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OIL MEETING CALLED FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

Opportunity To Drill Is Ours Today—To-Morrow It May Pass.

At the Commercial Club rooms Friday night another oil meeting will be held. Report will be made of the progress that has taken place since the last meeting, names will be given of those who have signed, and also the names of those who are holding off development. It is high time every one should know if our own citizens are standing in the way of development. The one thing needful now is to put the proposition squarely up to the oil men. If they can not comply with the proposition of starting a drill within 60 days, then it is up to them to release their proposition and turn it over to others.

Mr. Boggs states that they are anxious to begin work, but positively there will be nothing doing unless they can obtain further leases. He says he was very much encouraged over the progress made on their end of the line, but was greatly discouraged over the work done on the leases. He said they had other big interests demanding their attention, and if something is not done quickly they will be forced to turn their attention elsewhere for the present. In fact Mr. Garrison and other members of the company are spending practically all their time elsewhere. He says the 60-day proposition will start the minute the leases are secured. He don't want to hold the leases. He only asks that they be placed in the hands of the business men to hold until his company can start drilling, and if they have not done so at the end of 60 days, the leases will be returned to the owners of the property. There are many loyal citizens about here who have bought up land solely in order to lease it and push the development. Others will neither lease nor sell at a reasonable figure. They feel that they are between the devil and the deep blue sea.

The company has until the 28th of next May to start development work. The country needs a stimulant now worse than

ever before in its history. Let every one come out Friday night at 8:30 and talk the matter over once more. Surely every person, man and woman, is interested in the development of this section. The oil men will be there ready to answer any question propounded. It is up to us, they say, not to them. All they want is protection and they can only be protected by the proper leases.

SOLDIERS NEED BOOKS

The Library War Fund is \$1,700,000.

What has been done is summarized as follows:

36 camp library buildings erected.

117 librarians now in the field. 464 camps, stations and vessels served.

109,403 selected books sent overseas.

300,000 books purchased, largely technical.

1,349,000 gift books sent to camps and stations.

5,000,000 magazines distributed systematically.

A drive is to be put on the coming week to obtain books for the soldier boys. Don't wait for a solicitor. Bring what you wish to give to the Red Cross rooms, where H. F. Groene will take charge of them.

Cotton Receipts

The cotton yard receipts at Merkel at noon, Thursday, was 540 bales. Two gins are running and both were crowded Wednesday and Thursday. We expect to run predictions at an early date. Ours will not be under last year.

Meat Market To Open

My meat market will open Saturday morning and we will be at your service all the time from then on. I appreciate the patronage given me in the past, and trust to be favored with your future trade.

W. H. LANEY.

CONFERENCE OF FATHERS AND MOTHERS

Last Sunday afternoon conferences of mothers were held at the Baptist church and of the fathers at the Methodist church. Plans were arranged by the pastors of the churches of the city. Mayor N. D. Cobb presided at the men's meeting and Mrs. H. A. Sanders at the women's meeting. Several musical numbers were rendered at both meetings. At the Baptist church a duet was given by Mesdames Howard and Meadows, and at the Methodist church a quintette by Messrs. Scott, Pue Dawson, Connor and Armstrong.

Mayor Cobb said: A conference of fathers! What does that mean to you? How much interest have you taken in the guarding of your boys and girls this day and time. As an officer in Merkel for the past 10 years I have had some sad experiences. At this trying hour, what must be done? Seventy per cent of our men who go into the war are defective in that one line. Has a father and a mother done their duty? We must come together and some concerted action must be taken.

C. E. Sims, county superintendent of schools elect, said: I must divide my subject into three heads—The Cause of Sin, The Hurt of Sin and the Cure of Sin. I fear a great many people do not appreciate their children as they should. They too often regard their children as a burden. In many instances the education of the children is neglected, and they come in contact with all the vices, they learn to curse, steal and then to practice these secret sins that make them become men of undesirable citizenship. Corrupt boys coming in contact with your boys will make them corrupt. We want to get in behind the boys who are careless and bring them up. The

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TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

FOR TRADE—Fine 6-passenger auto. Worth \$2165 to trade on farm worth the money. See The Merkel Mail.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Good wagon for sale cheap, or will trade for cows or hogs. Jas Patterson, Jr.

Rogers has everything you could want, fresh or canned. Come get our prices.

most hurtful sin in the world is this secret sin. When we consider that from 70 to 80 per cent of the boys are subject to these evil deeds, it is time for us to wake up. There is certain information that we must impart to our children. It is our solemn duty to do so. We should not neglect or defer it. If you find a man is keeping company with your daughter who is not her equal, then you ought to come down on him like a thousand of brick and drive him from your home. If we can put our boys and girls on the right road and keep them on the right road, the devil will soon have crepe on his door.

Dr. M. Armstrong said: One of God's laws is that the sexes are drawn to each other. God has given us such laws to live by and we ought to obey them. I am thankful to the memory of my father, who explained these things to me when I was a boy. He said it was wrong to deceive a girl and one would go straight to hell for it. He said it was wrong to bother another man's wife and one would likely meet a shot gun for it. When I see a lovely girl honoring a man in whom she thinks there is honor, and I know there is not, it makes me sad. When 70 or 80 per cent of our men, picked men, are afflicted with sexual diseases, it is alarming. Some men look upon these diseases as one would look upon a bad cold. I say to

you they are not absolutely curable. Some of them think they are cured in a short while. Once a woman came to me for treatment. Soon I found that she was suffering from a dreaded disease. Shortly afterwards I met her husband and he seemed to have some trouble. I had to tell him he had this trouble and had given it to his wife. He said he would not have married that girl if he had known it. They will never raise children, or if they do the children will have one of a number of diseases. Fully 90 per cent of the women who have to be operated on for certain sexual troubles contract the disease from their husbands who have not lived clean lives. A man can become immune to the germs, but his sexual nature will throw them off working injury to other lives. I can look around and see the faces of men whose boys I have treated.

We have driven whiskey from our State and it has taken with it thousands of lude women. After this month every doctor who treats diseased men will have to report same to the county health officer and names will be placed on record. It is the duty of parents to tell their boys and girls of their own natures. Who can talk to your child better than you? If I have no influence over my child then I am to blame. The time is coming when the doctors will be invited to the school and

talk plain. Nearly all the real serious trouble is founded on ignorance.

The women's meeting was addressed by Mesdames President and Dr. Sandefer of Abilene. Mr. Sims also addressed the women.

Both meetings were timely and were well attended. Mrs. Dr. Sandefer called special attention to mothers to guard their little girls from the "smart little girls" who always knows too much." about things they did not learn from their mothers. She cautioned mothers to tell their girls what they ought to know, and instruct them to shun the over wise little girls. Don't play with them she said. They are not your equal.

The conferences of fathers and mothers at the Baptist and Methodist churches last Sunday were fitting, and just at the opening of the school term will serve to provoke thought along lines so needful to the health of the growing generation. We have an idea of the white plague and we dread it, and yet the white plague is not a drop in the bucket to the black plague. The curse of this latter disease is going right to the fountain head of existence. It is high time steps were being taken to stop its progress. A diseased man or woman is like a leper and ought to be taken from society. But when 70 to 80 per cent of our best men are found to be afflicted with various forms of sexual diseases a problem is presented of such startling proportions as to awake a nation. It took war to crush the whiskey traffic; it took the war to awaken a nation to a sense of sure ruin unless something is done and that done quickly to stop the ruinous effect of the black plague.

A GENIUS RECOGNIZED

On his visit here this week, Ira Armstrong informs us that he disposed of the manufacturing rights of his tractor to the Dixieland Motor Truck Company who will manufacture the machine at exarkana. He received a neat little sum for this right, but retains all royalty rights. The company has given him the position as chief mechanic. He will be in Dallas for some time at work on patterns and models. His family is now in Waco, but will join him in Dallas at once.

Mr. Armstrong has been at work on his tractor for some time. He met discouragements on every side, the experience that has confronted nearly every genius who has lived. He has finally worked out an all-purpose tractor and it does the work, and many people here can testify from the operation of his crude model. He has solved the problem that has been taxing tractor manufacturers for years. He can not only brake land with his tractor, but he can also cultivate crops. Farmers in the great west who have been paying feed bills the past two years welcome this new tractor. We predict that the sales will be so heavy throughout West Texas, when it is placed on the market, that the plant will be entirely inadequate to turn out the machine.

We congratulate Mr. Armstrong upon his deserved success. He is a mechanic of recognized ability and we hope to see him constantly ascending in the scale of success. He refuses to be satisfied with the success already attained, but will keep on perfecting his tractor until it reaches that state when perfection seems attained. We are indeed glad to record the success of our fellow citizen. We are proud of this achievement. It is another grand example in attainment by constant persistency; another lesson of what 'keeping everlastingly at a job will do

There is always something new and fresh at Rogers. Come and see.

SCHOOL STARTED FULL-HANDED

School has started. A gainst the most optimistic expectation, 350 were present the first day, and the number has increased since. There are still more people in this country than many thought. Vacation days are over, and the fun and frolic of the past months must change to good old hard down study.

School opened minus two teachers, and it was thought they would not be needed, but when the army of youngsters arrived, it was seen that a full corps of teachers must be employed. Those on hand are Supt. Parker, Misses Graham, Smith, Phillips, Wells, Houston, Campbell, Dry and Burns. Misses Josie Smith and Wilma Garrett are substituting until regular teachers can be secured.

We hope to see the plans of Superintendent Parker as regards affiliation brought nearer to a conclusion. As they have so nobly done before, the citizens will again stand four-square behind the school.

PROHIBITION PULY 1 APPROVED BY SENATE

Twelve Million-Dollars Agriculture Bill With "Dry" Rider is Passed

Washington, Sept. 6.—The \$12,000,000 emergency agriculture appropriation bill with its rider for national prohibition from next July 1 until after the American armies are demobilized after the end of the war was passed tonight by the Senate without a roll call.

Before final passage of the measure the Senate voted 45 to 6 to retain the prohibition rider. A final effort to postpone the effective date of the "dry" legislation to Dec. 30 1919, was defeated.

The bill now goes to the House and, because of the many amendments inserted by the Senate, it undoubtedly will be sent to conference. Prohibition leaders, however, expect the House to agree to the "dry" rider so that there will be no possibility of changes being made by the Senate and House managers.

Winter is coming. Don't wait until a norther hits and then want all those old clothes cleaned and pressed in fifteen minutes. Bring them in now.

Mrs. C. L. Cash.

NO. 366

The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of Aug., 1918, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 13th day of Sept., 1918.

RESOURCES table with columns for Loans and Discounts, Deduct—Notes and bills rediscounted, Overdrafts, U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation, U. S. Bonds and certificates of indebtedness pledged to secure postal savings deposits, U. S. Bonds & cert. of indebtedness owned & unpledged, Liberty Loan Bonds, Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks, Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank, Stock of Federal Reserve bank, Furniture and Fixtures, Real Estate owned other than banking house, Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank, Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks, Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank, Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items, Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer, War Saving Certificates and Thrift Stamps actually owned.

LIABILITIES table with columns for Capital Stock paid in, Surplus Fund, Undivided Profits, net, Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net, Individual Deposits sub. to check, Time Certificates of Deposit, Certified Checks, Cashier's checks, Bills Payable and Rediscounts, Other liabilities—Dividends unpaid.

State of Texas, County of Taylor: We, J. S. Swann as president, and R. O. Anderson, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of Sept. A. D. 1918. W. P. Mahaffey (SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas

Correct—Attest: John Sears, M. Armstrong, J. C. Moore, Directors

NO. 7481

Report of the Condition of

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on Aug. 31, 1918

RESOURCES

RESOURCES table with columns for Loans and Discounts, Deduct—Notes and bills rediscounted, U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation, U. S. Bonds and certificates of indebtedness pledged to secure postal savings deposits, U. S. Bonds & cert. of indebtedness owned & unpledged, Liberty Loan Bonds, Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks, Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank, Stock of Federal Reserve bank, Furniture and Fixtures, Real Estate owned other than banking house, Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank, Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks, Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank, Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items, Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer, War Saving Certificates and Thrift Stamps actually owned.

LIABILITIES

LIABILITIES table with columns for Capital stock paid in, Surplus Fund, Undivided profits, Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid, Circulating notes outstanding, Net amounts due to National banks, Net amounts due to banks, bankers, and trust companies, Demand Deposits subject to Reserve, Individual deposits subject to check, Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days, Cashiers checks outstanding, Dividends unpaid, Total demand deposits subject to Reserve, Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed), Postal savings deposits, Total of time dep. subject to Reserve, Liabilities for rediscounts, including those with Federal Reserve Bank.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:

I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of Sept. 1918.

Correct—Attest: J. T. WARREN, G. F. WEST, HENRY JAMES, Directors

No. 354

First State Bank, Trent, Texas

at the close of business on the 31st day of Aug. 1918, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 13th day of Aug. 1918.

RESOURCES table with columns for Loans and Dis., personal or collateral, Overdrafts, Furniture and fixtures, Due from approved reserve agents, net, Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net, Cash items, Currency, Specie, Int. and Assessment Depts' Gty. Fund, Other Resources as follows: U. S. Certificates, Cotton Advances.

LIABILITIES table with columns for Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, net, Individual Deposits Sub. to Check, Cashiers checks.

State of Texas, County of Taylor: We, J. T. Warren as president, and L. E. Adrian as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. T. Warren, President, L. E. Adrian, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of Sept. A. D., 1918.

Correct—Attest: G. F. West, R. E. Johnson, L. E. Adrian, Directors

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

☛ You insure your Home and your Life; why not your Money?

☛ This Bank is a Guaranty Fund Bank and offers you the protection afforded by the State Guaranty Fund of Texas.

We Pay The Premium

Capital and Surplus Fund
\$65,000.00

CALL ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR WOMEN DEMONSTRATION AGENTS IN HOME ECONOMICS

Bachelor of Science in Home Economics are needed in nearly every State in the Northern and Western sections of the United States by the Department of Agriculture. Those women are to act as home demonstration agents, working with the State Colleges which are doing home extension work in the counties and cities.

Their duties will include teaching better methods of housewives and generally increasing household efficiency. Some of these positions are for the duration of the war, some permanent.

All applicants must be twenty-five years of age, or over. They must be graduates of full courses of Home Economics in accredited Departments of Home Economics. It is preferable that they have had teaching experience. Women who have been brought up in the country are preferred for county agents. For city agents, women must be thirty years of age or over and have ability to handle complicated city problems.

The salary is \$1,200 to \$2,100, according to proven ability. All applications must be made through the United States Employment Service, Box 1028, San Antonio. Applications must give a detailed account of education experience, and must be accompanied by three letters of recommendation, and must be accompanied by three letters of recommendation, which are to deal specifically with the candidate's ability and loyalty as an American citizen, and a recent photograph, which is imperative.

RED CROSS RHEUMATIC REMEDY

The great advantage over other rheumatic medicines lies in the fact that it does not disturb the stomach. Many cases have been permanently cured by this remedy. This and more than one hundred other Red Cross Remedies sold and guaranteed only by

Grimes Drug Store

ARMY MAKES RECORD MEAT PURCHASE

Recently there was made largest single order for bacon and canned meats in the history of the world: 99,560,000 pounds of bacon and 134,000,000 pounds of canned meat—has just been placed by the Quartermaster's Department, U. S. A. for the American Army overseas.

Louis F. Swift, in commenting on this today, said the order will take the bacon from approximately 1,900,000 hogs and if other work were dropped to produce it would be equivalent to the total bacon production of the five largest Chicago packers for nearly five weeks, however, six months will elapse before delivery is to be completed. Mr. Swift said:

"At the current prices on the day, last week, when the purchases were made, the packers would pay the live stock producers about \$80,000,000 for the necessary hogs and over \$50,000,000 for about 900,000 cattle required.

The cattle will cost us twice as much, and the hogs two and one-half times as much as in the pre-war period.

The whole order will be made up before the first of the year, despite the fact that, even before this purchase, one-fourth of the packers' facilities have been devoted to filling military demands.

In order to get out the canned goods the packers will find it necessary to employ night and day shifts of canners. Notwithstanding the fact that the products are being rushed forward thus hurriedly, not a single complaint has been received on any meats delivered to the armies abroad.

The five packers are now killing about 360,000 hogs weekly to keep abreast of martial and domestic needs.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business August 31, 1918

RESOURCES

Loans	\$192,797.58
War Saving Stamps	591.86
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	5,000.00
U. S. Bonds	9,750.00
Liberty Bonds	2,150.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,500.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Other Real Estate owned	3,132.00
CASH AND EXCHANGE	101,990.33
Total	\$320,824.27

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	34,511.98
Circulation	6,250.00
Contingent Liability to Fed. Res. Bank	29,537.35
DEPOSITS	225,524.94
Total	\$320,824.27

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

W. L. WALKER WRITES

Newport News, Va., Aug 27.
—Merkel Mail: The writer with quite a number of other Merkel boys, left Abilene on Tuesday morning, Aug 20th, for New Port, Va., We were on the road four days and nights. We were a hungry set when we got here, not having very much to eat on our way except what we bought. The cars were so badly crowded we could hardly rest or sleep. We came through, Parsons, Ft. Scott Kansas, Sedalia, St Louis, Mo., Hunting Burg, Ind., and here we found quite a lot of tunnels. Some very long ones. It took four and one-half minutes to run through one of them. On to Frankfort Ky., the Capital of the State at Lexington stands monument of Henry Clay, the greatest peace maker of all. His monument stands 75 feet high. We are now in one half mile of the James River, close to where it enters into the Chesapeake Bay.

The river is eight miles wide here. I went down, Sunday and saw some very large ships. They are sights to see.

As to conditions here, they are not as represented.

There is plenty of work of all descriptions, and all say the work is easy. As for myself I work about three hours per day and sit around the balance of the time. I think I will stay here for sometime A man is free to board and sleep where he wants to, but it is very hard to get accommodations like we want

W.T. Walker, New Port Va. A. B. Co. Po. Box 905.

WOMAN'S STATEMENT WILL HELP.

"I hated cooking because whatever I ate gave me sour stomach and a bloated feeling. I drank hot water and olive oil by the gallon. Nothing helped until I tried simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka relieves any case sour stomach, gas or constipation and prevents appendicitis. The instant action is surprising. Sanders Drug Store. adv.4

ABOUT PRICES

ON DRY GOODS, SHOES AND SUITS

CALICO 10c	PERCALES 19 to 38	GINGHAMS 22½ to 30
BLEACHING yd.wide 22½	SHIRTING 25 to 35	DENIMS 50c

Mens work shoes	\$3.40 to \$4.40
Mens Dress-Up shoes	4.50 to 7.85
Ladies heavy shoes	3.40 to 5.00
Ladies dress shoes	3.50 to 9.00

MENS
\$16.50 to 35.00

SUITS

LADIES
\$16.50 to 25.00

Ladies and Misses COATS Ladies

\$10 to \$25

Misses

6 to 18

ONE PRICE TO ALL

You can trade quickly with us

The Brown D. G. Company

SOLDIERS FUNERAL TOUCHING

With the American Army in France, July 13.—(By Mail.)—He had been a slender, handsome boy. Now he was being laid to rest by comrades who knew him only by the name on his tag and a number. A piece of sharpnel had struck him and he died on the way to the hospital.

The Top Sargeant was a rough man. War and death ordinarily meant little to him. He gave orders in a stern, deep voice.

"Hansen, get down there and straighten the boy out. Move his feet this way—there, just a bit more—careful, careful all right—that'll do."

Hansen, a ruddy-faced, red-haired youth lifted himself slowly and quietly out of the grave. The Sergeant, with a shade of softness in his voice, falteringly read a short burial service. On the faces of the men who were paying the last tribute to a comrade—a youth who had made the supreme sacrifice—was an expression which showed that tragedy sickens the hearts of even those who live in the wake of war.

The words "dust to dust" were spoken. The Sergeant picked up a handful of earth and covered body of the hero. Guns boomed. They are always booming. The sun beamed. A lark sang. The Top Sergeant spoke:

"We've put him away the best we could, boys. Hats off to him and to his mother somewhere back home."

The seven soldiers stood for a moment with heads bared and bowed. As we walked from the cemetery I heard the dull dropping of earth, growing fainter and fainter. Hansen had remained behind. Guns boomed, bursting shells rolled their crashing thunders across the beautiful landscape. The Top Sergeant turned to me. Rage flashed from his eyes.

"That boy wasn't 20 years old either," he said. "I'd like to meet the man face to face who started this war."

For Weak Women

In use for over 40 years! Thousands of voluntary letters from women, telling of the good Cardui has done them. This is the best proof of the value of Cardui. It proves that Cardui is a good medicine for women.

There are no harmful or habit-forming drugs in Cardui. It is composed only of mild, medicinal ingredients, with no bad after-effects.

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

You can rely on Cardui. Surely it will do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women! It should help. "I was taken sick, seemed to be . . ." writes Mrs. Mary E. Veste, of Madison Heights, Va. "I got down so weak, could hardly walk . . . just staggered around. . . . I read of Cardui, and after taking one bottle, or before taking quite all, I felt much better. I took 3 or 4 bottles at that time, and was able to do my work. I take it in the spring when run-down. I had no appetite, and I commenced eating. It is the best tonic I ever saw." Try Cardui.

All Druggists
J. 70

WAR POLICY IN ROAD BUILDING.

Governmental agencies dealing with highway problems fully recognize the vital military and economic importance of the country's roads, according to a letter from Secretary of Agriculture Houston to Arthur H. Fleming, chief of the State Councils Section, Council of National Defense.

The Secretary, whose department administers the federal aid road act, stated also that the Government recognizes that it is necessary to construct, reconstruct, or maintain roads essential for military and vital economic purposes and to defer action in roads not of this class, and that it is desirable, wherever possible, to use local materials for road building and maintenance in order to relieve railroad traffic.

Important highways, as described in the Secretary's letter, include only those utilized, or to be utilized, by the military establishment, those which carry a considerable volume of materials and supplies essential to war industries, and those which have a bearing on the production and distribution of food supplies, connecting population and shipping centers with surrounding agricultural areas.

Duties of Highway Council. Attention is called to the formation of the United States Highway Council. This body was suggested by the Secretary to coordinate Federal agencies interested in highway problems. The council is made up of a representative each from the Department of Agriculture, the War Department, the Railroad Administration, the Fuel Administration, and the War Industries Board. It will form a unified agency for dealing, on behalf of the Federal Government, with highway construction, maintenance and policies. It will, of course, through the Office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering of the department, continue the close contact already established, both formally by law and informally by practice,

with the State highway commission in each State.

The Office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering and the Highways Council will actively consider the supply, for high-halts and other bituminous road way purposes, of road oils, asphalt materials controlled by the Fuel Administration, and the matter of priority production for highway materials controlled by the War Industries Board. They will also, in contact with the Railroad Administration, aid in securing, so far as practicable, facilities for the transportation of road materials and supplies. Furthermore the Office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering will act as the medium for furnishing information and assistance on highway problems, especially to State highway authorities, in meeting the various difficulties which they encounter.

Work Planned Before War.

When the United States entered the war the work of planning State highway systems so that, as far as necessary and feasible, they would connect with the system of other States, was well under way. This resulted from efforts to administer Federal aid road act, so that the roads of vital importance for economic, military and other purposes should first be dealt with. The Federal aid road act—involving an aggregate five-year expenditure directly and from State and local funds of \$160,000,000 in addition to at least \$2000,000,000 spent independently each year by the States—provides that the State must maintain the roads, and that before any money can be expended the roads must be selected and approved and plans, specifications, and contracts submitted. It also provides that the Federal Government must inspect the construction of the roads.

War Road Policy Adopted

Soon after the United States entered the war the Department of Agriculture requested the state highway commissions to join it in directing expenditures only on roads of prime importance for economic and military purposes. In this undertaking, the Secretary says, the department has received the cooperation of State authorities.

The department has been actively co-operating with the Capital Issues Committee in its task of keeping out of the market road bonds the issuance of which was not urgent from the point of view of aiding the Nation in winning the war.

The Secretary also calls attention to the fact that road engineers have been provided by the department for each of the Army cantonments and for work on roads elsewhere in which military authorities were interested.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicines for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough, but is also pleasant to take, which is important when a medicine must be given to young children. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been in use for many years and has met with much favor wherever its good qualities have become known. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement. Wm. Scruby, Chillicothe, Mo., writes, "I have raised three children, have always used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and found it to be the best for coughs, colds and croup. It is pleasant to take. Both adults and children like it. My wife and I have always felt safe from croup with it in the house." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy contains no opium or other narcotic.

DRAUGHON'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 guarantee position. Catalogue FREE.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, bleeding or protruding Piles. Instantly relieves itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 6c.

OUR STANDARD HAS BEEN SET

The mere purchase of a moderate amount of Liberty Bonds, and the payment of taxes without protest does not make up the whole duty of an American citizen today.

Something far deeper, further-reaching in its effect is called for than the lending or giving up of money under the pressure of popular demand or the attention of the tax collector.

We Must Reach a Higher Standard of Living.

We have lived altogether too much for ourselves; for material things. Henceforth our object must be slowly but surely to drive out the thought of self, and to order our personal and business affairs that our Country, and the Great Cause for which the whole civilized world is fighting shall be our first consideration.

The possibility of bringing the great bulk of our people to such a frame of mind may be thought by some to be an empty dream. Such is not the case. Men used to every luxury that the world can afford, young men just starting out on a successful business or professional career, clerks from the department stores, boys on the farm, street laborers who have hardly learned to use our tongue, young women who might marry well and settle down to a life of comfort—these people in their thousands have seen that glorious vision of America as the Savior of the world, and of themselves as the instruments of that salvation.

Let Us Try to Rise to the Same Level

As have these men and women who have given money, future, life itself, to the service of their country. Let us lend our money to the Government as they have given their lives, cheerfully and fearlessly.

Let the requests of our Government which are published widely from time to time be regarded as sacred obligations. The Government has told us that the hardest work we are capable of, economy and sacrifice, are the great needs of the nation. Again, the Government has told us that the additional wealth we produce is needed for national expenditure and that

We Must Support the Liberty Loans

Just as the soldier persistently and consistently carries out orders, so must we.

It is only by following out the full scheme of the Government for us as individuals that we can do our duty. For instance, the man who has not worked hard, produced more than ever before, economized and saved, will not be able to meet the demands of the next Liberty Loan. It is now that we must be producing and saving for our Liberty Loan subscriptions.

Start working, saving, planning now for the Fourth Liberty Loan.

NEW VOTERS FACE GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY

Yes! you m'am—the wife of a farmer. You face a life-time of satisfaction or regret for the part you play in this great war.

You have such an influence over what your husband does, that the country is looking to you, quite as much as to him to see that the next Liberty Loan is over-subscribed.

You know how your husband consults you about everything, and—between ourselves—how he does pretty much as you say.

Tell him quietly, "I have been thinking about our duty to our Country and I feel we must make a great big sacrifice. We have never really been called upon to do anything for our Country until this war came, and we must respond now. Let's lend every cent we can spare, and can save during the next twelve months. Let's buy all the Liberty Bonds we can. I'll help you do it."

Yes m'am, you can do a wonderful work, and you will do it, won't you?

GET INTO DEBT

It is the Finest Thing in the World, Provided You Do it in a Good Cause—Such as the Liberty Loan.

Then you will plan and contrive to get out of debt. So you will do good to your Country and yourself.

The bank account of a farmer frequently is low. Especially is this true at the present time, when he can invest so profitably in increased acreage and production.

It might appear at first sight that this fact affords a reason for non-support of the Liberty Loan.

It does nothing of the sort.

This War Cannot Be Waged on the Nation's Past Savings

Or even on its income, but only by mortgaging its future productiveness.

To pay for the war out of our past savings would mean crippling industry, for we need plenty of capital to work with and produce goods necessary to the war. To pay for the war out of our current savings would be impossible. Previous to the period of the war we saved as a nation in one year about sufficient to keep this war going for four or five months.

By raising loans to be paid off in the future the Government is raising a great national mortgage on the resources of the nation for years to come.

The farmer—everyone in fact—must adopt the same course and mortgage their future earnings.

Let us suppose that in order to do your share for the Liberty Loan you find it necessary to mortgage your house, your farm or your automobile. Do it. Some men are giving their lives.

The U. S. Government, following the advice "Neither a lender nor a borrower be," would have to offer its submission to Germany at once.

There is No Disgrace in Being in Debt Today

The reverse is the case, the man who refuses to mortgage his future earnings is placing his immediate comfort and peace of mind above his clearly defined duty to himself and to his fellows.

Buy heavily of Liberty Bonds, and force yourself to pay for them out of your future earnings. Place yourself up against these conditions—until it hurts. You will gain, mentally, morally and financially.

YOUR UNCLE SAM IS CALLING FOR THE RENT

You put by money to pay your life insurance, your taxes, and if you pay rent you allow for that also in your personal budget.

Why? "Well," you say, "Look what would happen if I did not. My wife and children would suffer if I did not pay my insurance, my taxes I must pay or the sheriff would seize my goods; as for the rent I need a good comfortable place to live in, and I would not have one if I refused to pay my landlord."

Subscriptions to Government Loans represent rent charged you for the privilege—and it is a privilege—of living in the United States; they represent life, accident and business insurance, and they keep not the sheriff but the Germans from seizing your property.

Did you ever look at the matter in this way before?

Now, when your rent is due you do not sit down and wonder where you are going to find the money—it has been put aside. Your insurance premiums are not scraped up on the spur of the moment—you have allowed for this expense.

The Liberty Loan is a standing item of expense, or rather investment. It is a saving which you must effect, a standing charge on your income, and can be met only by consistent, persistent, saving.

Whenever the question of personal expense comes up, remember your duties to the Government and yourself—remember the Liberty Loan.

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We welcome our new correspondent from Blair. Come again! We welcome you.

If you are looking for a square deal in investment that really pay you'll find it is War Saving Stamps.

LAW AND JUSTICE

An item of argument arose a few days since. The statement was made that if two parties were caught fighting, both were subject to fine regardless of the cause or who provoked or forced the conflict. We took issue with the party. Since then we have looked further into the matter. Law is based on at least a semblance of justice, and we are here to say publicly and stoutly that neither our city court or our justice court has the power to fine a party who is forced into a personal difficulty against his own will. It seems to have become a matter of fact that any party in an altercation must step up and pay his fine. That is the result of the damnable fee system that has led to more lawlessness in all the country than most any other one thing. A man who is not the aggressor is merely making a donation to an officer when he submits to a fine. He is committing a wrong when he does submit to it. There are plenty of courts in the land who will defend him. We can not remain silent without an effort to defend any one who may not be guilty from paying a fine. It is not right, and any officer who fines one under such cases has not a semblance of justice in his hide. We merely make this statement as a warning to any one who may at some time be forced into a conflict, and we would further say that such a one has ever right in the world to defend himself. Self preservation is the first law of nature, and the first law of our statutes. Many a man has unjustly paid a fine simply because some officer wanted a fee and made him believe he had the right to place a fine. Of course where both parties are guilty or partially guilty, then a fine may be made against both, but otherwise we would like to publish the statement of an officer who will claim he has such a right.

ON THE RUN—SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE.

(Ellington Field Tale Spin.)
Dear Papa:
I am writing on der run, as der brave and glorious soldiers under my command have not seen der Rhine for so long dat dey have started back dat vay, and of course I am going mit dem also. Oh, papa, dere has sure been some ofel dings happened here in France. First, I started in my big offensive which vas to crush der fool Americans, but dey know so little about military tactics dat dey will not be crushed, just like I vant 'em. I sent my men in big vaves, and ven dey got to de Americans dey all said, "Boo" as loud as dey could holler. Vell, according to vat you have always told me de Americans turned and run like blazes. But vat you tink? Dem fool Americans don't know anything about var, and instead of running de odder vay, dey came right toward us. Some of dem vas singing something about "Ve von't come back till it's over, over dere," or some odder foolish song, and some of dem vere laffing like fools. Dey are so ignorant. But day are ofel reck-

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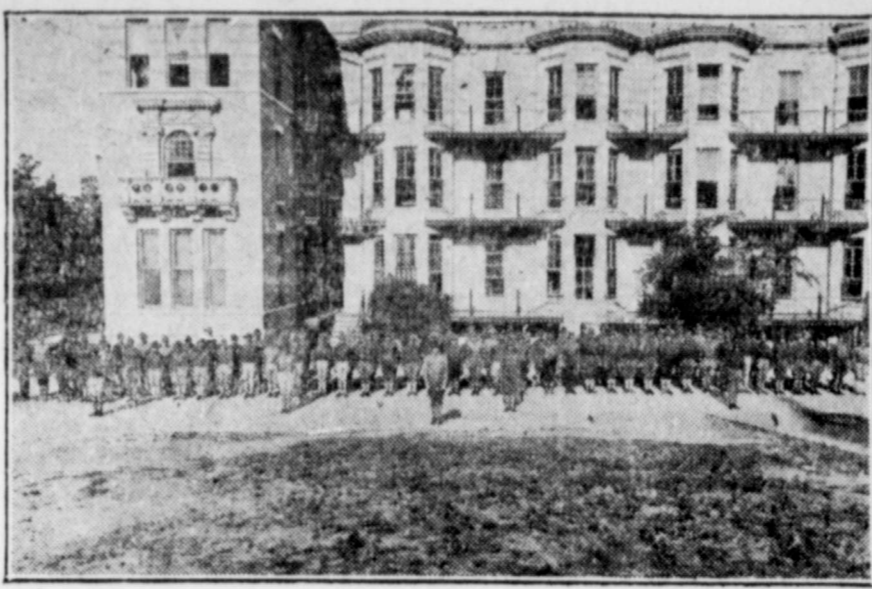
less mit dere guns, and ven dey come toward us it vas dat my men took a notion dey wanted to go back to de dear old Rhine. Ve don't like delittle old dirty Marne river, anyhow. And, oh, pap, dem Americans us such ofel language. Dey know nothing of kultur, and say such ofel dings right before us. And dey said right in front of my face? One big husky from a place dey call Arizona, he said—oh, papa, I hate to tell you vat a onel ting he said—but I can't help it, he said. "To hell mit der kaiser?" Did you effer hear anything so ofel? I didn't think anybody would say such a ofel ting. It made me so mad I wouldn't stand and hear such a ofel ting, so I turned 'round and run mit de odder boys. Vas I right? Vat. And oh, papa, you know dem breast-plates vot you sent us—you can send some to put on our backs. You know ve are going de odder vey now and breast plates iss no good for de cowardly Americans are shooting us right in der back. Some of our boys took off de breastplates and put dem behind but de fool Americans are playing "De Star Spangled Banner" mit machine guns on dem plates. Can't you help us. You remember in your speech you said nothing could stand before the brave German soldiers? Oh, papa, I don't believe dese ignorant Americans ever read your speech, for dey run after us just like ve vas a lot of rabbits. Vot you tink of dot? Can't you send dem som of your speeches right avay? Dey don't know how terrible ve are. Can't you move my army back to Belgium vare ve von our glory. My men can whip all de vomen and children vot dem Belgians can bring us. But dese Americans are so rough and ignorant. Ve can't make dem understand dat ve are de greatest soldiers on earth, and ven vetry to sing "Deutschland Ueber Alles," dey laugh like a lot of monk eyes. But ve are getting de best of dem Americans, ve can out run dem. Papa, if ve are not de best fighters on earth ve are sure de best runners. Nobody can keep up mit us ven ve think of der dear old Rhine, and my army never did tink so much of dot dear old river. Let me know right avay vot to do by return postoffice.

Clown Prince Willie,
July 20 times.

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. Ferrer.
- De Gorus.
- Wm. R. Green.
- James F. Holloway.
- B. Jobe.
- Pete Meek.
- F. O'Brien.
- Herbert Ricker.
- Paul Stamford.
- Bill Sheppard.
- Paul Turner.
- George White.
- L. B. Wells.
- Riley White.
- L. Powers.
- Emzi Burroughs.
- Thos Bearden.
- Jas. Brown.
- Emmitt Grimes.
- L. M. Hutchins.
- Chester A. Duncan, Trent.
- John T. Morris, Trent.
- Joe L. Evans, Trent.
- W. W. McElmurray, Trent.
- Hurbert J. Swan, Trent.
- John Moore, Merkel.
- Lieut B. B. Brown
- Chester Hall.
- Stuart Grimes.



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- Lloyd Shepard.
- L. A. Dudley.
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- 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.
- Arthur E. Wardland, 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.
- Reuben C. Hall
- Henry D. (Doc) Hall
- R. O. Stevens.
- Tom Smith Martin.
- Leland L. Martin.
- T. J. Bird.
- R. E. Harris
- Robert Rainbolt.
- Lee Raymond Campbell
- Euleus McNees.
- John P. Gibson.
- Leonard Wills
- Winslow J. Beckham, Trent.
- John Rex McClain.
- 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.
- Eimer Dunn, Trent.
- Will E. Smith, Trent.
- Leldon Goode, Noodle
- 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.
- Henry Eason, Noodle
- Guy Bradley, Stith.
- Guy Sibley, Trent.
- Wm. Wills.
- Sam H. Rosson, Trent.
- Claude Rosson, Trent.
- Alfred Wesley Costephens.
- Ulyses McNees.
- W. Clarence Cameron
- Vessie E. Browning.
- Clyde Garrett.
- Bailey Frazier.
- John Coomer.
- Bailey Frazier.
- Leo Shepard.
- Frank Millican.
- Dem Rusk.
- Q Rusk.
- Tucker
- Horton.
- John Tucker.
- Wilba Whitaker
- Rufus McLean.
- Dillard Snow.
- Vernon Simpson.
- Dr. Robert I. Grimes.
- Floyd Dean
- Guy Brady.
- Cecil McRee, Trent
- Clayton Hall, Trent.
- Samuel D. Swann.
- Lee Harrell.
- W. P. Banner.
- M. G. Russell.
- J. M. Tucker.
- David M. Floyd.
- Dee Ash.
- Lake J. Renfro.
- H. B. Strode.
- Dr. Wm. M. Gambill.
- Vernon Sublett.
- Yates Brown.
- Dean Robinson, Trent.
- Orville Foster.
- Clyde Foster.
- Jodie Bright, Trent
- Barney A. Garrett.
- P. M. Hutchins.
- Roger F. Haynes.
- O. S. Burns.
- Roger V. Wells.
- Jas. Parker Sharp.
- Will Brown.
- Judson McRee.
- Frank Hart.
- Albert Vessell, Trent
- Jim Skillern, Trent.
- Denzil Cox.
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- Jim Burfind
- Homer Tye.
- Roy R. Coats.
- Denzie Cox.
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- Jas. Dent Gibson.
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- Chas. F. Thornton.
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- Fred B. Deutschman, Noodle
- Will Merritt.
- Louis Swann.
- Arl Sharp.
- John T. Morgan.
- Frank Cook.
- Will Brown.
- Joel Counts.
- Homer Laney.
- Mason Pee.
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TEXAS WOMAN AT THE FRONT

MRS. BURDICK, MOTHER TO ALL AMERICAN SOLDIER BOYS

Mrs. Ensign Burdick of the Salvation Army, and from Dallas, Texas, was interviewed by a war correspondent in her hut just behind the lines in France. In speaking of her daily work she said:

"None of us had a wink of sleep last night," said Mrs. Ensign Burdick. "You see, the troops were moving and a hot sip and a bite in the wee hours gave new life and spirit to our soldiers."

"They call me 'ma.' Oh, the joy of it! They tell me not to overwork. I'm the oldest woman at the front—close to sixty, with children of my own at home—but I wouldn't change places this minute with the grandest lady in the States!"

"When the hour for taking the front line comes they gather around me and I say—and I have a hard time to keep back the tears—I say: 'Boys, you are all my sons. Remember what is expected of Americans. Don't yield an inch. Face your duty like the men that you are. Remember your mothers and your God—but don't for Ma Burdick's sake, take needless chances!'"

"You ought to see them straighten up and their eyes flash with fearlessness and feel the pressure of their hands! Overwork? Risk? This old, shattered mill is heaven among such patriots, for, after all, the big factor in this war is the men in the trenches."

"We fried twelve hundred eggs and gave out three or four thousand doughnuts, and land knows how many sandwiches and pies and cups of coffee and cocoa. See, here is a letter just brought in from the trenches. Dear Ma—Can you please bake us twenty-six pies and send them on Tuesday night? Any kind will do. If you can't bake pies can't you please make 150 doughnuts? Let us thank you a million times for the doughnuts the other night. Boys tickled to death with them!"

"That's their captain's signature. We send batches up every day. Free? To be sure! We never charge for anything that goes to the men in the trenches."

SALVATION ARMY CALLS FOR WORKERS

Volunteers Wanted to Aid in Financial Campaign in Southwest

The Salvation Army Southwestern War Work Council is appointing County and City War Councils to organize campaigns in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Southwest Arkansas. Any responsible individual without regard to his religious belief, who really desires to help us help the boys in the ranks, can enlist for this service by writing Brigadier George Wood, Chairman, 1313 Southwestern Life Building, Dallas, Texas.

County Chairmen are wanted in every county to help organize a committee in every town and village to secure the money needed for the work. Local Chairmen, men or women, are needed at once. Their duties are to form a committee of two or more, according to the size of their town and to thoroughly canvass the town and surrounding country for the Army work. A plan of campaign has been prepared for the larger places and this may be adapted to the smaller towns.

In the smaller places, only one worker is necessary to call upon the people and volunteers for such work will be welcomed.

Salvation Army work, prior to the war never lacked for support. Its War Work as it becomes better known to the American people will receive their liberal support. All that is needed is to inform the American people of the need and the money will be forthcoming.

Some Heroes and Heroines

While the heroism of the battle field is magnificent it is necessary to remember the heroes of real heroics who do not wear the armor and trappings of war but who steadfastly perform humble and obscure tasks in their own way for the aid and comfort of the fighters.

For instance, there is THE INIMITABLE SANG FROID OF SALVATION ARMY LASSIES WHO DON CHANTLY FRY DOUGHNUTS FOR SOLDIERS WHILE THE SCREAMING SHRELLS FLY OVERHEAD. There is the devotion of the Red Cross nurses who carry wounded patients from hospitals bombed by Hun aviators. American college girls when the German forces approach leave only with reluctance the districts in France which they have reconstructed, conveying helpless natives to places of safety. Innumerable other exploits are performed within sound of battle, while the doers—the people whom Frank Crane designates as the "What's Whatters"—modestly refrain from mentioning them.

Travelling on Cocoa

The Stars and Stripes, official organ of the American Expeditionary Forces, this weeks says:

"After the Salvation Army had given a certain company some cocoa the company advanced successfully against the enemy. After the war the Salvation Army will be justified in telling how many miles the boys got to the gallon!"

SALVATION ARMY STOPS THE WAR

TEMPORARILY HOLDS UP ACTIVITIES ON ONE SMALL PART OF WESTERN FRONT

The Salvation Army has a reputation for starting things in the A. E. F., but one day last week, in a shell-marred little village at the American front, the Salvation Army brought the United States Army to a standstill. Several hundred artillerymen had gathered for the regular Wednesday night religious service, held in the hutment, conducted by that organization at this point, and, in closing, sang vigorously three verses of "The Star-Spangled Banner." A major who was passing came immediately to attention, his example being followed by all the men and officers within hearing, and also by a scattering of French soldiers who were just emerging from the Catholic Church. By the time the second verse was well under way three companies of infantry, marching from a rest camp toward the front, had also come to a rigid salute, blocking the road to a quartermaster's supply train, who had, perforce, to follow suit. The "Star-Spangled Banner" has a deeper meaning to the man who has done a few turns in the trenches; but, as one man remarked who was caught in the barber chair just after the lather had been applied, there are moments when a soldier would rather not hear it!

SALVATION ARMY WAR WORK SUMMARY

FACTS AND FIGURES SHOWING EXTENT OF SERVICE RENDERED AMERICA AND ALLIES

Following is a summary of the Salvation Army War Work for which \$5,000,000 is now asked for its continuation and extension:

201 Huts for religious and social work, and for dispensing comforts to Soldiers and Sailors.

300,000 Soldiers and Sailors attend Salvation Army Buildings DAILY. Many thousands have professed conversion.

107 Buildings of Salvation Army in United States placed at disposal of Government for war-relief purposes.

69 Motor-Ambulances manned by Salvationists under direction of Red Cross.

300 Rest-Rooms equipped with papers, magazines, books, etc., in charge of Salvation Officers.

920 Salvation Army Officers devote their entire time to religious and social work among Soldiers and Sailors.

50,000 members of Salvation Army fighting with Allies' armies.

53 Salvation Army Officers have been officially appointed Chaplains.

6,000 Beds provided in 52 hotels close to railway stations and landing points in seaport cities for Soldiers going to and from the front. Others are in preparation.

\$2,000,000 already spent by Salvation Army in its War activities.

The figures are constantly changing as the numbers are continually increasing.

SALVATION ARMY IS ALWAYS AT THE FRONT

Militant Religious Organization Closer to Firing Line Than Any Other Workers in France

A strong current of public confidence and friendliness has set in toward The Salvation Army. It began away back in the days when the people first took note of their self-sacrificing and efficient labor behind the scenes with the poor and lost and maimed in the social battle, and it has gained mightily both in its tendency and in its volume from the wonderful work in France. One of the finest tests of public opinion is found in the press.

The New York Times, one of the most influential and popular papers in the country, in a recent editorial said:

"Salvation Army girls were in the battle of Secheprey, under fire, going intrepidly about ministering to the needs of the American soldiers resisting the terrific German attack. Up to that time probably many Americans did not even know that The Salvation Army was at the front, though they ought to have known it: THE SALVATION ARMY IS ALWAYS AT THE FRONT, WHETHER THE BATTLELINE IS ONE OF WAR OR PEACE. IT DOES NOT FEAR PAIN, DISEASE OR DEATH. IT DOES NOT ADVERTISE, AND THERE IS NO REWARD TO BE GOTTEN FOR HELPING IT, EXCEPT THE REWARD THAT COMES FROM CONSCIENCE. YET THAT SHOULD BE REWARD ENOUGH TO MAKE MEN WILLING TO AID THE ARMY IN ITS DRIVE FOR WAR FUNDS."

"Men with money should come to the aid of The Salvation Army. If they want to know what will be done with the money, let them look at Secheprey. But they do know; they know that wherever a task for humanity is to be done, too disagreeable, too difficult, or too dangerous for ordinary human beings, there they will find The Salvation Army men and women doing it cheerfully, courageously and modestly."



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Miss Maurine Angus entertained the past week at her home with a Slumber party in honor of Misses Eunice, Jewell, and Louella Mashburn, of California. Music and games were interesting features of the occasion. At the midnight hour a big watermelon was served, much to the enjoyment of the girls. Much fun of various kinds were indulged in until early morning when the crowd dropped off to sleep and enjoyed that also until a call for breakfast was sounded. The following girls enjoyed the party:

Misses Lois Dry, Ruth Jones, Lola Armstrong, Maurine Cobb, Lillie Pratt Sears, Pearl Toombs, Louella, Eunice, and Jewell Mashburn and the hostess, who was assisted in entertaining by her mother, Mrs. M. D. Angus.

We serve cakes, pie, coffee, and light lunches at The Metropolitan Cafe and Bakery.

AMERICAN TRANSPORT SUNK

London, Sept. 10.—A troop ship with 2,800 American soldiers on board has been torpedoed. All hands were saved. The troop ship was beached.

In order to save time, instead of launching the boats, the men clambered down ropes to destroyers which swarmed around the stricken vessel and came close alongside. This operation was greatly facilitated by the fact that the sea was not rough.

The troop ship was a member of a large convoy approaching the English Coast. The vessel was torpedoed 200 miles from shore at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon.

The transfer of the American soldiers from the stricken vessel to escorting British and American torpedo boat destroyers was quickly made without injury to any one. They all escaped injury when the torpedo exploded and they were soon on their way to a British port.

There was no sign of panic on board and the admirable behavior of the men was especially gratifying to the officers.

Several soldiers told the Associated Press that they saw the German submarine lifted clear out of the water after one of the depth bombs exploded and then entirely disappear.

To the surprise of the soldiers the troop ship did not sink. Some means, apparently were found to check the inrush of water and she got near enough to the shore to be beached. It is hoped that the vessel ultimately can be saved.

TRENT ITEMS

Mr. "Bill" Williamson, of Batesville Ark., came in to see his brother, T. J. Williamson, who is very sick with heart trouble.

"Bob" McLeod has moved his family to Mineral Wells, where he has charge of the Burton Lingo Lumber Co.

W. T. Hamor and wife, (nee Miss Nell Trevathan of Vernon) visited the latter's uncle, C. T. Beckham and family the past week, they will attend the Seminary at Fort Worth, this coming winter.

Dee Donnell, who has been working for the government at Houston, returned to his home Sunday.

Miss Maye Robinson returned home Sunday afternoon, after an extended visit with relatives at Cleburne and Meridian.

Miss Geta Becham visited relatives in Vernon and Wichita Falls, the past week.

A. C. Keltz and wife of San Angelo visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Walder Steadman Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Sipes, who is attending School in Abilene came to see home folks Saturday.

Jim Bright and wife were in Amorilla on business last week.

Mrs. Jim Decker and baby of Byers is here with her grandfather, T. J. Williamson, for a few weeks stay.

Staples -- Staples

For a few days only we are making some extra specials in our Staple Department. We are after that fall bill that you are going to make in the next week or so. And to be sure we get that bill we are making some inducements in the prices of staples that will interest every thrifty man and woman in this country. We quote only a few of these attractive prices below. Come in. Let us show you through our immense \$35,000 stock of good clean merchandise.

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Anchor Mercantile Company

C. T. Beckham, who has been in Tenn. and Ark., for the past three weeks, looking for a place to market his stock, has returned home.

Miss Vada Collins left Monday morning for Fort Worth, where she will enter T. C. U.

Ross Campbell and Oakley Reid left for Camp Travis last Friday.

Dr. Hollis of Abilene was called to see Mr. Williamson on last Wednesday.

Mrs. Gus Norman, of Thornedale, is here on a visit to her sisters, Mesdames, J. A. and R. B. McRee.

Best Treatments for a Burn.

If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in the treatment of burns. It allays the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a severe one, heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also unequalled for chapped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

JOEL M. COUNTS WRITES

Sept. 8, The Merkel Mail.—We arrived about 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon with the same pep we started with, although a little sleepy.

First they marched us to our tents and told us to stay at home, some thirty minutes passed before three of the Merkel bunch was caught on K. P. duty.

The next morning after breakfast, all who were sick or wanted a bath were to report at once, two of our bunch got in the wrong line and was about to receive a shot instead of a bath, before they discovered they were in the wrong line. You should have heard the old boys begging to get out.

All are well pleased and getting along fine. All news from home will be appreciated by the "Bunch".

Joel M. Counts.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS SHOW

The home talent play given by the Camp Fire girls at the Cozy last Thursday night was a delightful affair. The title of the play was the "Call of Wohela." It portrayed the life of camp fire girls in excellent fashion. The building was comfortably filled, greatly to the joy of the girls.

The play was in three acts, the scene "A Summer Camp of the Camp Fire Girls." Ona Fay Bland was Ellen Ferris, guardian of the camp, and even in a caste designed for her assumed personage, she could not hide her own individuality, and full of radiant beauty she played the part to perfection. Evelyn Hamm, robed as Mrs. Vale, camp mother, still hung on gracefully to the charm of youth, and Loyce Dry, as Blue Bird, her young daughter, in her readiness to obey every call made upon her by her associates, received high commendation from the audience. Wah Wah Taysee, an Indian girl, in the person of Lillie Pratt Sears, was the center of mystery, robed in a beautiful Indian costume with beads to match, and was even more lovely in her dusky complexion, especially when she adroitly aroused interest in the person of Sylvia, camp "Misfit," which role was beautifully played by Geneva Brown, and made her a real Camp Fire girl. Lola Armstrong was Marian, fire maker; Dixie Howard, was Amy, torch bearer; Christine Collins was Emily, wood gatherer; Louise Warren was Constance, wood gatherer, and Hazel Harkrider was Dorothy, wood gatherer.

Each and every one played her part well and showed much work had been put forth.

We are proud of these fine girls and commend them in their splendid organization. Health has indelibly placed the stamp of beauty upon them, and the outdoor sports of their camp life will enhance their loveliness and help fit them for the arduous duties of life.

Mrs. Groene, who has labored with the girls for some months, going with them on hikes before breakfast, and entertaining them at her home in various ways deserves great credit for their great success.

Mrs. Hale, who so patiently assisted in training them in the play, deserves a large portion of honor.

Our citizenship deserves credit for responding to the call of their own home talent, and another play is hoped for in the near future.

BAKERY IN OPERATION

The Metropolitan Cafe and Bakery is now in full blast. The cafe has been arranged to accommodate the bakery and everything is spink and span.

The dining room has been cut in two, but is still large enough to accommodate all needs, and a beautiful place has been made in front to display the large line of cakes and breads that are daily being turned out.

Mr. Hancock manages the bakery and Mr. Sanders the cafe. The combination is an ideal one. We are glad Mr. and Mrs. Hancock have returned to again take up this work. This is a worthy enterprise and should receive the patronage of all the people. Mr. Hancock is an expert baker, and when one views his attractive assortment of cakes, pies and bread, he will give him credit for being highly artistic as well.

Merkel needs a bakery. We hope to soon see the time when these enterprising parties will be shipping their output to nearby towns. There is nothing inferior in their products. We believe their products would take the ribbon over any other bakery in the State. The proprietors invite the citizens to visit their plant, and they will take a delight in showing every one all through.

The soldier who deserts and the person who will not pay his War Savings Stamp pledge are birds of a feather.

CHURCH NEWS

Methodist Church News.
That crowd was perfectly delightful last Sunday morning at the Methodist church. It is not so wonderful that people go to Church to hear the old Gospel, the wonder is that more people do not go. Come again next Sunday, we will do you right and feed your thought and try to devotion to God. Morning preaching promptly at 11 o'clock, and evening service promptly at 6 o'clock, now note that is no longer 7, but 6 in the evening through the remainder of this month.

Our S. S. is still large, our Superintendent and his splendid teaching force is pushing things, will you help them to push? or will you hold back? Which? Do respond to good treatment and come to their help and your own advantage. The 1st Sunday in October will be our rally day, let us not forget it. Alos lest I forget it—you should see how our Senior League is moving forward—these young folks are fine.

C. S. Cameron, pastor.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject, How May I Know I Am A Christian? How May Others Know?

Song, 82

Prayer.

Leader, Miss Edna Swann.

Introduction.

How We May Know We are A Christian.

Complying With The Conditions, Mrs. Thomas Bearden.

By Condition of Our Hearts, Miss Osie Teaff.

By Our Growth In Grace, Virgile Mayfield.

How May Others Know We Are Christians.

By Our Testimony, Annie Mae Swann.

By Our Lives, Mrs. Meador.

Concluding Thoughts, Rev. E. E. Dawson.

Song, Prayer, Business.

League Program Sept 15... Bible Study Sunday.

Topic, Lessons from Bible Biography.

Leader, Miss Georgia Moore. Song Service.

Scripture Lessons, Heb. xl. 32—40 xll 1—2.

Prayer, Rool Call.

Questions, Leader. Answers.

1st. Earl Thornton.

2nd. Agnes Rister.

3rd. Pearl Thornton.

4th. Wallace Bragg.

5th. Roy Moore.

6th. Vivian Hutcheson.

7th. Dee Bland.

Song. Business. Benediction.

Revival To Start.

A revival will start at the southside Christian church on Friday night, by Rev. Q Brown. Every one is given a cordial invitation to attend. Rev. Brown claims to represent the Church of God.

Over At The Baptist Church

Good interest in all departments of the Sunday School last Sunday, but with a slight falling off in numbers. Let's remedy that next Sunday, and exceed any thing we have yet done. If every member will be on hand we can realize that good ambition.

At the Sunday morning service the pastor will preach on, "The Leak: Where Are The Other Nine?" Your number may be called; you had better be present to see. It will not be a skinning, but some plain truth will be spoken. At the evening service the subject will be, "An Old Testament Moving Picture."

Observe a change in the evening service hour from seven to six o'clock. The churches of the town have agreed on this change to six o'clock.

"Come thou with us, and we will do thee good." At the same time you can do us some good. Let's co-operate in good work. There is a place and a blessing for everybody.

E. E. Dawson, pastor.

Mrs. A. C. McGee of Ft. Worth came in Wednesday night for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stallings.

P. M. HUTCHINS WRITES

I am well and still in the game and we are fareing fine over here. You will have to hand it to Uncle Sam, when it comes to "big business." It is wonderful what the U. S. has done toward winning this war in the last year I hope and believe that "The American Army" over here will make the Boche wish that he had never heard of war before it is over with.

I am glad that Baily and Leonard, are satisfied with their location, but there is no use in being other wise. I would like to meet them over here, also John Coomer, but there is not much chance. I wish they had enlisted with me. We have a clean organization, and I have got plenty of friends among them. Some that I'll miss when the war is over, but still there is no friends like the old ones'.

Give those prospective soldiers over there, my regards, and tell them the army is not bad. It is just what a fellow makes it. They will get some experience that will be good for them, and that they couldn't get any other way. They will also have the satisfaction of knowing and can say in the years to come that they were represented in the Big War Mother, I am glad you and Irene are doing what you are for the Red Cross. In my opinion there is not another organization as deserving as it is.

I have been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. I hope that I like quite a lot yet being the soldier that I should be.

I have good quarters, would not change for their place only just till the war is over. France is alright, lots of interesting things to see, but I am glad I am an American and from the good old U. S. A.

P. M. Hutchins, Co., C. 111 En'grs American E. F. France.

BLAIR NEWS

As no one seems to be interested in giving your most valuable little paper the happenings at Blair, I will make an attempt to let you know we are still on the map. Though news of course are scarce. Have been blessed with some rain.

We now look forward to the coming of a more thorough season that we may sow wheat. We have the pleasure of shaking the hand of one of our old time friend, Frank Turner, of N. M., He is here on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Z. Turner.

Miss Mere Clark, of Anson, spent the past week at Blair the guest of Mrs. Walker, returning home Monday of this week, accompanied by Miss Inez Walker, who will spend the week in Anson.

J. L. McLean and son, Oscar, left Sunday night for Va., where they will work at the government work for a while.

Several more of our boys have gone there also.

The family of Mr. Ervin, are leaving for Waco, where they will make their home for a while.

We regret very much to see these good people go, and hope in the near future they may cast their lot with us again.

Singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Provne was much enjoyed by a large crowd of youngsters on last Sunday night.

Though most of our boys are doing duty for Uncle Sam. There is plenty of girls left to make these entertainments most enjoyable.

Mr. Moore has returned from Cali., where he spent several days viewing the sights and prospecting. He says Texas is still big enough for him.

J. W. Mayfield received word from histwo boys at Camp Travis that they are well and gaining in weight. It would be all right to send some of our fortyfivers down there. It would not do to call names, but we know some out here at Blair that look rather lean, for the comng of winter.

Now kind Editor if thi s is not filed away for the waist basket we may attempt to write again.

School books are absolutely Cash. Grimes Drug Store.

WOOD FOR SHIPS AND HOW SECURED AT COTTON PALACE

TIMBER CONSERVATION STUDY WILL BE EXPO- SITION FEATURE AT WACO

Waco, Texas.—To the forests of the northwest the government cameras went to get pictures of the terrible forest fires that yearly destroy thousands of acres of valuable timber and sometimes wipe out whole townships. In this film are seen the work of the forest rangers and the spectacle of an entire community going out to fight a fire. This film will be but one of many government films to be shown at the Texas Cotton Palace this fall in Waco as a part of the gigantic United States government war exhibit.

Other forests are shown during the cutting of timber, when the lodgepole pine is sent down the mountain flumes to be cut into railroad ties, mine props and lumber, and during the grazing season when thousands of sheep and cattle are turned into these government ranges to produce food, wool and leather.

Cotton planting, cotton ginning and manufacture, and the fight against the pink boll worm pest all were filmed in the South. Cooperative berry growing in the Pacific northwest and work of the cooperative dairy testing associations in New England indicate that the camera covers the country to bring home to visitors at the Texas Cotton Palace some idea of what Uncle Sam has been doing in the way of conservation.

The building and repair of public roads of various types have also been photographed in many different states. The whole process, beginning with the quarry where the rock is tested to determine its strength and durability, is shown. Then come the crushing and further testing of the rock, the use of cement and macadam, the grading and filling of the road, and the final polishing off with the big steam roller.

American manufacture of wool, especially timely during the war, and processes of grading and sorting the wool after it reaches warehouses through the combing and winding until it is ready to be made into different grades of woolen cloth, also are covered in film. Other features of improved and scientific farming treated include the building of silos, the proper handling of poultry and the production of scientifically pure milk.

GREAT WAR SHOW FEAT- TURE OF COTTON PALACE

Waco, Texas.—Aside from the multitude of features which annually make the Texas Cotton Palace exposition at Waco the foremost of its kind in the Southwest, the chief feature of this year's exposition in Waco November 2 to 17 inclusive, will be display of the Allied War Exhibit. This exhibit represents a collection of war materials which takes 14 railroad cars to carry it, its exact weight being 140,000 pounds. The exhibit is a joint undertaking by the Allied governments and the United States government. It will be on constant display at the Cotton Palace this year and will be routed direct to Waco from San Francisco, via Omaha. Its only exhibition will be that of the Cotton Palace for the entire Southwest.

BREEDERS AND STOCKMEN TURN TO COTTON PALACE

Waco, Texas.—With the announcement by Dallas State Fair managers that no exposition would be held this year exhibitors and stockmen in largely increased numbers have begun looking to Waco and the 1918 Texas Cotton Palace as their fall mecca. The Cotton Palace management has announced that all will be taken care of even if new buildings must be erected to accommodate them. The dates of the 1918 Cotton Palace at Waco are November 2 to 17 inclusive.

CAPTURED BY A GERMAN RAIDER

Captain Cameron, whose bark the Beluga was captured in the Pacific by the German sea raider Wolf, describes the capture as follows:

On the horizon to the south I could make out the smoke of a steamer. The weather then was fine and clear with light breeze from the south, and we were making only about four knots per hour. In a short time it became evident that the steamer was coming in our direction, when she was gradually getting larger and could be plainly seen, I shouted down the cabin skylight to my wife.

"Mamie," I called, "come on deck and see the steamer."

This was the only vessel of any description we had seen since leaving San Francisco nearly two months before. My wife and Juanita scampered on deck and watched the other vessel with interest. It soon became evident that the steamer was going to pass close to us.

"Is there a chance of her speaking us?" asked my wife.

"It's just possible," I said.

"Then we're going below to change our frocks," said she. It won't do for Juanita to meet strangers at sea in her overalls, looking like a boy.

So they hurried down, thinking of their looks above everything, as the sex always does, and I suppose being spoken at sea is the nearest to a social affair you'd find. The steamer was getting closer by this time and her hull was plainly visible. To all appearances she was the ordinary black-painted dingy-looking ocean tramp. I studied her intently through the glass, trying to discern something about her that would show her nationality.

Mr. Buckert, my chief officer, came along to where I was standing.

"Can you make her out?" he asked.

"She's either a British or a Jap tramp," I answered. "Have a look," and I handed him the binoculars. After studying her for a while he said:

"My! My! Captain, I don't know her nationality, but she carries the largest crew I've ever seen!"

I snatched the glasses out of his hand. Sure enough by that time her rails both forward and aft were black with men in the regulation men-of-war jumpers. Even then I did not think of her being a German; she was possibly a British armed merchantman bound from Australia to some of the South Sea Islands on patrol duty. However, she soon changed her course, heading to pass directly under our stern. At the same moment she broke out the German Imperial navy ensign at her jack staff aft. I knew that this day marked a crisis in the lives of any of us who were American or British born. And then, like a stab at my heart, the thought of my wife and child left me numb and cold.—Capt. John S. Cameron

Fewer Short-Measure Containers Being Used.

The Bureau of Markets is now gradually eliminating all short-measure containers covered by the standard container act, such as berry boxes and baskets, till baskets, and Climax or grape baskets. Manufacturers are now making these in standard sizes and discontinuing the production of short or nonstandard packages, even for local use, because most of the fruits and vegetables are shipped across State lines. Local supplies of short containers that were in stock at the time the act was passed are now almost exhausted and can be used locally only where State laws do not prohibit them. The present act is said to be but a beginning on standardizing packages and the investigation shows the need of standardizing, other containers such as the hamper, round basket, tomato carriers. Thirty different sizes of hampers have been found between the peck and the 1½-bushel sizes, while three sizes are said to be sufficient for the legitimate demands of the trade.



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A STORY FROM THE FRONT

Returned Salvationist Describes Experiences of American Salvationists in the Hus and Trenches

In our work in the war zone we have received the greatest encouragement from military officers from General Pershing down. The officers manifest the fact that they believe in us and are glad that we are doing what we can to make the lot of the soldier easier. General Pershing has called at some of our huts in his inspections and in each case has expressed his pleasure at the cleanliness, the general arrangement of things and the facilities we have provided for the boys.

Before the American troops began to move to the support of the British and French lines we had four huts in full operation along this front, grouped as follows:—Four huts well back of the firing lines in the training camp, conducted by two or three persons each; four huts well up toward the front, also conducted by two or three persons; five huts closer still to the firing line, each in charge of one Salvation Army officer, and the headquarters hut of Lieutenant Colonel Baker, at Lizny en Barrios. Attached to the headquarters are a number of men who are driving automobiles and distributing supplies among the huts, and other workers are scattered throughout the field or assigned to various huts.

We have not as much to report on the religious side of our work as I would like. The reason for this is that our time has been so completely occupied with other absolutely necessary work. In addition to this it is most difficult under existing conditions to follow to an end the impressions made at our meetings.

You see, the meetings are held in the big rooms where the boys have been playing games, and hearing the piano and victrola music, and eating and smoking and writing letters, and talking and singing, etc. Although we hold meetings twice a week, and sometimes more frequently, as soon as we pronounce the benediction and the meeting is over the hall becomes a play room again.

The Influence of the Workers

But let me say that if I seem to be underestimating the religious phase I am not really doing so, because the personal influence of our officers is purely and distinctively religious. For this reason they have a marked effect on the soldiers.

Our people are certainly not having an easy life over there, but then they do not expect that nor would they want to be at ease in the midst of so much suffering. Some of the men, those up in the front line huts, carry coffee to the men in the trenches, and of course in these cases they are in as much danger as the soldiers. We are in danger from gas attacks, but we have all been provided with gas masks and have become most proficient in adjusting them. We have also developed an ear for gas bombs. These burst with a heavy thud, quite different from the explosion of the shrapnel, which is sharp and energetic. The gas masks are always hanging in front of our workers, and as soon as the thud or explosion is heard they must have their masks perfectly adjusted before they breathe again. These respirators draw the air through a certain combination of chemicals by which the gas is neutralized.

I have spent a great deal of time in and near the front trenches and have had some very narrow escapes. One night the warning bell, the bell which always sounds on the approach of the gas wave, aroused us from our slumbers, five times between two and six o'clock in the morning. It is the duty of the men on watch, at the approach of a gas wave, to awaken the boys in the dugouts who might be sleeping. If the warning bell does not awaken them he must at once use other means besides dropping the gas curtain over the mouth of the dugout. Our boys have seen in the trenches many times, escaping without a scratch. There is really no very great danger if they are moderately cautious and properly use the appliances provided by the military authorities.

The Pies and Doughnuts

You probably have seen frequent doughnut and pie stories which have circulated through the American press—stories of the popularity of these articles of food which are made by the women of the Salvation Army and distributed to the soldiers. No one could overstate the popularity of these American pastries. I have seen lines of from two hundred to four hundred men waiting in the pouring rain while the doughnuts were being cooked.

The line officers also have found these things not bad eating, and I have seen a captain waiting on the steps of a hut begging in piteous tones for a few doughnuts. This is not because the men are ungrateful. They are the best fed soldiers in Eu-



A SALVATION ARMY WAR SERVICE WOMAN

rope. The boys certainly like these little delicacies. The special feature of our work that they never cease talking about is the cooking of the doughnuts and pies. Often boys and officers will give orders for pies and doughnuts weeks in advance.

When the cooking time comes the officers have to line up with the rest of the boys. We have insisted that in the matter of these little luxuries the officers have no claim superior to that of the ordinary soldier. This has come to be understood, and they seem perfectly willing to take their places in the line.

When the pie and doughnut wagons are attacked the boys rally forth to defend them with such energy that the enemy no doubt imagines they contain something very precious from a military point of view—as, for instance, a very deadly form of ammunition. The cable has already reported the enemy attack on one of our lorries which was carrying delicacies for the boys. The enemy used up a great deal of ammunition on this convoy, and although they succeeded in demolishing those particular pies and doughnuts, reinforcements were speedily at hand from pie and doughnut reserves which the Salvation Army women are ceaselessly turning out in the huts a little way back.

We have to take living conditions pretty much as we find them. Usually the camps have been made either in or very near a village, and most of the girls have been able to find billets with a family where things are made fairly comfortable for them. This arrangement may necessitate a considerable walk every night and morning to their stations, but no woman is accepted for service abroad with the Salvation Army who is not strong and healthy and able to play her part under adverse conditions and to endure a great many hardships.

The men find billets in attics, stables, haylofts and cellars and sometimes they are so tired that they are glad to roll themselves in their blankets and sleep on the ground. In the spring, summer and autumn days, when it is fair, this is not at all a disagreeable thing to do, but in the wet and cold winter there is not a little suffering. In some cases the men, especially the officers, when the business of the day is over, make some sort of rough bed in the corner of the hut—sometimes with just a curtain around it—and there both sleep and eat.

It is quite impossible to describe the inferno over there. Just before I left a giant shell from a German gun plumed itself down into the dirt within forty feet of a Salvation Army hut in which were Captain Andrews and some assistants. Had the shell exploded the hut and its occupants would have been blown to atoms, but although it ploughed twelve feet into the ground it did not go off.

There are so many soldiers over there now that the present force of workers, including those of the Young Men's Christian Association, the Knights of Columbus, the Jewish Welfare Association and the Salvation Army, might be multiplied a dozen times without covering the present field fully, and yet our people are providing recreation, consolation, comfort and the power of a vital religion to many thousands of boys each week. The opportunity is so great that it is almost discouraging that we are able to meet it so incompletely, but the situation has infused a great energy into all our people and they are exerting themselves to the utmost.

THE SCOUT WHO STICKS

You may talk of your Scouts who are strong on the hike. Who are there on the trail, in the woods and the like; You may have all your signalers eagles and stars, First aid aiders, athletes and sea faring tars; But if from all Scouts you give me my pick, I'll fasten my choice on the Scout who will stick. I don't care a whoop if he's fat short or tall, Bow-legged, pigeon-toed, cross-eyed or small. He may be a dub with an ax or a kit, At daily inspection he won't make a hit, His skull may be ivory, six inches thick, But I will overlook that in the Scout who will stick. There's a job to be done; it's a tough one, I fear, It may take a week—it may take a year— Who's going to do it? Here comes the chap, He takes off his coat, and he throws down his cap; Looks at the job, shuts his jaws with a click, Fellows, that's him—the Scout who will stick. Problems arise as the job goes along, Nothing works right—and every thing wrong, When things look the blackest some Scout will say, "Oh, Gee, what's the use?" and beats it away. But some one fights through the thin and the thick, And we find at the end the Scout who will stick. —By the Cave Scout.

Moving Up All Along The Line

The French, British and Americans are moving forward all along the line. While the Germans are fighting for every inch of ground, they can not withstand the spirit and powerful onslaught of the allies. At the present rate, it will only be a short time until the enemy is pushed back to the old Hindenburg line. Already this line has been taken in some places. While we are winning gloriously, let us not yet think the war is over. More of our boys must go. It is a glorious cause and we must save the world from German rule. There is no compromising. The allies must march up the streets of Berlin and dictate the terms of peace.

We are not hungry now at all. We just received the first loaf of bread from the new bakery, and is sure was fine.

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A CALL TO DUTY

From the battle fields in France there comes an unspoken call that should find an answer in every American's heart. The recent great events in Europe, the successes of American arms on the fields of France should spur every American to greater effort.

Our people at home should not rest on the laurels of our soldiers in France. Every death on the field of honor in the line of duty and for our country's cause should be a call to us for every sacrifice and every exertion to aid the cause for which our soldiers are fighting, for which our soldiers have died.

Increase production, decrease consumption, save, and lend to the Government. Every cent lent to the United States is used to support, strengthen, and aid our soldiers in France.

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

Get Your Feet Wet

¶ If you want to sell that old farm that hasn't been producing anything the past two years, that you have been paying taxes on and over which you have sweated, list it with us.

¶ If you are tired of the country and want to leave, we believe we can enable you to go to the land of your choice quicker and with more spending money than any other agency in all this country.

¶ Frankly, we are taking advantage of this oil talk. Remember that the drill has not been started, and that we are possibly several thousand feet from oil, perhaps miles. If you miss this opportunity, it may be a long, long time before you get another.

¶ If you are a citizen, we would be glad to see you stay in the Great Merkel Country, but if you are just bound to go, then let us sell your land for you.

¶ Give us exclusive listing and we will advertise your property, send agents to the money districts, and do everything legitimate to make you glad to list with us.

¶ We have several calls for royalties in the leased section. Let us have your royalty listing as quickly as possible. Name your own royalty price, if it is at all reasonable.

Following Are Some of Our Bargains

No. 311

160-ACRE FARM—This land lies 15 miles north of Merkel. 100 acres are in cultivation; all good land, except a little rough land which is in pasture. Two good wells, plenty of wood, good 5-room house with hall and porch. Church and school within 1½ miles, and 11 miles of Sylvester and Trent, on Sweetwater creek. This land can be turned at \$26.50 per acre for quick sale.

No. 312

UNEQUALED BARGAIN—320 acres, 180 in cultivation; 6-room house, 3-room house and out buildings. \$1100 loan on place for 5 years. Three-quarters of a mile to good school and Methodist and Baptist churches; 16 miles north of Merkel, and about 11 miles of Sylvester on Sweetwater creek. There is some rough land, but this is an exceptional bargain, as the owner will take \$17.50 per acre for quick sale. This place must be turned within 60 days. This land is not many miles from the leased district, and just as soon as a derrick goes in, it will be worth double the price asked.

No. 313

A FINE FARM—190 acres, 15 miles north of Merkel, almost midway between Sylvester and Trent; 135 acres in cultivation, practically every acre the very best of farming land; 4-room house and 3-room house, good well, creek water, 3 separate fields, 3 pastures. \$35 per acre. There are many desirable advantages to this farm. Exceptionally easy terms. Must be sold at once.

No. 314

NICE SMALL PLACE—Must go at once. Fifty acres, 3-room boxed house and weatherboarded, near Blair. Within two miles of railroad station and only a few miles from Merkel. Price is \$2250, with little over half cash, and balance on reasonable terms.

No. 315

160 ACRES NEAR TRENT—Well improved farm 1¼ miles west of Trent. This is a good buy. In a well settled community of farm owners, adjacent to the very best school and churches in the country. Price is very reasonable. Lenient terms given. Same party also owns a couple of splendid residences in Merkel at reasonable prices. Royalty alone in 60 days may be worth twice the price of the farm.

No. 316

TWO FARMS—340 acres and 240 acres, owned by same party. Will sell either or both. Of the 340 acres, 120 are in cultivation, balance in pasture, of which about 100 acres are rough. Property fronts on rural route, has two sets of improvements. The price of this land is only \$17.50 an acre. Some trade will be considered. One third must be paid down and the balance will have terms at your own making. This property is 17 miles northwest of Merkel and 11 miles of Sylvester. Good schools and good churches near. The 240 acres can all be cultivated, except about 5 acres. 100 acres of this plot is in cultivation. The price of this plot is \$20 per acre, and a cash payment of \$2000 will be accepted, the balance to be paid at your own terms. Both these places make an exceptionally good buy. Possession can be given at any time.

No. 317

147½ ACRES NORTHEAST OF MERKEL—This farm is four miles northeast of Merkel. 100 acres are in a high state of cultivation, lying in a valley, and is one of the most productive farms in all this country. The place fronts on public road, where a nice elevated gravel plot forms a noll for the residence, a box house containing 7 rooms and two galleries. There is a good well and windmill, fine water, fair out buildings. This place is listed for quick sale at \$30 an acre and is well worth the money. See us at once.

"YE SERPENTS, YE GENERATIONS OF VIPERS; HOW CAN YE ESCAPE THE DAMNATION OF HELL?"

All our business and domestic life has been upset; all our fond anticipations for the future of loved ones must now be supplanted by the ever-present realization of danger, their certain sufferings and their possible death; sorrow and anguish are everywhere, the nation is in turmoil, a land of peace has been suddenly transformed into a war machine, the daily toll of death grows steadily larger and soon will be doubled and quadrupled and requadrupled—sorrow and breaking of hearts are everywhere.

And why all these suffering and sorrow? Why these breaking hearts? Why this awful toll of death and disease?

Because Germany for the aggrandizement of its autocratic despotic rulers, and for the wealth to come from looting the world, for years definitely planned to turn this peaceful world into a hell of woe. Cold-bloodedly these murderers set about their plans for a war upon their neighbors, in tending when they had been destroyed to push across the sea and conquer America. They even planned the terms of exploiting Canada, which was to be one of the indemnities to be paid by England.

The world has thus been turned into a mighty armed camp; millions have been killed and millions have been maimed; the blinded, the armless, the legless will soon be in evidence all over our land as they are in England, France and Italy.

Millions have died of hunger and hundreds of millions have felt the pinching power of an everdecreasing food supply; hundreds of millions have for more than four years lived in agony of heart as by day and by night their ears are ever strained for the dreaded word of the death of some loved one.

For years our allies endured horrors surpassing the wildest flight of Dante's imagination as he pictured the Inferno, and day after day and month after month, from their bleeding hearts went forth the never-ceasing cry: "How long, O Lord how long will America sleep on in fancied security?"

And why have our allies thus far suffered and why must we now give our millions, the very flower of our civilization, to endure these sufferings and death in all its fearful battlefield forms?

Because William the accursed, and all Germany—not the military leaders only, but all Germany—set out on a prearranged campaign to murder millions to enrich themselves by looting the world.

These murderers, these looters, these outragers destroyed womanhood, slew hostages, shot down innocent civilians, to protect themselves from the soldiers of the allies placed women and children in advance of the firing line, poisoned wells, and spread disease germs, all for the purpose of making their predetermined plan of "frightfulness" their greatest weapon to make nations tremble before the very thought of arousing German hostility. And all this for their own personal enrichment, and planned out for many years.

At last, thank God, America is awake, and never again will it slumber until those who have created this hell on earth have paid full penalty for their crimes.

And Jesus said—
"Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers; how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"—Manufacturers Record.

For a Weak Stomach.

The great relief afforded by Chamberlain's Tablets in a multitude of cases has fully proven the great value of this preparation for a weak stomach and impaired digestion. In many cases this relief has become permanent and the sufferers have been completely restored to health.

MERKEL REALTY COMPANY

J. T. BROWNING

WALTER JACKSON

MERKEL

TEXAS

LOCAL NEWS

Word came Tuesday that Ozey A. Horton of Noodle, one of our own boys, had been severely wounded. We anxiously await further news from him. This is the first party from the Merkel country that has come to our notice as having been wounded on foreign soil. We devoutly hope for his quick recovery.

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

Mrs. Will Tucker and daughters, Margaret, Doris, and Sara Agnes are visiting their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

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

Mrs. Jesse Berry and Daughter, Jessie Margaret are visiting Mrs. Berry's father, Mr. Joe Holmes.

Car of oats just received at Bob Martins.

Miss Ruby Jones and her cousin, Mrs. Davis of Snyder, motorer to Mineral Wells to spend a few days.

Why not take a business education and be of some help in winning the war. The Merkel Business College can give you the very best training in shorthand and typewriting to be had. A new class is just starting.

If you want a real farm, we have it. The Merkel Realty Company.

Lieut. Jr. Robt. B. Parker, son of Supt. Parker, has been promoted to Lieut Sr. grade.

Complete line of school books and school supplies. Grimes Drug Store.

I will buy anything I can use or find a market for. So bring along what you have to sell. W. P. Duckett.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sears a 10-pound boy. Mother and baby are getting along splendidly, and the father is the proudest man in Merkel.

List your property with the Merkel Realty Company, if you want it sold.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

Miss Virgle Mayfield has just returned from a two weeks visit with relatives in Rosco.

Complete line of school books and school supplies. Grimes Drug Store.

School books are absolutely Cash. Grimes Drug Store.

Mrs. Pessie Berry and little daughter, Jessie Margaret, of Detroit, are visiting Mrs. Berry's father, Joe Holmes.

Car of oats just received at Bob Martins.

We want to list your vacant lots, your houses, in fact whatever you have to sell. The Merkel Realty Company.

The government is paying high salaries for competent stenographers and typists. Take a course now at the Merkel Business College.

BE PATRIOTIC

One is not entirely patriotic if he does not wear patches on his clothes. Bring out your old duds and let me patch and press them. The war is on, but when I serve you nobody knows that your clothes are old. I will make them look new. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

WE BUY OLD FALSE TEETH

We will pay up to \$21.50 per set (broken or not). Send now. Cash sent by return mail. Package held 10 to 15 days subject to sender's approval of our offer. Highest prices paid for Old Gold Jewelry, Gold Crowns, Bridges, Platinum and Silver.

United States Smelting Works, Inc. 1084 Goldsmith Bldg., Opp. Post Office, Milwaukee, Wis. Aug 23/20.

Announcing Our Special Showing NEW FALL HATS

On Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14 There will be a special showing at this store of New Fall Hats for Immediate wear. Come in and inspect all of the many new fashions of this season's Millinery. Small, Large and Medium size hats are here and we will be more than pleased to show you.

We have devoted a great deal of time and thought to our Misses line and as a result have beautiful collection of models.

In connection to our Millinery Department we will call attention to our nice assortment of Ladies Dresses, Coats, Suits, Skirts and Georgette Blouses. Also misses and childrens Coats bought early and priced accordingly. The earlier you come, the better will be the selection.

Let us have the pleasure of showing you

The Woodroof-Bragg Co.

Barber Shop Moved.

Pate & Son have moved from Kent Street to the portion of the Anchor building, across the alley from the post office. They are fixing up their new quarters in swell shape. Mr. Pate reports business good and is delighted with his new location.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

Shidler Boy Killed.

Mrs. J. J. Stallings received word a few days ago from her old friend, Mrs. S. A. Shidler, of San Antonio, to the effect that her 14-year old boy had been accidentally electrocuted last week. He and some neighbor boys were playing in a cellar, when he came in contact with a live wire and doubtless was killed instantly. The boys were out of the compartment for the time and did not witness the accident. When found he had been dead about 30 minutes.

Mrs. Shidler resided in Merkel for 6 or 7 years. Her husband was a jeweler here at the time. Many parties here doubtless remember the family well, and sympathize with them in their trouble.

School books are absolutely Cash. Grimes Drug Store.

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.

Get Into Essential Work. Help Uncle Sam. Liberal Opportunities Are Offered

An unlimited number of carpenters and unskilled workmen are wanted for the government air nitrate plants at muscle Shoals, Ala. Shipment leaves Abilene, Saturday morning, Sept. 14th. Applications must be registered with the Examiner in Charge at Abilene, Texas, not later than 10.30 p.m. September 13. Wages: Carpenters 55 cents an hour for eight hours, time and half overtime. Ten-hours constitutes a day's work. laborers 30 cents an hour, time and half for overtime, making \$3.30 per day of ten hours. Board may be obtained at \$5.25 per week. Transportation and meals enroute advanced and deducted in installments from wages over several week's period.

This is essential war work. Due to the extreme shortage of labor this plant will have to close down unless recruited soon. The war must go on and this plant must be put on a working basis. Here is a chance to help the government. Under the "work or fight" law men will be drafted in to this work if they do not volunteer. Mechanics must have tools, and be first class.

Get busy to-day. W. H. Wright, Examiner in Charge U.S. Employment Service, Abilene, Texas

Good for Billiousness

"I took two of Chamberlain's Tablets last night, and I feel fifty per cent better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for billiousness. For sale by all dealers.

We are going to place our exclusive listings in book form and send agents to the moneyed centers "where there is something doing." If you really want to sell list with us quick. The Merkel Realty Company, at the Merkel Mail office.

Leave For Government Work.

The following parties left Monday morning for Petersburg, Va., to enter the government work:

Fred A. Baker, Lawson Childress, J. L. McMean, Oscar McMean, H. E. Farmer, L.D. Casey, C. E. Patterson, Graham Riggan, Nathan Riggan, W. J. Reynolds, R. E. Cole, Garon Cole, all of Merkel; M. Forrester, Trent; Hoke L. Propst, W. H. Kennedy, J. C. Jeffery, all of Noodle.

HELP THE KIDNEYS

Merkel Readers Are Learning The Way.

It's the little kindey ills—The lame, weak or aching back The unnoticed urinary disorders That may lead to dropsy and Bright's disease. When the kidneys are weak. Help them with Doan's Kidney Pills, A remedy especially for weak kidneys. Doan's have been used in kidney troubles for 50 years. Endorsed by 50,000 people—endorsed by citizens of this locality.

W. J. Hauk, retired faarmer, Anson, Texas, says: "Doan's Kidney Pills always relieve me when I use them. When my kidneys are disordered or need attention, I get a box of Doan's Kidney Pills and they never fail to benefit me. Another in my family has found just as beneficial results from their use."

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

Touch typewriting and Pitman shorthand taught at the Merkel Business College in the shortest time possible.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Latham left Monday night for their home at Houston. They made a short stop at Dallas, where they visited relatives.

Good for Biliousness.

"Two years ago I suffered frequent attacks of stomach trouble and biliousness. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets advertised I concluded to try them. I improved rapidly." Miss Emma Verbryke, Lima, Ohio.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo,

Lucas County, ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Advertised Letters.

These can be redeemed upon payment of one cent. Cook, Wallis. Moody, Walter. Simpson, Alvin. Thompson, A. H. Worsham, M. A. These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on September 25th. H. C. Williams, Postmaster, Merkel, Texas.

For diarrhoea in children one year old or older you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, followed by a dose of castor oil. It should be kept at hand and given as soon as the first unnatural looseness of the bowels appears.

See that productive farm just a few miles northeast of Merkel. The Merkel Realty Company.

Dewey Witcher came in Thursday morning from Honey Grove, where he has been several weeks. He says things look mighty good there.

Fresh bread, cakes and pies made daily at the Metropolitan Cafe.

LOCAL NEWS

Hot coffee and cakes at The Metropolitan and Bakery.

Miss Agnes Lassiter of Abilene visited home folks Sunday.

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

Jinks Winters of Camp Travis is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Winters.

Complete line of school books and school supplies. Grimes Drug Store.

Why do you want to pay out several hundred dollars for a business course when you can take shorthand and typewriting at home by an experienced teacher and at a nominal cost? See The Merkel Business College.

Si. Hamm of Fort Worth came in Tuesday to register. He will remain home sometime.

Henry R. Hicks, of Hurley, N. M., writes that he likes the country all right. He says it has rained 10 different times since he arrived there on August 1. He said the country was green and pretty. He has a good job. He wishes his regards passed on to his many friends.

Don't forget the man that buys most everything. Go to see him when you have anything to sell. The first letter of his name is W. P. Duckett.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Barrow and family have moved to Anson where Mr. Barrow takes charge of one of the company's stores. While this splendid family has only been here a comparatively short time, yet they had made a host of friends who are sorry to see them leave. Asa Sheppard has been promoted to the management of the store here. We congratulate him upon his promotion and predict a successful managementship.

Why not look at that 160-acre farm 15 miles north of Merkel. It is a big bargain at \$26.50 per acre. See The Merkel Realty Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett are the happy parents of a fine boy. Mother and baby are doing nicely, and the father is entirely beside himself.

That 190-acre farm near Trent is an exceptional bargain at \$35 per acre. See The Merkel Realty Company.

Melons, fruit, candies. You'll find them at Boney's. 29t2c

Mrs. M. E. Orr left Saturday for Putman for an extended visit to her sons, Yancey and Will Orr.

Complete line of school books and school supplies. Grimes Drug Store.

Mrs. Ida Tucker and children of Fulbright, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter and family.

Plenty of oats at G. M. Sharps Steve Duckett and little girl, of Snyder, visited relatives here the past week.

If we haven't what you want, we'll get it. The Merkel Realty Company.

W. C. Calvert and family of Sweetwater visited relatives in Merkel Sunday, taking dinner with Chas. Russell and family.

School books are absolutely Cash. Grimes Drug Store.

V. E. Ellis left Wednesday for Deport on business. He was accompanied by Mr. Grogan and family of Truby. They made the trip in their car.

Go to Rogers where the dollar buys most.

Tan-No-More

THE SKIN BEAUTIFIER
The most scientific and most wonderful facial preparation of the modern age. It imparts to the skin a velvety softness and delicacy which is delightful in appearance and pleasing in effect. Used during the day it is a protection from the Sun and Wind. In the evening its use assures a faultless complexion. Tint: White and Flesh. All dealers, 25c, 50c and \$1.00, or sent post paid on receipt of price. Sample for the asking.

BAKER-WHEELER MANUFACTURING COMPANY DALLAS, TEXAS