



## AGREEMENT REACHED

### COUNCIL DEFENSE MAKES IMPORTANT BUILDING RULING

Anyone Desiring To Build Must Submit Sworn Statement Showing Purpose

Taylor County Council Indorses Congressman Blanton's effort to secure Government aid in road building.

One of the best meetings of the Taylor County Council of Defense was held Tuesday afternoon at Abilene. The meeting was well attended, practically every member being present.

The meeting was called for the purpose of inaugurating in this county and putting into effect the responsibility of passing up on the necessity of all building not strictly war nature, as ordered and directed by the National Council of Defense.

In pursuance of this bulletin the Taylor County Council of Defense appointed the following committee for the curtailment of non-war construction: Walter Jackson, chairman, Mrs. G. O. Cresswell, H. O. Wooten, Henry James, and C. M. Hunt of Bradshaw.

Anyone proposing to build must submit to this committee a sworn statement of the purpose for which he desires to build, the cost, the necessity, etc. This committee will investigate the necessity of the construction and transmit its recommendations, together with the facts, to the office of the State Council of Defense, and there all cases will be reviewed and acted upon.

This is the most important matter that has yet been placed upon the County or State Council of Defense and the local council will surely have the full cooperation of the entire county in this work and their selection of the committee with the personnel that it has, is one that will meet with universal approval.

The council also instructed the secretary to wire Congressman Blanton their endorsement of his efforts to secure Federal aid for road construction in this section. Following is the message:

Congressman Thomas Blanton, Washington, D. C.

The Taylor County Council of Defense endorse your efforts to secure Federal aid to build good roads in West Texas. This aid, if secured now, will be of untold benefit to our people in the drought section. Signed, Mrs. G. O. Cresswell Sec.

### THE NEW REAL ESTATE COMPANY

The Merkel Realty Company is now down to business. The organization is composed of W. O. Boney, J. T. Browning and Walter Jackson. About a dozen deals are credited to these parties during the past two weeks. They intend to push their business far beyond local confines and are therefore urging exclusive listings. The headquarters of the company will be at the offices formerly occupied by W. O. Boney, though listings may be made at the Merkel Mail office as well.

### Closing Hour Orders.

By order of the Council of Defense, all stores are asked to close their place of business at 7 o'clock, beginning October 1, and when the times change, the closing hour will be 6 o'clock, except on Saturdays.

The gasoline filling stations are to observe the above closing hours and not to open on Sunday

## Drilling For Oil Will Start Within Sixty Days---Perhaps Much Sooner

### CONGRESSMAN BLANTON SENDS CONGRATULATION TO PEOPLE.

"I want to specially commend the Central West Texas people on their movement to pass up the circus on next Saturday. I have lately persuaded Chautauquas to postpone certain engagements in West Texas on account of the drought conditions. This circus will take thousands of needed dollars out of the Abilene country. French soldiers here refuse now to attend dances and gaiety functions. If mass meeting people should agree to wire circus not to stop in Abilene upon penalty of absolute non-attendance. It would demonstrate willingness to sacrifice and to properly meet existing conditions. Can't circus money be contributed into local relief fund to assist needy and deserving sufferers?"

### IN FAVOR OF THE CIRCUS

Editor of The Mail:

Could not the Council of Defense throw the grand total of the yearly cost of the men's chewing tobacco in the spotlight, and make a more unpatriotic showing than the cost of attending the circus?

"The circus belongs to the children, as Santa Claus to Christmas, and, like Christmas, comes but once a year."

It is eminently the show of the country people, and very few of them, comparatively speaking, have spent any thing for an evening's amusement since they last attended a "big show." And if the editor of The Merkel Mail had spent the last six weeks chasing diminutive bolls of the fleecy staple, I think he would feel that a "day off" with the kids at the circus would fill a real need.

Mrs. B. N. Billingsley

### Men Wanted For Government.

Men are wanted for U. S. Government work at Nashville, Tenn. First and second class carpenters, millwrights, electricians, brick masons, pipefitters and riggers. Best of wages. Board and lodging \$6.80 per week. Transportation and meals enroute advanced.

Report at U. S. Employment Service at Abilene not later than 11 o'clock Friday night, September 27. Shipment leaves Abilene Saturday morning, Sept. 28.

You sign up for no stipulated time. U. S. Employment Service, Abilene, Texas.

In agreement with the request of the Taylor County Council of Defense the dealers in Merkel have entered into an agreement not to sell gasoline on Sunday hereafter. This is another item of helping to win the war. Sunday joy riding is also discouraged. A great deal of gasoline is needed at the front and every gallon should be saved that is possible.

Car of oats just received at Bob Martins.

### ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING HELD

## Great Co-Operative Spirit of Citizenship---Letter Is Received from The Geologist

Seldom are the occasions that draw men out as was the meeting last Friday night in the interest of the oil situation. Men came from everywhere, it seemed, handsome men and ugly, and yet every heart beat in unison with the same purpose of oil hope. They want to see this great section developed, and they are impatient for activity. They gathered and filled the Commercial Club rooms, and then Mr. Groene kindly tendered the opera house, and every one repaired there, filling it to overflowing. Men came for business. They wanted to hear something, and they heard it.

T. A. Johnson was chairman of the meeting. His call to order was met instantly by a hushed throng, anxious and eager for the words that marked distinctly the line between hope and despair. Mr. Johnson commended their coming together in this manner, their spirit of co-operation and standing almost as one man for development.

Mr. Boggs was then called upon and responded: "We feel as if you have treated us pretty nice and we feel proud of what you have done and we are going to try to do something for you. We would have liked to have had every one sign the lease, but the record is remarkable to say the least." His speech was followed with great applause, so much so that some one suggested that the fire bell be rung.

Mr. Garrison said: I sure want to thank every one for what

they have done. We have started something that might take us a long time to finish. I noticed something in the paper yesterday of the oil production in Ranger. I believe a year from now we will have as much production here as in Ranger. I hope these fellows who have not come in with us will come in yet. Our banks here realize what oil has done for the banks at Ranger.

If we can do half as much for them here they will be glad we came.

H. C. Williams said: "I feel it would be proper and right for us to give a vote of thanks to these people for doing what they have in a fair-minded way." Unanimously carried.

Mr. Houghton said: "I am wonderfully full tonight. I have helped in four districts to drill wells. I feel that you are all with us. We are now here to back the assertions of the men who have been here for these months."

Final details were then passed up to the committee, composed of T. A. Johnson, G. E. Comegys, T. G. Bragg, A. C. Rose and Walter Jackson, and the meeting adjourned.

The committee met with the oil men Saturday afternoon and in a short while completed the 60-day contract. The oil men are now busy perfecting final details and doubtless will be ready to start operations long before the expiration of the sixty days.

Judge Mahaffey made a short talk at the close of the meeting, saying that he was not sorry

for those who had not leased, but for their neighbors, as persuading the ordinary methods of protection, it would be the wise thing to drill as far away from unleased territory as the geologist would permit.

### One of Biggest Oil Fields Known To Man at This Time

August 2, 1918.

Mr. A. D. Boggs, Merkel, Texas.

Dear Sir and Friend:—

I am forwarding you Geological report of the lands, I have surveyed and examined for oil and gas for the Taylor, Jones and Nolan Oil Assn. of Merkel, Texas.

I wish to say that I cannot say all that I know relative to oil lands in the Merkel Oil District as I believe it would be too far reaching, but I have outlined the best I could without a complete map of the lands reported upon, which can be done later and the structures can be gone over on the ground and the anticline and synclines can be properly marked on the map. I know you have selected the very best lands and your judgment has been excellent in choosing your acreage, for it is my judgment after careful examination of them that I submit to your Company this report and in doing so, as I said above, I am afraid I would be misunderstood and who ever might read the report would think I was too enthusiastic, about these lands, being oil lands, however, I am going to say to you again this Oil District will prove to be one of the largest producing oil fields known to man at this time.

Your friend,  
JNO. D. KENNARD.

### FRENCH TROOPS TAKE BIG RAIL CITY

Paris, Sept. 25.— French troops have entered Prilep, says an official Serbian statement received here today. On either side of the Vardar much war material and supplies have been captured. East of the Vardar the Bulgarians and Germans are falling back on Veles, 25 miles southeast of Uskub. Along the Prilep-Gradsko road the Serbians captured thirteen guns and a great number of ammunition wagons and other material.

With the expected fall of Veles, it is believed that the next objective of the Allied Army will be Uskub in order to re-establish the Saloniki Uskub Railway communication.

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

Counsel of Defense Meets  
Warren School District will meet at Warren school house on October 2 at 3 p. m. Everybody in the district is urged to be present.

Will pay highest price for good fresh eggs. Metropolitan Cafe and Bakery.

### PRESIDENT PROCLAIMS OCT. 12, LIBERTY DAY

Discovery Of America To Be Celebrated To Stimulate Response To Loan.

Washington, Sept. 26.— President Wilson today proclaimed Saturday, Oct. 12, the four hundred and twenty-sixth anniversary of the discovery of America, as Liberty Day, and called upon all citizens to celebrate it to stimulate a generous response to the fourth Liberty loan.

The President's proclamation follows:

"Every day the great principles for which we are fighting take fresh hold upon our thought and purpose and make it clearer what the end must be and what we must do to achieve it. We now know more certainly than we ever knew before why free men brought the great Nation and Government we love into existence, because it grows clearer and clearer what supreme service it is to be America's privilege to render to the world. The anniversary of the discovery of America must therefore have for us in this fateful year a peculiar and thrilling significance. We should make it a day of ardent rededication to the ideals upon which our Government is founded and by which our present heroic tasks are inspired.

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, do appoint Saturday, the twelfth day of October, 1918, as Liberty Day. On that day I request the citizens of every community of the United States, city, town and countryside to celebrate the discovery of our country in order to stimulate a generous response to the fourth Liberty loan. Commemorative addresses, pageants, harvest home festivals or other demonstrations should be arranged for in every neighborhood under the general direction of the Secretary of the Treasury and the immediate direction of the Liberty loan committee in co-operation with the United States Bureau of Education and the public school authorities. Let the people's response to the fourth Liberty loan express the measure of their devotion to the ideals which have guided the country from its discovery until now, and of their determined purpose to defend them and guarantee their triumph.

"For the purpose of participating in Liberty day celebrations all employes of the Federal Government throughout the country whose services can be spared may be excused on Saturday, the twelfth day of October, for the entire day.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done in the District of Columbia, this 19th day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-third.

"WOODROW WILSON.  
"By the President,  
"Robert Lansing, Secretary of State."

Plenty of corn and oats on hand now. Crown Hardware Company.

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.

### CLASSIFIED ADS

1 cent a word for each insertion. No ad. taken for less than 15c.

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.

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.

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

FOR TRADE—Three jacks and a stallion for residence property in Merkel. Want something unincumbered. J. H. Grayson, Trent, Texas. Rt. 2. 26t2p.

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.

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



## 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

### WILSON WILL FIX PRICE OF COTTON

Governments Will Also Control Distribution of Years Crop.

Washington, Sept. 20.— President Wilson will fix the price of cotton, placing the last of the principal commodities necessary in the prosecution of the war under government regulation, despite strong pressure from the Southern States. In addition to determining the price, the Government will take over control of the distribution of this year's crop.

The decision of the President, definitely announced at a conference this week with Senators and Representatives from the cotton States, became known today. Plans to carry out the decision are said to be under way.

Agitation for the fixing of a price for cotton has been prevalent for a number of months owing to the rapidly mounting cost of cotton products, and the belief in many quarters that the staple should be placed on the same basis as wheat and other essentials, the price of which has been fixed. The principal factor in the action of the President is understood to have been the shortage in the present crop estimated at between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 bales.

The price to be named by the President or the means of controlling distribution have not been decided upon. The President is understood to have emphasized at his recent conference that "a fair price" would be fixed, but did not indicate in any way what this would be.

FOR SALE—Typewriter ribbons at the Merkel Mail office.

### RED CROSS AMRICO TOOTH PASTE

An antiseptic refreshing paste, that leaves a delightful after-taste. Cleanses the teeth without injuring the enamel. The antiseptic properties aid in keeping the teeth and gums in a healthy condition. This and more than one hundred other Red Cross Remedies and Toilet Preparations sold and guaranteed only by

Grimes Drug Store

### TRACTOR DEMONSTRATION

Quite a representative crowd of citizens attended the tractor demonstration, given by the Merkel Motor Company in the southern part of town last Friday afternoon. The "Fordson" showed in a short time that it could turn the soil. For breaking ground there is perhaps no more economical method than this. Without hesitation or strain the tractor moved forward. In a remarkably short time.

The "Fordson" has been talked of and looked for, and doubtless it will not be a great while until this machine will be a common spectacle in the fields of leading farmers. It is light, and while it has not reached that state of perfection to make it an ideal implement for cultivation purposes, it is remarkably efficient for breaking purposes.

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.

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. 50c.

Sergeant Marvin Standifer, who has been in training at Terrill for a few weeks is here on a visit to his father, Rev. S. R. Standifer.

### Tan-No-More

THE SKIN BEAUTIFIER

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

BAKER-WHEELER MANUFACTURING COMPANY  
DALLAS, TEXAS

## Fourth Liberty Loan



☛ This campaign is now on. Every person should invest in these bonds to the limit of his ability. ☛ This Bank and its officials and clerical force is at your service in this matter and will give the same careful attention to subscriptions that it has in the past.

### War Saving Stamps

for sale over the counter  
at all times

☛ Your general Banking business invited and the limit of our service is only circumscribed by the rules of prudent banking.

## FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

### LOCAL NEWS

Rev. J. D. Dodd has just returned from an extended trip to Alabama. He reports a splendid time back in his old home locality. He even says he had fine fish right out of the Talaposa river. He has been away since April 13 last. For the first time in 20 years, he and his four brothers met together. It was a grand re-union. On his return he spent a couple of weeks in Louisiana.

Plenty of corn and oats on hand now. Crown Hardware Company.

Ralph Bigham left the past week for Berkeley, Cal., where he entered the aviation corps of the University of California. He will remain in training there for about three months, when he will be sent to other fields for final training. He writes that he is treated royally and likes everything splendidly.

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

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Campbell of Blair left a few days ago for Ranger and Fort Worth, where they will remain for some time.

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.

### NOTHING ELSE LIKE IT IN MERKEL

There has never been anything in Merkel with the instant action of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, ect., as mixed in Adler-i-ka. One spoonful flushes the entire bowel tract so completely it relieves any case sour stomach, gas or constipation and prevents appendicitis. The instant, pleasant action of Adler-i-ka surprises both doctors and patients. Sanders Drug Store. adv.1.

# DO IT THE 30TH

With Your Whole Heart  
For its Every Ones Duty

# Buy Liberty Bonds

IT'S THE QUICK WAY FOR PEACE

IF YOU CAN BUY Liberty Bonds  
and then not do it, are you loyal?

## The Brown D. G. Company

### LOCAL NEWS

Hon. J. T. Tucker of Pecos was a very pleasant visitor in Merkel for several days this week on business. He was on his way to the Confederate Re-union in Oklahoma. He was an old resident of Merkel, having resided here about 39 years, until a couple of years ago, when he removed to Pecos.

For a couple of terms, he represented Taylor County in the legislature.

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

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe are in receipt of a card announcing the safe arrival overseas of their son, Britton.

Coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, doughnuts, cakes and bread baked daily. Metropolitan Cafe and Bakery.

C. A. Bickley of Merit, Texas, was in the city the past week looking after his farm interests in this section. He left Monday night for his home.

The largest stock of linoleum in the West. Our prices are right. A. B. Barrow & Company.

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.

J. N. Shelton returned Saturday from an extended trip to Waco. He says conditions around there are as sorry as they can be, and he is glad to get back home.

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.





John Doctoroff  
-Dial-

# TO ARMS, CITIZENS!

The immortal words of the French battle cry of freedom ring out again today to the American nation.

We are called upon to take up arms and fight to the death - if need be - for freedom, Justice and Those Things that make life worth living.

In this profound crisis is the test of citizenship.

The highest form of duty is to fight with our armed forces - to have enough to eat, enough to wear, a few dollars in your pocket, and to devote the balance of your earning power - your life if need be - as an offering to your country.

The next best form of duty is to stay at home and produce - allowing yourself enough money to purchase the bare necessities of life and to conduct business, essential to the war, and to devote the balance of your earning power to your country in the form of subscriptions to Liberty Loans.

One or the other duty you must assume.

If you can bear arms you will do so.

If you are unable to bear arms you will supply the money and material for those who can - you will enable them to bear your arms for you.

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## FIGHT or BUY LIBERTY BONDS

As a part of their efforts to fight this war to a prompt and victorious conclusion, this advertisement is endorsed and paid for by

Star Store

Crown Hardware Co.

Merkel Power Co.

Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Co.

Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Grimes Drug Store





John Doctoroff  
-Deline-

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TELEPHONE No. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Merkel  
Texas as second class mail matter.

According to our prediction,  
the school attendance has exceed  
ed that of last year. All the peo-  
ple have not left the country.

It is time to figure a little.  
We have been hit hard, but not  
half as hard as would have been  
the boot heel of the German rav-  
ishing our country. So let us be  
up and about, doing everything  
we can for the Fourth Liberty  
Loan.

Oil prospects are stimulating  
land values. Old farms that the  
owners wanted to give away a  
short time ago, now have a real  
market value. Some people who  
have kicked on the country un-  
til they have worn the soles off  
their shoes and the borderland  
away from their conscience, have  
said, "I don't want to sell now."  
Pretty good country, after all,  
isn't it, brother.

The Merkel people are to be  
congratulated upon the way they  
do things educational. A  
movement inaugurated several  
days ago for the purpose of se-  
curing a library adapted to the  
needs of each individual room  
below the high school has met  
with the most cheerful and  
heartily approval and co-operation  
of the children, parents, teach-  
ers and friends of the public  
schools. It is nothing short of  
marvelous the way the people  
stand by their school in the  
face of the continued drouth and  
the world-wide war.

Of all institutions that should  
maintain normal conditions dur-  
ing this great crisis it is the  
public school. President Wood-  
row Wilson, and Mr. Claxton  
the Commissioner of Education  
for the United States, both are  
emphasizing the fact that the  
boys and girls should be kept in  
school to the end that they may  
not only be the better prepared

to do their bit in winning the  
war, but that they may be much  
better equipped for the great  
work which their hands may find  
to do after the war shall have  
come to a successful close.

This war must be won, and it  
will be won. So if you want to  
have a hand in helping the boys  
and girls of Merkel win this war  
for Liberty, Democracy and  
Righteousness donate a small a-  
mount to their Library fund.  
You can do this by sending, or  
handing, it to any one of the  
teachers in the Intermediate and  
Primary departments.

A linoleum pattern suitable  
for any room. Come select yours  
now. A. B. Barrow & Company.

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

Expected Sun dried apples by  
Saturday. G. M. Sharp.

Be patriotic. Save your wife  
unnecessary labor. Linoleum  
will do it. A. B. Barrow & Com-  
pany.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald  
and Mrs. T. G. Bragg left Wed-  
nesday for Westbrook to visit  
Mrs. McDonald's and Mrs. Brag's  
parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S.  
Barnes.

Mrs. Leerstang Writes.  
Headley, Texas, Sept. 29.

Dear Mrs. Jackson:  
We have at last landed in this  
place. Like fine. Have fine feed  
crops and melons, and roasting  
ears. Wish we could pass them  
on to you people. We had a fine  
rain the night of the 15th. The  
boys are now in school. I hope  
you all have had rain by this  
time.

Please see that The Merkel  
Mail is sent to us.

Sincerely  
Mrs. O. F. Leerstang.

Save labor by putting linoleum  
on your floor. It is the best and  
the cheapest floor covering. A.  
B. Barrow & Company.

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

## W. L. DILTZ WRITES

August 28, 1918.  
Dear Father and Mother:

Today makes two months  
since I took my last look at the  
"State of Liberty". It has been  
a short two months indeed, but  
I have surely seen some country  
and had some good experience.  
But I guess I will have a better  
tale to tell about the next two  
months.

I'm still well and feeling good  
and seeing many interesting  
things every day but not a thing  
that I can write about.  
Luke and I are still together  
but we haven't heard of Chick  
or Rosco.

August 30, 1918.—This leaves  
me feeling fine and dandy and  
just as happy as could be ex-  
pected under the circumstances.  
Every thing is about the  
same, we had quite a little ex-  
citement last night as a few of  
the Hun's big shells came our  
way, but they didn't last long.

Luther got a letter from Em-  
mitt saying he had arrived in  
France just a few days after  
we landed, so that makes three  
of them now, "over-here," and  
none of them know where the  
others are, and will not likely  
see one another until they get  
back to America.

September 2 1918.—No news  
and nothing very exciting since  
last letter.

It is getting cold here. I sleep  
in my ambulance on three horse  
blankets and cover with two  
heavy army blankets, over coats  
and rain-coats and with all my  
clothes on and I don't sleep any  
too warm then. This is one time  
that I haven't seen any summer  
time, just a few warm days at  
Travis and the rest of the time  
has been very pleasant. It doesn't  
seem like a summer has  
passed, but I guess you people  
in dry old Texas have realized  
it.

Yesterday was Sunday, but if  
I hadn't have known, I wouldn't  
en't have ever guessed it. They  
make no difference between the  
days here. I worked all day.

Now I want you to know that  
I'm in a safe place and we work  
back of the lines and of-course  
not in much danger, so don't  
worry about me, but just re-  
member me in your prayers and  
I will write as often as I can.  
God bless and keep you.

Wm. L. Diltz, Amb. Co.,  
360. 315 San Train. American  
E. F. A. P. O. No. 770.

## A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures Kid-  
ney and Bladder troubles, dis-  
solves gravel, cures diabetes,  
weak and lame backs, rheuma-  
tism, and all irregularities of  
the kidneys and bladder in both  
men and women, regulates blad-  
der 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.

## Card Of Thanks.

We wish to thank the people  
of Merkel and the neighbors  
especially for the kindness that  
was shown during the illness  
and at the death of Aunt N. N.  
Thompson. We thank Dr. Car-  
roll and the Merkel Ice Com-  
pany for faithful services and  
kindness shown. We appreciate  
very much the floral offerings.  
May God's richest blessings rest  
on you all.

C.E. Conner and wife  
Mrs. R. Conner.  
Mrs. Sallie Reid.  
Mrs. M. J. Marlow.  
T. B. Story.

SEWING WANTED—For sew-  
ing of all kinds, see Mrs. J. C.  
Carpenter, in the balcony at the  
Anchor Mercantile Co. 2714p.

Miss Dovie Teaff has been on  
the sick list for the past ten  
days, but is now much improv-  
ed.

Call on us for your heaters,  
stove pipe, etc. Crown Hardware  
Company.

Grove's Tasteless chili Tonic  
restores vitality and energy by purifying and en-  
riching the blood. You can soon feel its Streng-  
thening, Invigorating Effect. Price 6c.



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We have recently secured the  
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**DEVOE** *The Guaranteed*  
**Lead and Zinc Paint**  
*Fewer Gallons—Wears Longer*

This paint is absolutely pure  
—100% paint and *nothing else*—  
*paint* to the last drop in the can.  
The guarantee formula on every  
can tells just what the contents  
are. It proves that Devoe con-  
tains no whitening, no china clay,  
no silica or other worthless stuff.

That's why we guarantee that  
Devoe will take fewer gallons  
and wear longer than any other  
paint. Come in and let us show  
you the economy of painting  
Devoe. Ask for helpful painting  
booklet—"Keep Appearances  
Up and Expenses Down."

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# Pony Mares and Mules Wanted

We want pony mares  
and mules between  
3 and 10 years old.

Headquarters for  
**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**  
will be at  
Hellums Wagon Yard

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Merkel, Texas

LET ME LIST YOUR  
**REAL ESTATE, LEASES  
AND ROYALTIES**

Will give you the best of service

T. E. RAGAN Merkel, Texas

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

Mrs. Sallie Reid has just re-  
turned from an extended trip to  
her son, and family at Aledo,

Texas. She reports crops not  
any good there.

Car of oats just received at  
Bob Martins.

Plenty of fresh groceries at  
G. M. Sharps.

## Miss Virginia Duckett Dead.

Friends and acquaintances of  
Miss Virginia Duckett were  
shocked beyond measure when  
word came that she had died at  
the home of her parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. J. A. Duckett, at Gran-  
bury, last Tuesday. She was  
stricken with pneumonia and  
the disease quickly did its dead-  
ly work.

It was only last year that Miss  
Virginia graduated in the High  
School here, dividing first hon-  
ors with another member of the  
class, and thereby winning a  
scholarship to a college in Fort  
Worth. It is understood that she  
was in college there when taken  
sick and was carried to her  
home. She was a young lady of  
fine intellect, full of worthy am-  
bition, and great were the possi-  
bilities of life that spread out  
before her.

Even in her youth she was  
taken, before the years of re-  
sponsibility bore down upon her.  
Her taking is a part of the laws  
of the great universe that we do  
not understand. We must be-  
lieve it is all for the best. There  
are hearts breaking today, bowed  
down in sorrow over her ear-  
ly going, and there is left in the  
realm of human possibility only  
the power of sympathy, and this  
is freely given. Her classmates  
and fellow students here sent a  
wreath of beautiful flowers as a  
token of their love and esteem.

The entire town joins in ex-  
tending to the bereaved ones  
heart felt sympathy.

## NERVES "ON EDGE"?

Merkel People Will Find Encour-  
agement in the Statement  
of a Merkel Resident

Are you weak, nervous, depres-  
sed?

Feel dull, shaky, tired?

Are your kidneys working  
right?

Nervousness often hints at  
kidney weakness—

Kidneys that fail to filter the  
blood.

Poisons gather and harm the  
nerves.

Kidney weakness causes many  
ills—

Backache, dizziness, headach-  
es, lack of flesh.

Don't neglect, kidney trouble.  
There is danger in delay.

Use Doan's Kidney Pills.

Follow the example of this  
Merkel resident.

Mrs. M. A. Warren, El Paso  
St., says: "I, and others in my  
family have used Doan's Kidney  
Pills with benefit. I had a great  
deal of trouble with my back  
and could hardly turn without a  
sharp catch across my kidneys.  
I felt worn out and languid near-  
ly all the time and became very  
nervous. Another in the family  
had found Doan's Kidney Pills  
fine, so I started to use them.  
They helped me and I continued  
their use until I was cured."

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

Plenty of oats at G. M. Sharps

Best Treatments for a Burn.

If for no other reason, Cham-  
berlain's Salve should be kept in  
every household on account of  
its great value in the treatment  
of burns. It allays the pain al-  
most 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.

Dug Ash brought in a stalk  
of cotton Thursday morning  
that make people think of days  
gone by. It sure is a beauty, full  
of fruit. A field of such cotton  
would make two bales to the  
acre.

We cater to ladies trade. Light  
lunches, coffee, cakes and dough  
nuts, Metropolitan Cafe and Bak-  
ery.

The Strong Withstand the Heat of  
Summer Better Than the Weak

Old people who are feeble and younger peo-  
ple who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to  
go through the depressing heat of summer by tak-  
ing GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILI TONIC. It purifies  
and enriches the blood and builds up the whole sys-  
tem. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigor-  
ating Effect. 6c.

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For  
Victory  
Buy  
Liberty  
Bonds

We will win this war—  
Nothing else really matters until we do!



The Flavor Lasts



# Announcement!

I am now with the Jones Dry Goods Co. of Abilene, and wish to state that we will make special prices for my friends of Merkel and would be pleased to have them call in to see me on next Saturday, September 28—Show Day—and price our goods, as I know we are selling a great many goods cheaper than can be bought elsewhere.

We have a full line of Ladies Ready-to-Wear such as Ladies Suits, Dresses, Coats, Sweaters, Shoes, Hats, etc., at hard-time prices.

We carry the famous Red Cross Shoes for Ladies.

Special prices on men's underwear. Union Suits at from \$1.25 to \$1.75 per suit, Two-piece underwear at 75 cents, and many other things too numerous to mention.

**J. P. SHARP**  
FOR JONES DRY GOODS COMPANY  
ABILENE, TEXAS

## BLAIR NEWS

Kind Editor: As you were so nice to us and did not let our other letter enter the wastebasket, we attempt to write again. It is such a treat to get to write a letter that our wife will not know who did the writing.

She is all curiosity to find out all about who it is. She is so awfully red headed that she makes us hand our letters over to be censored.

News are scarce in our town, but many will be sorry to learn that the crippled leg of Oscar Walker has been getting worse ever since the day we all had to stand before the volley of questions shot at us by Will Boney. Some of our old friends have bid us farewell since we last wrote you. Among them C. H. Huchins and family left for Hurley N. M., We regret to give Charlie up, but will give him the glad hand of welcome home when the good things come our way, which will surely be some time before long.

Henry Spears spent some days with homefolks last week, returning to Brownwood on the 15th, where he will remain in the school of Telegraphy until he has finished, or his Uncle Sam needs him.

Mrs. Emma Bland left last Saturday night for Clovis, N.M., where her husband is at work in the Santa Fa shops.

Lots of others have gone but we will not make mention of them for fear some one will say that's more people than lived at Blair.

The young people gathered at the home of Mrs. Wilson on last Saturday night and enjoyed themselves until the 12 o'clock hour warned them that the time of departure was at hand. All report a nice time.

There will be preaching at Blair Friday night by the Primitive Baptist. Let us come one and all, come hoping to get a real blessing out of the service and we feel sure we will.

Mrs. J. E. Addison is very sick, but at this writing some hopes are entertained for her recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Tittle are the proud parents of a fine boy. Mother and child doing well.

Charlie Lackey came in from Houston Sunday night to spend some few days with his mother and his sweetheart. Clarence, spend the most of your time with your mother. That's the best friend on earth. Sweethearts are nice to have, but mamma will have to darn your socks or else you will have holes in them. (Now, Mr. Correspondent, or Old Maid, you came very near giving yourself away. Your advice is all right, but we bet it would not be given by a pretty sixteen year old.)

Well Mr. Editor as our news are scarce, our pencil short and our mind narrow, we kindly thank you in advance for the space in your paper that this will take up.

### Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 60c.

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.

Call on us for your heaters, stove pipe, etc. Crown Hardware Company.

Mr. W. W. Terry of Okla., is visiting friends here for a few days. Mr. Terry at one time lived in Merkel.

Buy your linoleum before cold weather. A. B. Barrow and Company.

Miss Ruby Jones and Mrs. Davis have returned from an extended trip to Mineral Wells.

### For Indigestion, Constipation or Biliousness

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

Sunday School Report.		
	Attendance	Col
Baptist	158	\$4.02
Methodist	122	2.40

**Methodist Church News.**  
Our services next Sunday at the church will be held as usual. The pastor will be in his place in the pulpit both at the 11 o'clock and the 6 o'clock hours. You have been very kind and loyal to your church. I'm sure you will continue so to the end. All the strangers are cordially invited to visit our church next Sunday. The 4th Quarterly conference of Merkel station will be held in the church Oct. 23. The officials of the church will take due notice of the announcement.

The officials of the Tye Charge will take notice that they are hereby called to meet in my church in town in the afternoon of Oct. 23. This meeting is important, so you will please take due notice of this announcement.  
C. S. Cameron.

**Over At The Baptist Church.**  
"Business as usual" about describes the situation. A fair increase in Sunday School attendance last Sunday put some new spizzierintum into some of the workers.

Next Sunday is Baptist State-Wide Go-To-Sunday-School Day, and Promotion Day. The exercises of the Sunday School hour will be in keeping with the day.

At eleven o'clock the pastor will preach on, "The Promotion Of The Soul." At the six o'clock hour the sermon will be on, "Picking Out Your Eternity." The newly organized quartette will sing at both services.

How do you spend your Sundays? At home? That's all right as far as it goes—just doesn't go far enough; far enough is to church. On the streets? Shucks man, six days a week is enough for any man on the streets. Business? Shame on you, if you violate God's law and refuse to recognize His day! Visiting? Sociality is fine, but if you leave off religion sociality will soon be without a basis. Come worship with us.  
E. E. Dawson

**League Program Sept 29.**  
Topic, Prayer and Missions.  
Leader, Wallace Bragg.  
Song Services  
Scripture Lesson.  
Prayer, Song.  
Scripture References, Miss Josie Smith.  
Missionaries Called Thru Prayer, Willie Stephens.  
Needed Men and Women of Prayer, Miss Edith Brown.  
Word from Africa, Frank Counts.  
The Centenary Call to Intercession, Miss Ruth Pike.  
Song, Miscellaneous.

**B. Y. P. U. Program. Sept. 29.**  
Topic, Practical Minimum in Christian Giving.  
Leader, Annie Mae Swann.  
Introduction, Leader.  
Tithe Confined by our Lord Jesus, Miss Silina Teaff.  
Tithes In History, Effie Mayberry.  
Some Ancient Tithes, Doyel Garrett.  
Tithes, Practical Minimum, Miss Girlie Howard.  
Paul's Program for Christian Giving, Edna Swann.  
Christan versus the Jew, Miss Annie Mae Costephens.  
Universal Application, Olive Teaff.  
Practical Application, Miss Minnie Graham.

## Notice Notice ATTENTION PROSPECTORS

come to the  
**Trent and Merkel  
country**

and see or phone

**Bright & Armour**  
Trent, Texas

**T. E. Ragan**  
Merkel, Texas

Real Estate and Royalty Agents

for bargains in

**LAND AND ROYALTIES**

# \$50 Reward

We will pay the above reward to anyone supplying us, the City or County Officials with information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of guilty party or parties, who cut our Gin Belts to pieces on the night of September 13th.

We hope the citizenship in and around Merkel will understand that we do not intend to cast any reflection on them as regards their loyalty in supporting the law, but will understand that we are simply willing to pay anyone for their trouble who will bear this outrage in mind and report any possible clew, as we confidently believe the perpetrator can be located, and dare say will be.

We regret to announce in connection with this offer of reward, that we will not operate our gin, as since we have been endeavoring to get started, we have been hindered by one circumstance or another, until it is getting so far advanced into the season, that we will not operate; and, too, we have just received notice from Fuel Administrator that they desire us to close.

We hope you will appreciate our honest efforts to get started, and remember us with your patronage another season.  
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Will answer calls day or night, anywhere and  
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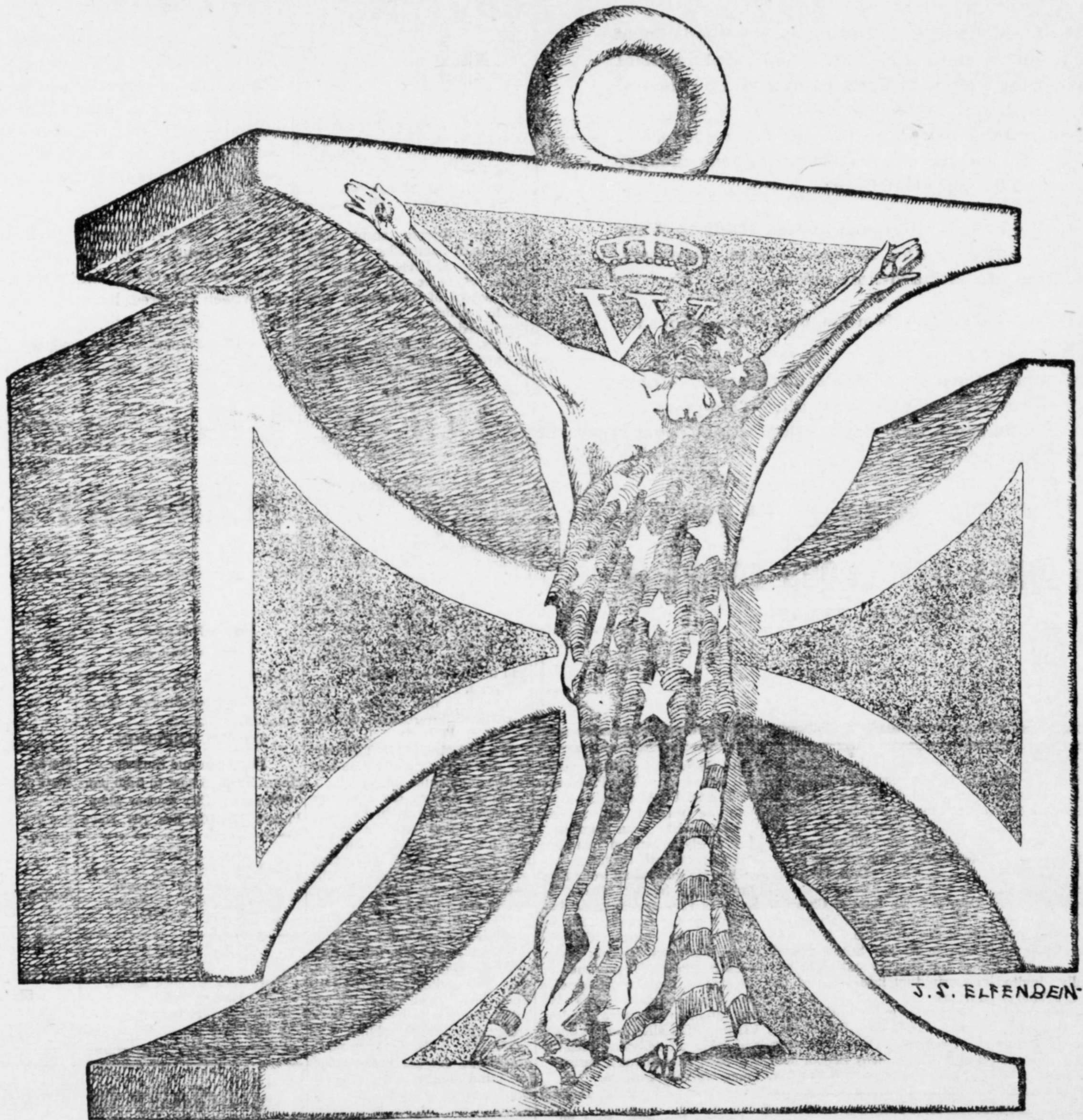
## Government Says Buy Coal Now

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

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# Shall America Be Crucified Upon An Iron Cross?



Shall all our national aspirations, hopes, ambitions, successes, be nailed upon a German Cross?  
Shall the proudest nation of the world be exposed to German ridicule?

It is not only our money, labor, intelligence, our great future, that Germany seeks—It is the  
Soul of America that she covets.

If Germany could mould our national thought and character, converting us into a people  
ready to lie, steal, maim and kill at her unholy will, then indeed would there be joy in the  
land where Might is Right and their God is an Evil Man.

## Shall America Be Crucified or Will You **BUY LIBERTY BONDS**

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Merkel Drug Company

Warren Brothers



# YOUR OPPORTUNITY IS NOW

We Work on EXclusive Listings Only. Sales Being Made by us Daily

## Mrs. Nan Thompson Dead.

Mrs. Thompson, Aunt Nan, as she was usually called by all of her friends, passed away peacefully on September 21 at 10:10 p. m. She has been an invalid for four years and suffered a great deal, but was cheerful until almost her last hours, then just went to sleep to awake at the resurrection. Everything was done by loving friends and loved ones, but our God knew best. All of her sisters were at her bedside when the end came. Those present were Mesdames Marlow, Reid, Conner and C. E. Conner, T. B. Story, her brother in California, did not get here.

Mrs. Thompson has lived in Merkel for many years, but she has gone now to a better and happier land where there is no sickness, no sorrow, no pain, no death. She was a member of the Methodist church for many years and lived a consistent, Christian life. To the bereaved ones we extend our heart felt sympathy.

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

## A Queer Egg.

When it comes to Hooverizing, we believe B. N. Billingsley has broken the rule. A few days ago, when looks like a man could make a meal on a single egg, he went two. However, there is some allowance for the act, as the egg was boiled, and when it was broken, another perfectly formed egg, with shell, was found on the inside. This is a freak that rarely occurs. It is more of a freak when the outer egg itself was very small.

When New Year's Day rolls around in 1923 are you going to be well-off in self-respect and money? If you buy War Saving Stamps now the future will have no regrets for you. Every time you purchase a War Saving Stamp you are laying aside for the future.

## Accepted a Position

J. P. Sharp has accepted a position with the Jones Dry Goods Company of Abilene and started upon his duties there last Saturday. Mr. Sharp is well acquainted all over the country and is an expert dry goods man. We wish him much success in his new position.

## Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic

destroys the malarial germs which are transmitted to the blood by the Malaria Mosquito. Price 60c.

## Word of Appreciation.

Willis Point, Texas  
September 23, 1918.

Hon. Walter Jackson,  
Merkel, Texas.

My Dear Mr. Jackson:

I have not had the opportunity until now to tell you how very sincerely I appreciate your loyal and enthusiastic support in my race for Railroad Commissioner. I can never repay my friends of the press for what they did for me and I shall do my dead level best to make an officer they will not be ashamed of.

With assurance of highest personal regards, I am

Your friend,  
Clarence E. Gilmore

## RED CROSS

STONE ROOT AND EUCHU COMPOUND  
Of unexcelled value for the treatment of kidney diseases. Pains in the back and burning sensations are symptoms of kidney troubles, which are quickly overcome by use of this remedy. This and more than one hundred other Red Cross Remedies sold and guaranteed only by

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## You Have Been Wanting To Sell

Make your exclusive listings now while there is a chance to sell. We must protect you; we ask you to protect us. We will advertise, we will expend money in our efforts in your behalf. Don't list unless you mean business. We can cancel no listings after they are made.

## 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 6-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.

No. 318

**A HOME**—324 acres in the best part of French Pasture, 136 acres in cultivation, balance in pasture. The soil is a dark sandy loam, located on Route 4, 5 miles out of Merkel. All improvements are new. Cash payment required is \$3500, balance on easy terms at 6 per cent interest. Improvements include modern bungalow, smokehouse, blacksmith shop building, barn with cement floors, etc.

## Working On Road Funds.

Judge Mahaffey spoke to the audience at the oil meeting last Friday night in reference to the road bonds, saying that the Federal fund had been held up. Since then, he said, the National Highway Commission has been established. Two members of the State Highway Commission are now in Washington for the purpose of getting West Texas exempt from the conditions imposed. They hope to soon report that the funds will be available.

## 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. 1918. A. W. GLEASON, (Seal) 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.

## SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF GASOLINE NOTED

Washington, Sept. 20.—Serious shortage in the supply of crude oil is noted in a report by the Bureau of Mines, compiled in response to a Senate resolution and made public tonight. In sufficient crude oil to supply refineries is being produced, the report shows, while gasoline stocks have been reduced to a two or three week's supply, necessitating continued conservation by the public. The report will be transmitted tomorrow to the Senate.

"The need for conservation is apparent," the report declares, "and the American people should voluntarily forego the pleasure of needless automobile touring during these times. Such voluntary conservation now may save the necessity of more serious action later. Furthermore every step should be taken by the people and by their representatives not only to conserve our present supply of gasoline, but also, if possible, to increase our future supply and the supply of the crude oil from which gasoline is made."

The report shows the production of gasoline last January was 5,580,000 barrels, in July there was a decrease of 1,630,000 barrels in stock, while last month this decrease was estimated at 1,500,000 barrels, showing that production is not keeping pace with consumption.

W. C. Barton left Tuesday morning for Alba, where he will visit for eight or ten days. He recently moved here and says he likes the country fine. He says he can recommend this country to his friends. We hope he will be able to induce some of his friends and neighbors to follow his example and move out.

## 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.

## MERKEL REALTY COMPANY

W. O. BONEY J. T. BROWNING WALTER JACKSON

MERKEL TEXAS



# BIG REDUCTION SALE

We have decided to offer a Big Reduction Sale on everything in our line in the way of cotton staple goods, Dress Goods, men and ladies Suits, boys Clothing, men, women and childrens Shoes and Hosiery. We booked large orders ahead in order to be protected in price and rather than cancel the goods have had them come, and find we have too many goods although we own them way below the present level. We have decided to give our patronage the benefit of our purchases rather than wholesale them to other merchants. A look over our prices will convince you that we mean business and are going to reduce stock

## Extra Special in Shoes

100 pairs ladies shoes, button and lace, ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$8.50, reduction price only .....\$2.98  
 100 pairs ladies and childrens shoes ranging in price from \$3 to \$3.50 and \$4 reduction price only .....\$1.98  
 50 pairs mens work shoes with chrome elk bottoms, regular price \$2.75, reduction price only .....\$1.98  
 100 pairs mens shoes ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$5, reduction price ..\$2.98  
 Many other bargains in shoes much below the market price today.

## Special in Hosiery

100 dozen ladies black hose, regular price 20c, reduction price per pair...15c  
 100 dozen childrens ribbed hosiery regular price 20c, per pair only.....15c

## A GLIMPSE AT OUR STAPLE DEPARTMENT

will convince you that we are selling you many articles today less than the mill price, but we are compelled to reduce stock as drouth conditions will not justify us in carrying the goods over another year.

EXTRA SPECIALS—Good grade Calico, in light colors only, suitable for boys shirts, blouses, womens house dresses, etc. About fifty bolts to go at the extremely low price of per yd....10c  
 Good grade bleached domestic 36 in. wide, at per yard while it lasts, only.....16 2-3c  
 These goods are now worth 23c at the mills today  
 Best grade 10-4 bleached sheeting at per yard only .....55c  
 Best grade 9-4 bleached sheeting at per yard .....50c  
 Best grade 8 oz. standard feather ACA ticking at per yard only.....40c  
 Good grade brown domestic at per yard only .....17c  
 Best grade 28 in. brown cotton flannels at per yard only.....25c

## Dress Goods

Big Reduction in all Woolen and Silk Dress Goods

Extra Special in 50 pieces mixed woolen goods, all shades and colors, special price per yard.....89c  
 These goods are almost unobtainable today and we could ship them out to other merchants for more money today.

10 per cent reduction on all ladies and childrens Ready-to-Wear. Don't overlook this snap if you are going to need anything in ladies Coats, Coat Suits, Skirts, Waists, etc.

## SPECIAL IN OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT

1 doz. cans No. 2 standard corn.....	\$1.50	Gallon Peaches.....	65c
1 doz. cans No. 2 standard Tomatoes .....	1.50	Gallon Apricots.....	75c
1 doz. cans No. 3 Empsons Kraut.....	1.50	Gallon Pears.....	75c
1 doz. cans No. 3 Hominy.....	1.50	Gallon Logan Berries.....	75c

## Mens Clothing Department

Extra Special — About 25 mens suits ranging in price from \$15 to \$25. All go at the extremely low price of ..\$13.95

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Many thousands of women suffering from womanly trouble, have been benefited by the use of Cardui, the woman's tonic, according to letters we receive, similar to this one from Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, N. C. "I could not stand on my feet, and just suffered terribly," she says. "As my suffering was so great, and he had tried other remedies, Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ had us get Cardui. . . I began improving, and it cured me. I know, and my doctor knows, what Cardui did for me, for my nerves and health were about gone."

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## CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

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Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

### Two Garrett Boys Married.

The friends and acquaintances of Lieut. Clyde and Barney Garrett will be interested to know that both were married. The marriages came as a coincidence. E. Clyde was married in New York City to a Miss Fae Murphy of Birmingham, Ala., and Barney was married on the same day to a Miss Ola Heath of Madisonville, Tex., at the latter's home. Neither knew of the plans of the other, and the parents of the young men received letters by the same mail as to the above facts.

Both of the boys are in the service of Uncle Sam. They are full of ambition and are climbing to the top. Lieut. Clyde Garrett is in the aviation service, and Barney is in the army. Barney has been taking a course in law at the University of Tex.

We wish for all parties a long and happy life.

### Sunday School Class Entertain.

On last Friday evening the Ever Do Well and Baraca classes of the Methodist Sunday School were royally entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg. Wallace showed his usual hospitality in entertaining. Music and games were enjoyed by all. One of the interesting things was a contest in the form of a puzzle, in which names of firms in Merkel were to be supplied. This created much laughter and enthusiasm, the prize being rewarded to Miss Josie Smith and Frank Armstrong.

Punch was served to about twenty-five young people. As they gathered around the "punch bowl", all gave toasts, some for the soldiers, some for the classes, and others that they all might be permitted to return soon to this hospitable

home, for similar entertainment.

Those present were: Misses Anna Mae Costephens, Mattie T. Mann, Josie Smith, Christine Collins, Edith Brown, Bessie Tucker, Lillie Ayers, Rossie Laney, Gerlie Howard, Iva Bragg; Messrs Russell Pike, Howard Laney, Dee Bland, Frank Armstrong, Howell Britain, Frank Counts, Roy Moore, Otis Kelley, Tom Allday, Loyd Dry, Preston Guthrie, Claude Riney, Roy Tucker, Wallace Bragg.

### WE BUY OLD FALSE TEETH

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Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris have just returned from a visit of three weeks to their son-in-law and daughter at Snyder. Mr. Harris report crops burned up all over that country, and only 21 bales of cotton being ginned in that whole county.

### Boschee's German Syrup.

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

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

Give any or all of the following books, clothing, books for soldiers most in demand are

Romance, Adventure, Fiction, Travel, History, Biography, Poetry, Sciences, recent Text books and Foreign languages.

Red Cross commission for relief in Belgium wants the following. Shirts, undershirts and drawers, trousers, suits, overalls, shoes, overcoats, jerseys, sweaters, socks and stockings. For women: skirts, blouses, petticoats, pinafores, knitted and other caps, swaddling clothes, cradle chemises and dresses, infant sweaters, bonnets, bibs, diapers, shoes, dresses, hooded cloaks, jackets, shawls and dresses, also a miscellaneous line of pillow cases, bed ticks and sheets. The above list includes articles for both sexes and all sizes, from a small boy or girl to men and women. The need is very urgent, and you can not do a greater deed of mercy than respond promptly to relieve to the extent of your ability, the suffering that will be inevitable in Belgium the coming winter. Please exercise special care that all such things as shoes, socks, suits, gloves be fastened together in such manner that they will not become separated in shipping. See that all pockets are turned wrong side out, as notes or other communications of any sort must positively not be sent.

If you live in the country, please bring the books and garments to the Red Cross Rooms not later than Monday, Sept. 30. If you live in town, please have the books and garments ready not later than Monday noon. They will be collected by the Camp Fire Girls and the Boy Scouts.

H. F. Groene, Chir., War Library Service and Belgium Relief



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