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THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
AT MERKEL
In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on Nov. 1, 1918

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, inc. redis. (except those shown on b and c).....	\$173,982.37
Overdrafts, secured,..... None; Unsecured..... None.	
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value).....	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds and certificates of indebtedness pledged to secure U. S. deposits (par value).....	27,000.00
U. S. Bonds and cert. of ind. pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value).....	3,500.00—36,750.00
Liberty Loan Bonds 3½, 4, and 4½ per cent, unpledged.....	5,795.54
Liberty Loan Bonds, 3½, 4, and 4½ per cent, pledged to secure postal savings deposits.....	1,500.00—7,295.54
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not inc. stocks) owned unpledged.....	1,112.65
Stock of Federal Reserve bank (50 per cent of Subscription).....	1,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	3,600.00
Real Estate owned other than banking house.....	3,132.00
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Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	23,823.54
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks.....	55,822.08
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 17).....	974.56
Total of Items 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18.....	\$59,657.99
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items.....	1,886.70
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	312.50
War Saving Certificates and Thrift Stamps actually owned.....	503.61
Total.....	\$310,695.55
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$25,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	25,000.00
Undivided profits.....	14,319.28
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid.....	4,170.40—
Circulating notes outstanding.....	6,250.00
Net amounts due to National banks.....	1,647.02
Net amounts due to banks, bankers, and trust companies (other than included in Items 21 or 32).....	2,934.54
Total of Items 22 and 23.....	\$4,581.56
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check.....	195,278.89
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days.....	3,200.00
Cashiers checks outstanding.....	3,373.85
Total demand deposits subject to Reserve, Items 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41.....	\$201,852.74
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed).....	15,683.00
Postal savings deposits.....	2,229.37
Total of time dep. subject to Reserve, Items 42, 43, 44, 45.....	\$17,862.37
War loan deposit account.....	20,000.00
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STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of Nov. 1918.
J. T. HOWARD, Notary Public.

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RESOURCES	
Loans and dis., personal or collateral.....	\$53,935.89
Loans, real estate.....	3,000.00
Overdrafts.....	19.32
Bonds and Stocks.....	600.00
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net.....	6,735.16
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to c.k. net.....	2,494.37
Cash Items.....	125.55
Currency.....	5,493.00
Specie.....	732.72
Int. and Assessment Depts' Gty. Fund.....	1,108.31
Other Resources as follows:	
Advances on Cotton.....	10,994.28
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness.....	7,000.00
Total.....	\$92,997.50
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus fund.....	10,000.00
Undivided profits, net.....	14,938.88
Individual Deposits Sub. to Check.....	57,805.18
Time Certificates of Deposit.....	125.00
Cashiers checks.....	157.64
Total.....	\$92,997.50

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, J. T. Warren, as president, and L. E. Adrian, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
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☞ 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
\$85,000.00

STENOGRAPHERS NEEDED

So persistent has been the call for stenographers and typists that the government has made it easy for one to equip himself for service. Now because the war is over is no sign of the need being less. After this war the industries of the world are going to need hundreds where half that number would have been needed before. The government work will be more complicated, too, and there is no better boss than your Uncle Sam. Every effort is being made to urge those who can write shorthand and operate a typewriter to take the civil service examination.

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.

War Work Donation.

Houston, Texas, Nov. 12.—E.P. Beene, Agent, Gulf Refining Company, Merkel, Tex.—Will mail check tomorrow for \$25. for united war work fund.

C. L. Kerr.

The above shows a splendid co-operative spirit that is highly appreciated.

DRAUGHON'S PRACTICAL Business College

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.

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, Etc. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Red Cross Home Communication Service.

Somewhere, Oct. 12.—Mrs. J. S. Blair: I am writing at the request of your son, John K., to tell you that he has arrived safely in France, but he is at present in a hospital here. He is getting good care from American doctors and nurses. He sends his best love and will write you as soon as able.

I am the visitor for the American Red Cross in this Hospital. May Osden DeFoust.

Washington D. C., Nov. 6.—Mrs. Blair: We are glad to enclose this note from your son dictated to one of our representatives, in Base Hospital No. 101.

The Red Cross joins you in best wishes for his speedy recovery.

Yours most sincerely,
W. R. Castle, Jr.,

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

Mrs. Robert Grimes of Swwetwater is visiting T. L. Grimes and sons.

Plenty fresh flour and groceries at A. L. Jobs.

J. S. Swann has returned from an extensive trip to Tyler.

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.

STATEMENT

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

As Made to Comptroller of Currency at Close of Business November 1, 1918

RESOURCES

Time Loans	\$149,549.04
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	1,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Other Real Estate	3,132.00

CASH RESOURCES

On hand and in other Banks	\$82,508.33
Cotton Exchange ..	13,263.33
Demand Loans	12,282.65
War Saving Stamps ..	503.61
U. S. Cert. of Ind. ..	27,000.00
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LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	35,148.88
Circulation	6,250.00
Rediscounts	None
Bills Payable	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	244,298.12
Total	\$310,697.00

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

Ennis Grimes is spending a few days at home. He is recuperating from an attack of the "flu."

Keep your clothes new by having them cleaned and pressed. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Mrs. E. A. Hargroves left this week to join her husband, in Athens, where they will make their future home.

E. L. Rogers has plenty of corn chops, oats, barley chops and corn. Figure with him for your feed bill.

Miss Bernice Rainbolt is visiting homefolks this week.

E. L. Rogers has plenty of corn chops, oats, barley chops and corn. Figure with him for your feed bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson are in receipt of a card stating that their son, Pvt. Jas Dent, has safely arrived overseas.

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

Mrs. Fred A. Baker and children and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn and children left a few days ago to join their husbands at Sapulpa, Ok. They expect to return by crop time.

Hooverize, and get your childrens' winter underwear at A.L. Jobs. Save half.

WHAT TO USE TO PREVENT APPENDICITIS

Merkel people should know simple buethorn bark, glycerine, ect., as mixed in Adler-i-ka, flus es the entire bowel tract so completely that appendicitis is prevented. One spoonful Adler-i-ka relives any case sour stomach, gas or constipation because it removes all foul matter which clogged and poisoned your system. The instant action surprises both doctors and patients.—Sanders Drug Store. adv.3

REAL SNAPS FOR YOU

Mens dark grey stripe Moleskin Pant	\$2.50
Mens dark grey stripe Moleskin coat	4.50
Mens medium heavy ribbed underwear suit	1.25
Mens full weight, best ribbed union suits	1.90
Boys full weight, best ribbed union suits ..	95c & 1.00
Ladies full weight, best ribbed union suits	1.45
Ladies medium weight ribbed union suits	1.25
Girls full weight (taped with buttons for bloomers) ribbed union suits	1.00

Some Odds and Ends of one-piece Underwear for boys & girls, ribbed fleeced, small sizes, each **25c**

A dandy Percale, lights and darks
 19c |

Lots of Hosiery for men, boys, ladies and misses at one-third less than wholesale price to-day

Kirschbaum suits for men	\$20, \$25 and \$30
Over Coats, big saving in price	15, 18 and 20
Ladies Ready-to-Wear---a GOOD SAVING on every garment	
Boys well-made, good-fitting suits	\$6.95 to \$11.85

The Brown D. G. Company

LOCAL NEWS

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

There is only one commodity you have any moral right to be extravagant over just now. That commodity is W. S. S. Extravagance for War Savings Stamps is the kind of spending that any long-headed banker will aid and abet you in.

Why not look at that 160-acre farm 15 miles north of Merkel. It is a big bargain at \$1000 per acre. See The Merkel Real Estate Company.

Mrs. R. L. Bland and children visited Mrs. Crane in Chilli-cothe the past week.

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.

Morrison Test Well Supped in.

The deep test on the Morrison ranch eight miles northeast of Merkel was spudded in Tuesday afternoon in the presence of a large number of people who had gone out to witness the event.

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, Cl man Local Red Cross.

ELECTRIC RATES ADVANCED : Frank Statement of Facts

TO OUR CUSTOMERS

During the past three and one-half years we have been striving to serve you, unflinchingly, with ELECTRICITY, the greatest labor saver and comfort known to the modern home, and rarity of complaint, we believe justifies our conviction that we have served you well.

During this period we have conducted our business as has anyone else, in the face of hitherto unheard-of increases in the cost of every single item entering into our expenses. Labor commands the highest wages ever known to the industrial world. Not a single item used in the conduct of our business has increased in cost less than 100 per cent, and a great many cases of most generally used material and supplies entering into our expenses, 200 to 300 per cent of what we ever paid for them before. These are facts that need not be proven—they are admitted by everyone.

At the beginning we hoped that these conditions would not last long. We, like everyone, believed and hoped that the war would be shorter than it was; that by enforcement of every possible economy we might be able to pass through the trying period with-

out being forced to charge a higher price for what we are selling you—SERVICE. Our hopes were in vain, however, for civilization has met the most formidable foe in existence, but we conquered him. In the meantime costs are and will continue to soar. We are told that fuel, labor, material and food will go higher for the coming two years. Fuel is the worst problem we have to battle with. On account of scarcity of natural gas we are forced to burn coal, which increased our cost 100 per cent.

With these conditions confronting us, we have but two courses open to pursue. One, of course, is to let our service, and our property deteriorate. The other is to increase our rates by such nominal amount as will partially compensate for the enormous increase in our cost of operation and upkeep, permit us to maintain the quality of our service, and safeguard to a certain extent, the interests of our investors.

After a full consideration we have decided that the latter course is the proper one to pursue, and we feel sure your sense of justice will confirm our decision.

Effective, therefore, after the meter readings of November (or with the December billings) the following rates for Electric Service will be put into effect:

LIGHTING RATES

First 50 KWH used per month... 18c per KWH
Next 150 KWH used per mo.... 17c per KWH
Excess of 150 KWH used per mo. 15c per KWH
Discount—1c per KWH if bills are paid on or before the 10th of the month following date of billing.

Minimum Charge—\$1.50 per month per meter.

COOKING AND HEATING RATES

First 10 KWH 11c per KWH; all over 11 KWH 3½c per KWH per month. **Discount**—½c per KWH if bills are paid on or before the 10th of following month of billing.

Minimum Charge—\$24.00 per year.

This, we feel, is an exceedingly reasonable increase. It represents but a few cents addition to each patron's monthly bill, and is negligible, as compared with the increase in the prices you are called upon to pay for every other item of living expenses. It will not return us even a reasonable profit, but it will permit us to make any replacements which are needed for the maintenance of our service, and which we can not do at the old rates under existing conditions.

Trusting that we have made our position clear to you, and assuring you our intention to continue rendering the same high-class SERVICE that you have had at your command twenty-four hours per day, we beg to remain,

Very respectfully yours

Merkel Power Company

MERKEL, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 11, 1918

WOMAN PRESS SECTION

(By Frances L. Garside.)

There is a word whose domestic meaning no man understands. It is the little word "things." "I do not break up house-keeping," a woman will say, because I just can't be happy without my own things."

Said "things" often being represented by a rocking-chair worn with age, a sun faded rug, and old bed or two, china ware that has been chipped in growing up with the family. All told, these "things" might not bring ten dollars on the market, but to the woman they are dearer than life itself. They are the visible remnants of by-gone days, every chair, every saucer, glorified by memory into a splendor that makes it finer than anything in the stores.

Men laugh at the attachment; they call it a weakness. Perhaps it is, but it is a weakness that is going to make life just that much harder for the poor women of Belgium returning to their devastated homes. When they fled before the Germans, every woman carried something that was not essential to her life or material comfort. That something was one of the "things" at which men smile, a cracked pitcher; a child's chair, a picture hastily taken from the wall, and all the way out of the country her heart was turning backward to the "thing" she had left behind.

In this reconstruction work which will be as big a job as the war, this remaking of homes will be the task of an understanding sympathy, something the men do not possess when it comes to the chipped, cracked and moth eaten furniture; that is the woman's province. The men may rebuild the house; a woman will be needed with love and sympathy to make it as like as possible to the home it was before the invasion.

Don't forget the sale at Jobe's Store. Nov. 9th to 16th.

Lightning Strikes Barn.

Some days ago lightning struck the barn of H. R. Horton in three places. Only slight damage was done the structure, but it killed a fine mare and mule, worth at least \$425. Mr. Horton regrets the loss of the animals exceedingly, not only on account of the financial loss, but on account of the animals being so gentle and reliable.

Greatly Benefited by Chamberlain's Tablets.

"I am thankful for the good I have received by using Chamberlain's Tablets. About two years ago when I began taking them I was suffering a great deal from distress after eating, and from headache and a tired, languid feeling due to indigestion and a torpid liver. Chamberlain's Tablets corrected these disorders in a short time, and since taking two bottles of them my health, has been good" writes Mrs. M.P. Harwood, Auburn, N.Y.

Further more, the best Christmas gift you can give this year is a package of those little green War Savings Stamps.

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.

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

Be in position to back up that New Year's resolution for 1919 by having bought all of the War Savings Stamps you pledge for 1918.

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.

Nature's Remedy Better Than Pills For Liver Ills. Get a 25¢ Box

T. L. GRIMES, Merkel, Texas

WAR PACKAGE REPORT CORRECTED

A report has become current that the individual Christmas boxes can not be accepted at the Merkel Red Cross. The local committee having this matter in charge, expect to have the boxes tomorrow (Friday) and will begin packing at once. These parcels will be accepted until the 20th of this month.

Merkel Red Cross.

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

Even though peace comes don't delude yourself with the idea that those pledges to invest in Government War Savings Stamps are "scraps of paper." They are binding personal obligations.

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

Remember: Peace or War the United States Government has to pay its debts and consequently expects you to pay that W. S. S. pledge.

A TASTE OF HOME

(Editorial from Boston Transcript.) In point of digestibility the American doughnut may not be the most recommendable article of food in the world. In times of piping peace, and especially when the doughnut is piping hot, it may have a tendency to be long and ponderously on the stomach, but in time of war the soldier's digestion, like his spirit, is apt to imitate the action of the tiger—in other words, he can digest anything! Yet it is not on account of its digestibility, even to the soldier, that the American doughnut has made such a success as the type and expression of The Salvation Army's work in France. It is because the doughnut is about the homeliest article of food there is to the average American soldier. Served everywhere by the patient Salvationists, it is to the soldier redolent of the fireside and reminiscent of the dinner pail. It brings back mother herself, bending over the kettle in the kitchen; or it recalls the long dinner-hour in the little white schoolhouse when you swapped one of the two doughnuts from your pail (it was a sacrifice, they tasted so good after the long morning's grind) for one of Mary Jones' two rather skimpy pieces of dried-apple pie. If the soldier has no such rustic memories, The Salvation

Army lassie's doughnuts may recall the high-piled city lunch-counter, with the light and roar of the dear old thoroughfare coming in through the open door. At all events, the doughnut goes infallibly with America in every soldier's memory. It is a lump of home in a strange land.

Therefore The Salvation Army does well to make and give out millions of American doughnuts. The helpful organization reaps a reward in the friendliness of the atmosphere that they create. A doughnut is cheery, personal, intimate. No letter of introduction need go with it. Before us at this moment lies the letter of a young soldier who says that in Pemberton Square he used to pause only to smile in half-scorn at The Army, but that in France, though he smiles still, it is in quite another spirit. "My hat's off to The Salvation Army now," he says, "and I'm not the only one who feels that way either!" The boys are all ready to endorse the sentiment of the poet who celebrated General Booth's entry into Heaven, "The Salvation Army has found the way to their hearts."

The American doughnut in France is also the type of proof of another thing, and that is the fact that this war is rich in a sort of helpfulness that no previous war ever knew.

REASON FOR COTTON DEPRECIATION.

West Texas is gradually coming to the front in the production of poets. The following composition is purported to be from the pen of G. F. West and is submitted to the Merkel Mail for publication by the cotton boys, Emery McDonald, Fred Hale, G. E. Comegys, G. M. Sharp, G. J. Jones and company:

While Barney Barough Was down with the "Flu" Cotton was doing well. When Barney Barough Got over the "Flu" Then cotton went to hell.

A SUCCESSFUL POULTRY SHOW

In spite of the drouth that so long has lent stagnation to every form of agricultural and industrial endeavor throughout West Texas, our poultry raisers have sustained their degree of optimism and the birds brought last Saturday were a credit to any country. The following parties exhibited:

R. L. Adcock—Brown leghorns, two pullets and one cockrel.

Tom Douglass—Rhode Island reds, five pullets and cockrel, one sale.

G. F. Holland—Rhode Island reds, one cockrel, for which he has been offered \$25.00, five pullets; reporting sale of one cockrel and six pullets and six hens.

Bob Ellis—Rhode Island reds, three cockrels and seven pullets; several sales made.

E. P. Beene—Rhode Island reds, one cockrel and three pullets.

J. B. Campbell—M. B. Turkeys, one tom and two hens.

Brooks Browning—The White wyandottes, one cockrel and three pullets.

Marion Johnson—White wyandottes, four pullets.

E. W. Kelley—Rhode Island reds, six pullets and two cockrels.

W. P. Duckett—Brown leg-

horns, three hens, three pullets and one cockrel; several sales.

L. L. Estes—White leghorns and plymouth rocks, three cockrels of the former and four of the latter.

Mrs. M. D. Angus—White leghorns, one cockrel and three pullets.

The poultry show is held every November. It is a great feature and many visitors called to look over the birds. A little more cooperation would make Merkel the greatest blooded poultry center in all the country. Many more exhibits would have been on hand if conditions had been better.

Sick Headache.

This distressing disease results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. For sale by all dealers.

Gayland Lassiter Dead.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter received the sad news that their son Gayland had died at Detroit a few days ago. Mrs. Lassiter has been in feeble health for some time and could not attend and Mr. Lassiter had to remain with her. Miss May left at once and has remained there since. The young man was twenty-two years of age, married and had two children.

Mr. and Mrs. Gayland Lassiter lived in the Merkel country until about two or three months ago, when they left to make their home at Detroit.

Mr. Lassiter was an enterprising, Christian young man. He was a member of the Baptist church here, having become a member of the church about four years ago.

We join with the stricken family in sorrowing over the loss of this young man. But more especially do we feel for the little children left fatherless and for the young wife who must fight the battles of life alone.

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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.....

We called attention last week to a very dangerous well near the school building. Mayor Cobb immediately investigated and had the well filled up. There will be no further uneasiness of danger from this point.

The Ex-Kaiser is growing aged. He might have left Germany in prisperty with the trade of the world in her hands. His greed could not be restrained. He wanted to rule the world. He wanted to subject all nations to abject slavery, except his own. He wanted his name to ring out in history for the ages to come. Blacker than the pit of hell, this miserable cur must eke out his existence, and we rather joyously fear it will be of short duration. What did he do? He left Germany a pauper, the very name to be despised in every clime, with her trade ruined. Hereafter if a merchant condescends to offer goods for sale, labeled "Made in Germany," he ought to be boycotted.

And all because this puny man could not be satisfied with the blessings a just God had meted out to him. He seemed to want to supercede the creator himself.

The shooting of the Crown Prince by one of his own subjects relieves triumphant civilization of the obligation. We doubt not that if the Kaiser were disposed of in similar manner it would delightfully settle a mooted question. The allies have won, gloriously won. There is no doubt but that the Kaiser deserves death, even in the most cruel form, and yet we must not seek revenge. Justice doubtless would lay this foul piece of humanity low, but if justice is to act it should do so deliberately and by constituted authority.

What must civilization ask? One hundred years ago Napoleon was made to mete out his existence on St Heena. History now does not claim that England dealt harshly with this disturber of the peace of Europe. Doubtless then the victors clambered for his life. Then again mature judgement may find that no comparison can be drawn between these two men.

We must conclude that whatever is done, civilization must not be charged with a falling away from the ideals of a century ago.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic

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

We try always to please. Bring your old clothes to me. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

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

WAR WORK GOES OVER THE TOP! TOP!! TOP!!!

Beginning at the meeting Sunday afternoon, the War Work Committee went over the top in a hurry. Marshalled under the capable leadership of Chairman R. L. Bland and his able lieutenants and the ranks filled with veterans of seven other victorious campaigns, it went over and kept going until it seemed that another committee would have to be appointed to stop it. There is nothing short when it comes to the loyalty of the Merkel people. They are standing by their guns. If we had to name a slacker today, we hardly know of one to start with. True, some have not given according to their means and others have sacrificed beyond their means, but when it comes to right down and out slacking, we don't believe the Merkel country has any such.

It was feared the peace proclamation would injure the drive, but it seemed to accelerate it. This is the eighth drive put on in Merkel and every one has gone liberally above the top. It takes organization to do this, and we have organization. Our workers went over the top before other districts were organized.

Our quota was \$1234, and by Wednesday evening we had raised \$1609 and more was looked for. And then on top of this great success, it is further noted that Merkel was the first place in the county to go over the top. Had it not been for Monday becoming a holiday on account of peace, we would have gone over the top by middle of the afternoon. We are practicing economy of time. Why take days and days to accomplish something that can be accomplished in a day. Yes, our folks went over the top. No more patriotic people exist on the face of the earth than are found here. Every one deserves to be thanked—those who worked and those who gave.

RED CROSS

STONE ROOT AND BUCHU 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

Grimes Drug Store

UNION WELCOME SERVICE

As Secretary of the Pastors' Association I desire to call all the churches and Christian workers of the community to meet at the Methodist Church on Wednesday night, November 20, to give welcome to Pastor W. M. Murrell who has just come among us. Surely this will appeal to the spirit of fellowship among all of God's people, and there will be a full house to show our welcome of an incoming worker.

E. E. Dawson, Secretary Pastors' Association.

Change in Methodist Pastors

At the Methodist conference in Abilene a few days ago, Rev. C. S. Cameron, pastor of the Methodist church here for the past twelve months, was sent to Anson where he takes charge of the church there, and Rev. Murrell, formerly of Clyde, is on the field in charge of the church here.

Rev. and Mrs. Cameron and family leave many friends here who dislike to see them leave, but at the call to duty they respond, feeling that all friendships must be parted sometime any way. They left for their new home Thursday.

The religious organizations and citizens in general give Rev. Murrell and family a cordial reception to the city and wish for him much success in his charge.

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.

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.

THE CROWN PRINCE IS SHOT DOWN

London, Nov. 13.—Former Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany was shot and killed Monday morning by German soldiers when trying to cross the Dutch frontier, says an Amsterdam dispatch.

STARS AND STRIPES

"Well, we are all homeless over here and every American soldier will take back with him a new respect for the Salvation Army. Many will carry with them the memories of a cheering word and friendly cruiser received in one of the huts nearest of all to the trenches. There the old slogan of 'soup and salvation' has been changed to 'pies and piety.' It might be 'doughnuts for dough boys.'

These huts, pitched within shock of the German guns are ramshackle and bare and few, for no organization can grow rich on pennies and nickles tossed in tambourines at the street corners of the world. But they are doing a splendid work that the soldiers themselves will never forget and it is a special pleasure to say so here because the Salvation Army, being much too simple and old fashioned to know the uses of advertisement, has never asked us to."

Stars and Stripes is the soldiers paper in France.

Don't Overlook
that subscription. If you are in arrears remember that we can always find good use for
the MONEY

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

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

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

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

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

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



Why Compare Beef and Coal Profits?

Swift & Company has frequently stated that its profit on beef averages only one-fourth of a cent a pound, and hence has practically no effect on the price.

Comparison has been made by the Federal Trade Commission of this profit with the profit on coal, and it has pointed out that anthracite coal operators are content with a profit of 25 cents a ton, whereas the beef profit of one-fourth of a cent a pound means a profit of \$5.00 a ton.

The comparison does not point out that anthracite coal at the seaboard is worth at wholesale about \$7.00 a ton, whereas a ton of beef of fair quality is worth about \$400.00 wholesale.

To carry the comparison further, the 25 cent profit on coal is 3½ per cent of the \$7.00 value.

The \$5.00 profit on beef is only 1¼ per cent of the \$400.00 value.

The profit has little effect on price in either case, but has less effect on the price of beef than on the price of coal.

Coal may be stored in the open air indefinitely; beef must be kept in expensive coolers because it is highly perishable and must be refrigerated.

Coal is handled by the carload or ton; beef is delivered to retailers by the pound or hundred weight.

Methods of handling are vastly different. Coal is handled in open cars; beef must be shipped in refrigerator cars at an even temperature.

Fairness to the public, fairness to Swift & Company, fairness to the packing industry, demands that these indisputable facts be considered. It is impossible to disprove Swift & Company's statement, that its profits on beef are so small as to have practically no effect on prices.

Swift & Company, U. S. A.



LOCAL NEWS

Highest prices paid for good fresh eggs. Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Roy Moore, who is very low with pneumonia, is reported slightly improved.

Plenty of corn and oats at Bob Martin's

Miss Leola Norris has been seriously ill with pneumonia for some days, and is reported very low.

Cotton seed meal at G. M. Sharps

W. O. Boney wants to make you that Loan on your farm.

How's the W.S. S crop on your card? Be sure you keep it growing.

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

Prof. R. M. Parker has been ill all this week suffering with the "flu". He is greatly missed from school and we hope he will soon be up and about.

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

Less than two months now left. Get busy on your War Savings Stamp Pledge.

Plenty corn and corn chops at G. M. Sharpe's

Little Cogie Dawson is real sick with the "Flu," but is on the upgrade.

Plenty of corn and oats at Bob Martin's

The children of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Toombs are down with the "Flu."

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

Cotton seed meal at G. M. Sharps

Mrs. Will Hutcheson and two children are down with the "flu."

Corn, chops and oats at the Crown Hardware Company.

G. W. Johnson is right sick, having taken his bed the early part of the week.

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

Building Restrictions Removed

All building restrictions are removed, except on buildings \$10,000 and over.

COTTON RECEIPTS.

The cotton receipts have reached about 1700 bales. Declining prices have produced a lull in the eagerness to sell. In many places the bales are being held at home. An increase to 35 cents a pound, we believe, would increase the receipts to near 2000 bales. The cotton out now was all made before the rain. Since then, especially, in the lowlands, cotton has bloomed and made almost full grown bolls. Doubtless it will require a frost to cause them to open. Our prediction now is that the receipts here will equal the receipts of last year and if frost stays of a while longer even that number will be materially increased.

Surely the declining prices of cotton can not remain for long. The establishment of peace opens up a number of countries that are in dire need of the staple. Their first need will be food, so it may be a little while before shipping accommodations will have an appreciable effect upon cotton prices.

SERIOUS AUTO ACCIDENT

Mr. Driggers, who formerly resided just west of Trent, happened to a serious accident a few days ago, when his auto turned over a short distance south of Trent. The other occupants were uninjured. When the car turned over the frame of the windshield stuck through his skull and into his brain. He was rushed to the sanitarium at Abilene. He is in a serious condition, but hope is entertained for his recovery.

TEXAS & PACIFIC RAILROAD

A change of time tables will be made effective 12:01 A. M. November 17, 1918, and this advance notice of the time of the principal trains at important division points on this and connecting lines is issued for public information. Folders will be available at stations and Information Bureaus on day schedule is effective.

J. L. LANCASTER,
Federal Manager.

West Bound (read down)			Stations	East Bound (read up)			
No.25	No.23	No.1		Ar	No.2	No.4-24	No.26-22
		6:25P	Lv St. Louis	Ar	11:30A	8:40P	
		10:30 P	Lv Memphis	Ar	7:20A	7:00P	
		8:00 A	Lv Texarkana	Ar	9:50P	4:50A	
			Lv New Orleans	Ar		7:00P	7:30A
			Lv Shreveport	Ar		4:25A	5:20P
			Lv Marshall	Ar	7:50P	2:05A	3:20P
			Lv Dallas U.T.	Ar	3:30P	7:20P	10:05A
			Lv Ft Worth	Ar	2:00P	5:50P	6:55A
			Lv Ranger	Ar	10:23A	1:26P	2:10A
			Lv Abilene	Ar	7:46A	10:05A	10:30P
			Lv Merkel	Lv	7:15A	9:35A	9:59P
			Lv Merkel	Ar	7:15A	9:35A	9:59P
			Lv Sweetwater	Lv	6:25A	8:40A	9:05P
			Lv Sweetwater	Ar	6:20A		8:50P
			Lv El Paso	Lv	5:15P		6:30A

THEY ARE ALL COMING!

OUR BIG PRICE-SLASHING SALE IS NOW ON IN EARNEST --- COME GET YOUR SHARE

BIG REDUCTION ON MENS BLUE SERGE SUITS

125 Mens \$15. and \$20. Suits cut to ... \$12.67
 \$13.00 Youths Suits cut to ... \$9.89
 \$5.00 Boys Suits cut to ... \$3.76
 \$2.50 Mens Dress Pants cut to ... \$1.78
 \$3.00 Mens Pants cut to ... \$2.49

\$5.00 Mens Pants cut to ... \$3.98
 \$7.50 Mens Pants cut to ... \$6.49
 \$3.50 Mens Work Pants cut to ... \$2.89
 \$1.75 to \$3. Boys Pants ... \$1.24 to \$2.39
 \$3.00 Mole Skin Pants cut to ... \$2.49
 \$2.50 Mens Khaki Pants cut to ... \$1.89
 \$2.00 Mens Khaki Pants cut to ... \$1.69
 \$7.00 Mens Corduroy Suits cut to ... \$4.87
 \$1.75 Overalls cut to ... 98¢
 Fish Brand Slickers ... \$2.98
 Express Strip Overalls cut to ... \$1.79
 \$7.50 Mens Rain Coats cut to ... \$6.33
 \$6.00 Rain Coats cut to ... \$4.79
 \$3.50 Mens Rain Coats cut to ... \$2.49
 \$3.50 Ladies Rain Coats cut to ... \$2.47
 \$1.50 Mens Rubbers cut to ... \$1.19
 \$8.50 Stetson Hats ... \$6.87
 \$5.00 Stetson Hats ... \$3.98
 \$8.50 Mens Valour Hats ... \$6.74
 Goods can be exchanged but no cash returned

\$1.95 Ladies Skirts cut to ... \$1.49
 \$6.50 Ladies Silk Skirts cut to ... \$4.87
 \$20.00 Ladies Suits cut to ... \$9.98
 \$30.00 to \$52.50 Ladies Winter Suits cut to ... \$19.85 up to \$39.82
 \$30.00 and \$35.00 Grades. Ladies Coats cut to ... \$26.83
 \$18.50 Ladies Coat Suits cut to ... \$15.87
 \$4.60 to \$6.50 Ladies Coats cut to ... \$3.84
 \$2.50 to \$8.50 Ladies Silk Waists cut to ... \$2.13 to \$6.37
 \$2.50 down to .50 cents Ladies Middies cut to ... 39¢ to \$1.53

MENS SHOES

\$3.00 Grades cut to ... \$2.48
 \$4.50 Mens Shoes cut to ... \$3.98
 \$5.00 Mens Dress Shoes cut to ... \$3.98
 \$6.00 Mens Kangaroo Shoes cut to ... \$4.87
 \$3.50 Mens Scout Shoes cut to ... \$2.98
 \$4.00 and \$5.00 Shoes, (on table) cut to ... \$2.98
 \$3.50 Boys Scout Shoes cut to ... \$2.89
 \$4.00 Gun Metal Shoes cut to ... \$3.42
 \$3.00 Ladies Comforts cut to ... \$2.42
 \$4.00 Ladies Dress Shoes cut to ... \$3.29
 \$8.50 Ladies Dress Shoes cut to ... \$6.14
 \$2.25 Boys Shoes cut to ... \$1.89
 \$3.50 Ladies Patent Leather Shoes ... \$2.89
 \$4.50 Mens Dress Shoes ... \$3.69

ALL LADIES SILK DRESSES CUT ONE-HALF IN PRICE

\$1.50 Ladies fancy Silk Hose cut to ... \$1.00
 25 cent Gingham cut to ... 19¢

Woolen Serges cut to ... 89¢
 50 cent Plaid Gingham cut to ... 39¢
 35 cent Galateas cut to ... 19¢
 Ladies Silk Dresses (on a table), cut to ... 1/2 Price.
 8 Oz Feather Ticking ... 33¢
 Monroes unbleached domestic cut to ... 15¢
 Sheetings 9 quarter 61¢ grades cut to ... 39¢
 25¢ Bleached domestic cut to ... 15¢
 Cotton Flannel ... 19¢

Outings all colors ... 29¢
 \$1.00 Childrens EZ Union Suits ... 89¢
 1000 Pair Ladies 25¢ Hose cut to ... 14¢
 \$7.50 Blankets for ... \$5.94
 \$6.50 Blankets for ... \$4.95
 \$4.00 Blankets for ... \$3.39

Boys Hats cut to ... 34¢
 \$3.50 Mens Hats cut to ... \$2.39
 Mens Caps ... 69¢
 \$15.00 Mens Over Coats cut to ... \$7.89

GROCERY SPECIALS

1 Dozen No. 2 can Corn ... \$1.50
 1 Dozen No. 3 can Homony ... \$1.50
 1 Dozen No. 2 can Tomatoes ... \$1.50
 1 Dozen No. 3 can Krout ... \$1.50
 6 Bars Dandy Soap ... 25¢
 1 Bucket Sorghum ... 40¢
 Navy Beans per pound ... 10¢
 1 Pound good Coffee ... 20¢
 1 Bucket Cooking Oil ... \$1.80
 1 Large Bucket Peanut Oil ... \$1.90
 25¢ Can Baking Powder ... 19¢
 25¢ Bottle Ketchup ... 19¢

Cash Sales Only. Goods can be exchanged but no cash refunded.

MENS SHIRTS

\$1.50 Grades ... \$1.33
 \$1.25 Mens Shirts cut to ... 89¢
 \$2.00 Mens Union Suits cut to ... \$1.79
 \$6.00 Mens Woolen Army Shirts cut to \$4.98
 No cash returned on purchases but can be exchanged

Anchor Mercantile Co.

ANOTHER GOOD RAIN

Last Friday night Merkel received about one-third of an inch of rain, which, in addition to the half inch received the night before and reported last week, made a nice shower. It seems all good news comes at once. Next to peace proclamation in interest is a rain in West Texas. Wheat is doing fine. In fact a bumper crop is promised. And next year prices will go mountain high. We predict that as yet we know nothing about high prices. Commerce must be readjusted. Half of the world has long been doing without the things needed. And the rains are making cotton, too. Often we hear a man say that if frost will just hold off a little while longer he will make more than he has already gathered. And cotton is going to go to fifty cents a pound or better if the hand of governmental authority is not pressed upon it.

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

For Sunday dinner, get cherry and pumpkin pies with other good assortments of pies and cakes and doughnuts. Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

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.

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

Cold weather is coming. Better bring in your clothers and have them cleaned up. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Plenty of corn and oats at Bob Martin's.



FURNITURE SPECIALS

Keep Your Eye on Our Special Bargain Window

For this week we offer the following, for one week only, come early if you want a REAL BARGAIN.

ONE TWO-INCH POST BED	ONE UPHOLSTERED ROCKER	ONE PRINCESS DRESSER
Regular price \$10	Regular price \$9.00	Regular price \$17.50
SPECIAL PRICE \$8.25	SPECIAL PRICE \$6.75	SPECIAL PRICE \$14.25
ONE 27X54 INCH AXMINSTER RUG	ONE LARGE MATTING SKIRT BOX	
Regular price 4.00	Regular price \$10.00	
Special Price \$3.15	Special Price \$7.75	

Above articles may be seen in our middle show window.

A. B. BARROW FURNITURE COMPANY

City Officials Commended
 Following the rains a couple of weeks ago many complaints reached the ears of the city dads to the effect that water was standing in front of their premises. We are sure they were afraid the children would get drowned, or perhaps they might get drowned themselves. We should not make light of their feelings, however, for they had not seen a little water in so long that we can not blame them for becoming frightened. The city dads were gracious and immediately put the road drag to work. As a result the streets are being put in nice shape. Hereafter, if we ever have another rain, the gutters will carry the water away rapidly.

Let us sell you your groceries. Full stock at all times. Crown Hardware Company.

Mrs. J. W. Brown is still right sick with pneumonia. The family just recently recovered from an attack of the "Flu."

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

E. N. Brown, of The Brown Dry Goods Company spent a few days in Dallas the past week on business.

Seed oats at G. M. Sharps.

PLUMBING AND WINDMILL WORK

I will appreciate your Patronage and Guarantee my Work

B. T. (Tye) SUBLETT At Crown Hardware Co.

RED CROSS FAMILY REMEDIES

Many able Chemists and Doctors were called into service in perfecting this line of Red Cross Remedies. This is an age of Specialists, and while one may have distinguished achievements to his credit in one particular line, another is excelling in something else. That very thing makes it possible for us to have a Red Cross Remedy for each ailment, and enables us to give the consumer more than we promise or charge for. Each formula is compounded with as much care and precision as if our entire success depended upon that one Remedy. That's why NEURO-TONE repairs shattered nerves, and Red Cross STONE ROOT and BUCHU puts your kidneys in a normal and healthy condition. Red Cross Remedies are not just Medicines. The formula is printed on each carton in plain English, so that you know what they are composed of and what you are taking. More than one hundred Red Cross Remedies and Toilet Preparations are sold and guaranteed only by

Grimes Drug Store

ROBERT FOSTER BANNER KILLED IN ACTION

A telegram reached Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Banner late Wednesday evening, announcing that their son, Robert Foster, had been killed in action. He enlisted the latter part of June in the National Guards, 1917, and when killed was a member of Headquarters Company, 142nd Infantry, and had been in France since the latter part of July,

This is the first casualty at the front from the Merkel list. It is a stinging blow to his family and friends, coming as it did after peace had been declared.

He was always fearless and just such a fellow as would be expected right in the front doing his duty.

Another of our brave boys has made the supreme sacrifice that liberty might be preserved to the world. We are profoundly thankful that the casualties from shot

and shell will not be increased, but as the department is a few weeks behind in making report of losses in killed and wounded, we still scan the list with fear and trembling.

Robert Foster Banner died for us and weshould all with one accord do honor to his name. We greatly sympathize with his family in this hour of their grief.

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. 60c.

CANCEL MONTH'S DRAFT CALLS

Washington, Nov. 11.—At the direction of President Wilson all November draft calls were ordered cancelled today. This was done after a conference General March, chief of staff, had called. Provost Marshall General Crowder directed the cancellation of all outstanding draft calls stopping the movement during the next five days of 252,000 men and setting aside all November calls for over 300,000 men.

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.

Oil Company Donates

The Magnolia Oil Company, through its agent, Henry Rose, donated \$50. to the War Work campaign. This company never fails in its patriotic duty.

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.

Boxes For Soldiers

The Red Cross at Merkel has sent 40 Xmas boxes to friendless soldiers overseas. Any one desiring to pay for a box will send \$2.10 to the Red Cross within the next ten days.

Call on us for heaters and stove pipe. Crown Hardware Company.

Do your Christmas shopping early and get'em at the postoffice —W. S. S., you know.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

OIL RIG AND DERRICK PURCHASED

The oil men are exerting every effort to begin actual drilling operations within a few days. All material has been purchased, together with a standard drilling rig, all of which was loaded on the cars at Coleman and billed out Thursday, the 14th. It is expected to arrive in Merkel on every train. Arrangements have already been made to have the outfit hauled out. Operations will start on the north block, but the exact location will not be made known, so says Mr. Garrison, until the material arrives.

This is the third link in the chain of good news for this week. Never in its history did the Merkel Mail carry a combination of information so delightful for its readers. Peace, rain and oil. What a combination! Why after all isn't this the best country in the world?

We bet that even now some of our wise heads will have a cynical look when told that drilling will start in a few days. That is common to certain dispositions. The oil men say they will save their leases at all hazards and we believe they are exerting every effort to do so. They have plenty of time if everything works on schedule. Peace brought a holiday; the oil rig's arrival may not, but we bet everybody will soldier on his job to get a peep at the outfit and follow it to its resting place. Whoop 'em up, boys, for surely we are in 3000 feet of oil and maybe 1000. We need boosters now. Pessimists pretty near give us the cramp colic.

Feed oats at G. M. Sharp's

Railroad Facilities Improved

The T. & P. railroad has put new and bigger engines on this division. This is a needed improvement and one that will greatly facilitate the moving of rolling stock. The T. & P. must have an intuition that bumper crops will be made next year. We hope that the West will tax these big engines to the utmost next year in hauling out cotton and grain and bringing in the coin of the realm.

Mexican Baby Dead.

The little year old baby of Minguel Hernandez and wife died Wednesday afternoon and was buried in Rose Hill cemetery Thursday morning.

CHURCH NEWS

Keep It In Mind.

What? Why, that Thanksgiving Service on Thanksgiving Day. We have so much to be thankful for this year! The War is ended, the drouth is broken, the epidemic is passing. The heart that does not respond to these blessings is dead.

Final announcement and the program will be given in next week's issue.

Not only Merkel town people are urged to attend this service, but the people of the whole surrounding Merkel community. People of all faiths, and of no faiths; rich and poor; old and young—all are wanted at that meeting. Special seats will be provided for the aged. Special music will feature the program.

Methodist Mission Society.

The ladies of the Missionary Society of the Methodist church, will study the book of Judges for next week. Questions on this book will be from 237 down to 267, in the Bible Question study. All members are urged to be present with prepaeder lesson.

At The Baptist Church.

The regular services will be held all hours next Sunday with the exception of the B. Y. P. U. which is going to Trent in the afternoon for the rendition of a special program.

Our new work in the meeting house of the South Side Christian church is going fine. A number of improvements will be made in the building for the three departments that meet in that building—Juniors, Primaries, and Beginners. Our Sunday School lacks only one point now of claiming the A-1 standard and that is getting seventy-five per cent of the membership enrolled. The proposition is going to be put up to every member of the church to become a regular attendant so that we can claim the A-1 award.

The pastor will preach at the morning hour, and Rev. J. N. Campbell at night. Special music will be features of the services. We begin on time and leave off on time.

Everybody has cordial and standing invitation to attend all our services. Come thou with us and we will do thee good, and at the same time you can do us good. Thus we can help each other to better things in life.

E. E. Dawson, pastor.

Church of God.

Services held in the Southside Christian church building regular. Preaching at 11. a. m. on the third and fourth Sunday's in each month. Devotional services every Thursday night at 7:30.

A cordial invitation given to all.

Q. Brown, minister.

**B. Y. P. U. Program.
November 17, 1918.**

Subject: The Love Chapter.
Song.
Invocation.
Opening address, President.
Scripture reading, I Cor. 13, responsively by the two groups.
Quartette.
Love is Indispensable, Miss Ruby Campbell.
The Characteristics of Love, Miss Edna Swann.
Piano Solo, Miss Lula Sharp.
The Permanent Character of Love, Holland Teaff.
Vocal Solo, Mrs. L. B. Howard.
The Wisdom of Divine Love: Poem, Vena Mae Jackson.
Quartette.
The Old Darkey's Soliloquy: Poem.
Love in Action, Pastor Dawson.
Benediction.
Congregational song.

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.

"MOST POPULAR ON THE FIELD"

RAYMOND FOSDICK PAYS GREAT TRIBUTE TO WORK OF SALVATION ARMY.

The Salvation Army, tells, in the following statement, how the overseas work actually began:

The men and women whom we first sent to the American camps in France found nothing prepared for them. They lived under the most primitive conditions, spending their every energy, many of them both by day and by night, to make light of the soldiers' lot. In many instances our officers, both men and women, slept in the open fields, sometimes without even a blanket, to cover them. In every case they shared the hardships of the soldier.

Doughnuts for Doughboys

"In these earliest days another innovation was introduced by these American women who knew not only the heart but the palate of the American boys," writes Commissioner Estill. "Over improvised, rough-and-ready stoves of brick or tin they fried doughnuts and eggs, and made cocoa and coffee, and in strange and wonderful ovens they baked apple pies! Just here began the period of the great popularity of the work of our women officers. I have learned that the fame of these little temporal ministers has spread along the entire American line, both at the front and in the training and rest camps. We purchased trucks and other equipment and supplies in Paris and London, and presently a dozen huts were in operation which were made 'like home,' so far as was possible. With 'mother and sister' present by proxy in our women officers the boys developed a profound liking for our huts."

Give Without Payment

"It was our purpose to give without cost to the boys," declares Commissioner Estill, "but we soon found that the soldiers resented this as an implication of charity, and a nominal charge was made for all supplies. I impressed upon my officers from the first that they must not confine their work to the mere 'service of the tables' or the formal office or counter work, but must search out ways and means of carrying temporal cheer and spiritual comfort to the men in the trenches. They must not think of office hours or stated periods of service, but must be prepared to sacrifice at all points, in order to serve! These in junctions have been carried out, even at the cost of pain and suffering!"

Most Popular Organization in France

"As time passed, the first little group of workers has been augmented, until we now have a strong force of officers and employes serving the American troops. Our own trucks, driven by our own men, are carrying supplies from our central supply stations in Paris and elsewhere to our huts, and, besides the vast quantities of material bought and shipped from the United States, our buyers have secured other greater quantities in France and England. With the financial trouble finally laid; the Salvation Army is in a position to develop its work with accelerating speed. Highest military officers are placing every possible facility in our way. Mr. Raymond Fosdick upon his return to Washington said, 'The Salvation Army is probably the most popular organization on the field.'"

HOT MEALS BETWEEN SHELLS

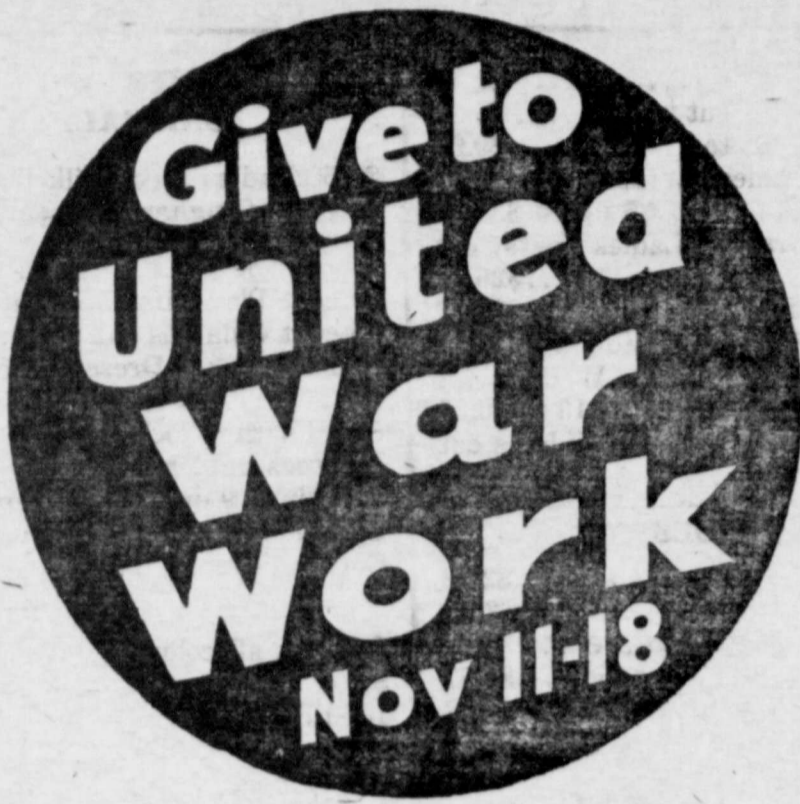
(By Harold Miles)

Special correspondent at the front with the American Expeditionary Forces, Somewhere in France, August 20.—"Hot Meals Between Shells" might have been the sign over the doorway of a certain Salvation Army hut in the Toul sector on at least one day of last week. A unit billeted in the village where this hut is located and returned early in the morning, dog-tired after a strenuous night, only to find that there was no breakfast in sight. They went to the Salvation Army hut to see if crackers and canned goods could be purchased, but when the girls, called from a nearby dugout, heard the soldiers' story they insisted upon preparing breakfast for officers and men.

The village had been under shell fire for over forty-eight hours and during the night there had been several casualties. Because of this the commanding officer was a little dubious about allowing the lassies to run any risk on behalf of his men. Mrs. Adjutant Hammond, who is in charge of the hut, met his objections by saying, 'Why, that is alright, we can work between shells.'

"Shells were arriving with regularity at intervals of about twelve minutes or more, so Mrs. Hammond, assisted by Lieutenant Lulu Lawyer and Captain Ramsey, literally prepared a meal between shells for over a hundred men. Watching the clock and estimating carefully the period between shells they worked calmly until a minute or so before a shell was due when they would push to their dugout and wait for the explosion. Then they would come out again and go calmly on with their cooking until the clock warned them that another shell was due.

WRIGLEY'S



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



**Be patient here—Our Boys are getting
WRIGLEY'S
over there!**

FOR SALE—Typewriter ribbons at the Merkel Mail office.

HONOR ROLL

Following is a list of our boys who are in Uncle Sam's service.

Willie Leo Miller, Trent.
Lester Earl White.
G. C. Hodges.
Z. T. Lamar.
Jas. Coleman Wasson, Noodle.
Oran Edwards.
L. E. Perkins, Jr.,
Fauss Banner.

Geo. Ferrier.
Will Cox.
Sydney Cox.
John Kyle Blair.
Wm. A. Bond.
John Clyde Bond.
Luna W. Tittle, Jr.
Jas W. Mayfield.
Ora L. Mayfield.
Birt Mayfield.
Paul McMurray.
Ulric Forrester.
Andrew Archer.
Roy Adams.
Britt Baker.
Edgar Breeze.
W. B. Brown.
Arthur Darrington.
Frank J. Ferrier.
De Gorcus.
Wm. R. Green.
James F. Holloway.
B. Jobe.
Pete Meek.
F. O'Brien.
Herbert Ricker.
Paul Stamford.
Bill Sheppard.
Paul Turner.
George White.
L. B. Wells.
Riley White.

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L. Powers.
Emzi Burroughs.
Thos Bearden.
Jas. Brown.
Emmitt Grimes.
L. M. Hutchins.
Chester A. Duncan, Trent.
John T. Morris, Trent.
Joe L. Evans, Trent.
W. W. McElmurray, Trent.
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.
Ira Huss.
Archie Rose.
Fred Harrell.
Chas. C. Jones.
Glen Thompson
Roscoe Sharp.
John Ware.
John D. Dudley.
John Edward Hunter.
E. M. Harris.
George Smith.
Geo. N. Reynolds.
J. H. Rister, Tye.
Wayne Abernathy, Trent.
H. W. Beckham, Trent
Dee H. Donnell, Trent
Hollis Brown, Trent.
Royce Dowdy, Trent.
Robt. B. Parker.
Frank E. Smith
Luther Grimes.
W. L. Diltz, Jr.
William B. Tarpley.
Arthur E. Windland, Tye.
James O. Dulin.
Kirby L. Vidrine.
Leonard Morrison.
Joseph A. McMurray.
Rufus H. O'Neal.
Willie E. Pool.
Ennis Grimes.
Charley Fitzgerald.
Berry Forrester.
Joseph A. Pruit, Trent
John T. Mattingley, Noodle.
Reuben C. Hall
Henry D. (Doc) Hall
R. O. Stevens.
Tom Smith Martin.
Leland L. Martin.
T. J. Bird.
R. E. Harris
Robert Rainbolt.
Lee Raymond Campbell
Euleus McNeas.
John P. Gibson.
Leonard Wills
Winslow J. Beckham, Trent.
John Rex McClain.
O. R. Burns.
Joe Thomas Hartley.
John Robert West.
Robert Grady Collins
Jim F. Winters.
Arthur McMurray.
Charlie Clifton Smith, Trent.
Fred Pribble, Trent.
Ernest Massey, Trent.
Lee Massey, Trent.
Hosea Winn, Trent.
Skyler Dunn, Trent.
Limer Dunn, Trent.
Will E. Smith, Trent.
Leldon Goode, Noodle
Jas. Harmon Peterson.
W. Clarence Melton.
Dalton Blackmon, Trent.
Otto Blackmon, Trent
John W. Hassey, Trent
Roy Stevens, Trent.
Spurgeon Scott, Trent
Robert W. Kelly.
Jno. Earnest Costephens.
Wm. Roy Costephens.
Jake Eason, Noodle.
Henery Eason, Noodle
Guy Bradley, Stith.
Guy Sibley, Trent.
Wm. Wills.
Sam H. Rosson, Trent.
Claude Rosson, Trent.
Alfred Wesley Costephens.
Ulyses McNeas.
W. Clarence Cameron
Vessie E. Browning.
Clyde Garrett.
Bailey Frazier.
John Coomer.
Bailey Frazier.
Leo Shepard.
Frank Millican.
Dem Rusk.
Q Rusk.

W. P. Banner.
M. G. Russell.
J. M. Tucker.
David M. Floyd.
Dee Ash.
Lake J. Renfro.
H. B. Strode.
Dr. Wm. M. Gambill.
Vernon Sublett.
Yates Brown.
Dean Robinson, Trent.
Orville Foster.
Clyde Foster.
Jodie Bright, Trent
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P. M. Hutchins.
Roger F. Haynes.
O. S. Burns.
Roger V. Wells.
Jas. Parker Sharp.
Will Brown.
Judson McRee.
Frank Hart.
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Denzil Cox.
Lee Tipton.
Jim Burfind
Homer Tye.
Roy R. Coats.
Denzie Cox.
Lee Tipton.
Jas. Dent Gibson.
Roy R. Coats.
Sydney B. Coats.
Chas. F. Thornton.
Albert Vessell.
Jim Skillern.
Fred B. Deutschman, Noodle
Will Merritt.
Louis Swann.
Arl Sharp.
John T. Morgan.
Frank Cook.
Will Brown.
Joel Counts.
Homer Laney.
Mason Pee.
Sam J. Gafford.
Joe Owen.
Wm. Cox.
Owen Ellis.
Stanley King.
J. O. McMurray.
Joe Gunn.
Bowie H. Floyd.
Martin Gold Riggans.
Nall Perkins.
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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—328 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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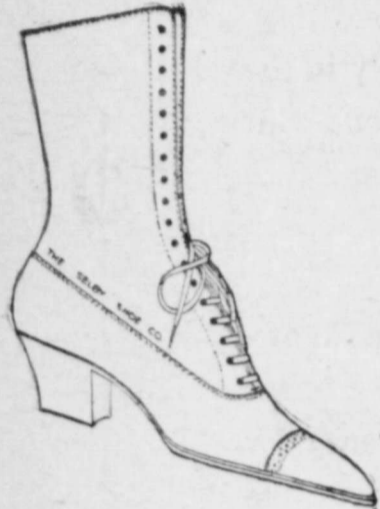
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 who had little or no military training. Murder and rapine were sweet morsels to the tongue of this reprobate ruler. He regarded not man nor God. But behold the day of vengeance is come. Can any nation on the face of the earth hold such a monster alive? If Holland persists in protecting this wretch, she ought to be invaded and compelled to give him up, that among the sons of men can not be so vile a wretch as he. The Kaiser did not abdicate through any sense of loyalty. It was through a grave fear of his miserable life. He could not stand up and take his medicine like a man. He ran away from his own enraged people. The shame of the whole affair is this that rivers of blood had to be shed to maintain such a wretch as he. Let him who claims there is no hell step forth in this hour and explain how justice is to be meted out to an outraged world. Why ten billion such puerile lives as his would not compensate for the death of our beloved boys who have given their lives that liberty might survive. Were it not for the honor of these boys, it would be glorious if this putrid wretch could be erased from the pages of history. We believe it is wrong for the individual to steal and lie, but when one of earth's monarchs leads his whole monarchy to be trained in murder solely for the plundering of the world, it staggers the imagination. We can not understand how such a theory could have gained ground. He worked long and hard at the job.

Joy Over Peace.

The 11th of November will become memorable in history. It will be a world-wide holiday. Just the confirmation of that word from official circles last Monday morning turned loose an enthusiastic merriment such as rarely comes to a country. Every facial expression was bright and pleasing. In the school room the degree of exuberance was spontaneous. It overflowed. No use to try to teach on wave of such knowledge. School was immediately dismissed and

young America lined up and marched through the streets of the city, waving the stars and stripes and singing patriotic songs.

Another sight that thrilled the spectators to a high pitch of enthusiasm was a long line of mothers, most of whom had boys in the service, marching down the street beating tin pans and holding a regular jubilee. There was not one of these women but who would gladly have given their boys if necessary, but to know that an honorable peace was in sight, that a desperate enemy had vanquished and that the boys must soon come home to them left no other interpretation but that their hearts were burning with the joy of victory.

The business houses, then closed, maybe with one or two exceptions, and the business men and women joined in a procession. The stores remained closed the rest of the day and many people went to Abilene and joined in the procession there.

Climax at Night.

To show their interest in peace, it seemed that every one in town and for miles about came in at seven o'clock at night. The main street was thronged with people. Anvils were fired and now and then a dynamite explosion rent the air. Efforts were made to obtain skyrockets, but none could be had. About 8 o'clock the following program was rendered:

R. L. Bland, chairman.
 Song, America.
 Address by Rev. E. E. Dawson on "We've Gained a War."
 Address by T. A. Johnson on "Willie Hollerzorn."
 Song, Keep The Home Fires Burning.

Address by J. T. Browning on "The World Map Changed."
 Song, Red, White and Blue.

A fine spirit was shown throughout the day. Every one was glad, not of peace, but because we had won in a great cause. It was a glorious day, making that song "At the End of a Perfect Day" thoroughly in keeping with the occasion.

There will be so much to do

that the men and women who are now in France will not be brought home as soon as peace is declared. It takes time to make peace. It will take time to demobilize the men. While waiting to come home, much will be found for them to do. The organizations now over there will continue their efforts to keep the men happy and well; the American Library Association will find a greater need than ever for the books. For the American boy with more time on his hands is not going to degenerate into a time killing machine. He intends to study; he will be urged to develop his talent along whatever line it may lie.

Every organization will have more work to do since peace came than it had during the war.

It is with the hope that the American people will see the great need of the prostrate women for further aid that these seven big organizations have united in a campaign for funds.

THE WAR WORK DRIVE

The war work drive started off splendidly last Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian church. Dr. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church at Abilene was the principal speaker. He was preceded by a twenty minute address by Capt. Nixon. T. A. Johnson introduced the speakers. Rev. E. E. Dawson acted as chairman.

The building was crowded and every one listened intently for every word that fell from the mouths of the speakers. A great deal of interest was shown.

The audience greatly enjoyed the selections rendered by the male quartette, also the number rendered by Misses Dixie Howard, Christine Collins, Louise Warren and Iva Bragg.

At the close of the program, J.T. Browning made an appeal for funds and received a liberal response.

Monday the workers went out and "cleaned up." The amount allotted to Merkel has been raised. Merkel never fails.

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