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## LATEST WAR NEWS OVER THE SEAS

Italian Army Headquarters, Oct. 29.—Conegliano, five miles northeast of the left bank of the River Piave, has been captured by the Allied forces.

The whole Allied line between Conegliano and Val Dobbiadendo has been advanced.

Conegliano is an important railroad and road center which, with Oderzo, forms the terminals of two of the three rail lines supplying all the Italian Piave front. Its fall, with that of Oderzo expected within a few hours, will make necessary a considerable Austrian retirement in this sector.

On Western front in France heavy fighting is virtually at a standstill on the front northward from LeCateau to the Dutch frontier, but from the Oise to east of the Meuse, Allied pressure continues with gains for the French between the Oise and the Serr. An intense artillery duel is in progress on the American front northwest of Verdun but no infantry fighting has been reported.

### On 30-Mile Front

While the Allies have thrown forces across the Piave on front of about thirty miles, the heaviest fighting has been along a stretch of seven miles between Conegliano and Oderzo, which the Italians and British have advanced more than three miles, making a formidable wedge in the Austrian positions east of the river and between two of their main communication lines. The Allies are within two miles of both Conegliano and Oderzo. Along the Piave south of Oderzo there has been little fighting but the Allies advance in the north would tend to force the Austrians to evacuate the lowlands of the lower Piave.

Apparently the Allied thrust in the mountain zone between the Piave and the Brenta were feints for the purpose of attracting the attention of the enemy from the more formidable movement across south of the Piave. Troops and supplies are being rushed to the Piave front and it is evidently supposed to force the offensive to the utmost.

In addition to the British, Italian and French troops already taking part in the fighting, American troops are reported to be in reserve. The American infantry force is not large, probably two regiments or less, and not unlikely will be brigaded with the Italians or British. The fighting east of the Piave has been very heavy, the Austrians struggling bitterly to prevent the Allies from enlarging their gains on the seat bank.

East of the Oise on the French front, the Army of General Debeney rapidly is encircling Guise. On the south they are in the suburbs of the town and have captured German first line trenches besides enemy barracks and a hospital. Further south the French are marching northeastward between Guise and Marle and threaten to outflank both points by smashing all the way through the Hunding position.

Since the beginning of his advance between the Oise and the Sere, General Debeney has moved forward more than five miles on a front of about sixteen miles. Along the Sere the enemy evidently continues to withdraw towards Marle as the French war officer says French patrols are in contact with the Germans on this sector. Eastward along the Aine to the Argonne French pressure is maintained. German guns began to bombard the American lines in the Verdun region early Tuesday. The American artillery responded. Apparently the Germans hoped to check any

further American efforts to continue the advance by deluging the American lines with high explosives at the hour when attack are usually launched.

Field Marshal Haig reports only artillery and patrol activity on the fronts of his Armies. In Belgium operations are of a local character.

### NICE SEASON AT LAST

At last The Great Merkel Country is soaked. Last Friday night and Saturday about 1.56 inches of rain fell here, making about four inches the past thirty days. This is the first season for over two years. The people are generally feeling better over the prospects. Thousands of acres of wheat are being sown. Truly, the old Merkel Country is coming alive. In many places wheat is nearly ready to graze, and the sowing is not near at an end.

### A WORD OF APPRECIATION

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Dallas, Texas, October, 23, 1918. Merkel Mail, Merkel, Texas.

My dear Sir:—The best thanks which I can offer you for your part in the Liberty Loan Campaign is to tell you that unofficial returns show we are likely to reach our quota.

I am sure you will regard this as a sufficient reward for all your splendid effort. I appreciate more than I can say everything that you have done.

Very sincerely yours, J.W. Hoopes, Executive Manager.

### CLOSING DATES CHANGED

In conformity with the daylight working hours suggested by the government and favorably passed upon by the Taylor County Council of Defense, all stores in Merkel began closing at 5:30 every afternoon, except Saturdays, on Wednesday. This is a good move. No one will suffer, and really all will benefit. It will continue in effect during the winter months.

### AUSTRIANS HARD PRESSED

Italian Headquarters, Oct. 30.—The Austrian forces are retreating under ever-increasing pressure and it is felt that the attack against the enemy will become overwhelming as soon as the entire allied force can enter the action. Large bodies of allied troops have crossed the Piave. It is expected the Austrian supply of ammunition will give out. There are indications that the enemy's heavy artillery is being withdrawn in an effort to save the big guns. Over 20,000 prisoners have been taken since the drive began.

### MR FARMER

THE FEDERAL LAND BANK Will loan 50 per cent of the Appraised value of your land at 5 1/2 per cent on 35 years time, with the privilege of taking it up after 5 years. You can take up indebtedness on your land or buy land. If your land is in Taylor County you can get a loan here. You should put in your application now and have the loan ready by the time your notes are due.

This loan acts like life insurance on your home, and if you can get one you are doing yourself an injustice to not take one. Talk to your wife about it. Then see W. W. Wheeler of Merkel or R. E. L. Norwood of Abilene or W. C. Lasley of Buffalo Gap and do it now.—adv 11t4c.

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

Warren Bros. have just received car of good prairie hay.

## AUSTRIA ASKS FOR SEPARATE PEACE

Basel, Oct. 28.—Austria-Hungary in notifying President Wilson that it is ready to enter upon peace negotiations and arrange armistice, asks President Wilson, in its reply to him, to begin overtures on the subject.

The Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister instructed the Austro-Hungarian Minister at Stockholm yesterday to ask the Swedish Government to send the following note to the Washington Government:

"In reply to the note of President Wilson of the 19th of this month, addressed to the Austro-Hungarian Government and giving the decision of the President to speak directly with the Austro-Hungarian Government on the question of an armistice and peace, the Austro-Hungarian Government has the honor to declare that equally with the preceding proclamations of the President, it adheres also to the same point of view contained in the last note upon the rights of the Austro-Hungarian peoples, especially those of the Czecho-Slovaks and the Jugo-Slavs.

"Consequently, Austria-Hungary accepting all the conditions the President has laid down for the entry into negotiations for an armistice and peace, no obstacle exists, according to judgment of the Austro-Hungarian Government, to the beginning of these negotiations.

"The Austro-Hungarian Government declares itself ready, in consequence, without awaiting the result of other negotiations upon peace between Austro-Hungary and the States in the opposing group and for an immediate armistice upon all Austro-Hungarian fronts.

"It asks President Wilson to be so kind as to begin overtures on this subject."

The Austrian note is dated Oct. 28, at Vienna, and is signed by Count Julius Andrássy, the new Foreign Minister.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR SALE—Three big bone male Poland China pigs nine weeks old. Subject to registration. Price \$10 each. See Walter Jackson.

WANTED A man with small family to do farm and ranch work. Good wages to the right man. See C. M. Largent.

WANT TO RENT FARM—100 acres on halves. Have ample force to gather crop. Can furnish references. Call or phone the Merkel Mail office Friday or Saturday. F. A. Harrison. 11t1p.

### THE NEW ECONOMY

Money is daily becoming less valuable, hence we must practice economy with things. The proper cleansing of woolen garments means the same to them as proper lubrication means to an automobile, or proper cleansing to a watch. Yet millions of garments are discarded every year simply because the art of cleansing and caring for them is so little understood. I know how to clean your clothes properly, and it is economy for you to bring them in and let me do your work.—adv.

MRS. C. L. CASH.

### Merkel Boy Succeeding.

Ben T. Merritt, who has been employed in a bank in Ft. Worth and who obtained his bank experience here, with associates, purchasing controlling interest in the First State Bank at Handley. He is cashier and Mrs. Merritt is assistant cashier. They took charge a few days ago.

Ben is just bound to go to the very top. He is possessed with succeeding qualities. Handily is a thriving city between Fort Worth and Dallas. Many people reside there and work in Fort Worth, going back and forth on the interurban. He could hardly have gone to a more thriving or

beautiful little city, but unless the city grows mighty fast Ben will not stay there a great while. Ever widening fields will be waiting for his steady ability. We congratulate him and his young wife upon their move.

### TO PUSH BILBERRY WELL

Within the next few days, as soon as some badly needed material arrives, the working force on the Billberry well in the southwestern part of the county will be increased sufficiently to work two shifts. At present the work is only going 8 hours daily. The water and fuel supply has been greatly increased and the new drills and bits that are ordered will allow the full crews to each work 8 hours.

The well is now down over 200 feet and is still working in rock formation where the drilling is rather hard.

### AMERICANS TO HELP ITALIANS

Italian Headquarters, Oct. 30.—Elements of the American expeditionary forces in Italy who have been in reserve are now in readiness to take part in the fighting east of the Piave.

### Football Game.

The High School football team came up from Abilene, Wednesday and were so impolite as to take 87 to nothing over our boys. We don't know what to think about it. Guess they are just making up for the walloping they got last year.

### POULTRY EXHIBIT

A number of the poultry raisers of this section met a few days ago and decided to have a poultry exhibit the second Saturday in November. It has been a year since one was held. No poultry in any part of the country is superior to that raised here. Every one who has pure strains is urged to be on hand. There is no reason why this show should not exceed the one last year, and that was no small affair. Remember the day—second Saturday in November.

### ANOTHER SOLDIER DEAD

The friends and acquaintances of L. N. Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Perkins, were shocked almost beyond measure when news came stating that he had died at Camp Travis on Sunday October 20.

The body arrived early Thursday morning. Funeral services were held in Rose Hill cemetery Thursday afternoon, Elder Price Bankhead officiating. He is survived by his father and mother, two sisters, four brothers and many friends who mourn because of his death.

He was born September 8, 1896 and grew to young manhood in Mulberry Canyon. He was energetic, ambitious and up right character. He won many friends because of his cheerful disposition and kind heartedness.

He was loyal to his country and when called, he willingly and gladly answered the call.

He entered the service September 6, 1918, at Camp Travis. To all the bereaved ones we extend heartfelt sympathy in their great sorrow.

A Friend.

### Cotton Received.

Merkel has received 1570 bales of cotton. A declining market has held up receipts and very little is coming in now. If frost stays off until November 15, we predict the receipts will exceed 3300 bales. There would be 2000 now if none was being held.

Miss Alice Burns was called to Post City Wednesday morning on account of the serious illness of her brother and his wife, the latter not being expected to live.

## GENERAL ELECTION NEXT TUESDAY

The general election is to be held next Tuesday. Many people may perhaps overlook the fact. There is a tremendous effort being made over the country to embarrass our great and good President, and it is necessary that every voter go to the polls and cast his lot in the election. The republicans of Texas are claiming the Ferguson votes and think they have some hopes of electing a republican governor. Their hopes are futile, we know, but every good democrat ought to go to the polls and do "his bit" in assisting to sustain the most glorious administration that ever graced the White House. Our little differences in the governor's race is nothing to compare with the bigger problems of the day, and our people are not so narrow as to claim such.

There are some people who say that M. H. Wolfe, chairman of the Democratic party, has come out with a statement that the primary pledge is not binding. Mr. Wolfe did no such thing. His interview in which he condemned lawlessness and disrespect for the ballot has been concocted by designing and unprincipled political enemies to mean an entirely different thing. And further only part of his interview was quoted. No sensible man is going to swallow such rot. It is puerile. A great and wise people will march to the polls next Tuesday and do justice to a great cause.

Every voter is urged to bring his poll tax receipt along in order to facilitate voting. The election will be held in the city hall over the fire station.

### CAR WHEAT EXPECTED

A car of wheat was ordered out of Wichita Falls last Saturday. Bill of lading came in Monday. The car is expected on every train. If others need wheat let them place their orders quickly, about 300 bushels on another car are spoken for. If it can be finished in next two or three days order will be placed at once for another car.

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.

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.

Car of prairie hay just received. Warren Bros.

### Sleep and Rest.

One of the most common causes of insomnia and restlessness is indigestion. Take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper and see if you do not rest better and sleep better. They only cost a quarter.

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

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TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

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### CAPT. NIXON REACHES HOME

Capt. Nixon, accompanied by his wife, who went to New Jersey to meet him on his return to America, arrived at the home of Mrs. Nixon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Haynes, on Monday. The Captain has fully recovered from wounds received in fighting about Chateau-Thierry, with the exception of his eyesight. Surgeons tell him that he will entirely regain his sight, though it will be a slow gain, probably taking a year to fully regain it. He is in the very pink of health.

Capt. Nixon left American on March 30 and returned to Newport News on October 5. He went into the thick of the fight on June 2 and was wounded by a shell, striking him in the back of the head, on July 15. He lay on the battlefield unattended for ten hours. When picked up no hope was entertained for his recovery, and was sent to the hospital as a humane act. He was unconscious for four days, but when he did begin to mend his recovery was very rapid.

Speaking of his experiences, which he does very modestly, he recounts the killing of eleven of the enemy at his own hands. Possibly his biggest day's work was the shooting of four Germans from behind a woodpile, mention of which was made in these columns sometime ago. On another occasion he led his command to the capture of a machine gun. The gunner was picked off and they made a rush for the gun. Just as they were getting away with it, the keen eye of the captain observed a movement in a tree a little further on. There were two of the enemy in the act of placing a gun on his command. A well directed shot from his trusty pistol brought one to the ground, but for the second it took the fourth shot. He thus saved his command from a hail of lead and perhaps saved many lives.

The captain wears a couple of Chevrons, one of which signifies

six month's service and the other wounded in service. He said he had met a Frenchman who had eighteen chevrons, having been wounded that number of times.

In going into battle, he says it seems impossible that one could come out alive, and yet they soon grow fearless of danger. He says the men who are fighting are not hunting peace, but Germans, and while they suffer from cold and other hardships, yet he has never heard a single soldier lamenting his job.

The captain will remain here a few days and will then go to Anson, where he will visit relatives. He is away on furlough and will return to Boston within thirty days.

Capt. Nixon received his wound in the back of the head while turning to give a command to his men. Had he not turned his head just at that time the force of the shell would have taken effect in his face. He terms it "a lucky turn."

Mrs. Nixon is one of the happiest women in all this country. Long days and nights of anxiety with her are at an end. To think of his being far away and wounded almost unto death and that she could not be with him and minister to his needs is an experience harrowing in its nature, and now to think of the happiness that is hers in having him again safe at home. We rejoice with her, and congratulate him upon his splendid service overseas, his narrow escape from the supreme sacrifice and his safe return home.

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### OCTOBER 24-31

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## FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

## LOCAL NEWS

Mr. Boyett and family left Tuesday for Brownwood where they will make their home. We hate to see our good citizens leave, but wish them well in the country of their choice.

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

Miss Agness Powell has returned from her home at Leonard after several weeks of recuperation. She is now back at her old place with The Farmers State Bank.

If you are going to want a loan on that farm you had better see W. O. Boney at once.

Wm. A. Bond, son of Mrs. Laura Bond, has gone to Mare Island, Cal., where he joined the Marines. His brother, Clyde is in the Navy at the same place.

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.

Mrs. F. J. Grafford is visiting her husband at Camp Travis.

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.

### NOTHING ELSE LIKE IT IN MERKEL

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Mens dark grey stripe Moleskin Pant	\$2.50
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Boys well-made, good-fitting suits	\$6.95 to \$11.85

## The Brown D. G. Company

Card of Thanks.  
We wish to take this means of expressing our heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors for their great kindness to us during the sickness and death of our loved one, Mrs. Eula Brown, and sickness of other members of the family. While our souls are stricken and we feel that our loss is greater than we can bear, you have helped, us, have sympathized with us, and have strengthened us, and we can never forget your good deeds in our great hour of bereavement. May God's richest blessings ever be with you.  
Willie LeRoy Brown.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.  
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.  
Sold by Druggists, 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Soldiers Christmas Packages  
Acting under Government instructions the following Red Cross committee will act in connection with the local Post Office in examining and mailing all the holiday packages to soldiers:  
Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Kimmins, Mrs. Lytton Howard, Mrs. John Morgan, Miss Jewel Pate.  
One package to a soldier, and that limited to 3 pounds.  
No packages mailed after Nov 20th.  
Mrs. H. C. Williams, Chairman Local Red Cross.

### The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak

Old people who are feeble and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 50c.

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

**CHURCH NEWS**

**Billy Sunday Coming.**  
Billy Sunday will open an evangelistic campaign in Fort Worth on November 24. He is reputed to be the greatest evangelist of the day. Many people in this section will endeavor to hear him.

**Thanksgiving Service Planned**  
Representatives of the Churches of the city met last Sunday afternoon and decided to hold a general Thanksgiving service. The committee appointed to secure a preacher for the occasion is composed of J. W. Wheeler, R. L. Bland and J. T. Browning. The committee on plans is composed of Mrs. H. A. Sanders, J. W. Wheeler, Rev. E. E. Dawson and J. T. Browning.

**Charity Organization Formed.**  
Several parties met at the Methodist church last Sunday afternoon and perfected a temporary organization to look after the charity of the city. Rev. Cameron was elected temporary chairman, and J. T. Browning, temporary secretary.

A committee was appointed to draw a plan of work.

The organization is to be composed of representatives of the different churches of Merkel, the City Council, the Commercial Club, the Red Cross, and the City Marshall.

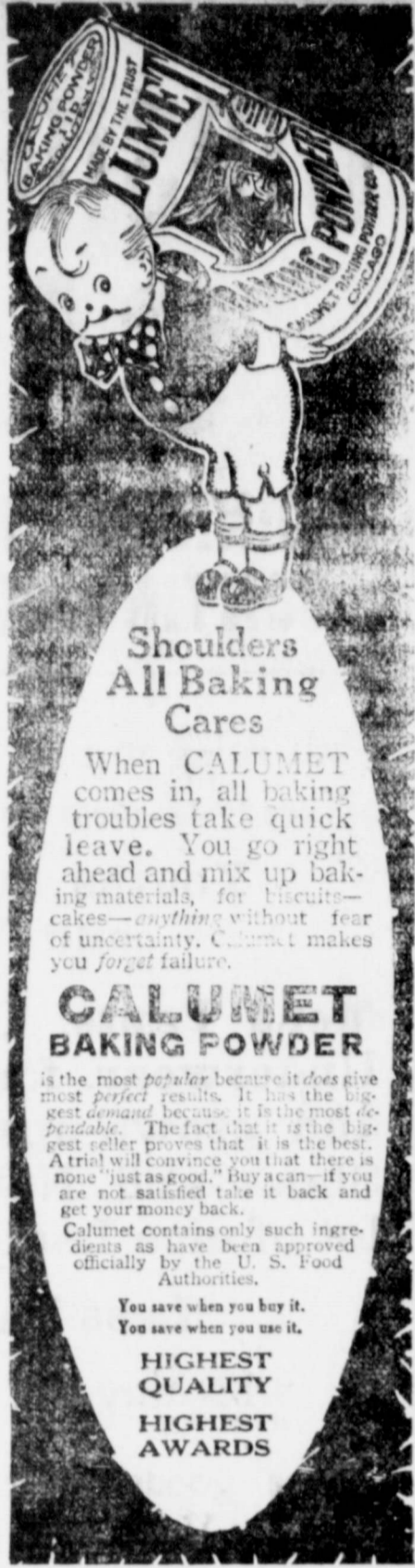
Representatives of these organizations are asked to meet at the Commercial Club rooms at 7:30 Thursday evening.

This is a good move and ought to be encouraged by every citizen. It is proposed to look after those in need and also to see that the different organizations are not imposed upon.

**Methodist Church**

Our services last Sunday were well attended. The Pastor preached to a splendid crowd at 11 o'clock. Dr. Sensabaugh spoke to a good crowd at the 7 P. M. hour. Next Sunday will be the closing services of the present conference year, the pastor will leave for Lubbock on Nov. 4th. We will appreciate the presence of all our Methodist folks at both the services next Sunday, and all our friends are invited to worship with us. Any stranger in the City is hereby cordially invited to be with us next Sunday.

Our quarterly conference was held in our church last Monday



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Calumet contains only such ingredients as have been approved officially by the U. S. Food Authorities.

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**HIGHEST QUALITY  
HIGHEST AWARDS**

evening at 7:30 p.m. and a splendid audience was present to observe our way of doing business. After the business was attended to, our Sr. League served light refreshments in the primary rooms. Many thanks to our splendid leaguers for the nice entertainment.

Our regular services from now on will be at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. C. S. Cameron.

**With Church of Christ.**

Attendance was not hardly an average last Sunday, on account of sickness. Hoping that all will be well by next Lord's Day, we trust there will be a one-hundred

present attendance. Bible study as usual at 10, preaching at 11, and at night. Brother, if we don't see you before, we want to see you at the church next Sunday. Will we be disappointed?

Price Bankhead.

**At The Baptist Church Next Sunday.**

All our regular services will be held next Sunday.

We especially desire to announce one innovation that will be interesting. We have secured the use, for Sunday mornings, of the Southside Christian Church building, and the Primary and Junior Departments will meet there for their opening and recitation, strictly at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Walter Jackson will be in charge and Miss Ruby Campbell will direct the music. Everything will be comfortable and the prospect of progress is excellent. The Primaries and Juniors will then march to the Baptist Church for the closing exercises and the preaching service.

The Lord's Supper will be observed at the eleven o'clock hour, following a sermon by the pastor on, "The Baptist Reason."

Juniors at 3; B. Y. P. U. at 4; Preaching again at 7. The evening message will be, "The Christian Reason."

Cordial invitation is given everybody to attend any one or all of these services.

E. E. Dawson, pastor.

**B. Y. P. U. Program Nov 3**  
Subject, An Answered Prayer  
Leader, Ruby Campbell.

Introduction, Leader.  
Nehemiah's Prayer. Lula Sharp.

A Prayer of Conitrite Heart.  
Walter Jackson.

Pleads Past Mercies, Holland Teaff.

Special Music, Male Quartette.  
Prayer for a Particular Blessing, Annie Mae Swann.

Prayer Accompanied by Self-giving, Edna Swann.

Song.  
Prayer, Rev. E. E. Dawson.

**Missionary Elected.**

The Executive Board of Sweetwater Baptist Association met in Merkel on last Monday, at the Baptist Church, and elected the Rev. J. M. Haygood, of Cleburne, Texas, as a missionary whose special duty will be to minister to the churches of the Association that have no pastor. He has accepted and will move to Sweetwater next week and begin work at once. He is said to be a most estimable man, and the Baptist folks of the whole Association are elated. Sweetwater Baptist Association covers, Nolan, and Mitchel counties.

**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.

**An Eyesore Removed.**

The twelve-foot (it seemed more like 40 feet) fence opposite the Woodrum Hotel has been removed, thanks to someone's need of lumber. We are glad to see the obstruction to the rising of the sun removed. Why the day will be a little longer now. Mr. Gazzaway is removing it and he certainly deserves a set up.

**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.

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.

**GOVERNOR ENDORSES FREE TEXT-BOOKS; ASKS PEOPLE TO SUPPORT AMENDMENT**

Governor's Office  
Austin, Texas  
October 21, 1918

The free text book amendment to the Constitution of Texas to be voted on November 5th offers the opportunity for the most forward step ever taken to advance general education in Texas. When text books are made available alike to the poor and to the rich it is putting the same sort of Democracy in the public schools of the State that our ar-



Governor Wm. P. Hobby.

mies are seeking now to spread throughout the nations of the earth.

Free text books will prove a fitting companion to the compulsory education law. Each will help the other. Compulsory education will be made easy when free text books are available, and free text books will become usable because of compulsory education.

When the world is democratized education will possess a higher value than ever before, and so it is a propitious time to put education within the reach of every child and at the same time remove the burden that has heretofore been a part and parcel of education in Texas. A vote for free text books is a vote for education and democracy.

W. P. HOBBY,  
Governor of Texas.



**TEXAS COTTON PALACE EXPOSITION**

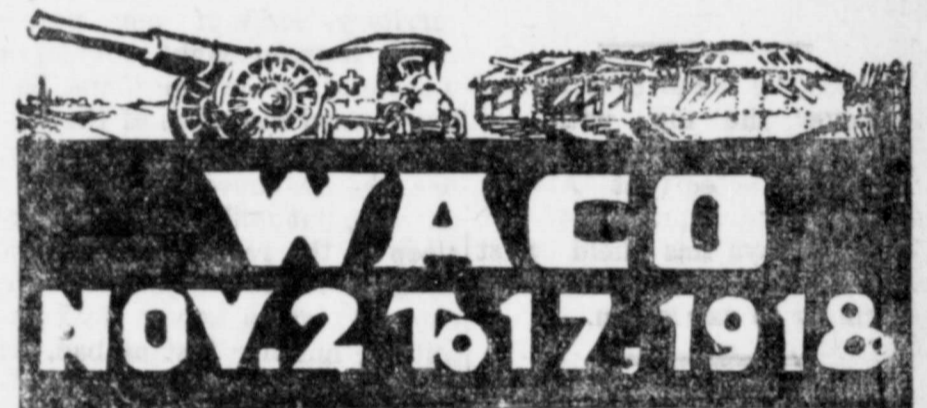
**The Only Big Fair to be Held in Texas this Year!**

and the Government has granted Special Rates on all Railroads to Waco During the Exposition Dates.

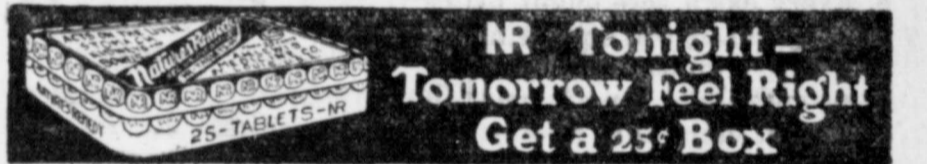
The Government has provided the Big Allied War Exhibit of fourteen solid car loads of War Trophies which is an exposition in itself, and in addition, the Government is sending many carloads of Agricultural and Livestock exhibits.

Come and see the Soldiers from Camp MacArthur in realistic war fare before the big New Grandstand, and the Automobile Races, and Aeroplane Flyers from Rich Field Aviation Camp.

The best Vaudeville in the World FREE in the Coliseum both afternoon and night.



**WACO**  
NOV. 2 to 17, 1918



**MR Tonight - Tomorrow Feel Right Get a 25c Box**

T. L. GRIMES, Merkel, Texas

**Nurses Needed.**

Several families in the country are down with the "Flu," and nurses are needed badly. The Red Cross is calling for volunteers. Some of our people have already served nobly in this capacity. It is a very humane deed, and those served can not help but be very grateful. It is urged that any one going out as a nurse be sure and use masks. The stamping out of the disease is not furthered if those who go nurse do not take this precaution. Some of our women have gone out and come back with the disease. In many parts of the country physicians will not allow one to nurse this disease without using a mask, even if it is one of the family.

Mrs. H.C. Williams, Chairman, Merkel Red Cross.

**RED CROSS VANISHING CREAM**

(WITH PEROXIDE)  
A pearly cream of snowy whiteness. Delightfully perfumed. A day cream for oily skins. Softens the hard lines of the face. Protects it from sunburns, winds, and cold weather. Affords an excellent foundation for applying Amrico Beauty Face Powder. This and more than one hundred other Red Cross Remedies and Toilet preparations sold and guaranteed only by Grimes Drug Store

**Felix Jones Trial Postponed**

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 28.—The trial of Felix Jones, charged with the murder of Florence Brown, was indefinitely postponed here today because of the illness of several important witnesses. Jones was brought here from El Paso.

Miss Brown was murdered by an unidentified party July 28, 1913.

**Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic**

restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. Price 60c.

**IF WOMEN ONLY KNEW**

What a Heap of Happiness It Would Bring to Merkel Homes

Hard to do housework with an aching back.

Brings you hours of misery and leisure or at work.

If women only knew the cause—that

Backache pains often come from weak kidneys.

'Twould save much needless woe Doan's Kidney Pills are for weak kidneys.

Many residents of this vicinity endorse them.

Mrs. W. C. Cutrell, Anson, Texas, says: "My doctor told me I had too much uric acid in my system, due to weak kidneys. Most of the time I felt dull and drowsy and was very nervous. My back bothered me and I was hardly ever free from a dull ache across my kidneys which broke my rest at night. Different medicines didn't seem to do any good until I finally got Doan's Kidney Pills. Doan's reduced the uric acid in my system and gradually the other ailments left. I used four boxes and have had no return of the complaint."

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

**Card of Thanks.**

We wish to thank the good people of Merkel and the physicians for their kindness and attentiveness during the illness of our dear departed daughter, Eula May. May the richest blessings of Providence ever be with you.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. H. Campbell and family.



**Every room for the children**

Little hands are often soiled and sticky—careless of spotless walls. Walls of Velour Finish can be washed—but you can't wash wall paper. We guarantee satisfaction to users of

**DEVOE Velour Finish**  
The Guaranteed

We know that it is more economical than wall-paper. Also is sanitary. Soap and water will easily remove all traces of grease and dirt from walls, ceilings and woodwork painted with Velour Finish. It is easy to apply and it is economical and artistic.

We recommend it above all others as a durable finish for new and old walls. The free booklet—"Harmony in the Home"—shows many attractive color schemes.

**MERKEL LUMBER COMPANY**  
COMPLETE LINES—ASK US  
**MERKEL, TEXAS**  
**PAINT DEVOE PAINT**

**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. Vesie, 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**  
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Any erroneous reflection on the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of The Mail will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the management.

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

**PATRONS OF THE MAIL** who do not receive their paper regularly will confer a favor upon the management by reporting the fact. You should also watch the label of your paper to ascertain when your time is out, and renew before your name automatically leaves our list, as all papers stop when the term of subscription expires.



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

As we go to press the very atmosphere is beginning to get "spooky." Halloween is at hand and young America must run riot. Mischief should be tabooed, while fun and frolic is given free reign.

It must be noted that Merkel went over the top with her Fourth Liberty Loan by \$2000. It is further noted that Abilene fell behind her quota \$45,000. Merkel always has held first place in the county on matters pertaining to patriotism.

Wheat is the order of the day. Prospects are excellent at this time. Every extra acre ought to be put in grain. It will offer winter pasturage, which will be almost an immediate benefit, and it is the first crop that may be turned into money, and money will offer the relief that the West is bound to have.

A charity organization is being perfected in Merkel. Such an organization is needed. It should look after the needy in our midst. But that is not its full duty. Those who collect charity for any purpose ought to be compelled to obtain from the officials of this organization, permission to do so.

As an instance of this nature a party came into Merkel a few days ago purporting to be taking subscriptions for the Salvation Army. We haven't heard of any one raising a question, but noticed nearly all the business men of Merkel on the list of subscribers. He may have been an imposter. Certainly he did not belong to the honored organization that is so valiantly taking care of our boys at the front. It is charity to help the helpless, but to pay money to an imposter is a crime. The business men are exceedingly liberal in this regard, but they ought to be protected from that element that thinks the world owes them a living.

W. O. Boney is still making farm loans, better hurry.

Car of prairie hay just received. Warren Bros.

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

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

**FOR SALE**—Typewriter ribbons at the Merkel Mail office.

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

## A TYPICAL SOLDIER GATHERING



The Army Y. M. C. A. is the gathering place of the soldiers in every camp. It is his substitute for home, and he soon learns to go there when he is threatened with homesickness. He is seldom disappointed, for the "Y" slogan is "something doing all the time." This crowd was too big to get inside the building, so they had the program outside. The soldiers are listening to a lecture on mental and physical cleanliness by Dr. Clark, a noted sex lecturer. The picture was taken at Camp Travis, San Antonio, Texas, where thousands of soldiers from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and other states receive their training for the big adventure.

We now believe that peace is in sight. A collapse of the central powers is imminent. Turkey is crying for a separate peace and Austria-Hungary is doing likewise. Is it any wonder that Germany is near the point of surrender? We are not to be shaken in our purpose, that of unconditional surrender. The price has been too dear and we are winning too gloriously to accept a patched up peace. We believe that Germany's surrender will obviate the destruction of her territory. Some of our people think Germany ought to be given a taste of her own medicine. She has burned the cities of the allies, but she must rebuild the last one, she has murdered peaceable citizens, but millions of her sons sleep as the result of the slaughters of our brave men. We can not right a wrong by committing another just as bad. So let her cities remain nude, but by time this and future generations get through paying the bills she will think her cities have been destroyed. The devastated sections need rehabilitating quickly so we had better use every ounce of their energy for our benefit than to have it divided in rebuilding their's and ours, too. The price we are paying is the price of liberty. We are a civilized people, they have proven they are not. We are jealous of the record history will make. The actions of our rulers in the year's to come will be exposed to the gaze of unbraced criticism. They with dignity and honor let us proceed, adhering strictly to the account of justice.

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

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

I SOLEMNLY SWARE THAT I WON'T EAT NO MORE ICE CREAM WHAT'S MAID WITH SUGER NOR NO MORE CANDY WHAT'S MAID WITH SUGER. HONEST AN TROO-CROSS MY HART AMEN!



AN HEROIC SACRIFICE

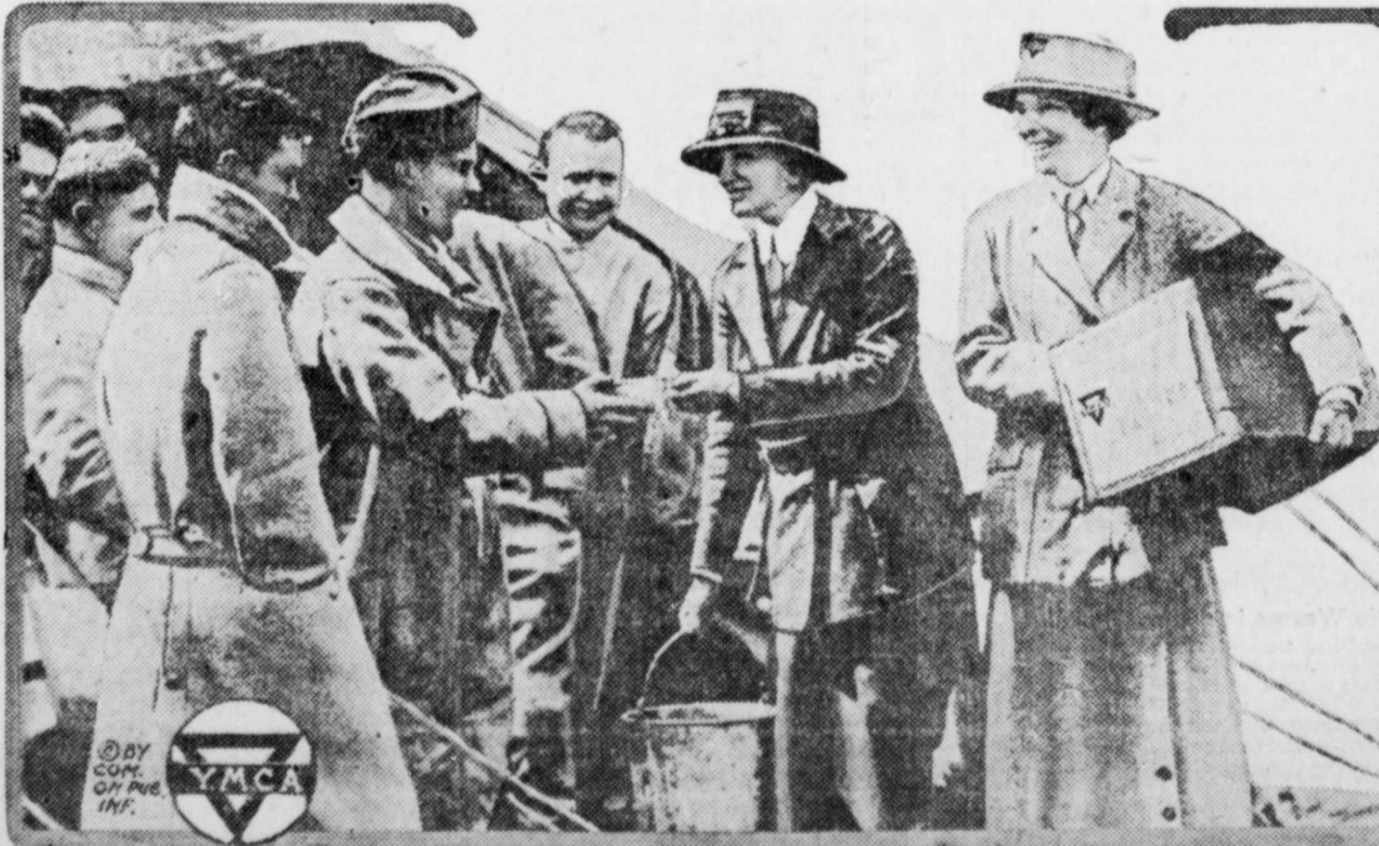
If you are going to want a loan on that farm you had better see W. O. Boney at once.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

### 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.

### HOT BROTH FOR "BUDDIE"



Hot broth is always welcomed by our men "over there," but when it is served by a "regular American woman" it is doubly welcome. Photo above was taken at a French field hospital "somewhere in France," and shows two Y. M. C. A. canteen girls serving the convalescents. "Something to warm you up a bit, buddy," heard at the outer edge of a tent is sure to bring instant response from the inside of the tent. The American Red Cross nurses, Salvation Army lassies and Y. M. C. A. canteen girls hold themselves in readiness for any and every kind of service. "Buddy" is glad to see them, whatever their mission, for, being Americans, it is good just to feast one's eyes on them.

# Closing-Out SALE

**BEGINNING NOVEMBER 9  
CONTINUING TEN DAYS**

I am going to close out my entire stock of ready-to-wear goods, consisting of

**Youths Suits, Coats and Vests**

**Mens Pants, Overalls, Shirts Underwear, for both children and grown-ups. Hats, Caps, Shoes and Notions. Also a lot of nice Ladies Furs at**

**Less Than Half**

what they will cost wholesale.

These goods must sell, regardless of prices. You can buy goods cheaper here than ever before in Merkel.

Will also give cut on Groceries

# A. L. JOBE

## LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. L. B. Howard received the sad news Wednesday that her brother, Homer Burkett, died of bronchial pneumonia in France on October 1. He had only been in France a short time. Mr. and Mrs. Howard left immediately upon receipt of the word for her parents home in Abilene.

There is always something new and fresh at Rogers. Come

Miss Marjorie Butman of Nubia community, visited Misses Bess and Essie Tucker last Thursday and Friday. She was home from school in Abilene while the "flu" was so bad, but returned there Friday afternoon.

Warren Bros. have just received car of good prairie hay.

Mrs. Ira Thornton, who lives three miles northeast of town, has been suffering with influenza for several days.

W. O. Boney can get you a loan on that farm mighty quick. Better see him now.

Walter Thomas of Dailas is visiting at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Betler.

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

**Chamberlain's Cough Remedy**  
Do not imagine that because other cough medicines failed to give you relief that it will be the same with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Bear in mind that from a small beginning this remedy has gained a world wide reputation and immense sale. A medicine must have exceptional merit to win esteem wherever it becomes known.

**Mrs. G. R. Green Dead.**  
Friday morning, October 25, death claimed Mrs. G. R. Green at the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. P. D. Green, of Shiloh. The deceased has been living in Fort Worth until the last two weeks when, owing to her state of health, her husband brought her back here thinking the change might help her, but she continued to grow weaker until the end came.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pomsay, and was married to G. R. Green on Dec. 22, 1913. She leaves, besides her husband, her parents and several sisters and brothers to mourn her death.

Burial took place in the Shiloh cemetery at four o'clock, Friday afternoon. A large crowd was present to pay to her their last respects.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. K. Horn of Abilene and Rev. Scott of Trent.

She was only 24 years of age. She delighted in relieving the wants of her fellow creatures, and cultivated that divine pleasure by the most liberal and unpretending methods.

To the poor she was a benefactor; to the rich and example; to the wretched a comfort. Her piety went hand in hand with her benevolence, and she was thankful of every opportunity to do good. She was a faithful member of the Baptist church and to her bereaved husband and loved ones we offer our tenderest sympathy.

A Friend.

### About Croup.

If your children are subject to croup, or if you have reason to fear their being attacked by that disease, you should procure a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and study the directions for use, so that in case of an attack you will know exactly what course to pursue. This is a favorite and very successful remedy for croup, and it is important that you observe the directions carefully.

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# Your Legal Blanks

NOTES, DEEDS, AFFIDAVITS, ETC., HERE

PRINTERS OF HIGH-CLASS STATIONERY

Fresh Supply of Typewriter Ribbons and Carbon Paper

Visiting Cards, Business and Political Cards

## The Merkel Mail Printing Company

League Program November 3.  
Topic, All for Christ.  
Leader, Vivian Hutcheson.  
Song.  
Prayer by Pastor.  
Introduction of Subject.  
Talk by Pastor.  
When Training should Begin,  
Claud Riney.  
What God Asks us to do, Tom  
Allday.  
b. Howard Laney.  
c. Velma Hill.  
Admonitions, Rosa Laney.  
Special Music, Ruth Pike.  
Prayer of Consecration.

**What Would You Do?**  
In case of burn or scald what would you do to relieve the pain? Such injuries are liable to occur in any family and everyone should be prepared for them. Chamberlain's Salve applied on a soft cloth will relieve the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a very severe one, will cause the parts to heal without leaving a scar. For sale by all dealers.

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

Miss Selma Hendrix of Noodle has gone to Rosco, where she accepted a position with the R. S. T Railway.

Expecting shipment of corn and oats on every train. Bob Martin.

Master Ben Bacon Hendrix was operated on the past week at the home of his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Williams.

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

Elder J. N. Rice of Houston visited at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Williams this week.

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

### THE ARMY MAN'S BANK



A banking hour in a Y. M. C. A. building of a Southern department camp. The army "Y" is the soldier's financial agent; it takes his savings and deposits them for him in a local city bank; it sells him Thrift stamps; it issues him express money orders, and in certain cases keeps money and valuables for him temporarily in the building. One "Y" man in each building is authorized to act as the agent of the express company to issue money orders to the soldiers. The banking service and the Thrift stamp sales encourage the army man to save his money, and this is made more possible by the free comforts, conveniences and entertainments offered by the Y. M. C. A.

### "WRITING HOME"



When the soldier is off duty he may employ and amuse himself in many ways, but one of the first things he is sure to do is to write to home folks. Writing paper, envelopes, ink and pens are furnished free to the men by the Army Y. M. C. A. This is a picture of a "rush hour" of letter writing and magazine reading in a "Y" building in a large camp of the Southern Department.

### MEETING OF PRICE INTERPRETING COMMITTEE, OF TAYLOR COUNTY, ABILENE, TEXAS.

#### PERSONNEL OF COMMITTEE

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J. T. Leeson      W. B. Hale      E. G. Batjer      H. M. Rainbolt  
Mrs. Jas. K. Duke      E. W. Wade      H. B. Cook      C. W. Lasley

#### PRICES BY WHOLESALERS TO RETAILERS      PRICES BY RETAILERS TO CONSUMERS

0.0843 to 0.0943	Gran Sugar	\$0.9 1/2 to \$0.11
.08	Bread 1lb Loaf	.10
3.00	Potatoes	Per lb .04
.3 1/2	Onions	.04
<b>Corn Meal Cream</b>		
5 1/2	Original Pkgs	06 1/2
	Broken pkgs, .07¢ per pound;	
2.88	Flour 48lb sacks	3.20
1.47	Flour 24lb sack	1.65
.75	Flour 12lb sack	.85
24 3/8	Lard Substitute	.30
.36 and .37	Ham Fancy	40 to 43
58 1/2	Bkfs Bacon Fancy skiced	70¢
51 3/4	Bkf bacon Fancy whole	.65
.46	Bkf bacon Standard	.55
29 1/2 to 29 3/4	Dry Salt Bellies	.35
2.10	Salmon Tall Pink	20¢
2.75	Salm Tall Red	.35c
.58	Creamary Butter 16 oz	63c
56	But Creamery 15 oz	.61
.30 to .33	Cheese American	37 to 40
.15	Beans Lima	18c
.09 1/2	Beans Pink	12 1/2
.10 to .11	Beans Pinto	12 1/2 to 13 1/2
1.85 per doz	2 1/2 Standard Corn	.20c
2.35 per doz	2 1/4 Fancy Corn	.25
3.35 per case	Milk Baby	.071/2
3.65	Salmon 1 lb Flat Cockeye	40c

Retail Merchants throughout the Country are entitled to add freight to above prices from Abilene to their town, except where they buy in cars f.o.b. their railroad station. Country stores are entitled to add wagon or truck freight to above, as prices named are based f.o.b. Jobbing center. Retailers who own \$0.0843 Sugar must not sell at a higher price than \$0.09 1/2; Retailers who have paid \$0.0993 can sell such sugar at \$0.11.

Complaints have come to this committee that excessive profits are being made on bran, chops and other feeds. U. S. Administration will deal in no uncertain terms with any profiteering on above items.

For Indigestion, Constipation or Biliousness  
**DRAUGHON'S PRACTICAL Business College**  
ABILENE, TEXAS  
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.  
Only well-known Business College in West Texas. Thousands of firms nearer our Employment Department than any other. Money-back contract guarantees position. Catalogue FREE.

Peanut oil at G. M. Sharps.

## BATTLEFIELDS OF EUROPE COMING FOR TEXANS' VIEW

All Texas cannot go to France and walk over the battlefields, but all plans have been laid to bring a battlefield to Texas, at Waco, November 2 to 17, and set it down at the door of Texas for two weeks so that everyone may visit it.

Through the Committee on Public Information, the Texas Cotton Palace association and the governments of Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, Canada and the United States have joined forces to present this gigantic display. Already nine carloads—and there will be fourteen in all—of captured war material and implements of war used by us and our Allies have arrived in Waco.

The 1918 Cotton Palace has been turned over to the exhibit. A large part of the vast grounds will be changed into a battlefield with only the horror of war left out.

There from November 2 to 17, inclusive, one may walk through a replica of front line trenches, through dugouts where the men live when they are not actually fighting, through first-aid stations where the wounded are taken when hit, through the desolate No Man's Land among twisted barbed wire entanglements, shattered cannon, broken rifles, abandoned trench mortars, bomb throwers and wrecks of airplanes and all the debris of ground over which men fought fiercely and died bravely.

### NO CITY IN SOUTH WILL SEE SUCH A PORTRAYAL

It will be an exhibition such as no city south of the Mason-Dixon line has seen or ever will see, as Waco is one of but three cities in the United States in which this exposition is to be shown.

It is hoped that some of the very cannon which Waco's own 32nd division took from the Kaiser's crack guards in the great Marne drive will be here. Some of the relics already arrived have those historic words "Marne River" chalked upon them.

Do you want to know just how our boys live over there? Just what the trenches, the dugouts and shell holes are like? Just what kind of weapons they use and what kind the enemy uses against them. It will all be shown. The trenches will be laid out by a returned officer who laid them out at the front, and they will be exact copies of the ones over which a fierce battle was waged. No Man's land will be built with the same accuracy and faithfulness to detail.

And then the American exhibits! The showing by America alone includes 425 pieces—not to mention the longed-for trophies from the field of the Marne. There are big eight inch howitzers taken from the Germans by our boys in khaki little trench howitzers; "whizz bangs," as the Americans call the German 77-millimeter guns.

These are imitations of the world famous French 75's, but are slightly larger and not nearly as effective. There is a big 170-millimeter field gun captured from Fritz by the American marines. There is a German machine gun, anti-aircraft gun and an immense list of captured weapons.

The British exhibit is made up of more than 750 articles, from MG guns to petty little articles, such as fret saws, rubber bands, a package of wire, and tallow candles which the Germans tried to sneak through the mails.

One interesting piece is the naval gun captured on the raider Emden. There is also a piece of plating from the gallant British warship Lion, which made such a famous fight.

### TANK WILL BE AMONG RELICS FROM EUROPE

Not the least interesting are the rare and valuable British war medals and decorations, to win one of which many a Briton has gladly laid down his life.

There will be a tank which has sent terror to the souls and bullets into the bodies of the Boches when she trundled across the flats of Flanders, crawling through trenches and smashing down wire entanglements.

The Canadians show cannon taken at the famous Vimy Ridge, pieces of a German Zeppelin, some of the shells which the Boches fired into the cathedral at Rheims and a total of 600 articles in all.

The French and Italian exhibits and the Belgian part of the show are made up of trophies taken from scores of battlefields, from big cannon and submarine torpedoes to rifle bullets and pennants.

But why the showing of all these war trophies—5,000 of them in all? Because the American people need to realize that there is war. Most of us are only half awake to the fact.

We read every day in the newspapers that battles have been fought and won; that ships have braved the treacherous submarine and have landed tens of thousands of our boys in France; that such and such sums have been spent for war materials; that so many more

wanted for war, munition plants, shipyards, or for moving the crops; that another increment of drafted men is to be called out soon. In a dull way we know that it is all part of the war.

### REALIZATION OF WAR IS TO BE BROUGHT HERE

But that is not a realization of war. Go down to that No Man's Land when it is shown at the Cotton Palace for the first time in the South, and go down many times thereafter, and look on what is there, and let the sight sink into your soul. Look at the shattered guns, the splintered aircraft, the twisted steel of the big cannon, the smashed Zeppelin, the bullet-pierced uniforms, the fragments of rifles and swords.

Look at the desolate trenches, the mats of tangled barbed wire, the great caves torn in the earth by the shells, and think of the boys you know living, fighting, dying by the hundreds and thousands; among them your friends, your relatives; that you may live in peace, comfort and safety.

### MACHINE GUNS TO SPRAY BULLETS INTO HUNS

Go and look at the Red Cross dressing station and picture to yourself the great hospitals back of the lines, filled with wounded men, and realize that the Germans make a specialty of hunting them out and dropping bombs on surgeons, nurses and wounded men.

Go and look at the U-boat torpedoes and think of the Lusitania, which the Germans sent to the bottom of the sea, loaded as she was with men, women and children, while we were still at peace. And think, too, that the Germans purposely sink hospital ships, loaded with wounded, though they bear the big cross of Red in colored lights.

Go and see how the machine guns spray bullets as a hose does drops of water, and recall that in the battles now going on the Germans have hidden five machine guns in one house on which they had placed the Red Cross, and from that vantage point killed American boys. Remember that in the same battles the Germans advanced toward our boys waving white flags of surrender and that later it was found that every one of them was loaded with hand grenades with which to kill our boys when they were near enough. Even the white flag itself was tied to one of the murderous grenades.

Go down to the Cotton Palace when the big gates swing open next Saturday. Don't go lightly, carelessly, and glance and smile and turn away. Take your heart with you. Go to learn and to feel, and to bring away a picture graven on your mind. You have some one over there or on the way, for it will take millions more to drive the Hun back to his kennel and put a muzzle on him. Imagine that son, or brother, or sweetheart; imagine any boy you know living in that hell on earth "made in Germany" and think what you ought to do for him.

You will find the answer in your heart. You will want to help win this war, by every means in your power. You will want to save food and send more to the boys, and to the suffering women and children of the lands which have to furnish the battle fields. You will want to save your money to buy War Savings Stamps and Liberty Bonds. You will want to give your time to the Red Cross. And if you are of a fighting age you will want to go over and help.

That is what this wonderful show is for, to make you think, to make you realize that we are at war. Once you get that firmly into your consciousness you will insist on doing your share.

If we go down to the Cotton Palace Saturday and every day thereafter and let the sights of that war exhibit sink into our minds, we will begin to think about this war as we have never thought before and to act as we never acted before.

### BATTLE OF WEST FRONT TO BE SEEN AT WACO, TEXAS

But great as this exhibit of war relics is, stupendous as is the undertaking—there is yet another great feature of this war show.

The battle. Every night before the Cotton Palace amphitheater there will be portrayed an exact replica of a west front engagement. To the minutest detail will the fierceness of the greatest drives be portrayed.

Over that same desolate No Man's Land that you saw during the day light hours will go the charge for victory. First, though, there will be all the preliminaries incident to the development of a great struggle, such as Haig and Pershing and Gouraud and Petain are now launching day after day over there in France.

There will be the activities of the sharpshooters, the hurrying of troops through the communication trenches into the front lines. And then—

The box barrage and gas attack. No part of the reality is to be left out. Nothing has been left undone from the crack of the first sharp shooter's rifle and the sizzle of escaping gas from the first gas projectile to the last roar of the barrage and the shriek of the overtop charge when our own Yanks come through.

Lines of trenches roaring with action, shriek of the guns and pop-pop of the rifles, rat-a-tat of machine guns, everything will be there as it is in France.

Work has already been started on laying out the battlefield. Each trench will be as some trench was over there. And when the great battle comes off every night, everything in it will be as was something in France and Belgium.



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Some things are so simple that they have to be explained again and again. When things are obvious, people keep looking for mysteries behind them.

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### TAYLOR COUNTY LIBERTY BONDS

In spite of the fact that its quota was proportionately the largest of any county in the drouth district of Texas, and larger even than that some of the far-famed black-land counties, Taylor county missed raising its liberty loan quota by only \$42,900. The county's quota was \$369,000, and approximately \$326,100 was raised.

It was the largest quota in West Texas with the exception of one or two counties where the oil interests are great. Then, too, Abilene went away over the top in the 3rd loan campaign when many of the counties which went over in the fourth, failed to get anywhere near their quota. Considering conditions and the extra large quota, Taylor county and Abilene have done well.

Of the approximate total of \$326,100 for the county, Abilene bought \$255,000, Merkel \$45,000, Buffalo Gap \$1,600, Ovalo \$1,500, Tuscola \$4,900; Trent \$6,500; Lawn \$1,400, Bradshaw \$3,200. In addition, all locations by railroads to various towns in the county without quotas amounted to about \$7,000.

It is noted from the above that Merkel went over the top, as she usually does.

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- G. C. Hodges.
- Z. T. Lamar.
- Jas. Coleman Wasson, Noodle.
- Oran Edwards.
- L. E. Perkins, Jr.,
- Wm. A. Bond.
- John Clyde Bond.
- Luna W. Tittle, Jr.
- Jas W. Mayfield.
- Ora L. Mayfield.
- Birt Mayfield.
- Paul McMurray.
- Ulrie Forrester.
- Andrew Archer.
- Roy Adams.
- Britt Baker.
- Fauss Banner.
- Edgar Breeze.
- W. B. Brown.
- Arthur Derrington.
- Frank J. Ferrier.
- De Gorsus.
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- John T. Morris, Trent.
- Joe L. Evans, Trent.
- W. W. McElmurray, Trent.
- Hubert J. Swan, Trent.
- John Moore, Merkel.
- Lieut B. B. Brown
- Chester Hall.
- Stuart Grimes.
- Jas. Clyde White.
- Lloyd Shepard.
- L. A. Dudley.
- Robert Vernon Boring.
- Sherley King.
- O. A. Horton.
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- Archie Rose.
- Fred Harrell.
- Chas. C. Jones.
- Glen Thompson
- Roscoe Sharp.
- John Ware.
- John D. Dudley.
- John Edward Hunter.
- E. M. Harris.
- George Smith.
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- Wayne Abernathy, Trent.
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- Hollis Brown, Trent.
- Royce Dowdy, Trent.
- Robt. B. Parker.
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- Rufus H. O'Neal.
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- Ennis Grimes.
- Charley Fitzgerald.
- Berry Forrester.
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- John T. Mattingley, Noodle.
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- Tom Smith Martin.
- Leland L. Martin.
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- Lee Raymond Campbell
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- Leonard Willis
- 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.
- Elmer Dunn, Trent.
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- Jas. Harmon Peterson.
- W. Clarence Melton.
- Dalton Blackmon, Trent.
- Otto Blackmon, Trent
- John W. Hassey, Trent
- Roy Stevens, Trent.
- Spurgeon Scott, Trent
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- Jno. Earnest Costephens.
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- Jake Eason, Noodle.
- Henry Eason, Noodle
- Guy Bradley, Stith.
- Guy Sibley, Trent.
- Wm. Wills.
- Sam H. Rosson, Trent.
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- John Coomer.
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- Clayton Hall, Trent.
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- Orville Fossell.
- Clyde Foster.
- Jodie Bright, Trent
- Barney A. Garrett.
- P. M. Hutchins.
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- Roger V. Wells.
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- Will Brown.
- Judson McRee.
- Frank Hart.
- Albert Vessell, Trent
- Jim Skillern, Trent.
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- Arl Sharp.
- John T. Morgan.
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☐ Procrastination will silently steal away the opportunity that is yours. Now is the accepted time. Be wise and conquer now the obstacles that will later stand between you and the coveted success that may be yours. Only a small investment may bring you fabulous returns.

No. 326

**160-ACRE FARM**—About 6 miles southeast of Merkel, 30 acres in cultivation, 80 per cent good tillable land, 5-room frame bungalow and new small out building. Price \$27.50 per acre. Good terms.

No. 327

**1120 ACRES**—The very best big farm proposition in all the country. 640 acres in one body, all prairie, with about 350 acres in cultivation, only about 60 acres not tillable. Black hog-wallow land. Four ordinary box rent houses and numerous out buildings, well and good windmill, fine water, concrete tank holding about 500 barrels with trough in connection and float valves. Another tract contains 320 acres, 176 in cultivation, with good house and first-class improvements. Two other tracts of 80 acres each. Any of these tracts are for sale, with exception of the 320 acre tract, which is for sale provided the balance is sold. Price of this land is \$22.50 an acre with the most liberal terms. If entire tract is purchased, less price will be considered. Land is owned by early settlers who picked it years ago. Hardly a better place can be found. It lies about 14 miles southwest of Merkel.

No. 325

**WELL IMPROVED FARM**—323 9-10 acres, 136 in cultivation and balance in pasture, all good tillable land, dark sandy soil, located on rural route about 2½ miles southeast of Merkel. 4-room bungalow, 2 porches, 2 small barns, concrete floor in barn, water piped into lot, 1 windmill, 2 wells, fine water, good new fences of 3 and 4 wires. All improvements made in 1916. Will take \$35 an acre, \$3500 cash and time on balance. Notes against place amount to \$4700, eight annual payments at 6 per cent interest. Will take second lien against place at 6 per cent interest. Improvements include wash house, smoke house, building for blacksmith shop, etc.

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.

No. 321

**HOUSE AND LOT**—Modern 5-room house. Frontage about 133 feet on corner. Windmill, hydrants, shed. No better bargain in Merkel.

No. 323

**MUST SELL QUICK**—120 acres about 6 miles southeast of Merkel at \$25 an acre. 50 acres in cultivation, balance in pasture; all good land. Not leased but adjacent to leased territory. All cash.

No. 324

**800-ACRE FARM & RANCH**—Over 300 acres in cultivation, balance pasture; about 100 acres rough land. 5-room house, 4 good rent houses 1 windmill, 4 wells and hand pumps, fenced and cross fenced. Land very best in country, about 15 miles south of Merkel. Price \$25.00 an acre; cash payment of \$5000, with terms on balance to suit convenience of purchaser. On rural route, phone line and near church and school.

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 \$27.50 per acre for quick sale.

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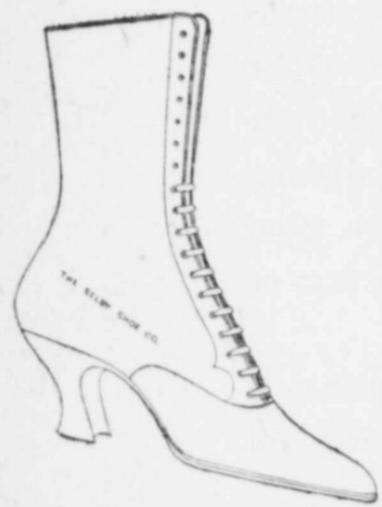
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#### J. T. Dean Killed.

Mrs. J. S. Swann received the sad news Tuesday morning that her brother, J. T. Dean, of 2613 Pennsylvania Avenue, Dallas, had been killed in a street car accident at Houston the evening before. We have failed to learn the full particulars. Mr. Dean recently visited in Merkel. The funeral will be held in Dallas, but burial will take place at Tyler.

Mr. Dean's son, Claud, of Roswell, N. M., came in Wednesday and was joined in his trip to Dallas by Mrs. Swann.

To the bereaved relatives and friends are extended our heartfelt sympathy.

#### Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic

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#### Advertised Letters.

These can be redeemed upon payment of one cent.

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These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on Nov. 13th.

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

#### NOTICE OF CLOSING ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON'S

Owing to the fact that business is quiet, The Lumber Yards of Merkel, will begin on Saturday Nov. 2nd. to close their places of business at 12 o'clock, and will continue to do so until further notified.

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#### SHILOH NEWS

We are still having more rain and the rain, which fell Friday night caused the streams to overflow enough to wash the bridges away, so the rural delivery could not make their routes for the past few days.

The influenza in this community is some better this week.

We all enjoy the soldiers letters, which are printed in the Merkel Mail.

Will Johnson returned to Ft. Worth Sunday night.

Miss Dixie Duncan of Golan is the guest of Mrs. A. M. McCright this week.

Reese Hail and wife of Merkel attended the funeral of Mrs. Green, Friday afternoon.

G. R. Green left for Ft. Worth Saturday night after the death of his wife on Friday.

Mrs. J. H. Grayson and daughter are visiting another daughter, Mrs. Seago, near Anson this week.

#### 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.

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A. O. Hickman is now located at Gainesville, and authorized the Merkel Mail to follow him on.

Better see W. O. Boney and let him make you a loan on that farm while you can get it.

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#### A \$100 JOB FOR YOU

The Government and big business firms are continually offering Draughton-trained students good office positions at \$85 to \$125 per month. Government approves and business men endorse our Civil-Service Mercantile Bookkeeping course. About 85 per cent of the Government stenographers write our system of shorthand. More than 300,000 stenographers, bookkeepers and bankers owe their success to our courses. Money back contract guarantee position. Low rates and FREE Civil-service course to those who enroll now. Liberty Bonds accepted from those unable to pay the cash. The Government urges you to qualify for patriotic and profitable office work. We'll help you. Address Draughton's Business College, Box A, Abilene, Texas. P. S.—Booklet, "17 Lessons in Business Writing" or Gov. Taylor's Love Letters to the Public." Free for five names and addresses of young people interested in business course.—Adv.

#### DANGEROUS

As winter is coming on us, a pole or wire may be broken by winds and sleets, so remember yourself and especially train your children not to touch any wire that is broken and lying on the ground, not even a Telephone wire as it may be lying across a HIGH VOLTAGE electric line, there could be enough power in the innocent looking wire to kill every MAN, WOMAN, CHILD, COW and PIG in Merkel in an instance.

We will appreciate it if you will phone us day or night if a pole or wire is seen on the ground. 1t2c.

Merkel Power Co.

#### Postoffice Notice.

The last mail at night will be made up at 7 o'clock instead of 8 o'clock, from now on until the change of time again. Please keep this change in mind.

H. C. Williams, Postmaster.

Warren Bros. have just received car of good prairie hay.

Expected seed oats by Saturday. G. M. Sharp.

#### LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Blanche E. Wells of Petersburg, Tenn., came in last Friday night to make her home with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ashby, while her husband is overseas. Mrs. Wells received word that her husband has been wounded in action, but she has not learned the extent of his wounds.

Car of prairie hay just received. Warren Bros.

Mrs. Snyder and children have moved here from New Mexico and will reside in the house adjoining her mother, Mrs. E. A. Campbell at present.

Mrs. Snyder contemplates being here only for a short time as she will join her husband as soon as he can secure a location in the east.

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

Mrs. Onard Dye and children have moved back from Ranger. They have undergone a siege of sickness, but are well again. Mr. Dye will continue his work at Ranger.

Expected 500 bushels Texas Red seed oats next week at G. M. Sharps.

J. T. Browning made a business trip to Ranger Wednesday.

Expecting shipment of corn and oats on every train. Bob Martin.

Miss Dorothy Duckett reached home a few days ago. For several months she has been attending school at Fort Worth.

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

Miss Minnie Graham returned Sunday evening after an absence from her school room for several weeks on account of the serious illness and death of her brother and illness of other members of the family.

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