

# THE MERKEL MAIL



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## MISS LONG TALKS ON DECORATIONS

Last Saturday afternoon at the Methodist church, Miss Long, spoke to a large and appreciative audience. She is teacher of Arts, at C. I. A., Denton, a graduate of the School of Fine Arts of New York, N. Y., and some of the other leading institutions of learning, and has traveled extensively abroad. She was introduced by Rev. W. M. Murrell.

In speaking on interior decorations, she said it was our national opportunity and a national obligation to gain knowledge on this subject and thus improve the looks of our respective homes. As reasons, she stated that properly decorated homes were restful to the eyes and strikingly beautiful. She decried the keeping of souvenirs and heirlooms, that anything that was not useful should be discarded. She said that everything in the home should be of some use. Her definition of a home was that it was not just a house, a museum or a display of wealth, but that it is a place where all connected therewith benefits morally and physically, a happy developing place for soul, mind and body and should be so decorated, so arranged and so used as to best fit every member of the family for his particular work in this world.

Miss Long said there were only five ways of taking anything into our body and conscience, and that was through the five senses—seeing, hearing, feeling, tasting, smelling. A most important thing is to keep helpful and useful things around young folks.

In choosing furnishings for a home one would not look for office or church furnishings, but things that are of some particular benefit and help to every member of the family. In selecting wall papers, she said, says leave off the big, gay designs and colors, and select patterns of soft delicate colors will lend beauty and taste to furniture and pictures. She daily emphasized the great importance of not having any picture in a room that was not used or used to the comforts of the home. She said not to hang up all the pictures one possessed, but just a few up at a time, and change them every once in while, thus we are greatly helping in artistic beauty.

Miss Long cautioned the parents when the boys came back with their various war souvenirs, not to place them in the open where they could be seen constantly as a reminder of the horrors of war, but to place them to be brought out only if it is desired that they be a some one. Let the boys see the horrors of the dread-war as quickly as possible, making them stronger and braver boys, physically and mentally.

Miss Long then left a word for the young women and girls.

This old world is as a big house being destroyed by fire, that has to be rebuilt and refurbished by the boys and girls of today. When the boys come back they will naturally seek companions, and their recent experience will teach them to seek the girls of accomplishments, the girl who can cook, sew and do nice house-keeping, and can also use the carpenter tools to advantage. For the most of the boys will have limited means in which to make their start.

She placed cooking ahead of music or any other of the fine accomplishments. She did not oppose these other things, but encouraged them, but insisted that domestic arts held first place in the realm of attainment. She further insisted that the girls should be well read, that they should have an intimate knowledge of the battles of the war, the right pronunciation of the names of all places and battles. The battles are mighty important to the boys, it will almost seem a sacrilege for the girls not to take enough interest in the affairs that called for the best blood of America as to be familiar with the battlefields. She emphasized the need for the girls to lay aside trashy novels and cheap literature. She said the love stories depicted there were not real and left no ennobling effect upon those who read them. The mothers and teachers should insist upon the girls reading to become familiar with current events.

She showed diagrams of house furnishings, papers, pictures, etc. Those present seemed to enjoy the lecture to the fullest extent, and insisted that she talk longer, but time would not permit.

### ANNOUNCES FOR CITY MARSHALL

I take this opportunity to announce for the office of City Marshall, subject to the action of the voters in the election to be held the 5th of April. I solemnly promise to the utmost of my ability, if elected, to serve the people acceptably and well. After my prolonged illness, I am gaining strength rapidly. From the bottom of my heart I thank those who have rendered me such substantial assistance during the time when I was helpless, and if honored with the position I seek, will do my utmost to express my gratitude in deeds for the great kindnesses shown me.

I feel physically fit and believe I am capable in every way of handling the position satisfactorily. Yours to serve, Bob Russell.

See Warren Bros. at once for good prairie hay. Car just received.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. Herbine is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength vigor and cheerful spirits. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

**FOUND**—Bay and a Gray horse both about 15 1/2 hands high. Bay horse has had a cut on the right fore foot. They are 13 or 14 years old. Now in my pasture. Owner may obtain same by paying feed bill and this advertisement. John Henry, Route 1, Merkel, Texas. 24t2p.

**FOR SALE**—Fine mare. Call at Merkel Mail.

### Stomach Trouble Cured

If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klote of Edina, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by all dealers.

Car of good prairie hay just received. Warren Bros.

### DRAMATIC CLUB ORGANIZED

A number of Merkel's talented lovers of art gathered at the Commercial Club rooms Friday evening and perfected the organization of the Merkel Dramatic Club. The following officers were elected:

Mrs. Lytton Howard, chairman; Miss Dorothy Duckett, vice chairman; Wallace Bragg, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Howard and Miss Eva Williams, music directors. A committee was appointed to select a play.

The organization met again Monday evening. Mrs. Howard called the meeting to order. The play was announced and time set for the play. Regular meeting nights will be every other Tuesday, the next meeting to be held February 11.

A general invitation is extended for every one to join. Funds from the organization at present will be given to charity and other local causes of worthy nature.

Those present at the last meeting were: Misses Lorena Dry, Jewel Pate and Dorothy Duckett; Mesdames I C. Holden, L B Howard, John Briggs and W A McSpadden, and Messrs L B Howard, W L Barnett, Lloyd Dry, Milton Pate, Hon. James E. Black, A D Boggs, W A McSpadden and Wallace Bragg.

The organization will primarily develop and train local talent and create a love for the dramatic art. There is no art greater than the art of expression, and the field is a worthy one.

### SON OF KING GEORGE DIES

London, Jan. 19.—Prince John, the youngest son of King George, died at Sandringham last night. He had been ill for some time.

The Prince was possessed of exuberant spirits. He was the prime favorite of all classes and the idol of the servants and tenants at Windsor. It is said that he was the favorite brother of Princess Mary, who loved to romp with him. The Prince was born at Sandringham July 12, 1905.

An official bulletin issued this evening says:

"Prince John, who since infancy had suffered epileptic fits, which lately had become more frequent and severe, passed away in his sleep following an attack at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

### Methodist Church Notice

Sunday School promptly at 9:45. "Our Motto" every member present, on time, a prepared lesson, a contribution. Preaching at 11, A.M. Subject, Mans Work Plus Gods Power; Subject of the evening hour, "The Magic Name."

W. M. Murrell

High priced home made candy sold cheap. Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

**COTTON SEED FOR SALE**—Car expected by February 10 from Lockhart, the genuine, machine culled, Mebane cotton seed. You will save money to see me before you buy. Call or phone orders in at once.—J. S. Hughes, Elair, Texas. 10t4p.

**FOR RENT**—House close in on Southside. S. F. Haynes. 17tf.

**FOR SALE**—My family horse, surry and harness; horse perfect ly safe for any use. Prefer to sell all together, but would sell horse independantly.—W. W. Wheeler. tf

**FREE MAP & PHOTOGRAPH BURKBURNETT TEXAS** Showing world's wonder oil field, sent absolutely free upon request. Ask for it today. BROWN-WORTH OIL CO. 1015 1/2 Main St. Ft. Worth Tex. Jan 17t7c.

### DR. R. I. GRIMES WRITES

Andernanch on the Rhine. December 30.—Dear Dad: Your letter of Dec. 1st received yesterday, my mail is coming through in good time now. There was a space of about four weeks though that I didn't get any at all. That was occasioned by the move into Germany we were making at that time.

I am very well settled on the bank of the river Rhine now, have been here since Dec. 18th. One month and one day from the day we started the march. We were not on the move however all the time, a stop of eight days one time and then another of five. The rest of the time was a march every day. Quite a trip too believe me.

I know that I have seen some of the most beautiful country since I entered Germany, especially since I hit the Rhine, that is anywhere in the world. I don't think I would like to live in it however.

The people over here are much more like our people in looks and domestic affairs than the French. Their mode of living and sanitary precautions are far different to the French. I have found no fault with the civil population that is so far as the women folks and old men are concerned, they are especially nice to all Americans, a part of it may be for effect but I am positive it all is not. Now some of the returned soldiers are not so good looking, in fact they look rather sullen and hard most of the time. Naturally we don't look good to them neither do they to us. I have had the very best of rooms every stop I have made and the people here all have good houses and well furnished if they have nothing else. The women wait on you like you were some little God and seem like there is not enough that they can do for us. I suppose they get that way more or less from being over ridden by their own men-folks and acquiring the habit of being a slave to the men.

I know it must have been one grand Thanksgiving you people had in the States this year. From all accounts the people at home celebrated the cessation of hostilities more than the French. I don't know why, but they seemed to take it more as a matter of course than I had thought they would.

Oh, my how lonesome I did get during the Christmas holidays, that was surely the worst time I have had to go through with the few months I have been army. If I could only have stepped in and all of us had another Christmas like it was in 1917 I would have been most happy.

I think we are a fortunate lot though, to have had as many in the service as there was and then all of us come out of it with out even getting a wound. It is

simply more than I had ever expected when we were all going in. I hear that I am about to get something to show that my work has been satisfactory and something more than was expected of me. When I get it I will tell you all about it.

We are stationed only fifteen kilometers out from Coblenz in a very pretty town, in fact the best in this part of the country, and a peculiar coincidence happened with this division the night we went through Coblenz, the General commanding the 3rd. Division stayed in the home of his father with the rest of the family that is still living. They of course are pure German, and to have a son march through the town in command of forty thousand troops that had helped to defeat his own people was quite unusual don't you think?

Well Dad I have no idea how much longer I will be over here, but feel sure that sometime in the next few months will find me back in the good old U. S. A. It can't come too soon to suit me.

Following is a copy of the menu the boys had for Christmas dinner:

Ft. Clark Appetizer, Niagara Soup, Hoboken Crackers, Chateau Villian Olives, A. E. F. Turkey, Chateau Thierry Dressing, Marine Celery, Azy Beans, Es-somes Pickles, Argonne Spuds, St. Mihiel Gravy, Regulation Pie, Armistic Pudding, Cootie Sauce, Lorraine Cake, Hill 204 Doughnuts, Rhine Wine, War Beer, Occupation Apples, Liberty Smokes.

With much love I am as ever, Your son, Capt. R. I. Grimes, Amb Co. 27. A P O 740. Amer. E. F.

### A Delightful Social

The Junior B. Y. P. U. was entertained at the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Dawson last Friday night. There was a full attendance. Various games were played and the young folks enjoyed the occasion to the fullest until a late hour. Music was a prominent part of the entertainment. Refreshments were served.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by Herbine. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Miss Willie Swann left early Sunday morning for Dallas, where she will spend a couple of weeks in the millinery department of Higginbotham's. While there she will assist in laying in a complete millinery for Wood-roof-Bragg.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with Ballard's Snow Liniment. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

P. T. Haynes is at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs. W. D. Haynes, in French Pasture, recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia. His little girl is also right sick.

## THE UNITED CHARITY AT WORK

The United Charities of Merkel perfected organization Tuesday evening with Dr. M. Armstrong, chairman, Walter Jackson, secretary, Wm. Elliott, treasurer, and appointed a Finance Committee, composed of W. A. McSpadden, chairman, R. L. Brand and T. G. Bragg.

It was decided to put on a drive Saturday, February 6, with a quota of \$1200. Every business man will be solicited and that day will be used as a tag day, when every man, woman, boy, and girl will have the opportunity of giving to the poor of our city and community.

The purpose of this fund will be to assist all worthy persons who are in need. Every case is to be looked into by a private committee appointed by the Finance Committee. It is expressly understood that no money be given to local charity by the people of Merkel, and all cases needing aid must report to the committee for investigation, and it is our opinion that they soon will give Merkel a wide berth. The quota set will go a long way towards taking care of the charity of the city for the year. In this way every dollar will be expended in the right way. Cards are to be printed and hung up in every business house, reading, "We contribute through the United Charity Association of Merkel. Go to them."

It is right that the people contribute to the unfortunate wretches of our neighborhood, but it is a sin to contribute to the deadbeat and those whose only occupation is to get their living from the public in this manner. Most people will contribute without investigating. They do not have to investigate. The committee will do that. Let us support the organization to the utmost of our ability that no widow or child will go in need and no sick person go unattended.

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### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

Before using this preparation for a cough or cold you may wish to know what it has done for others. Mrs. O. Cook, Macon, Ill., writes, "I have found it gives the quickest relief of any cough remedy I have ever used." Mrs. James A. Knott, Chillicothe, Mo., says "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cannot be beat for coughs and colds." H. J. Moore, Oval, Pa., says "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on several occasions when I was suffering with a settled cold upon the chest and it has always brought about a cure."

See Warren Bros. at once for good prairie hay. Car just received.

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We can let you have the

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AND

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To December 1, 1919 for

\$5.25

with publications without the Sunday Telegram to Dec. 1

\$4.50

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## The Abilene Morning Reporter

the paper which reaches you first and regularly with the Associated Press dispatches with the worlds latest news and

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Both publications to December 1, 1919, for only

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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.

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\$65,000.00

### The Merkel Mail

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

Jeff Henry has received his discharge from the army and returned home.

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

Mr. Howard is visiting his parents near Noodle, while on a furlough from the navy.

Not oil, but home made candy Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Sherrod Sherrill has returned home, having received his discharge from army service.

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

Joe Owen of Camp Travis has received his discharge from service and returned home.

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

Miss Nell Tracy left Monday for Clyde, where she has accepted a position as teacher. She is in the same school with Miss Olive Teaff, another one of our Merkel girls.

**Quick Cure for Croup**  
Watch for the first symptom, hoarseness and give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at once. It is prompt and effectual.

Mrs. L. M. Summons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe, and children have moved from Lubbock to Merkel, where they will remain for the balance of the school session.

#### CAN CLEAN OIL SPOTS, TOO

Remember that no job in the cleaning and pressing line is too difficult for me. You oil enthusiasts will have lots of work, but please rest assured that I can and will give entire satisfaction.

Mrs. C. L. Cash,  
Cleaning, Pressing and Mending,  
Phone 124. At Anchor Mercantile Company.

10t2c.

### Sergeant Witnessed 53 Hun Air Raids on Paris in Year

Sergeant Carl Phenix, son of Mrs. Lillian Phenix of Colorado, Texas, has witnessed 53 air raids since he reached Paris, Christmas Day, 1917.

"Many a night I have been in the heart of the City," he writes.

"With my car when the screaming electric sirens, fire wagons and trumpets announced the 'alerte,' and coming of the Gothas immediately out goes the few lights that burned and darkness reigns supreme. Believe me, out went my blue headlights or else they would have been knocked out with rocks. The Americans seem to enjoy the sights of bursting booms and anti-aircraft activity. It is some noise too and I have been in the middle of it all."

Sergeant Phenix wrote at length of the historic chateaux, cathedrals and towns which he had visited in France and England. —Star Telegram.

Mr. Phenix is a cousin of Mrs. J. C. Holden of Merkel.

#### How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions.

After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.  
Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Mrs. J. J. Stallings is in receipt of a card from her brother, Gilmore Parrish, written from the Rhine in Germany, Christmas. He says he is well and feeling fine.

**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.

Lee Tipton has returned from California, where he received his discharge from the army.

Plenty of Bliss Triumph, and Gobler seed potatoes at A. L. Jobe's.

### STATEMENT

## FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

As Made to Comptroller of Currency at Close of Business December 31, 1918

#### RESOURCES

Loans	\$154,920.50
U. S. Bonds and Certificates	43,359.35
War Saving Stamps	406.72
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	1,500.00
Other Real Estate	3,132.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
5 per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Cash and Exchange	92,331.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$299,562.79</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	33,331.08
Circulation	6,250.00
Due Federal Res. Bank	25,000.00
Bills Payable	6,000.00
Deposits	203,981.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$299,562.79</b>

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Every accommodation granted in line with good business methods and conservative Banking

J. T. Warren ..... President  
G. F. West ..... Vice President  
Henry James ..... Vice Pres.  
Thos. Johnson ..... Cashier  
Booth Warren ..... Asst. Cashier  
DeVerle Johnson ..... Asst. Cash.

### LOCAL NEWS

Ray Adams has returned from oversea service.

Car of good prairie hay just received. Warren Bros.

Joel Counts of Camp Travis has received his discharge and returned home

Same goods for less money. More goods for same money. A L. Jobe

Miss Alice Yates spent the week end with her mother at McCauley.

Car of good prairie hay just received. Warren Bros.

Eula Frederickson is up again after a very severe attack of the "Flu".

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

Miss Mamie Rister was down with the "flu" the past week, but is back as her post of duty now.

A good remedy for a bad cough is Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It heals the lungs and quiets irritation. Sold by Sanders Drug Store

J. M. Wynns of Dickson, Tenn., was a visitor in Merkel on business the past week.

**Colds Cause Grip and Influenza**  
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 80c.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cogburn of Cisco visited his parents Mr and Mrs. W. I. Cogburn, of Route 3.

For good syrup at right prices go to A. L. Jobe's

D. M. Floyd, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Floyd has returned from overseas service. He has some wonderful experiences, which we hope to report later.

#### Fever Sores

Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely, but should be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by all dealers.

# LAST CALL

## For Ten Days Only

**Job lot of boys and girls underwear ..... 20c**

These drawers and shirts are worth 85c or 75c each

**Mens Drawers and Shirts at ..... 55c**

These ribbed garments are worth 75c each

**See our mans Union Suit for ..... \$1.70**

This Union will be hard to match at \$2.25

### EXtra Low Prices on Suits and Coats

Try out our prices on Clothing of all kinds—for man or woman

**Percalé, 25 in. wide, good quality at ..... 19c**

**Good line of Ginghams at ..... 25c, 30c and 33½c**

**Good Line of Shoes at Modest Prices**

# The Brown D. G. Co.

### LOCAL NEWS

Miss Elsie Sharp who is attending school in Abilene visited homefolks Saturday and Sunday.

Fish and oysters sold or served. Fresh shipment every Friday. Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

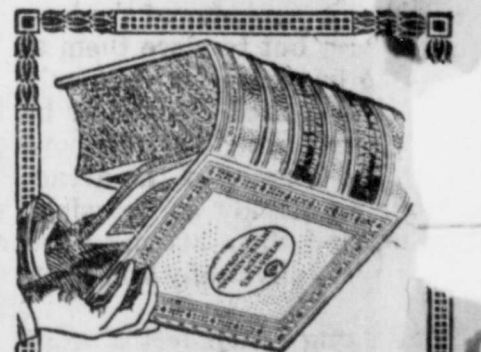
Emery McDonald and Grov Hale left for Houston a few days ago to be gone about a month and returned within a few days.

See Warren Bros. at once for good prairie hay. Car just received.

G. C. Kirkland visited his grand daughter, Mrs. N. Hancock, the past week.

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. 80c.

GD. Bryant has plenty of cord wood in French Pasture at \$2.50 a cord. See the man on the farm. 31t2p



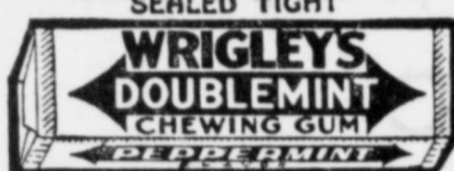
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Each results in power and success.  
It terms. Increase your efficiency.  
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## The Flavor Lasts

### EMMET NORTHCUT WRITES

The following interesting letter has been received by J. D. Northcut, who resides on Route 2, Merkel, from his brother in France:

As a request from the War Department we are to write a letter to our fathers, but when a how has neither father or mother I suppose it would not be out of place to write to your brother.

This is Sunday morning and everybody is happy and looking forward for the day when we all return back to the dear old

U. S. A. I am still in the hospital and getting along very well. I think will be able to go back to my company within a few days. They are up at the front holding the lines. Sixty-nine divisions were held over to hold the lines until peace is signed. I belong to the First Division, 3rd army corps. This is the first time we have been allowed to tell what division we belonged to or where we were. But today I am going to write you about one drive I was in. I am sure it would be interesting if I could write it just like it really occurred, but that

would be absolutely impossible, so here goes.

Drive on Argonne Forest. One of the greatest adventures of the war reached a happy ending in the early hours, October 7th when relief came through rain and darkness to a battalion of American soldiers, who for six days and nights were surrounded by German forces in that blighted jungle, known as the Argonne Forest. The story of that seige, the story of the dreadful sufferings borne with a high and undaunted spirit, the story of the defense and rescue when it can be told in full—will take its place alongside with the relief of Lucknow and will quicken American heartbeats for centuries to come.

From the night of Wednesday October 2nd to 2 o'clock Monday 7th our battalion was isolated on the Northern slope of a bleak unsheltered ravine with the German on a cliff above us and a powerful German detachment deeply entrenched on the other side of the ravine, so close that the doughboys, burrowed in the hillsides, could hear the calls and orders from our enemies—could be reached by German machine guns and rifles, if we showed ourselves in the opening. When dark settled over the forest at night our situation was desperate. What little food we had with us was spent on the second day. For three days we had been eating and chewing on leave of the underbrush. For water we had to depend on a muddy little stream that bubbled there invitingly, but each trip it meant exposure to the snipers, and more than one doughboy fell in trying to fetch water. What few blankets and overcoats we had that had not been discarded in the first line rush, had long since gone to rags around the wounded, for the dead and wounded lay with us on the hillside.

### Three Attacks Fought Off

We were drenched to the skin and weak from hunger and long exposure to the chilly October wind. We had fought off three savage attacks, fought them off with their own machine guns, their own rifles and bayonets, then on hand grenades, but by the sixth night our stores had so dwindled that there was little chance of our successfully resisting another attack.

We knew in our hearts and knew by our sense that the rest of the Americans, not more than 1200 meters below us in the forest, were trying to reach us, and that their efforts had been and would be unremitting. We had seen planes coming through the fog to look for us, only to be shot down. But there had come to the stoutest hearts the doubts that relief would come to us in time; yet in all that besieged battalion there were none who thought for one moment of surrendering to the encircling enemy. We waited its fourth attack without much hopes, for stock of ammunition had run low and the men were so weak could hardly drag themselves to their feet. Some had written letters of farewell to their folks and in the last hours were entrusting them to a pal on the chance that the pal might get through alive. There were some whispered shyly of little unchronicled deeds of kindness the week had witnessed. Here and there men promised to kill each other, if it came to the question of being captured. There was a moment of absolute silence and then all along the ravine could be heard a burst of hysterical laughter, relief had come. You can imagine how I felt. The besieged battalion had come forward on the night of the 2nd and taken up its position.

### 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.

**Shoulders All Baking Cares**

When CALUMET comes in, all baking troubles take quick leave. You go right ahead and mix up baking materials, for biscuits—cakes—anything without fear of uncertainty. Calumet makes you forget failure.

**CALUMET BAKING POWDER**

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

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were carried eventually to a shorting station on the edge of the forest, a beautiful Abby, reared by pious hands nine hundred years ago.

Well, I could write all day about the drive, but will wait until I get back and tell you all about it. I believe this was the hardest drive I was ever in. I was in the St. Mihiel drive Sept. 2nd, Argonne drive Oct. 2nd, Verdun Nov. 5th and Sedan on Nov 9th.

Ben you may send this letter to the other children, as I can't write to all. Don't have any idea when I will start back, but believe I will get back in time to make a cotton crop, so be sure and keep back enough land for me. I have not heard from you yet. You answer this, as I may stay long enough to get it.

So, be good and remember me in your prayers. Overlook mistakes and scribbles.

Your loving brother,  
EMMETT NORTHCUT,  
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### CHURCH NEWS

#### At The Baptist Church

We had the best attendance last Sunday ever. There were 217 in the Sunday school and every one stayed for the preaching. The Chalk Talk and Object Lesson made a hit. They will be regular parts of the service from this on.

Our Home Department now registers about 75 and the Cradle Roll is constantly increasing in size and beauty. O boy, but those baby pictures make the prettiest bouquet you ever saw.

Sunday school at ten o'clock on the dot. Preaching that quits at twelve o'clock.

Juniors at 2:30 and the B. Y. P. U. at 3:30 P. M.

Preaching at the evening hour, 7 o'clock.

Everybody invited to all our meetings.

E. E. Dawson, pastor.  
Walter Jackson, supt.

#### B. Y. P. U. Program for Feb 2nd.

Where Can I Make My Life Count for the Most?  
Scripture Reading Jno. 17:518  
Leader Dixie Howard  
The Successful Life, Wilma Carrett.

The One Place to Co-operate, Mrs. W. Jackson.

Question Often Asked, How and Loney.

Piano Solo, Ruth Holloway.  
Discipline is Necessary, Betty Toombs.

An Old Excuse, Frank Counts  
We Are Either for or Against Our Lord, Bro Dawson.

In Line with New Testament Christians, Gyrle Howard.

Reading, Margaret Bridgeman  
Song.

#### 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.

#### Card of Thanks

We want to thank the good people of Merkel for the assistance they gave us during our recent illness.

May God's richest blessing rest on each and every one is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs A J Yung.

Marshall Counts is layed up with the "Flu". J. A. Buford is acting in his stead.

#### The Strong Withstand the Winter Cold Better Than the Weak

You must have Health, Strength and Endurance to fight Colds, Grip and Influenza.

When your blood is not in a healthy condition and does not circulate properly, your system is unable to withstand the Winter cold.

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC Fortifies the System Against Colds, Grip and Influenza by Purifying and Enriching the Blood.

It contains the well-known tonic properties of Quinine and Iron in a form acceptable to the most delicate stomach, and is pleasant to take. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

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Paul Jones of Hawley, now in overseas service, writes that he has been ordered to an embarkation port and expects to be home soon.

Just received car of Marechal Neil flour. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

C. L. Deutschman of Noodle, who has been at work in Ranger previous to Christmas, returned there Wednesday. His brother, D. F., and Oscar Bird accompanied him on the return trip.

### NERVES "ON EDGE"?

Merkel People Will Find Encouragement in the Statement of a Merkel Resident

Are you weak, nervous, depressed?

Feel dull, shaky, tired? Are your kidneys working right?

Nervousness often hints at kidney weakness—

Kidneys that fail to filter the blood.

Poisons gather and harm the nerves.

Kidney weakness causes many ills—

Backache, dizziness, headaches, lack of flesh.

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

Use Doan's Kidney Pills. Follow the example of this Merkel resident.

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

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Warren had.

Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.

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

### RAIN FALL THE PAST WEEK

The rain a few nights ago amounted to three-fourths of an inch. The one previous to the last measured one-half inch. The season is still fine and prospects for a good crops were never better.

Cotton seed meal and cowfeed at Bob Martin's

Peace Maker flour is the best. G. M. Sharp.

Opal Ensminger, daughter, of Mr and Mrs R A Ensminger, of Dora is very low with the "Flu"

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

Cotton seed meal and cowfeed at Bob Martin's

**SUBSTITUTES NEEDED**

Substitute carriers are needed at the post office. Application should be made at once.

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

**THE OIL SITUATION**

The oil situation has not yet assumed definite shape. The promoters expect any moment to get word of the acceptance of their proposition to drill two or three wells. The casing is expected daily for the Sears well. It has been tied up for days somewhere between here and Ranger.

Three pounds of Breakfast Delight coffee for \$1.00 at G. M. Sharp's

Brer Rabbitt syrup at G. M. Sharp's

Henry Jones of Tulia, spent Wednesday with his wife and babies at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Mr. Jones was on his way to Austin, to attend the bedside of his brother-in-law, who was seriously wounded.

East Texas ribbon cane syrup at G. M. Sharp's

Expecting car of seed oats. G. M. Sharp.

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

Plenty of oats and corn—G. M. Sharp.

Cream meal—G. M. Sharp.

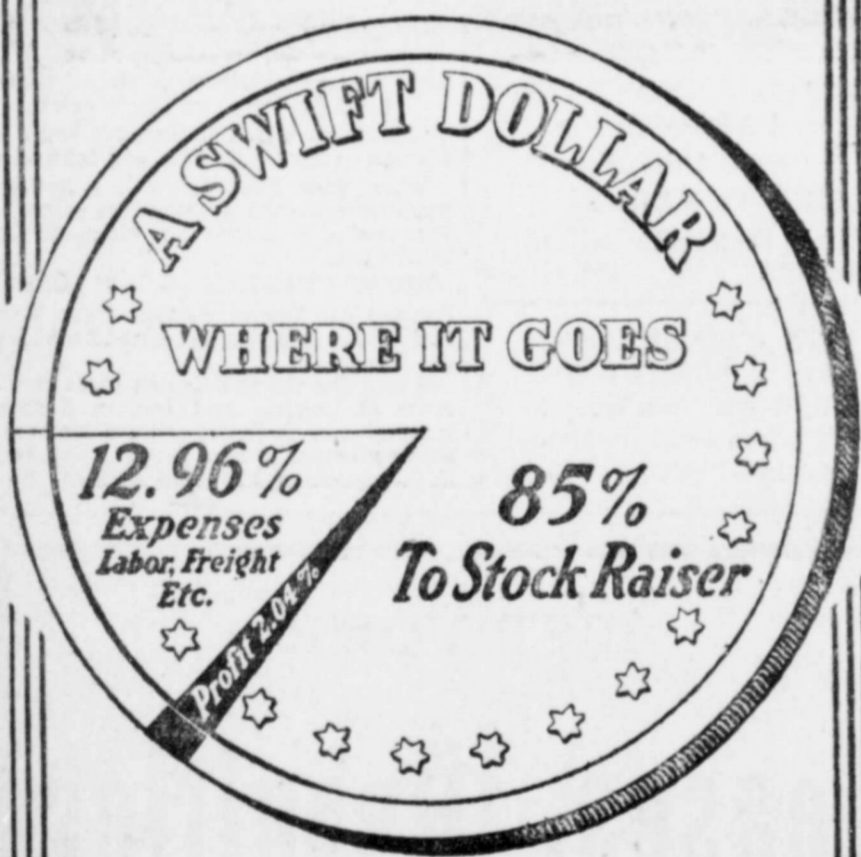
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The above diagram shows the distribution of the average Swift dollar received from sales of beef, pork and mutton, and their by-products, during 1918.

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Cardui, the woman's tonic, helped Mrs. William Eversole, of Hazel Patch, Ky. Read what she writes: "I had a general breaking-down of my health. I was in bed for weeks, unable to get up. I had such a weakness and dizziness, . . . and the pains were very severe. A friend told me I had tried everything else, why not Cardui? . . . I did, and soon saw it was helping me. . . . After 12 bottles, I am strong and well."

TAKE

# CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Do you feel weak, dizzy, worn-out? Is your lack of good health caused from any of the complaints so common to women? Then why not give Cardui a trial? It should surely do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women who suffered—it should help you back to health.

Ask some lady friend who has taken Cardui. She will tell you how it helped her. Try Cardui.

All Druggists

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### Theo. Brown Dead

Little Theo., son of Mr and Mrs. Q Brown, age six years, died at 4:30 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon. The little fellow suffered from the "Flu". Burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Murrell, pastor of the Methodist church.

Theo. was a bright little fellow, and before death stilled his childish tongue he talked of his going and of how his play mates would miss him. Yes, little Theo., they will miss you, but will not forget you. You will always be to them a sweet remembrance for the past, always a little boy, endowed with innocence. Yes, and those in the home will miss him, but he sleeps in peace, crowned immortal in glory.

Mrs. Brown and daughter, Viola, are still desperately ill with the same dread disease.

Our full sympathy goes out to the bereaved in this sad hour of their affliction.

### BOX SUPPER A SUCCESS

The Kings Daughters of the Methodist church gave a box supper at the Commercial Club Rooms on last Saturday night, which proved to be quite a success. A splendid program was rendered before the selling of the boxes, which afforded much enjoyment. The proceeds of which is to go to help carpet the ailes of the church.

They want to thank each and every one who assisted or contributed in any way to make it the success it was, also wish to thank the Commercial Club for the use of the rooms.

All present seemed to enjoy the evening in every way.

A nice sum was taken in and will aid the ladies greatly in the carrying out of their plans to beautify the church.

Every sack of Marechal Neil flour guaranteed, or your money back. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

Plenty corn at G. M. Sharp's.

# SHOE SPECIALS

We have a large stock of new shoes ordered and in order to make room for them we have decided to sell off a large assortment of blacks, whites and tans for ladies and misses. Lowcuts, pumps and oxfords in values from \$3.00 to \$4.00, special

## \$1.95

**MENS HAT SPECIALS---**About 3 dozen cloth and velvet hats in small shapes, \$1.50 values for only

## 79c

**LACE SPECIALS---**One lot of laces, consisting of linen bands, val. bands and edges, widths 2 to 12 inches, values to 35c cents, special per yard

## 9c

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## Want to Feel Just Right?

Take an NR Tonight

JUST TRY IT AND SEE how much better you feel in the morning. That "loopy," headachy, tired, don't-know-what's-the-matter feeling will be gone—you'll feel fine.

**TROUBLE IS**, your system is clogged with a lot of impurities that your over-worked digestive and eliminative organs can't get rid of. Pills, oil, salts, calomel and ordinary laxatives, cathartics and purges only force the bowels and prod the liver.

**Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets)** acts on the stomach, liver, bowels and even kidneys, not forcing, but toning and strengthening these organs. The result is prompt relief and real, lasting benefit. Make the test. Nature's Remedy will act promptly, thoroughly, yet so mildly, so gently, that you will think nature herself has come to the rescue and is doing the work.

And oh, what relief! You'll be surprised to find how much better you feel—brighter, better every way. If habitually or stubbornly constipated, take one NR Tablet each night for a week. Then you'll not have to take medicine every day. Just an occasional NR Tablet after that will be sufficient to keep your system in good condition—keep you feeling your best.

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**NR Tonight—Tomorrow Feel Right**  
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### Gladys Sloan Dead

On the 7th day of January God in his Infinite wisdom saw fit to call to himself little Gladys Lometta Sloan.

She was an obedient, sweet, kindhearted and loving girl. To know her was to love her.

She was twelve years of age. She was sick only a few days when death came to relieve her suffering.

We as a community express our very deepest sympathy to the loved ones in this sad hour of bereavement. May God, who doeth all things well, comfort the loved ones with the assurance that ere long they shall meet her to part no more.

A Friend.

**Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days**  
Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, blood, bleeding or protruding Piles. Instantly relieves itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 9c.

### Card of Thanks

If words can express our gratitude, we desire to thank our many friends for the kindness and assistance shown us during the illness and death of our son and brother, Hugh, also for their kindness to his mother in her illness.

Mr and Mrs. E. H. Cordill and daughter

### Chamberlain's Tablets

When you are troubled with digestion or constipation, Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its function naturally. Indigestion is usually accompanied by constipation is always aggravated by Chamberlain's Tablets cause movement of the bowels—the constipated condition.