAL NEWS

Vol Martin happened to a very painful accident, when a few evenings ago he fell from a horse, striking on his head. The fall hurt his neck badly in fact came near breaking it. He was laid up several days, but is out again.

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

Mrs. H. T. Merritt and son, Jack, left Monday night for Canyon to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Baker. They will be away about a month.

Fresh peaches and ice cold fresh butter at E. L. Rogers.

Miss Beatrice Nidever left Thursday for her home in Coleman after a most pleasant visit with Miss Charlie B. Thomas.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar, Mr. and Mrs. Emery McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg and families left Tuesday morning for a few days fishing on the Concho.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

J. D. Jones of the Canyon called at the Mail office and renewed his subscription. He says his section is needing rain mighty bad.

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

Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Bullock of Rule attended the funeral of his brother's baby last Monday.

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

License were issued Tuesday to V. B. Sublett, Merkel and Estelle Gilmore, Copperas Cove.

Fresh peaches, berries and vegetables at Rogers.

J. A. Buford left Saturday to join Mrs. Buford at the bedside of their son, who is in the sanitarium at Temple, very low with typhoid fever.

Call on us for fruit jars, tops and rubbers. Crown Hardware Company.

### Little Garrett Hubbard Bullock Dead.

Last Friday night the little nine month old baby, Garrett Hubbard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Bullock, was accidentally smothered to death at their home in Arizona. At first it was decided to bury the little one there, but at last they decided to bring it to Merkel for interment. The body reached Merkel Monday morning and was carried to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett, its grandparents. The funeral was held at the Baptist church at 4 o'clock, on Monday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. E. Dawson, interment taking place immediately afterwards in Rose Hill cemetery. The little fellow was born Oct. 30, 1917.

This was the first born and only child of this splendid young couple. It was a beautiful baby. Its death so sudden, so unexpected, came as a shock to a wide circle of relatives and friends.

It was only a baby, and yet in that little casket was a multitude of hearts. Aged not even in years, and yet as time in its ceaseless march circles away that little being will be crowded into the sweet memory of the years, enshrined as the emblem of love. Never will it grow old, never will the dimples depart from its rosy cheeks, never will fade that love smile into mother's face. It was a pathetic moment when the little one was hidden forever from view, and stout hearts wept at its going. In heaven's love land tonight the prattle of a baby is heard, making music for the angels, and tonight parents hearts are more firmly bound to that region where no more separations can come between them and the little one that is gone. To the parents and relatives we offer our heart felt sympathy in their sad hour.

Plenty oats at the Crown Hardware Company.

### Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of itching, bleeding or protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives ease and rest. 50c.

Big shipment block salt. Bob. Martin.

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

Go to Rogers for fresh groceries.

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. —  
 Mr. and Mrs. H. C. West left Wednesday for Mineral Wells, where they expect to remain several weeks.

Buy W. S. S. —

**Catarrh Cannot Be Cured**  
 with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free.  
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# Halt the Hun

Provide the boys with the things they need to make short work of him.

Help the boys get guns, clothes, aircraft, food, munitions and the ships to get over with. These are the things they need, and they cost money—hunks of it.

## June 28th National War Savings Day

*Make a pledge to buy War Savings Stamps*

The more quickly our soldiers have all the things they need, the more quickly the ships will be bringing them victoriously back to us.



National War Savings Committee

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## Bob Martin Grocery Company

### Let the Depth of Your Pocket Show the Depth of Your Patriotism

While you are at home tonight, many American boys "over there" are out in the rain and mud dodging death from bomb and shrapnel.

While you are enjoying your evening cigar, some American soldier may be smoking his last.

The boys in the trenches are risking their lives for you; and you are not even asked to risk your money for them. But you are expected to loan your money—loan it at four per cent. compound interest, the highest rate the Government has ever paid.

Pledge yourself to buy War Savings Stamps on or before

## JUNE 28th National War Savings Day

The more money you lend the Government the sooner the war will end and the less American blood will be shed.



National War Savings Committee

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## Merkel Lumber Company

### CHURCH NEWS

#### Change in Sunday Evening Service Hour

In keeping with the conservation plea of our government our congregations have determined to hold the Sunday evening services at 7 o'clock. Other towns of our section have tried the plan with satisfaction, and it has passed beyond the experimental stage. We urge, therefore, that our bretheren and friends shall keep this change in mind and be on hand at the appointed hour, for the services will begin promptly at the hour and close promptly. We earnestly ask the cooperation of the whole community in making this change.

C. S. Cameron, M. E. Church,  
E. E. Dawson, Baptist Church.

#### Over At The Baptist Church

A big announcement is to be made Sunday morning. Somebody's ears will tingle.

Sunday morning theme will be, "Can a Man Be a Christian and Not Go to Church?"

Sunday evening theme: "The Old Testament Movies." This will be the first of a series on "The Bible Movies."

"Double-Up" is to be our slogan through July. Better get in with the procession. It's going somewhere.

E. E. Dawson, pastor.

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

Subject, Making and Giving Money.

We Should Make Money, Pearl Thornton.

We Should Not Love Money, Willie Swann.

What Money Represents, Mrs. Walter Jackson.

Speical Music, Lula Sharp.

God Helps Uu Make Money, Holland Teaff.

Money Making Should Be a Sacred Business, Dimple Counts

Giving The Money God Has Helped Us Make, Earl Thornton.

Vocal Solo, Ruby Campbell.

Prayer .  
Business.

Benediction, Rev. Dawson.

#### The Baptist Church Weekly Calendar.

Bible school and preaching services 10 to 12 Sunday morning.

B. Y. P. U. 6 P. M.

Evening worship 7 p. m.

Women's Missionary Society 5 p. m. Mondays.

Teacher training class 9 p. m. Mondays.

Prayer meeting 9 p. m. Wednesdays.

Cordial invitation to everybody to attend any and every service of our church.

Walter Jackson Supt.  
E. E. Dawson, pastor

#### At The Methodist Church

In accordance with our government regulations, we have changed the time of our evening services. We meet now promptly at 7. o'clock. This will give every body time to get home before dark. We trust all our friends will adjust their matters so we can carry out this regulation.

We hope to make our services strong next Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour. We want all our friends who can possibly do so, to be present and worship with us at that hour. Our Presiding Elder will be with us and preach at the evening hour. Let all our members be present next Sunday.

It takes lots of grit and grace too, to push out to church these hot days, but our churches must be maintained. We appreciate very much the loyalty of our people in the past months in their attendance on our church services. We confidently expect the continuation of this good work.

We need to look more carefully after our Sunday School work, and our Epworth League work. And no less the attendance on our mid week prayer meetings. Our boys in the camps, in the trenches and on the battle line, are also looking to us for spiritual aid, as well as loyalty to our great government.

C. S. Cameron, Pastor.



## BILLS

### The Packer's Bill for Live Stock

For the first six months of our operations under the Food Administration, ending April 30, 1918, Swift & Company paid for

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For the same period in 1917 1,338,300,000 \$210,400,000

Increase in Weight 16½% 220,300,000

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## The "Scraps of Paper" that will Help Win the War

### Smother the Kaiser with War Savings Stamps

Sacred treaties are called by the Kaiser mere "scraps of paper." His words are an example of the "Kultur" of the Huns who commit unspeakable crimes against innocent women and children—the "Kultur" that America is fighting to remove forever from the world.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28TH  
NATIONAL WAR SAVINGS DAY

On that day every loyal American will be summoned to prove his patriotism by "signing the pledge"—by agreeing to invest in a definite amount of War Savings Stamps each month during 1918.

Smother the Kaiser with "Scraps of Paper" on June 28th.

NATIONAL WAR SAVINGS COMMITTEE



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**T. L. GRIMES DRUG STORE**



## What Will Be Your Answer?

Many American ships with many American lives are at the bottom of the Atlantic, victims of the German lust for blood.

Our boys are going "over there," through a sea of hostile submarines, to fight that you and I at home may be safe.

But we can do something. Germany said to us, "You cannot cross the ocean with your men! You cannot fight us, because you cannot reach us!" What shall our answer be on June 28?

### June 28th National War Savings Day

Let every man, woman and child join in an answer that can be heard from one end of Germany to the other—an answer so clear, so strong and so true that it may have a far greater effect than any of us can imagine, on Germany's future policy.

Let this be our answer—let every man, woman and child in this great land of ours pledge himself to buy as many War Savings Stamps as he or she can possibly afford. Let's show German autocracy that instead of

undermining our morale, sinking our ships and killing our men only stirs us to action.

If every American buys one War Savings Stamp on June 28th it will add 425 million dollars to our war fund.

But that is not enough. We must pledge five times that. Our quota for the nation is two billion dollars, to be raised through the sale of War Savings Stamps this year.

Let's strike another telling blow to the Kaiser on June 28th by taking up every dollar of that two billions.



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**WARREN BROTHERS : COAL AND WOOD**



## Teach the Children Thrift

Don't hide away the baby's pennies in a toy bank. Put them to work. Invest in Thrift and War Savings Stamps, and watch the investment grow.

Baby Bonds are the best investment for the baby.

Let your children learn what it means to have money out at interest. Teach them patriotism. Make them feel that they, too, can do something for their government.

When their War Savings Stamps, bought from money they otherwise would have wasted, come due five years from now, the little folks, then grown larger, will thank their lucky stars that they had parents who taught them thrift.

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We keep nothing, but sell everything

### PLAN TO RESTOCK WEST TEXAS RANGES

Plans for restocking West Texas farms and ranches with meat producing animals following the breaking of the extended drouth in the section will be considered at a conference to be held at A. & M. College during the week of July 22-27, which will be attended by Clarence Ousley, assistant secretary of agriculture; Dr. George R. Rommell of the Federal bureau of animal industry, and representatives of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas and the Swine Breeders' Association. Attention will be given also to the development of beef industry in East Texas.

— Buy W. S. S. —

### The Doctor Away From Home When Most Needed

People are often very much disappointed to find that their family physician is away from home when they most need his services. Diseases like pain in the stomach, and bowels, colic, diarrhoea require prompt treatments, and have in many instances proven fatal before the medicine could be procured or a physician summoned. The right way is to keep at hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. No physician can prescribe a better medicine for these diseases. By having it in the house you escape much pain and suffering and all risk. Buy it now; it may save life.

— Buy W. S. S. —

Ulric Forrester Writes  
Marine Barracks, Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa., June 18—Mother: Well I have agin landed in a place where I can write. When we landed on the East coast they shipped us over to League Island to do some skirmishing work. Gee! But they are sure keeping us busy since we landed. Am on guard duty today. We stand guard two hours and off four hours for 24 hours, then we are off a day and don't mind guard duty at all, for we can go to Philadelphia every night that we don't work, and believe me, people in East know just how to treat a marine. I was out to as swell a home as there is in Philadelphia Sunday, and believe me, mother, I conduct myself in such a manner as to make them respect me, as well as my uniform. I tell them to size me up first before they do my glad rags. I haven't the least idea when we will shove off for France (Berlin), but it is rumored it will be in the "near" future. All the boys are very anxious to be on the way, and so am I, for I want my name on one of the lists when they command homeward bound. Our trip across the continent was a real swell one. We made it in just nine hours less than record time for a troop train. Your son, U. H. Forrester.

Mr. Forrester has just been transferred from Mare Island, Cal.

### Quit Laxatives, Purges; Try NR

NR Tonight—Tomorrow Feel Right

It is a mistake to continually dose yourself with so-called laxative pills, calomel, oil, purges and cathartics and force bowel action. It weakens the bowels and liver and makes constant dosing necessary. Why don't you begin right today to overcome your constipation and get your system in such shape that daily purging will be unnecessary? You can do so if you get a 25c box of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) and take one each night for a week or so. NR Tablets do much more than merely cause pleasant easy bowel action. This medicine acts upon the digestive as well as eliminative organs—promotes good digestion, causes the body to get the nourishment from all the food you eat, gives you a good, hearty appetite, strengthens the liver, overcomes biliousness, regulates kidney and bowel action and gives the whole body a thorough cleaning out. This accomplished you will not have to take medicine every day. An occasional NR tablet will keep your body in condition and you can always feel your best. Try Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) and prove this. It is the best bowel medicine that you can use and costs only 25c per box, containing enough to last twenty-five days. Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) is sold, guaranteed and recommended by your druggist.

T. L. GRIMES, Merkel, Texas



### 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 canvass 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. —

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THIS**



**W.S.S.**

**BUY W. S. S.**  
on June 28<sup>th</sup>  
& KEEP HIM OUT OF AMERICA

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**TRENT NEWS ITEMS**

J. C. Patterson and family of Cisco spent Tuesday night with C. T. Beckham and family, enroute to Arizona.

Mrs. J. J. Pee and children of Clyde are visiting Mrs. Billings this week.

The Red Cross women are doing some good work, having good attendance and it is being appreciated, by M. G. Scott, he having opened his great heart and pouring out sugar. C. T. Beckham, handed out a bunch of lemons, Mrs. Cal Hammer chipped off a chunk of ice and all three mixed it well and sent it to the Red Cross rooms and it was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Leonard Bogart of Camp Bowie visited his aunt, Mrs. Joe Brown and Mrs. Pruitt on Sunday and Monday.

W. A. Abbott sold his farm Monday to Will Riley, Mr. Abbott doesn't know yet where he will go.

"Hub" Swann, Gordon Howell, Louis Erwin all of Camp Bowie visited homefolks Sunday.

Miss Vada Holton of Abilene visited friends here Sunday.

The families of R. B. McRee, and T. C. Donnell also Misses Eula Johnson, Gertrude Dowdy motored to Clyde Sunday.

The Red Cross will give a program the night of July 4th. Admission, 10 cents. Every one invited to come a surprise is to be given the men.

Mrs. Pruitt and daughter, Pearl spent the day with, Mrs. Gross Tuesday, in Merkel.

Last Sunday at 5 o'clock, Lee Hassey and Miss Ruth Cooper were quietly married at the home of Rev. W. A. Scott, only a few friends were present. These young people have many friends who wish them a world of success.

Miss Maye Robinson is on the sick list this week.

Dean Robinson leaves Thursday for San Antonio, where he has enlisted in the Cavalry.

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**Mrs. Warner Dead**

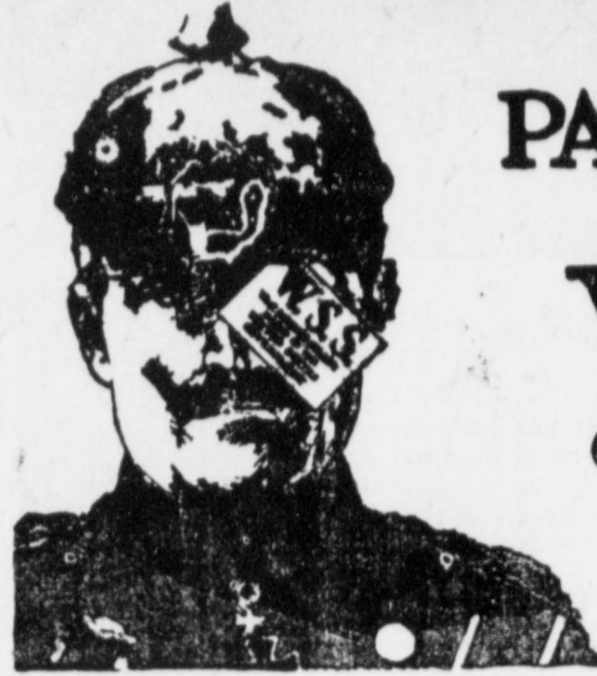
On Saturday afternoon death came to relieve the long illness of Mr. W. T. Warner, who resided with her mother, Mrs. Martin, several miles northeast of Merkel, on Mulberry. Burial took place at Tye at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Tucker, officiating.

Mrs. Warner was about 39 years of age and was the mother of two boys, Melbon, 14 and David, 8 years of age. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church and died in the full faith of her long belief. She had lived in this section about five years and had been in ill health nearly two years.

To the bereaved ones, especially to the boys, go our deepest sympathy in the loss of their dearest friend and companion.

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