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BIGOIL ACTIVITY FOR MERKEL

Butman Block Contracted---Casing for The Sears Well Has Arrived Contracts on Foot For Other Wells---Bright Prospects

TO MAYOR COBB

shed the office of Marshall and ual situation here. The Streets rushing forward towards active wells Aldermen and Mayor, thereby till an airplane flying across the the much desired black fluid. doubling the pay of the Alder- town is almost in danger of be-

tion better and they will do bet- oil boom" and the action was un- Sam Butman, Sr., J L Casey and once. ter. Past administrations did lit- selfish, says the mayor.

gainst any member of the Countaxation on every hand, almost, well is to be completed within the finest ever, and surely prospects are duce my cotton acreage for the line. The Trent High School will be down to spell against the Mercit or Mayor. They are all honor- the very life blood has been one year, going to a depth of perity stares us in the face one third as compared with the able men, but these official acts squeezed out of the people al- 3000 feet if necessary. The sum Merkel is now hedged in from amount planted in 1918, and I tcrests are vitally affected. We and taxing the utmost ability of guarantee to the fulfillment of ling to the east about Abilene; of my influence to secure a like have a right to protest against every business to the contract. A standard drill- the north is taken care of by the reduction by my neighbors." this piece of business because it live at all. Under such circum- ing outfit is to be employed and Sears well and by the Morrison | February 22 was agreed upon compunction of conscience in the the already overburdened taxpay with the addition of a simple son well, with a promise of dril- sue a proclamation calling upon matter, or the necessity for their ers is an outrage—a merciless, contract between the parties ling operations to be started ear- the people of the State to asactions to "leak out" would not inexcusable wrong.

seems to have so effected the from the Mayor of a coming mountains to the south. The leas the Sweetwater company takes The following resolution was minds of the City dads as to "great oil boom" and that the ed territory reaches almost to care of the west; the South Block also unanimously adopted: drive out everything else, caus- action of the Council was alto- the leased territory of the Bill- and the Butman lease takes care We ask the co-operation of the ing them to decide to "strike oil" gether unselfish. for the City Administration at once. Their well is already in the

in" next April. The Marshall gets a"dry hole" they may have.

cation this raise in salaries till ed in the field the next term, does not within The earnest co-operation of itself, remove the grounds for every one interested in food pro suspicion along that line. Some duction is requested in this move of the present incumbents could ment. have looked ahead to the possiplan for the future.

The old bird comfortably Merkel Motor Co.

Ite because paid little. Raising | Centlemen of the Council, this part, and W H Grahman of Pen-seems at last at hand. For mon-paign and to secure signatures the salary of aldermen and May- is no time for this sort of thing. resylvania and J E Toliver of the drouth and discouragement of individual farmers to the folor was an unselfish act because With two years of complete fail- Tennessee parties of the second stared us in the face. Not so now lowing pledge: their salaries do not begin until ure, with extraordinary war ex- part. The leased land consists of The rains have fallen, the peo- I hereby pledge myself and the next administration in April. penses on us, with the high cost 98201/2 acres. Drilling operations pie are daily coming back from those whom I represent, to re-We have no personal fight a of every thing, with increased to begin by June 1, 1919, and the other sections, oil prospects are duce my cotton acreage for the of further activity along this was wrong—dead wrong. The stances to make this increase the hole is to start 18-inches, well, and also another well is in as "Pledge Day" and Govenor Council itself must have felt and wring more money out of The leases are all on an 88 Form, prospect just west of the Morri- Hobby has been requested to is-

The apticipated "oil boom" having the consoling assurance or end of the canyon and on the company and the operations of p se of signing this pledge.

spection And Repair Week

but the administration well is 1919, has been selected as the has been ordered for No.3. From punched out, as one geologist Texas and her people shall pledg tographs and scenery in Gerto be a "producer". Its productime when we should carefully all indications there is some predicts an ocean of oil right be- themselves to so care for their many. They were sent by Luther tion is 10 barrels monthly for examine very farm implement mighty good stuff just south of neath the depot. We believe the interests as will enable them to Grimes, who is with the army of each Alderman and 40 barrels we expect to use in 1919 crop pro the mountains. for the Mayor. Also this "oil" duction and make out a list of re will flow while the recipients are pairs needed for that machine, attending to other business or if any. Then place this list of repromoting any other oil interests pairs needed with implement dealers, that parts may be sent south of te mountains is consid-I do not charge the Council for, if not kept in stock, so that with selfish motives, but the each machine may be put in succeeds in its present plans, no

bility of being part of the next We can make immediate deadministration. Sometimes men livery on Ford Cars. See us at once if you expect to buy a car. on Merkel and Trent road. Pair BURKBURNETT TEXAS Phone 84

Butman Bock Leased

eady. It is straining every nerve of \$5000 has been deposited as a every side. Several wells are dril futher pledge myself—to use all

named.

ports have been secured on the needed depot. local leases All the territory ered good. If the local company

The old cat and kittens proved very little delay. Contracts are feathers the nest in which she to be a good omen. Memorable in far advanced towards fulfillment ganizing a campaign to secure a aims to set up housekeeping lat- the history of the oil develop- for the letting of acreage for reduction of the cotton acreage ment of the great Merkel Coun-drilling purposes on each of the to be planted in Texas this year, Mr. Mayor, gentlemen of the try is this third week of Febru- four blocks. It will be a day or of not less than 33 1/3% of that Council and fellow citizens: What ary, 1919. Tuesday morning the two, perhaps, before definite in planted in 1918, Judge W F Ram do we pay taxes for any how? casing for the Sears well rolled formation can be given to the sey, of the Federal Reserve Bank Merely to furnish axle grease in, and active drilling will be un- public. The plans are in keeping was selected as chairman of the for the City machinery? Is it derway without delay. The parts with those formulated by the campaign and W C Barrickman, Last week's Mail contained an merely to create a fund to be ab of the drilling rig came in the company early in the game, that secretary of the Texas Indusarticle from the Mayor telling sorbed by the Mayor and Coun- past week. A few days more and of disposing of portions of their trial Congress, was made secrethe City Council had abol- cil?. Surely not. Look at the act- our part of the country will be acreage to induce the drilling of tary.

ly next month; the leasese and semble at the school house in Perhaps we are fortunate in This territory lies in the low proposed contracts of the local every school district for the pur berry ranch and touches the of the south, so if there is any press of Texas, not only in giv-G. F. WEST. south block of the local company. one who does not like to smell ing wide publicity to the purpose Peports are out stating that the offensive odor of oil, they of this campaign, but to signa-"oil sand" and is to be "brought National Farm Implement In- good find have been made in Bil- had better go now, else they will lize February 22, commenorating T& Pought to move it and drill command the respect of the occupation. The very best geological re- We might at least get a much world

> from the Sears well to a distance CAMPAIGN BEGUN TO RE-DUCE COTTON ACREAGE

mere postponement of the appli- working order before it is need- delay is anticipated in the start- conference held in this city Feb- kel Realty Company. ing of three or four wells with ruary 11, for the purpose of or-

The chairman was authorized added his salary to that of the are torn up and gone to pieces development, and, we hope, to Activity is pressing in upon to appoint an executive comthe Great Merkel Country from mittee, composed of one reprethe west also. A company is ope- sentative from each of the 31 men and raising that of the May ing wrecked or bogged down. One of the most interesting rating to the southeast from State senatorial districts and an or from \$60.00 annually to \$480. Practically nothing is being done movements of the week in oil Sweetwater and reaches up to a organization committee in each Boiled down the Mayors ex- to them. But the aldemens sal- development was the leasing of point a little to the southwest of county, consisting of the chairplanation is about as follows: are raised 100 per cent and the Butman block with a drilling Trent. It is reported that this man of the county council of de-We are approaching a great that of the mayor 700 per cent. contract. The contract is held by company has ordered three rigs fense, a banker and the county oil boom. Pay the Administra- But we have visions of a"great T A Johnson and is signed by and expect to begin operation at agricultural agent. Each county committee is to conduct a local J W Moore, parties of the first The long-looked for activity cctton asreage reduction cam-

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This is the first spelling contest of the season and was much enjoyed by all who participated. It is helpful, and wetrust to hear kel High School Friday afternoon. Everybody is invited to at

Following the spelling the bas etball teams of the two schools ocked horns, the result being 33 to 16 in favor of Merkel. The Merkel lineup was as follows.

Garrett, forward; Laney, forward; Stevens, center and captain; Counts, guard; Pike, guard Moore, Rose and Darsey, substitutes. Trent line-up: Boone, for ward; Foster, forward; Brown, center; Hamner, guard; Shouse, guard; Beasley, substitute.

SCENES IN GERMANY

James West has placed in the berry Well No. 1, and that No 2 be hemmed in on all sides, with the life of the Father of this show window of G F. West and The week of March 3rd to 8th, is to start at once and that rig prospects of having the middle Country, as a fit day upon which company a fine selection of pho-

Many of the scene represent ruins of buildings erected by the Romans over 2000 years ago. Medieval history is amply pro-We want to list your vacant trayed by stern old castles, stand time are also shown. Then again the entrancing scenery of beauty spots stand out in bold relief. The views are highly educational.

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fare used by the French and En- real close calls. glish, finally adopting the latter From the Toul sector we went The training was very severe, but to a rest camp where we remain helped us out greatly when the ed about three weeks. After this

The first American killed and fire for seventy-two days. When the first taken prisoner were relieved for a short rest and from my regiment, but from a sent to the rear, we were taking different battalion. This was a things easy in a small village. quite sector, where they broke when suddenly at night a Gerthe boys in. A raid was made man airplane raid was made on the third night of our occupancy us, killing and wounding several when about five Americans were of our boys. We spent several killed and eight captured. We more days here, but always took were never able to tell what in- the precaution of sleeping out in jury we inflicted upon the enemy the wheat fields adjacent to the We held this ground for about town in order to keep from being ten days, when we were return- bombarded. We spent the Fourth ed to our old training camp, of July in the trenches. After where we remained until Janu- this we were ordered to what we av. 1918, and then we were sent thought was a rest camp. Hardto the Toul sector. We stayed ly had we got down to taking here about thirty days, only los. things easy when we were order ing one man and that by shell ed to the front at Chateau Thifire. Here is where I gained my erry. We were loaded on trucks first experience on patrol in No- and it took us three days and Mans land. There were nineteen nights to reach our destination. of us. We got a little too close to We went into camp in a big forthe German lines and our pre- est, about six miles behind the sence was detected. A star shell front line. As we were lying in was sent up, but we ducked and the trenches waiting to go over avoided being seen. However, the top, we were subjected to an they turned a machine gun in a tillery barrage and also to maour direction and for awhile we chine gun fire. While waiting were a scared bunch. When the for the order to go over the top, firing stopped we beat a hasty every minute seemed like a day. retreat. Altogether I made over There is no moment in warfare twenty patrols, but managed to when one is put to such a tension avoid drawing the enemy fire He knows he is going over in a after this. We had a number of few minutes; he does not know

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we went into another sector, Our battalion went into the where we remained a few days, renches on October 19 in the then back to rest camp, then inoraine sector. We were the to another sector, etc., until we irst American troops to take were called to check the German ever any part of the front. The advance at Chateau Thierry. irst shoet fired by American While on one of these sectors oldiers was from this battalion. we were under continuous shell hair-raising experiences, but no that he will be alive long; he knows he is about to face the most strenuous moment of acreceive the order to move for-When your blood is not in a healthy condition and does not circulate properly, your system is unable to withstand the Winter cold.

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EXPERIENCES CORPORAL HORTON

The following is an interview from Cpl. O. A. Horton, who is just back home, having been severely wounded in the fightaround Chateau Thierry:

I enlisted first in the serivce in November, 1911. My military training took place at Fort Logan, Col. From there I was sent to Fort Ward, Wash, where I was connected with the coast! artillery. My experience for the three years srvice was entirely ordinary, as peace prevailed in America. After being discharged in November, 1914, I came home, where I remained a few months, and then reinlisted at Fort Logan. From there I was sent to the Mexican border at El Paso, in 1915, where I remained until the chase for Villa began. We crossed the border the 15th day of March, 1916. We were in Mexico 10 months and 20 days. We had plenty of hard marching experiences. We enjoyed the extreme of weather during a 24 hour period. One hour we would want to unload every particle of baggage and even clothing; the next we would be almost freezing to death In all my experiences this was the severest. We hoped for military activity in that country, but as time wore on and there was nothing doing, we were the proudest bunch you ever saw when the command was given to return to the states. Our line of march was over the most mountainous and desert portion of Mexico. There was practically no population in that section. Upon our return we took up our old quarters on the border until we got orders to embark for foreign activity on June 1, 1917.

We sailed from Hoboken, N J., and landed at St. Nazier, near Brest, France. We were in camp about two weeks, and then were loaded on train and shipped to Goundercourt, about 200 miles distant. We trained at this latter place until October 19, 1917. Our training consisted of learning the methods of trench war-

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addition to all this hell of fire, had to stumble over pit holes and through entanglements of barbed wire. I was in the second wave when we went over. After going about a mile and a half, the first wave dropped back and my wave went first. We went over at four o'clock I went into the front wave about five o'clock I was wounded about 6:30. I nev er was unconscious. The wound was caused by shell explosion. killing four right by my side. One of the boys never received a scratch. I was wounded in twelve places; lost one leg and came near losing the other. One piece of steel entered my head, one my body, half of my left foot was taken of, the bone was broken half way between my knee and ankle, and received two wounds in my right foot, one slight wound in the face, one wound ust above the knee on the right eg the piece of shell being removed twelve days afterwards, three in my right hip, one in right chest, one in second finger of right hand and one on third finger of left hand. I did not rea! lize at the time that my wounds were so severe. The only reason I can give for not bleeding to death is on account of the shells reaching such heat as to sear the flesh and prevent bleeding. Some friends drug me back to a shell hole out of range of machine gun fire. Finally I got to where I could raise up a little where I could view the surround ings. For about 200 yards the ground was strewn with dead and wounded. In one or two plac es I noticed them two deep. I could see them and hear them moaning and groaning in the most excruciating pain, and begging for help, and yet there was no one to render assistance. So many had fallen earlier that the stretcher bearers had not gotten up this far. Soon the small gun firing died away. Then came the agonizing moments. There we were helpless, with a shell exploding here and there, and we were unable to move. More than one poor wounded fellow was blown to atoms right in sight of



wounded and dying and to consid wounds and am healthy and hear er my own helpless state was ty as can be. outting the matter to almost the point of human endurance. Every thing was getting quiet before the stretcher bearers arrived. Late in the afternoon some Mr R. O Anderson. weeks. While here the German I wrote Mr. West about my work long range gun did its worst there. I guess its waiting for me work. I could hear the shells ex- At present we are loading and plode, and it seemed that every unloading ships. one was just bound to hit the hospital. After this I was sent to base hospital No. 11, 150 mil- of the City Barber Shop. es south of Paris, where I remained eight days, then was place ed in the ambulance and taken to base hospital No. 8, 24 miles a- cised in selecting a cough mediway, where I remained seven cine for children. It should be

QUINCY PAYNE WRITES

France, Jan. 28 1919

French artillerymen came my Dear Sir:-You will know by way and went for assistance. It this that I am yet in France, and was about nine o'clock before I Mr. Anderson I am very glad to reached the first aid station. say as a soldiers part, and condi-Here were hundreds of wounded tions of things here I am well men. A German doctor, who had and also, satisfied. I know that I been captured, was pressed into in this worlds war for a nobservice. I received first aid from le reason, because, Mr. Anderhim. I lay here all night. Next son, I value my honor more than morning I was sent to a field hos my life. I knew that I didn't pital, about eight miles to the come here to play. I had work to rear. As the ambulance pulled do and loads to lift. I shunned out shells were falling all about not the struggle. I did my part men by Frank M. Smith, Fedus. Nothing was done to me here b avely and with a will. I have Finally about six of us were did every thing that was in my War Loan Organization at Dalplaced in a truck and carried to power to gain victory. Now the las. a French hospital. Talk about armistice have been signed and misery, it reached the climax on we all want to get back to the this drive. We were unloaded at U. S. A.; but Mr. Anderson the do you think that we sound like 11 o'clock at night, and were to good thing is, that the armistice a bunch that would lay down wait untill next morning for an was signed just 10 days before and not finish the job? When operation. When viewed by some my regiment would have had to you are ready for us to shoot, nurses, they saw we could not went in the trenches. One morn- give us the 'high sign' and then survive the night and they took ing the Captain came out to watch us bring home the baus to a French hospital, when I make a speech and he said, well, con." was placed on the operating tab boys I have some very sad news le at midnight, about forty-two this afternoon and as I read it hours having elapsed from the you must be very quiet and get time I was wounded until my it all. So we all was very quiet. wounds had the proper attention and he said we have just receiv- 13th instant, beg to advise that I remained in this hospital two ed a cablegram stating that the it is with pleasure that I condays, and was put on a hospital war is over. Every soldier yell- sent to stay in the harness until train and shipped to the No. 1 ed and taken of his hat. So after the job is completed, let that American Red Cross Hospital at this I am looking to you people Paris, where I remained three there for living when I get back

> Yours very truly, Quincy Payne, Ex-Porter

> > For the Children

Too much care cannot be exerdays, and then was put on a hos-pleasant to take, contain no pital train and sent to Brest. Af- harmful drug and most effectual ter being in Brest four days, was in curing their coughs and colds. placed aboard a hospital ship and I ong experience has shown that fine when I sailed into Ellis Is- favorite with many mothers.

us. To hear the groans of the land. I feel little effects of my



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the United States and for years afford to lose. has compiled statistics covering | There is some excuse for the data being used by the United States Geological Survey, Expert

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Not long ago the business men were imposed upon. Collections were taken for digging a grave. United Charities attend to such matters

We would recommend that the City Council repeal the law forcing cars to go around the blocks the right they serve every purby turning.

Merkel needs a chicken law. We are advised that such a law is in contemplation. People who G. M. Sharps. raise chickens ought to be requir ed to keep them in enclosures.An old hen and a few chicks can do more damage to a garden or flow er bed in a few minutes than can be repaired in a long time. It looks like a small matter, when a party sees their work and pains going to naught, it is enough to make them "peeved." Then if flowers and vines are encouraged they will help make a "city beautiful."

A few years ago there was much talk of the square deal. It is a principle of life now. There is another principle just enunciated by our great President to the effect that every sin must be atoned for. Let us put these two them to some of the schools we have heard of in this section.

We have heard of boys in their teens whose fathers instructed them not to take punishment and to come home first. Now right on the face of this we make the statement and defy its contradiction that any boy who thus leaves school, 95 cases out of 100 marks himself down as a failure in life. Why? Because he does not have a square deal in education to cope with the other boys about him, and because he avoids direct atonement for his worng.

Why do teachers punish boys any way? Certainly for an infrac tion of the rules and principles of the school room. Suppose a boy would be hung for such infraction. Do you suppose he would then transgress? No. Then if dira punishment would cause him to "be good" it shows that his mind is capable of keeping straigth even if the punishment is not so great. How many boys get tired of school and break a rule and come home and tell some big yarn in order to get their fathers to let them quit. We know of more than one boy right here in Merkel who quits every year.Does any one think that boy has a square deal with himself? No. Who is to blame? An indulgent father. Discipline is one of the frist principles of successful living. If a boy does not get discipline in school we'll bet a thousand to one he gets it in the neck from some of his fellows upon whom he tries to place his independence. If allowed to trans-

The Merkel Mail gress the rules without punishment, he fails to give the school Published Every Friday Morning by a square deal, he fails to give his THE MERKEL MAIL PRINTING COMPANY, INC fellow students a square deal, and worst of all he does not give himself a square deal. The trans gression of law must have its atonement just as sure as the sun shines. Some say the punishment is too humiliating. Then if it is, et them avoid breaking of the rules. A boy usually has better sense than to go up to a revolvappear in the columns of The Mail will ing saw and stick his hand in front of the blade. He usually has better sense than to jump in to a furnace of flame. When he any item which would be of interest to knows the consequence of his readers of the Mail, the editor would deeds, certainly he ought to know enough to refrain from the rence of unusual interest transpires a infraction of the law. If the parreporter will be promptly sent to get ents have the spunk they thing they have got, when their young braves came home denouncing not receive their paper regularly will their teachers and complaining of being whipped, they would watch the label of your paper to ascer- get a cow-hide and deal them a tain when your time is out and renew double dose, the manhood of the future generation would be wonderfully improved. It is a sad state of affairs to see a parent deliberately remove the opportunity of a square deal from his child because he is burdened with an overdose of independence and feels that his young ofspring can commit no wrong.We know more than one boy who has As a diversion to the mono- been thus indulged, and freely tony of life, we would suggest a predict that not many years will public debate between Mayor elapse before a well developed Cobb and G F West. We do not thief will be result. It is a serithink either of the parties have ous problem. For heaven's sake sufficiently enlightened the peo- a parent ought to have a little ple on the weighty problems of sense. If your boy has not enough this strenuous city government. sense to avoid breaking rules that call for punishment, he is already falling behind in mental attainment the fellows who have and his punishment is but the sounding alarm of failure, and in to turn, account of serving no stead of the parent rushing to real good purpose. If cars keep to the help of the child, he deliberately advises that he leave school pose and do not hamper traffic biere taking punishment, thus inflicting the severest wrong against the child

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CHURCH NEWS

At The Baptist Church

Every part of the work made good showing last Sunday.Two undred ten in Sunday school looked like Sunday school prosperity. But we can't stop at that we must go backward or forward, and nobody wants to be a ject Sermon showing ten kinds Foreign Missions Work, Maurine backslider. So "carry on" is the word and forward we will go.

Many expressions of appreciation of last Sunday night's services have been heard. Everybody enjoyed Brother Standifer's sermon, so tender and appealing. Surely the spiritual tone of the town is better since that joint service. And then everychange from Methodists to Pres | cay. byterians as soon as they their eyes open.

Juniors will meet 30 minutes earlier Sunday afternoon; at ans Missionary Society will have diers. 2 o'clock instead of 2:30. The charge of the service and will BYPU will meet at the same render a splendid program hour, 2 o'clock, at the Annex.

At 3 o'clock an ordination service will be held. Rev. J C Burket of Abilene will preach the ordination sermon, and it is expected that visitors will be present from all the Bapitst churches in the vicinity of Merkel to 1st Thess 1:5-10

participate in the service.

Sunday night's service will be at 7:30. Special music will be afforcled. A special memorial to the Missions, Leader late Mrs. Sadie Collins Richardson will be held at this evening Problem, Russel Pike. hour.

meets at 10 o'clock sharp. It will Hutcheson followed closely by the Obof lamps, and the regular ser- Cobb. mon on the theme, "Religious Conviction." Everybody invited ly E E Dawson, Pastor Walter Jackson, Supt.

Methodist Church Notice

Sunday School promptly at body now knows that "procras- 9.45. Come to Sunday school and tination is de mos' important help us reach the goal next Sun-

A Call To Intercession"

At the evening hour the Wom-1 the Centenary Movement.

A cordial welcome to strangers within our gates. W M Murrell, pastor. Hamm

Epworth League Program The Conquest of a Continent. Scripture: Isa. xl: 1-11; and to Us, Mrs Ragan.

Leader, Velma Hill.

Song, Prayer. of Home The Changed View

What is the Home Mission How Far Do We Fall Short of

Of course the Sunday school Fing a Christian Nation, Mrs. Sins in Our Country Hinder

World Leadership has Sudden Come to America, Frank

Business, Song, Benediction.

"Everyone At League" is Our

Baptist Missionary Society

The following program will be rendered at the Baptist Church Preaching at 11 A M. Subject Monday Feb., 24, at 2:30 p.m. Leader, Mrs E A Campbell.

Song, Onward Christian Sol-

Lord's Prayer in concert Scripture, Luke, 2:49 and Isai

ah 56:7. Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Open Bible and Church, Mrs

Song, We're Marching To Zion Talk, What the Church Means

Solo, Selected, Mrs. Howard.

Talk, Our Society's Part, Mrs Causseaux. Song, Guide Me O Thou Great

Jehovah. Prayer and Benediction by Leader.

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This modest token, lady mine. I send thee for a valentine: Observe how fitting is its hue Truth's own symbolic color, blue:

And, like my love, 'tis single face.

And sure to stick when rightly placed.

Nor it is but a transient guest But pledged to future interest Though chastely fair, its wor-

th is more Than showier offerings sent before:

Then, love, accept with smile benign

My patriotic valentine! Corinne Rockwell Swain

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the

LOCAL NEWS

Willie Joe Largent has returned from the sanitarium at Abilene and is about straight

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

Sam Owens, who has been em ployed at Ranger for several months, was a visitor to homefolks this week.

We can make immediate delivery on Ford Cars. See us at once if you expect to buy a car. Merkel Motor Co. Phone 84

J C Mason returned from Deport, where he has been on business the past month. He wouldn't tell us anything, so we just have to report him back. We know he is not married, however for he seems perfectly at home.

Alfalfa hav, cotton seed hulls. cotton seed for feed at Hamm's

The family of G W Ely moved to Sweetwater the past week. Mr Ely preceeded them some weeks ago.

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

A C Rose has returned from markekt. He is very enthusiastic over the future, and reports heavy purchases. He says all the people have their eyes on Texas, account of the oil situa-

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

nice selection of millinery and Drug Company dress goods. They are pleased with market conditions and are

Car of good prairie hay just received. Warren Bros.

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soon after his arrival

heals slowly if neglected. The ed, and only the sweet benedicfamily that keeps a bottle of tion of memory abides. Mr. and Mrs . G Bragg returned Ballard's Snow Liniment on Saturday from Eastern markets. hand is always prepared for girl, born June 22, 1895, and pos-

hopeful of a lucrative business light coffee for \$100 at G. M. ter pervaded her every thought

Mrs Richardson Dead

came together, surrounded by a world host of friends and bethrothed Leo Shepherd son of Mr and in filial love, with all the beaut-Mrs. W A Shepher, has return- lies of life shedding its light and worms is handicapped in its Sunday school on the increase. ed home from oversea service, love adown their pathway. Lit-growth. A few doses of White's having secured his discharge, the they knew that so soon the Cream Vermifuge destroys and nett, is visiting her parents, Rev He did not get into the fighting, shadows of night must cast their expels worms; the child immedi and Mrs S W H Buzbell. the armistice having been signed heavy folds about them and take ately improves and thrives wonthe path of her fond ambition. ders Drug Company A scald, burn or severe cut The folds of happiness are crush-

Mrs Richardson was a Merkel than she. She possessed a lovable Company. disposition and was always kind Three pounds of Breakfast De- and true. Her Christian charac- ceived car of good prairie hay. and action. Until ill health took possession of her, she was an ac-

at the Baptist church Friday morning, conducted by her pastor, Rev. E E Dawson. Interment will take place immediately afterwards in Rose Hill cemetery

She is survived by her husband, Sgt, Earl Richardson, and parents, Mr. and Mrs J. A. Collins, sister, Mrs Annie Grafford, and brother, Grady.

Mrs Richardson has gone to that home where sorrows never come. Infinitely free from the cares of the world, from its sorrows and disappointments, is she. Her bright smile is gone. and her friends and loved ones can but cherish the sweet memory that she left. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the young husband, and all her lover ones in this sad hour.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggist, 75c.

Rev L B Owen of Petrolia, former pastor of the Baptist church here, visited his son, Joe and family, and other friends last

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

Alfalfa hay, cotton seed hulls, cotton seed for feed at Hamm's

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

Buy your groceries and grain rom G. M. Sharp

George Washington's Birthday. The entire city was shocked Both banks and the post office

beyond measure when word went are to be closed Saturday, on ac- present preparing the land for out early Thursday morning that count of George Washington's another crop. Mrs. Earl Richardson, nee Sadie birthday. It is doubly our duty Collins, had died at 5:30. Wed- to honor this great statsman who ling for the stock. nesday she was up and happy, fought for the liberty of our Frank Windham and family member of the Post Hospital at packing up her things to accom- country, since we have so recent- have returned home from East- Colummbus, Ohio. pany her husband to their new ly come successfully from the land. home. The young couple have field of battle, having won the been married just five weeks. same liberty for which he fought lar appointment here on the sec-It was a beautiful day when they for this country, for the entire and Sunday evening at 3:30.He

A child that has intestinal the sweet, trusting wife from derfully. Price 30¢ Sold by San- have moved back to the commun

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

Warren Bros. have just re-

COMPERE NEWS

The farmers are very busy at

Wheat is making ample graz-

Rev Calloway filled his regudelivered a very interesting ser-

We are glad to announce our Mrs Barine Berry, of Burkbur

Henry Young and family

Mr Allred had an attack of the 'flu", but we are glad to report him able to be up.

Mr Pope, the County School Just received car of Marechal Superintendent visited our schwhere they placed orders for a such accidents. Sold by Sanders sibly no one had more friends Neil flour. Bob Martin Grocery oo' Friday a week ago, and made and interesting talk.

Cotton cake at G M Sharp's.

LOCAL NEWS

The little baby of Mrs. Walter Buford is seriously ill with pneu-

Plenty of Marechal Neil flour. Bob Martin's Grocery Company.

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W D Swann of Tyler was a vis itor at the home of his brother. J S., a few days ago

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

Misses Nettie , and Myrtle Webb of Abilene, visited Mrs.R L Moore, from Saturday night until Sunday night

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

Cotton seed meal at G M. harp's

Magazines at Grimes Drug

Cowfeed at Bob Martin's

Sgt C F Thornton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W A Thornton, had received his discharge. He was a

Magazines at Grimes Drug

Car of good prairie hay just received. Warren Bros.

Miss Ona Fae Bland was at nome visiting the past Sunday

Cowfeed at Bob Martin's

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Brer Rabbitt syrup at G. M. Sharp's

S. G Houston of Abilene visited his daughters, Miss Emma and Mrs Jackson Tuesday and

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

Magazines at Grimes Drug

Mr and Mrs. Duckett of Breck enridge are visiting their parents, Mr and Mrs W P Duckett, and Mr. and Mrs Joe Harris In future they will make their home at DeLeon.

Gas in the stomach or bowels is a disagreeable symptom of a torpid liver. To get rid of it quck 'y take Herbine It is a marvelous liver stimulant and bowel purifier. Price 60¢ Sold by Sanders Drug Company

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

UNITED CHARITY

One hard day's work for two grown men, in the persons of L Bland and W A McSpadden, was not the success of raising funds for local charity as was ex pected

Some firms gave liberally, while others gave but little and some gave nothing.

One of the largest firms turned them down.

They only got \$180.50. The Camp Fire Girls under the direction of Mrs. Fred Groene, collected \$18.95 on Tag Day.

The fund is turned over to the Treausuer, Wm Elliott, to be checked against for needy purposes, after being carefully investigated by a committee of three. Unless you are a member of this organization don't use the membership card. This organ ization is going to be run on a business like basis and will keep tab on business firm slackers the same as was kept on war work slackers. If all members will turn down all beggars, point saving money.

Contributed.

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Remember that courtesy and efficiency are my business mottoes.

Eugene F. Nix them to your cards, that you pay through the United Charity you will soon find that you will be

BLAIR NEWS

I will attempt to give you a few notes from our community. Health is again good and our farmers are all at work sowing oats and preparing land for the coming crop.

The Baptist Church at this place was greatly honored on last Sunday afternoon, by Rev. Lawson and Supt. W. Jackson of Merkel Baptist Church, and their faithful and earnest workers of the B. Y. P U. in a most excelent entertainment, which consisted of readings, solos, and several quartets rndered in the most efficient manner. Then came the closing remarks by Rev.Da son. With his ever ready wit and ability he gave us a few hints as to "How Can I Make My Life Count For Most." Truly he said some great things, and it is to be hoped that the evening spent as it was will be an inspiring one for the Church at this place. May we all as Christian men and won en pull on the same string and try and try again and again as the little ant, 'till we do count for something. Speakking the sentiments of all present, I take this opportunity of thanking each and all of the workers of the B. Y. P. U. for their interest shown to our church here, and may you all have the rich blessings of Heaven as a reward for such work .- A Friend.

Chronic Constipation

There are people who never have a movement of the bowels vith itt is produced by a cathartic. Most of them have brought that condition on themselves by the use of mineral waters and strong catartics that take too much water out of the system and aggravate the disease they are meant to relive. A mild laxative tonic like Chamberlain's Tablets affords a gentle movement of the bowels that you hardly realize has been produced by a medicine, and their use is not so likely to be followed by constipation.

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 Nall Perkins. Fauss Banner. Clyde Garrett. Roy O. Stevens. Martin Luther Powers.

Earnest Yancy W. A. Hellums. 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 Derrington. Frank J. Ferrier. De Gorcus. Wm. R. Green. James F. Holloway. B. Jobe. Pete Meek. F. O'Brient. Herbert Ricker. Paul Stamford. Bill Sheppard. Paul Turner. George White. L. B. Wells. Riley White. L. Powers. Emzi Burroughs. Thos Bearden. Jas. Brown. Emmitt Grimes. L. M. Hutchins. Chester A. Duncan, Trent. John T. Morris, Trent. Joe L. Evans, Trent. W. W. McElmurray, Trent. O. R. Burns. Joe Thomas Hartley. John Robert West. Robert Grady Collins Jim F. Winters.

CALLED HER FAMILY BEDSIDE

Si: Years Ago, Thinking She Might Die, Says Texas Lady, But New She Is a Well, Strong Woman and Praises Cardui For Her Recovery.

man, of this place, says; "After the birth of my little girl ... my side commenced to hurt me. I had to go back to bed. We called the doctor. He treated me...but I got no better. I got worse and worse until the misery was unbearable ... I was in bed for three months and suffered such agony that I was just drawn up in a knot ... I told my husband if he would get me a bottle of Cardui I would try it... I commenced taking it, however, that forts, each month? Or do you feel evening I called my family about weak, nervous and fagged-out? If so, me ... for I knew I could not last give Cardui, the woman's tonic. many days unless I had a change for trial.

Royse City, Tex.-Mrs. Mary Kil- | the better. That was six years ago and I am still here and am a well, strong woman, and I owe my life to Cardui. I had only taken half the bottle when I began to feel better. The misery in my side got less ... I continued right on taking the Cardui until I had taken three bottles and I did not need any more for I was well and never felt better in my life ... I have never had any trouble from that day to this."

Do you suffer from headache, backache, pains in sic.s, or other discom-

Hurbert 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

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FORT WORTH WILL RIVAL CHEYENNE

Wild West Celebration Here March 10 to 15 Will Be One of Best Ever Staged in United States

can border, among the men State of Texas versus J. T. who know the feel of the sad- Brown, C L. Brown and J. M. dle and the free, open life of the range, the news has been Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, spread that Fort Worth is challenging the right of Chey- 1919 levy on certain Real Es-

year's Rodeo, held in connec- W. 1/2 of Lot No. Eighteen (18) tion with the Southwestern Ex- Section No. One Hundred Forty position and Fat Stock show, seven (147) Grimes County the management is making School land, as described in deed plans on a larger scale this year and the Rodeo March 10-15 will Taylor County, Texas. be an "all contest" affair that country. For they are coming (S. E.1/4) Texas & Pacific Ry, will have to ride and ride their (19) at page 551, deeds records. hardest to be able to partici- Taylor County, Texas. pate in the idstribution of around \$2,500 in prizes that off the South-east quarter (S.E. has been hung up. Besides famous men riders, the cowgirls will be here and special prizes land, as described in deed rehave been set aside for them.

for a week to the days of the County, Texas. lock, himself a product of the range and known to nearly every Southwestern stockman, has been named by Secretarycompetitive show that will give this notice by publication, Taylor County, Texas. make people hold onto their in the English language, once seats and wonder what the evening's casuafties will amount to. Ed R. Henry, Gil Whittington, Wad Ross and W. O. Rominger will assist him in the celebration. Already, Leonard Stroud of Rocky Ford, Colo., champion broncho buster and trick rider of the world, has ar. rived in this city and he is helping the Rodeo committee to work out details. The most rigid riding rules are to be applied. And every night's program will be a masterpiece of thorough detail, even though the sensations will likely come

spontaneously. Secretary-Manager M. Sansom, Jr. and his assistants are working out the plans for this year's Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show most thoroughly. They have hung up \$25,000 in prizes for the livestock exhibition alone and this together with the increased interest of stockmen of the Southwest, assure larger exhibits in every division.

Besides the Rodeo and the fat stock, there will be a carnival of diverse features to entertain you; a poultry show with the class of the land that will delight every fancier, under the direction of Walter Burton of Arlington; the best industrial display Fort Worth has ever made. And there will be a host of other features that will insure every visitor at least one or two things that will arouse his or her undivided interest.

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2nd. Tract. One Hundredwill bring forth the very best twenty (120) Acres off the efforts of the best riders in the East Side of the S. E. Quarter -and coming in numbers, too, Co. Section Number Sixty-nine although they know that they (69) Block Number Nineteen

recorded in Volume Ninety-sev-

en at page 209, deeds records,

3rd. Tract. Thirty (30) acres 1/4) of section Sixty-nine (69). Block Number Nineteen (19) Texas & Pacific Railway Co., corded in Volume 98 at page As a round-up and a return 574, deeds records of Taylor CHAS WEST

old west, with broncho-busting, and levied upon as the property wild horse and steer riding, of said C. L. Brown. And on wild horse racing, roping, etc. Tuesday, the fourth day of Fort Worth will have a com- March, A. D. 1919, at the Court plete and satisfying entertain. House door of Taylor County, in ment in the Rodeo. Bob Tad- the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. week for three consecutive and four P. M. I will sell said a- weeks immediately preceeding bidder, as the property of said Taylor County. Manager Sansom as chairman C. L Brown by virtue of said Witness my hand, this 10th of the Rodeo committee and levy and said Alias Execution day of January, A. D. 1919. told to go his limit for a clean. And in compliance with law, I

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Corporal Willard Heiple Jack.

Newark, N J. Feb 8. the first Sunday. They stopped My Dear Mrs Stevens: Although the Auto and Mr. Delp took a stranger to you, I feel that I some pictures. They were small must write and express my sym- but good, we gave Jack some. pathy to you in the loss of your We have an excellent one of a number of times.

As we became acquainted if I can get it? with him we could not help admire his character. He always card party in my home, for War showed such good principles. He | Relief. Jack was here the Suntalked a great deal about his day before, he heard us talking home and especially about his about it. He said, I am coming, mother and sisters.

until a young man with whom is the ticket? I gave it to him he was associated at Camp Mer- and he laughed and said, I will ritt called to tell us that he had be here. It was on Wednesday died. Roy seemed to have a sore night 8 p.m. Jack arrived at throat on Monday, but did not 7:30 p.m. and he was so jolly

that I can do, by making inqur- After that Jack found good prompts me to write to you. We died. He came out pale and sad ries about him at Camp Merritt, friends and a lovely home to all heartily sympathize with you and we were waiting in the ma-I will be only too glad to do it.

more than a year, so as a moth- sion's were up to the Camp the ly attached to Jack and spent could not believe it. If a bolt of er you will understand the spirit in which this letter is written and now if there is anythink I can do that will be any comfort How Bad Kidneys Have Been to you, I want to do it.

Yours sincerely, Mrs Edmund L Roff.

Berenfield, N J. Feb 4th. My dear Mrs Stevens.-Kindly accept my heartfelt sympathy in this most trying hour. My heart goes out to you for I know how much Jack thought of his dear Mother, Dad, Brothers and Sisters, for he spoke of you all many times.

I don't know if Jack ever spoke to you of any of his acquaintance, but I must say we have had the pleasure of entertaining Jack, at our home, off and on since last May. It has been a terrible shock to Mother, Pad and myself, for we sure miss him. If we had only known that he was sick we might have been able to have done something, but it was all too sudden.

We must all try to feel that t has all happened for the best, but God knows it is hard.

Mother and dad both join me in expressing our deepest regret last June. I would be pleased to receive a few lines from you Mrs Stevens, If there is any questions you wish to ask and I can be of any service to you, I will be glad to help you in any way. Sincerely,

Brooklyn, N. Y. Feb.5th dear Mrs Stevens:-No doubt, you will be surprised to receive this letter from a strang er, but I felt I must write you, only w in your hour of sadness. My 38. neart aches for you. I was more contract g

Edna R. Smith.

TO THE FAMILY OF CORPOR than surprised to hear of Jack's death. It really don't seem possible. Well! you certainly had a We, the companions of the de- noble boy. One that thought of ceased, wish to express our sym- his home and family and his litpathy to you in this hour of the sister. Now I am going to tell you, how I met your boy: It was We assure you that though we the early part of September, we feel that his was an untimely were in our Auto with my husdeath we can only begin to real-band, nephew and wife and a couple from Philadelphia, and But let us remember that he we were coming home, from a fied upon the alter of his coundays trip. Jack, was standing on try as many worthy Sons of a corner waiting for a street America have done and many car, to go to a park for outing. I said to him, would you like to Herewith you will find enclos- get in and take a ride? He said ed a service pin and a small A- sure.Mr. Delp asked how far he merican flag which was in his was going? He said about five possession, perhaps prepared to miles, and told us he was a be sent home. As a token of re- stranger and at Camp Merritt memberance we are sending it about six weeks. I asked him his to you apart from his other per- name, he said Jack Stevens, but call me Jack. I said if my hus-Again wishing to express our band will let me, I would like to sympathy, we are sincerely take you with us for dinner at a restaurant and then go home and stay over night with us. Jack seemed delighted. Mr. Delo said to me, you are without a T. L. GRIMES, . Merkel, Texas Sergeant Herbert Johnston maid and you have two extra, but I said, Jack do you want to Corporal Clarense W. Skutt come? He said sure. We went home, had a pleasant evening, (Ed. Note-In the service singing. Went to bed about 12 Roy was given the nickname of p.m. Sunday afternoon, Jack, Mr. Delp and his nephew went out far a walk in the park. It was

son. My daughter met him on Jack alone with his hat off, and November 11th, and since that Mr Delp is going to see if he can time he has called at our house have it taken off, a little larger.

Would you like me to send one On November 12th I had a I said, it cost one dollar a tick-We did not know he was sick et. He said, I don't care, where

go to the hospital until Tuesday and said, oh; I was in such a hur afternoon, and he was delirious ry I did not get my supper, but from that time until he died. The I saw that he had his supper. young man, who is Private Wil- I told him, I had a fine young ham J. V Connor, said that Cor- lady for him. He said leave it to poral Stevens was the best Cor- him. Miss Hession came with poral they had ever had and that her mother and brother. Mrs. they felt his loss keenly. He al- Hession, is a motherly woman se secured your address from and they all took a great liking to Jack and offered to take him Dear Folks-It is indeed the sad Well my oldest son, Harry If there is anything further to the station in their Auto, event of your sons death, which went in and was told Jack had

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Sunday before he was sick, and Jack asked some boy to write just taken Jack to the hospital, and ask them to come up, as he suffering with bronichal pneuwas sick in the hospital. The monia. We inquired of his condi-Hession's went last Sunday with tion and he said he did not know some dainties for Jack, and when but if we would call him the next the oldest brother came out and day in the afternoon he could tell said Jack had gone, they could us full detail of his illness. So we not believe it.

could be proud of.

very happy for Jack. Miss Hes- est way. Not being able to use disposition . I thing you could reach camp until after four that to know about Jack further.

Y. I woul like to meet you From a friend of Jack's, I re-

Mrs William S. Delp

Brooklyn, N Y. Feb 11. so a bunch of flowers. his letters he spent most every not have been more stunned. week end at our home, also So I, my daughter, Grace, and

Mrs.Delp,a friend of ours, who able, if the kidneys act too fre- also lives here and too is interest quently, or passages are painful, ed in war relief work, had a card party at her home for the bene-Kidney Pills, the remedy that it of War Relief, and we attendhas helped so many of your own ed it. It was here that we met friends and neighbors. Follow Jack, and upon the strength of this Merkel citizen's advice and her recommendation we invited give Doan's a chance to do the him to spent the following weekend with us at our home, which he did and he has been coming ever since.

Having two sons and a daught er it made it all the more pleasant for Jack. They thought the world of him too. We took him to the club and several of the best affairs held in the City. He always enjoyed it and we really enjoyed making him happy. We know that camp life so far away from home, with no friends, is mighty lonely and tiresome.

Christmas, Jack helped trim the tree. He was thinking of home and spoke often of the folks there and how he longed to see them all. We tried, through a couple of officers in the quarter master department with whom we are acquainted, to get an extended furlough for Jack for the holidays, so he could go home, but it could not be done. So we tried to cheer him ap, and

when he received the kid gloves. igars, candy, and five other litde gifts we had for him, he was reatly surprised and happy.

Jack was getting awfully omesick and we did all we could to cheer him. We always admird how fondly Jack spoke of his other and folks at home.

Jack often wanted to take us through camp, but some how or other we never did get there until Sunday Jan 26th.

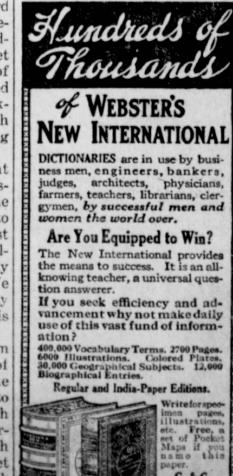
Camp Merritt is in State of lew Jersey, about forty or forty ive miles from our home. Well, ve drove to camp with Jack, who showed us all around. Jack hunt ed up a soldier friend of his by the name of Shannon, and we took a ride for a few hours. We rought a big home made pumpkin pie, cake, hot coffee, sandvitches and candy to camp.Jack gave some to the boys and put the rest in his locker for himself.

We noticed Jack had a heavy cold and a little fever. So on the way back to camp we stopped at the druggist and got some medic'ne to help his cold. We told him exactly how to take it and what to do. We advised him not to let it go, and if it did not get better very soon see a doctor. He said 6- would. About eight-thirty we bade him good night. On Tuesday January 28th about noon we received a phone call from Sargeant Province, who said he had called, but got no satisfaction. Mrs. Stevens I think you had a Was told we could see him on good, clean boy. One a mother Wednesdays and Sundays between 2 and 4 o'clock which are I think Mrs. Hession and her the only visiting days. So we daughter, Miss Grace made life dicided to go to camp the quick sion is certainly a lovely young the machine we determined to woman. She has a bright happy go by train. Well we could not crite to them, if you would like day, so did not go. So we wrote Jack a letted telling him to be I do hope that this letter will careful, and do as the doctor adcomfort you a little in your vised and do not give up hope; we would without fail be out to If you ever come to Brooklyn, see him on the next visiting day which is Sunday.

> Well Sunday we rushed out to camp in the machine. Brought cverything we knew a pneumonia patient could eat and al-

visit in. Jack spent many plea- in this great loss. Truly we all chine. He said slowly, Jack is My son has been in France for sant times with them. The Hes- feel it keenly, for we were great- gone-home-dead. We really many pleasant days with him. lightning had come from the As no doubt he has told you in clear sky and struck us we could

> Thanksgiving, Christmas and Harry, went back into tthe re-New Year. Our home was always ceiving base and asked if they open to him and he was treated had not made an error. So they as one of the family. Jack was directed us to the administra-Doan's Kidney Pills are keeping such a good, clean, honorable tion building where the truth up the good work. Merkel people and wholesome boy, that we did was confirmed.. They showed us are tellling about it-telling of not hesitate to introduce him to the records from the time Jack bad backs made sound again. our most intimate friends. We was admitted into the hospital You can believe the testimony of introduced him into the best of on Tuesday morning at 10:30 your own townspeople. They tell society in our great City, and he January 28th. Read the teleit for the benefit of you who are was always cordially received grams sent you folks and the answers, and then the one bear-



ing the sad truth. They also look ed up the Post Mortem record at this building and gave us all the official information they had.

Then down-hearted sad and shocked we stood there. Two of the military police were near by and were so nice in assisting us with information. We gave them some of the custards and things we brought for Jack.

We then determined to look up some of Jacks friends in camp, but were unsuccessful.

Sunday February 9th we rode over to camp and succeeded in locating Jack's friend, Corporal Shannon, He was one of the last boys to see Jack. He said he went over to Jack, who was in his barracks on Monday Jan, 27 and he was real sick. He went to the infirmery with him and the doctor gave him some pills. He laid around the barracks until he was taken into the hospital on Tuesday morning. Corp. Shannon did not see Jack again until after he was dead. He tried to see many times, but was refused admission. He told us he even tried to sneak in, but was found out before he succeeded in reach ing Jack. He too feels his loss keenly and said they all miss him. Upon hearing that Jack had passed away Corporal Shan non tried every possible means to locate us and tell us what had happened. Not remembering our name, and not knowing our address it was rather difficult. How ever with lots of inquiring he succeeded in getting our phone number but could not reach us that way as no one was here to get the message

He told us that the boys of Jack's company, I believe, or his soldier friends took up a collection with which they bought a flag for his coffin, and I think some flowers too. We were pleas ed to hear this and know that at least that much was done for him.

We have asked Corporal Shan non if he hears anything of Jack, which may be of interest to you, and us, to let us know. He is going to see the other soldiers acquainted with Jack and if there is any message at all we'll gladly let you know.

We all would do anything for Jack, and now that he is no more if there is any thing you would like to know, or any little thing you would like done, please do not hesitate to let us know. We realize how hard it is for you dear people. Having had a sudden death in our family, when my husband passed away, we can sympathize with you all. Only those who have experienced such

a loss can realize what it means. We were planning a wonderful motor trip, West and Jack was going with us perhaps this spring or summer.

We took a few snapshots of Jack a few weeks ago, and are having them printed. As soon as we receive them we will send them to you.

As we have no more information at present, that is we do deal of rain. Conditions here are not think of any more, just now, will close, extending again our deepest sympathy in your bereav ment. We are most sincerely

Mrs. Carrie Hession and fam-

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Card of Thanks

With hearts rended by sorrow and sorely afflicted by bereavement, it is refreshing to know that the sympathy of our friends are with us and help sustain us in this dark hour. We greatly appreciate the kind offers of assistance and the help given. We particularly wish to thank the doctor for his kindness and patience, and others who have so regular you are uncomfortable nobly stood by and ministered to and the longer this condition exour dear wife and daughter.

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are spending the winter with us,

they arrived here Dec. 9th last

We are all well and getting along

nicely. Have had very mild win-

ter, with very little snow, only

6 or 8 inches so far, but a great

about normal and the out-look at

present for fruit crop is very

good. We have plenty of time to

get our peach crop killed yet.

The writer is still rambling over

the hills of North West Ark, and North East Okla., M A "Tin

Henry," in the interest of Foun-

tain City Wholesale Grocery, Co.

of this place. I have had a very

ing 1918, and hope for better

sed with a bumper crop this year

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Walter Jackson,

VALENTINE PARTY

The most unique thing of the eason was the Valentine party given at the High School auditor um in honor of the Senior class. The Seniors were happily sur-

prised last Monday morning when the Faculty announced that each Senior might invite a riend. These were soon chosen, so at the appointed time we met there to match our hearts.

Soon after everyone gathered around the booth to hear the toasts given by the Senior, cups were filled and the toast that appealed to us all was the one given by Katie Lou Gunter. "Here's to the Seniors of this time, who will always remember this Va-

As we sipped the wine we all wondered if ever there was another Senior class as happy as we? and our hearts whispered

Those present were Supt. F A Cary, Mr. Lowrie, Mr and Mrs. Eleck Williamson, Carlton Mc-Leod, Noble Forrester, Arthur Brown, Jack Boone, C Smith, R McLeod, of Ft Sill, Okla., D Donnell, T G Hamner, Tom Rosson, Louis and Bert McRee and Mr. Riggan of Ft Sam Houston. Misses Katie Lou Gunter, Alva Lee Estep, Amanda Payne, May and O D Robinson, Ida and Anna Belle Smith, Ethel McLeod Jewell and Agnes Blackmon, Dor ris Hamner, Lela Duke, Irene Donnell, Gertrude Dowdy and Tennie Pope

Senior class of Trent High

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The Dramatic Club met Tuesay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W A McSpadden All business attended to and two members was dmitted into the Club. The club years, daughter of Mr and Mrs. is doing good work and the direc C L Tucker, died at 6:30 o'clock tor Mr. Ralph Henson expects to Wednesday afternoon. She suf- have a play ready in the near fered from influenza and has future. The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of eral services were held at the Mr and Mrs W .A McSpadden on Methodist church Thursday Tuesday evening March 4th. All afternoon, interment taking who are interested in Dramatic work are invited

> Born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King a fine 9-pound boy Wedn day night. Mr. King is still at amb at Fort Sam Houston, not aving received his discharge. iether and baby are doing nicey. We don't know how the father is as we baven't heard from

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