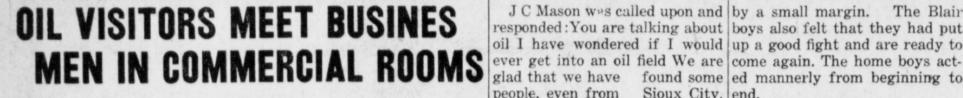


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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 1919

THE MERKEL MAIL



At a call meeting of the busi- and just as soon as the money bowles of the earth in an endeav lows: ness men of Merkel Wednesday comes in we put it in the bank or to bring out oil The people Roy Stevens, catcher; Jarome of the day. Last week J S Swann oil here and when it comes bubes were made by the visiting oil to get enough oil here to make have got me believeing it you big rich men and citizens

middle blocks, spoke as follows: fore

impressed with the appearance the several oil fields of Kansas, rounding territory of the field. Two geologists went Cklahoma and Texas over the field. One, John Ken- Mr Houghton closed with MERKEL-BLAIR BASEBALL nard, whose report you have some complimentary remarks aseen, said that we have the big- bout the city and the cordiality

years ago my brothers and I sent felt nearer the heart of de-

re was no way to play the oil are pleased with his friendly at- The boys were accompanied by man of Oklahoma. a safe way to go into the confidence in his ability to drill Fifth grades, Miss Ruby Camp- inion as to Merkel having a great

se Having the stock of the ignated as Texas Tom Howard, trim and ready for them. The er nies Oil Corporation taken who responded as follows:

convinced of the wonder- one Fellows, put your shoulders Merkel. sibilities of this field We to the wheel and co-operate. er oil. In the drilling for Block your land as rapidly as ave to take into account possible It does not cost you anythe possibility of cave-ins, losing thing Put your leases together and get drilling contracts I think of tools, etc

In our office in Sioux City we we will get the same parafine put the capital stock of our com- base here we have in Ranger One pany, over a million dollars, over man can not drill It takes unity in the quickest time of any simi- H L Johnson was then called lar enterprise in that section. on He responded in part as fol-That well on the Sears tract is lows: going down if I have to dig it I never could make a speech. with my fingers Our geologist I will tell you how I happened to went over it last week and said be here I got connected up with it was the easiest to see the actu- Mr Houghton We put the Samal outcropping of any place he mies corporation over I was ad- Store. Tennessee's Pardner is a laugh and a tear from beginout cropping of any place he had vised to come down and look ning to end. A story of love and romance with scene laid in the ever visited. One dry hole will over the oil game I said I would mining camp a Golden Gulch, Navad. A number of Spealties. not doom this territory. If we do be back in ten days I started on not get it some one will some day March 1st and am still here. We If I did not think that we would got side-tracked in Fort Worth not have bought thirty-two lots Weare here and we do not know and eight or ten houses in Mer- how long we will stay We are gokel the past few days We believe ing to back this proposition with the oil is here We want to pass money You have one of the most

J C Mason was called upon and by a small margin. The Blair responded: You are talking about boys also felt that they had put oil I have wondered if I would up a good fight and are ready to glad that we have found some ed mannerly from beginning to people, even from Sioux City, end. who are willing to go into the The Merkel line-up was as fol

H L Houghton, financier and For the first time in history further remarks from Mr Hough base; Buford Smith, short stop; is another featherin the cap of E L Houghton is the sonof friendly sort of fellow. Every one Hutcheson, right field.

Some months ago I received We have a gas proposition in here seems so friendly, so kind We were unable to obtain the word from my brother that there Kansas and furnish gas to seve- that I am greatly impressed You Blair line-up. was a big oil field here. I came ral municipalities We have recen have nice wide streets I believe The Blair boys soon may

GAME l oil wells in Oklahoma near velopment than ever before, Blair schools Monday afternoon. successful in six of them He was

game was fast and hard fought the market, we organized I had a very prominent oil man from beginning to end Although ecurity Banking & Invest- over the field and while he is not out-classed in size, the Merkel ompany of Fort Worth. a geologist he drilled seven oil boys played for dear life, with man we have had here has fields and had never missed but a result of 11 to 8 in favor of

> The Merkel boys were jubilant over their success, even if only

TENNESSEE

The meeting closed with a few ond base; Delbert Polly, third begin within short time. This profit.

here, and, with a friend of mine, thy developed oil in this field. We you have the making of a very come to Merkel and engage in an I looked the territory over. I was have other extensive holdings in fine city. You have a great sur- effort to regain their lost laurels

> **Robt. Galbreath Visits Merkel** Robert Galbreath, the man who discovered the Glenn Pool in | What is probably the first Oklahoma, was a visitor here ate grades of the Merkel and wildcat fields and having been

sa. I asked the big oil men if Those who met Mr Houghton The game was played at Blair formerly Democratic Committee he safely I learned that there titude He is certainly inspiring the teachers of the Fourth and Mr Galbreath expressed his op

ness. We outlined a policy and in his integrity He then cal- bell and Miss Emma Houston, field. He said the present drillers would make it impossible led on Mr Howard, whom he des- They found the Blair boys in could look out for a heavy produc

> A-N-N-O-U-N-C-E-M-E-N-T For Mayor J J STALLINGS N. D. COBB

PARTNER

S. SWANN SECURES AN DRILLING CONTRACT

Drilling contracts is the order [

evening a numb er short speech- and drill and drill until we hope say oil is here and I believe they Hutcheson, pitcher; L T Toombs closed a drilling contract on his bling out of the ground his infirst base; Hartson Fillmore, sec- ranch Operations are expected to vestments will make him a nice

promoter and head of the com- we secured a bond on an oil well. ton: We are very glad to have Claude Dye, left field; Audry the oil situation here We expect H L. Houghton, and is assisting pany that will drill the north and Such a thing was never done be- you with us here I am a very Witcher, center field, and Floyd ed to getfull details of the con- his father in his business affairs tract before going to press, but He is a young fellow of pleasing failedto get in touch with Mr. address who in enjoying his Swann He is highly pleased with trip immensely. He is just as enthe contract and leases around thusiastic as any of the other his property are advancing. The boys. We don't believe it would ranch in question is located on be hard to induce him to stay Sweetwater creek. here, especially if we can get a day or two without a sandstrom.

OIL VISITORS IN MERKEL Mr Houghton is certainly to be

A number of visitors are in congratulated upon securing so Merkel this week looking into fine a bunce of fellows to assist rest oil field in the United Stat- of its citizens. His address was baseball game of the season was this week He claims the distinc- the oil possibilities of this sec- him in putting over his several s. We expect gushers here. Sev well received and every one pre- pulled off between the Intermedi- tion of having drilled in seven tion They have inspired the peo- propositions, but that is the only ple of this locality with greater kind he will work with. No wonfaith in the possibilities that a- der that he succeeds He inspires wait them. Among the visitors confidence, and the several namare H. L. and E L Houghton, ed above make a good team, and W U .Booton, HLJohnson and they are willing to jump into the T E Howard. ring and "Go over the top with All are financiers of Sioux him."

City, Ia., connected with the We hope they will visit Merkel Sammies Oil Corporation and often during the process of drillwith the Sammies Banking & ing.

Investment Company. They are also stockholders in the Texas OIL LEASES SUBJECT TO branch, Security Banking & Investment Company, with headquarters at Fort Worth.

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ation the same as other property H L Houghton not only proved according to an opinion handed his faith in this country by his down some time ago Tax Collecactivity in the oil game, but he tors are expected to see that leas very lavishly plunged into the es are rendered correctly. The fol purchase of property in Merkel, lowing letter has been received having to his credit thirty-two by County and State Tax Collec-

Oil leases are subject to tax-

wonderful propositions I ever the discovery of oil here. I will fight as long as there is saw We are going to back up the anything to fight on My record geologists.

is back of me and you may Mr Booton was called upon, write anywhere you wish, where but replied that he believed he I have been and find out about could add to nothing that had me. These men who are with me been said.

will go the full length for me and Our fellow-townsman, T A with me Johnson, was then called on. He

I am a preacher and am not a- replied: I have very much enjoy-

shamed of it I like men, I believe ed the meeting. We know we can Cabin of Asa Byce and Caleb Swann ir men, I am a kid, I am a scout, not feel as enthusiastic as these in my home city I am Scout Com- oil fellows, having gone through Gambling hall in the cabin of Asa Byce and Caleb. Swann missioner two years of drough and priva-

The Security Banking and tion, but when you come and put Same as in Act II. Investment Company is a closed your money into it, we can not corporation. We agreed to make help but feel good over the out- Exterior, Asa Byce on one sideand Mrs Hays Loarding house on provision of a certain amount look.

DON'T MISS

A comedy drama in 4 acts to be rendered by the Merkel, Dramatic Club, Friday evening, March 21, at the Cozy Theater.

Admission 25 and 35 cents. Tickets on Sale at Grimes Drug

CAST OF CHARACTERS

rennessee,	Gal from Smokey Mountain
Mrs Byce,	
Mrs. Hey,	Runs Boarding House
Caleb Swann,	Tennessees Pardner
Asa Byce, Coleb's	s Pardner in Golden Gulch Mine
	Always Imposed On
Fom Romain	The Villian
	A Miner
Spike	Sherriff with the pep
Don't miss it. Come and see	whose who in Tennesseess pard-
ner	Admission- 25 and 35 cents

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lots and some acreage. He says ty, from H B Terrell, state com-Merkel is just bound to come to ptroller:

lots, three or four houses and tor Geo B Tittle of Taylor coun-

the front and he thinks he has The discovery of oil in a number of counties throughout the made a profitable investment.

W U Booton has not been at state during the past year has all backward about proving his brought about much activity in faith in this city. He has two the business of leasing oil, gas nice cottages to his credit on one and mineral privileges in many of the best streets and is proud sections of the state. In proven of his investment He has also territory, or adjacent there to. acquired other holdings in and a- lease represent millions of capiround Merkel. He is one of the tal, and often the largest operamost enthusiastic members of tors are non-residents of this the party, and while he came to state and contribute nothing make a hurried visit, we actually thereto These leases are subject believe he is going to make his to taxation and should be assesshome here. At any rate he is a ed by state and county assessorscongenial fellow and if he wants Therefore, you are urged to use to make Merkel his home, he has all means in your power to secure a just and equitable rendition on a royal welcome.

And H L Johnson got a day off all such property in order that and thought he would spend a this class of property can be few hours here, and we are glad made to bear its just proportion to have him. Like his fellows he of the burdens of the state

has bought several houses and In assessing leases of this kind some acreage He is another en- the tax assessor, in taking such thusiast. This is just the very assessments, should give adeskind of fellows we want. We cov- cription of the land covered by each lease, just the same as if et more just like these.

T E Howard is a Texan of he were assessing the land to the congenial temperament, but tho- owner of same, and should value roughly business. He proved his each lease separately; and the as segacity and foresight by mak- sessor should endorse on such as ing purchases in the city, both in sessment "Lease Value Only."

houses and lots and acreage. He says he is sure there is plenty of

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON---FROM 2 UNTIL 5 O'CLOCK The Merkel Churches will Take a Census of the Town

The purpose is to find out how many people we have, what they are religiously, and to encourage them to attend the churches and Sunday Schools of our town.

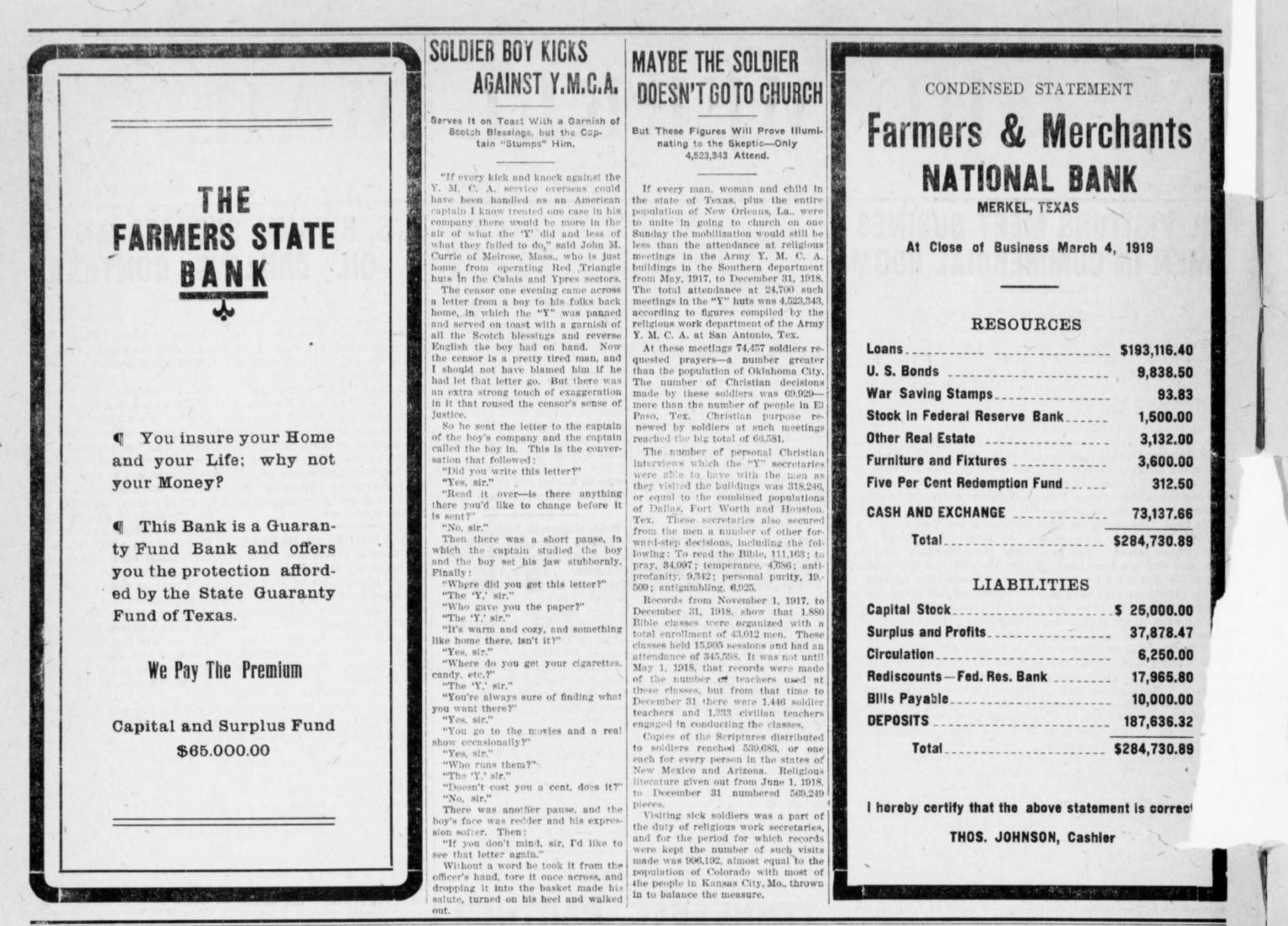
CO-OPERATION

is needed in two directions (1) All the workers possible are needed for the work. (2) Every home is earnestly requested to have some one on hand when the work ers call to answer the questions that will be asked

WHO IS DOING IT?

It is expected that every church in Merkel will have a part in the work and profit in the results. It is not a sectarian movement in any sense.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 23, 1919-2 O'CLOCK TO 5



LOCAL NEWS



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Fresh bulk peanut oil at G M Sharp's

Ozee Horton left this week to visit his sister at Italy Texas

Robin Red Breast meal at Bob Martin's

Come to see. "TENNESSEES PARDNER."

Stanly King has received his discharge from the army and is back home again.

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

J W McDonald of Slaton, Tex., visited his parents, Mr and Mrs W D McDonald the past week.

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

Just received car of strictly prime hulls at § 18.00 a ton. Fred Guitar.

Miss Gladys Haynes has returned from a visit of some months with her sister at Dallas

Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days

"LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a speciallyprepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly but should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It Stimulates and Regulates. Very Pleasant to Take, 60c per bottle.

Mr Gaither has returned from Arizona, where he has been for several months

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

IN BUSINESS AGAIN

Have resumed business at the same old stand. Will pay cash for all kind of produce at highest market prices. Come to see me. W P Duckett 28t5c

PRACTICAL

The merchandise that is construced along practical lines is the kind for these times.

We are giving thought and action in securing goods of the practical sort but not disregarding the style question, as good style is a practical point in the construction of any piece of merchandise.

MODEST PROFITS--RAPID SALES is our thought for spring 1919

The Brown D.G.Co.

Chase and Sanborn high grade coffee at Bob Martin's Grocery,

Pvt Joe Gunn, has received his discharge and returned from Colon, Panama, where he has been stationed for several months.

... There is a laugh in every act of TENNESSEE PARDNER

Try a can of our Seal bran of Chase and Sanborn coffee. Bob Martin's Grocery

Miss N. Olive Garouttee, returned last Saturday night from South Pasadena California, where she spent the winter with her sister, Mrs. Sisses Vaughan.

Take Herbine for indigestion It relieves the pain in a few min utes and forces the fermented matter which causes the misery into the bowels where it is expelled. Sold by Sanders Drug Store

Just received car of strictly prime hulls at \$18.00 a ton. Fred Guitar.

Through some queer phase of juveline nature, 'a number of girls in the Merkel schools appeared last Wednesday morning at the school clad in overalls. To the credit of Supt Parker, they were not permitted to enter the building It is alleged they took a hike to Martin's Lake where they spent some time.

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. FAMOUS OIL EXPERT JOINS THREE SUSPECTS BREAK **RECORD STAFF AS ITS** JAIL OIL EDITOR



COLONEL H. L. WOOD

FAMILIARLY KNOWN AS

"The Old Scout"

h very few writers enjoy.

.. To Ground From The **Ballanger** Jail The three men held in the Runnels county jail for investiga tion in connection with the blowing of the Winters State Bank about two weeks ago escaped from the Runnesl county jail a-

Open Ceiling And Drop

Means of Blanket's They

bout one o'clock Sunday morning The men left Ballinger in a Ford car after all telephone and telegraph wires leading into Ballinger had been cut. Sheriff Parkins and his deputy are said to have traced the men for a distance of eight miles southwest of Ballinger when the tracks were obliterated by the wind of Sunday The men who escaped were "Skinny" Newton, Walter Harris alias "Frenchie" Leneaux and Jack Johnson. An outside person is believed to have aided In line with its policy that the men in their escape, as there there is nothing too good for its is a Ford car missing from Ballgreat family of appreciative read ingr and evidence tends to show ers The Fort Worh Record takes that the scheme to escape had pleasure in announcing the apbeen concerted and the mysteripointment of Colonel H. L. Wood ous fourth party was outside of as oil editor of the paper: Colthe jail with the car waiting for onel Wood is said to be by those the men when they escaped. whose opinions are accepted as The men used a number of uthority, the best informed oil strong woolen blankets to effect riter in the United States. His their escape They are said to periences covers every angle have tied the blankets to the the oil industry, and his writknob of the cell door and the oth 's are accepted as authentic. er end to a cotton hook inserted has the complete confidence in a rivet hole in the steel ceilthe big men in the business ing. By means of pokers of wood he has an acquaintanceship they twisted the blankets until ng the host of men affiliated the strain-pulled two of the long oil and kindred interests boiledplate ceiling panels sufficiently wide to permit of the pas lonel Wood began his newssage of a body. When the men r career with the Bartleshad reached the top of the steel Okla., Examiner in 1903. ceiling their exit to the outside quently he has held imporwas barred by two by fours, positions on the Oil City which they burned through with k. Oil City, Pa., was part red hot pokers. After this was and editor of the Oil and

urnal of Tulsa, Okla., cortrouble getting through the tin lent for the Fuel Oil Jour nal of Houston and later served roof. By means of blankets splicthe Oil Trade Journal of New ed together they formed a rope York and the Western Oil World by which they lowered themselv of Denver, Colo. Mr. Wood rep- es to the ground. It was stated resented the Prairie Oil & Gas that the men made their exit by Company as chief scout in the the window of Sheriff Perkin's Mid Continent field for three room. It was also stated that Mrs. Perkins, wife of the sheriff Mexican Oil fields and wrote the heard an unusual noise about Mexican development. He has as it was quickly silenced she visited every principal oil field in gave no thought that the three the United States and for years men were escaping, as the jail is an unusually good one and thought to be safe from inside. attempts of prisoners to escape. States Geological Survey, Expert Surgeons agree that in case of



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GRESS TO MEET

A Tight-Skirt Tragedy By Nannie Hillary Harrison. With apologies. to the ulta

fashionable One day so many moons ago A day like this in spring A maid went tripping down the ber of Commerce at Dallas. An men and direct their energies astreet.

With gay and graceful swing has been prepared She wore, this lady deboniar, Full skirt and lingerie,

Men stood aside and watched her eleventh district, will speak on made in these practical activiti-"Making o Profitable Cotton es that emphasize the spirit of pass,

A breeze, too, passed that way Crop This Year." And when in turning 'round a Prof P G Holden, of Chicago, the the heathen on the other side of curve, man who made Iowa a corn the world while no attention is

A zephry swung that skirt State," will talk on "Vitalized paid to the young heathen in And lifted maid and skirt in turn Agriculture in Rural Schools the community of the church's Each kindly man alert Flew quickly to her rescue, then Pro J C Pridmore, a well known On the very fields where our mis And soon with gallant grace agronomist of Shreveport, La. sion money goes they employ They stood her on her feet again will discuss "Factors Influenc- the very means that we plead To right about and face

COUNTRY PRODUCTS

The products of community life reveal the real heart of the community If misanthropes are made of the boys and girls it is an awful commentary on the state of of heart of the men and women that constitute the community. If men and women are made out of the boys and girls who chance to reside in the com munity it is the proof of the serious purpose of the constituents of the community to prepetuate the good of their own lives in the lives of their children

The boys and girls cannotb be neglected with any safety. As the community grows more populous the more complex its life becomes. If there are not welldefined and properly engineered plans for the care of the young life, it will run awful hazards. In the absence of well developed and alert churches, some public spirited man ought to start a Y M. C A. and ask his fellow citi zens of public spirit to help him support it. As many Boy Scout Troops ought to be organized as are needed to enlist the younger boys in that healthy movement. But it is a serious reflection on the churches of any town when a Y M. C A. has to be organized to save the boys from derilic tion and make a place for them to safely co ngregate. As our communities grow older and

The preaching of the gospel is

the gospel. Frenzied appeal for

Quit Laxatives, Purges; Try NR

NR Tonight --- Tomorrow Feel Right

It is a mistake to continually dose yourself with so-called haxative pills, calomel, oil, purges and catharties and force bowel action. It weakens the bowels and liver and makes con-stant dosing necessary. Why don't you begin right today to your system in such shape that daily purging will be unnecessary? You can do so if you get a 25c box of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) and take one each night for a week or so. NR Tablets do much more than merely cause pleasant easy bowel ac-tion. This medicine acts upon the digestive as well as eliminative organs -promotes good digestion, causes the body to get the nourishment from all the food you cat, gives you a good, hearty appetite, strengthens the liver, overcomes billousness, regulates kidney overcomes billousness, regulates kidney and bowel action and gives the whole body a thorough cleaning out. This accomplished you will not have to take accomplished you will not have to take medicine every day. An occasional NR tablet will keep your body in condi-tion and you can always feel your best. a Try Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) and prove this. It is the best bowel medicine that you can use and costs only 25c per box, containing enough to last twenty-five days. * Nature's Rem-edy (NR Tablets) is sold, guaranteed and recommended by your druggist.



.NOODLE NEWS

Farmers are planting early feed in this community

Sorry to report Mrs. R W Green on the sick list.

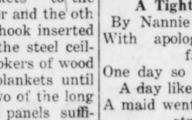
Mrs W C Thompson, of Stam-The eleventh annual meeting more complex the churches in ford is visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs. D.C Herring of Noodle will be held Saturday. March 29 to make arrangements to house We had quite a cyclone at in the auditorium of the Cham- and direct the boys and young Noodle Saturday evening. Several barns and chicken houses were recked .

Mr Jess Holmes of Ranger vi-Judge W F Ramsey, of the not sufficient in this case; the sited his parents, Mr and Mrs L Federal Reserve Bank for the application of the gospel must be Holmes Sunday and Monday.

> Miss Lois Tweedy of Merkel s spending a week with her uncleand aunt, Mr and Mrs RC Goode.

Miss Elma Bicknell entertained quite a number of young folks at her house Sunday with a deliand Community Organization." location is silly to say the least cious dinner

Henry Eason, who has been in Uncle Sam's service for 21 months has his discharge and is now ing Farm Profits," and Hon for above in order to reach and at home to make a crop."



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years. He made a tour of the has compiled statistics covering every branch of the petroleum and gas industry, much of his data being used by the United Bureau and other technical de- cuts, burns, bruises and wounds partments.

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to be found in any newspaper in by Sanders Drug Store. the country.

enterprise in securing the services of Colonel Wood will receive immediate recognition and approval.

gent or newsdealer in your town this week Part of the material or send your subscription direct for the Lake Trammell location to The Record Co., Fort Worth, and the Bitter Creek deep tests Texas.-Adv

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 tails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall. 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

1 guarantee my work. Mrs. C L Cash

No Worms in a Healthy Child All children troubled with worms have an un thy color, which ind Rentry cost, more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, im-prove the digestion, and act as a General Strength-ening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or d'spei the worms, and the Child will be n perfect he ith. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

the first treatment is most im-Colonel Woods broad experi- portant. When an efficient antience and his wide knowledge as- septic is applied promptly, there sures the people of North Texas is no danger of infection and the and Southern Oklahoma - that wound begins to heal at once. they will find in The Fort Worth For use on man or beast, Boro-Record every day the most au- bone is the ideal antiseptic and thentic, the most accurate and healing agent Buy it now and the most comprehensive oil news be ready for an emergncy. Sold

The Record believes that its OIL ACTIVITY IN SWEET-WATER

Sweetwater, Tex., March 14.

-Activities in oil and gas leas-Order The Record from our a- es and royalties have been lively Feb.21t5 have arrived. It is expected that all materials for building derricks for these two test wells will be on the ground within two weeks. All materials have arrived for the Chapin-Allen well near Maryneal and the derrick is being constructed. It is believ ed that this well will spud in within a few days.

The Wichita-Nolan Oil and Gas Association, recently chartered, has opened an office in the Montgomery building, making the third oil company to open general offices here The other two are the Nolan Qil and Gas Association and Packard Oil company.

The Best Laxative "My sedentary habits have necessitated the use of an occasional laxative. I have tried many but found nothing better than Chamberlain's Tablets.'

writes George F Daniels, Hardwick. Vt., Mr. Daniels is proprietor of the Hardwick Inn, one of the model hotels of New England.

But yesterday again I stood by

much I watched and hove a sigh for as she paced in narrow tread For Good Roads "

Alas that slitted grown And maid went tumbling interest to bankers, merchants,

down Jpon her hands and knees she siastic, as well as to the farmers stood

And tried in vain to rise, and passed

And heeded not her-cries,

I cried: Where old-time gallantry?

plied, A tight skirt tragedy! That man should be so sadly weak

Thus woman's defects scan, Why should not poor frail woman fall

Since there's no strength in man.

But this conclusion we must reach,

Mankind's the same today As he was many moons ago When she wore lingerie.

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



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LOOK FOR THE RED BALL TRADE MARK

Modern"

Firearms & Ammunition

Shooting Right

C O Laney, a member of the safeguard the boys.

And watched that maid trip State Legislature from Dallas, There is great need of an will launch the campaign for awakening to the situation right fast comprehensive review of one o'clock Sunday morning, but Her gracefull gait was altered good roads in Texas. His subject under our noses. Not less of the will be "Why Texas Should Vote long look beyond, but more; but For The \$75,000,000 Bond Issue for the sake of America, we must bestir ourselves about this The program has been arrang matter of our own sons and

of the Texas Industrial Congress their individual capacity ought

interesting and timely program long safe lines.

ailed to expand around her feet ed with a view of making it of daughters.-Western Evangel.

educators, and good roads enthu Has Had Stomach Trouble For Seven Years Theodore Sanford of Fenmore

A pain in the side or back Mich., has had stomach trouble Anson The passers looked and smiled that catches you when you stra for seven years and could not eat ighten up calls for a rubbing ap- vegetables or fruit without pain plication of Ballard's Snow Lini in the stomach and restless Oh, why this change in man? ment. It relaxes the contracted nights. By taking Chamberlain's nuscles and permits ordinary Tablets he is now able to eat motion without suffering or in- vegetables or fruit without he jeering throng at once re- convience. Sold by Sanders Drug causing pain or sleeplessness. If Store. troubled with indigestion or

constipation give these tablets a Don't fail to see the TENNES trial. They are certain to prove ceneficial.

> Correction To The Noodle News Please allow me to correct a misreported news item in last weeks Merkel Mail under the head of the Noodle News, in reference to a dance at my home. I have never at any time given a dance in my home.

Mrs R W Green.

Children who have worms are pale cross, fretful, and sickly most of the time. To rid the little body of these parasites White's Cream Verminfuge is Store.

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The High School Basketball Taylor County. Out of 151 points people who want them. this team has won 111 They chal lenge any High School in Central West Texas.

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and reestablishes regular bowel remember this and, let remit-Sold by Sanders tance accompany the copy. movements Drug Store

Miss Amanda Payne of Trent visited friends at Noodle Sunday Rev W K Horn and wife made a buisness trip to Abilene Friday evening.

Mr and Mrs A B Ely motored to Anson Friday evening and returned Saturday accompanied by Mrs. W J Ely and babies

Misses Blanche Gardner and Ima Daugherty spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in

Joe Winters and wife of Shiloh and Mrs. E L Eason of Kale, visited their mother, Mrs. T Win ters last Friday.

Carl Ratliff of Avocca, visited his brother, Fran, the past week Rev Johnson filled his regular appointment at Noodle Sunday Mrs T E Goode made a business trip to Merkel Thursday.

Miss Elma Bicknell is spending the week with her sister Mrs. W H Herring

Mr and Mrs. Marvin Green of Hamlin spend Monday night with Mr Green's mother, who is eported right sick.

Claude Rasson is home on a urlough from the navy.

Dr Williams and Miss Slema Hendrix visited relatives at Noodle Sunday.

Mr and Mrs A L Ely and family spent Monday with A B Ely.

A Timely Suggestion

The next time you have a cough or cold try Chamberlain's an approved remedy. When the Cough Remedy. It is pleasant to worms have been driven out the take and you are sure to be pleas child grows strong, healthy and ed with the relief which it afrobust. Sold by Sanders Drug ford. This remedy has a wide re, utation for its cures of cough and colds.

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PATRONS OF THE MAIL who do their presence and pursued them confer a favor upon the management tain when your time is out and renew our list, as all papers stop when the ing that they were likely to term of subscription expires.

of destruction, is still a progres-Published Every Friday Morning by sive menace to Europe. Its dead THE MERKEL MAIL PRINTING COMPANY, ING ly fangs are stretching about in threatening mood. The poison is even striking at our own beloved America We congratulate ourselves over the peace from ac-Entered at the postoffice at Merkel tive warfare, but for a time the gigantic fight of individual right must be waged against

> A couple of weeks ago officers all over the country were looking

If you have visitors, or if you know into every crevice and corner in search of parties who had robbed appreciate a note or a telephone mes- the bank at Winters When the sage to that effect. Or, if an occur- excitement was at the highest, rence of unusual interest transpires a a freight train pulled into Merkel.On it were two boys riding the rods. Officers learned, of

not receive their paper regularly will They thought they were about by reporting the fact. You should also watch the label of your paper to ascer-trin the number time is out and renew freight They opened up in high, before your name automatically leaves with the officers in pursuit. Seemake good their escape, one of

the officers pulled his gun. The

We want correspondents to first bullet seemed to accelerate write to the Mail from different their speed. He then fired point communities over this country. blank repeatedly After one or There is nothing that adds so two bullets had whizzed by their much to a local paper than to be heads, they surrendered.

filled with newsy letters from It was afterwards found that over the community It might be the boys were from good homes well here to drop a caution. We in Hope, Ark. They got up to received a letter last week from that mysterious age when a boy the Noodle community, or it does not know what is best for was addressed, Noodle News. In him, run away from school and that letter was a notice that a decided to see the world.

dance was held at the home of We can picture two mothers Mrs R. W Green. Mrs. Green wringing their hands in anguish now comes forth and says she and two fathers puzzled beyond never had a dance at her home, measure Their boys were good that she did not believe dances boys and if any one had insinuawere upbuilding to a community ted otherwise trouble would and we quite agree with her, be- have been the result. Those paring firmly convinced that there ents did not know those boys. is no wider doorway to the dis- Evidently they were not bad integradation of morals and to boys, but selected a method the flaming pit of hell Now we that would trow them in a chanare in all kindness going to ask nel that would lead to the very our correspondents to sign their worst of character

names to their letters. We do Through a kind providence not publish names of correspon- those boys are alive today. It dents, but that we may know was no fault of the officer that who the news are from, for we they still reside on the outside do feel responsible for errors of the mundane sphere Every that creep into print. After this boy should take a lesson from we will positively not print a this episode. What if they had letter, no matter how good it is, been shot. Think of the sting Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor unless it is signed by the writer. of disgrace that would have hov The writer of that letter last ered over parents who had ten week did not only impose upon derly nursed them from infancy. Mrs. Green, but also upon the The boys were without funds. Merkel Mail. They did not want to appeal to their parents for money to pay their fines. They risked death in of the Southern Methodist Last week's issue of the Taystead. Doubtless those parents Church in Soochow, China, is enounty Times contained a tion on the division of will never know of their close call, but we will wager the the bel Thomas, a trained nurse in Ve agree with the editorght that if they live a thousand the Soochow Hospital. ile many of our contemare claming for a divi- years they will never forget that ia



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The Sophmore and Freshmen artistically decorated in purple departments of the High School Sunday Our morning services be and gold. Every moment of the were entertained at the beautiful gin on the dot at ten o'clock and time was delightfully spent in home of Mr and Mrs Harry Bar- the benediction comes just as playing original games. Victrola and piano music kept up a lively ious games were enjoyed. Music the T & P running on time Every bar-the clock strikes twelve. We beat was a part of the evening's amusement Sandwiches and fruit were served The Juniors thought they would slip one by the wide awake witches were served. Every one Sophmores and Freshmen, the departed at a late hour report- latter allege, but they failed in ing them selves as having had a their efforts A general good time was had, those present forgetting entirely that the Seniors and Just received car of Marechal Juniors existed.

The usual run of things next Everybody, citizen and visitor, kids and grannies, saint and sinner, is invited to worship with us ir our meeting Bring the babies. The preacher can preach even if thy do fuss a bit And if you had to take the young hopeful out it would be all right, and nobody would be troubled about it

Texas so that West Tex- day. 81 get justice in the passage 28 suitable to this section, of y the time sufficient power yet obtained to secure divican hat same power might be sion. used) pass the required laws. We do not believe the majority of the voters of Texas will consent to a division; we don't know that it would be best. We know that we are not getting justice and that for the time being a division might be advisable. We believe that better laws may be obtained with less ease than could the State be divided. And then, too, adjitation of the division is likely to serve as a rebuff against the passage of the very laws that are so much needed

Every week brings back some of our soldier and sailor boys. We are proud to see them back. We are particularly struck with their demeanor. They come back unassuming, quiet, dignified. We have not seen a semblance of hautiness about them. They are manly men. We are impressed that the time of their absence has been well spent. We are impressed that they return with a bigger view of life, with new ambitions stirring within their breasts. They have come in touch with discipline and have been helped, not that they did not have discipline before they went but when coming in contact with other men and under military res trictions, a gentleness has prevaded their whole atmosphere. We honor them. They went out to do a big job; they did it. Hurrah for the boys!

SMOKING TOBACCO FACTS FROM THE **ENCYCLOPAEDIA**

The Use of Flavorings Determines Difference In Brands

The Encyclopædia Britannica says about the manufacture of smoking to-. . on the Continent and in bacco: America, certain 'sauces' are employed ... the use of the 'sauces' is to improve the flavour and burning qualities of the leaves." Which indicates that a smoker's leaves." enjoyment depends as much upon the flavoring used as upon the tobacco.

Your nose is a sure guide in the matter of flavorings. Try this simple test with several tobacco brands: pour some tobacco into your palm, rub briskly, and smell. You will notice a distinct difference in the fragrance of every brand. The tobacco that smells best to you will smoke best in your pipe, you

can rest assured. Carefully aged, old Burley tobacco, plus a dash of pure chocolate, gives TUXEDO Tobacco a pure fragrance your nose can quickly distinguish from any other tobacco. Try it and see. can rest assured.

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Touchstone-Thomas Wedding

Rev Carey E Touchstone of Merkel, Texas, now a missionary gaged to be married to Miss Ma-

The bride-to-be was sent out by the Rockefellow Foundation Neil flour. Bob Martin Grocery to be a nurse in the hospital. Company. which is operated as a misssion institution by the S M Church. Rev Touchstone was aducated in the county school and at the Merkel High School, and in 1913 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Southwestern University (at Georgetown, Texas, and the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from Vanderbilt Univer sity at Nashville in 1916.

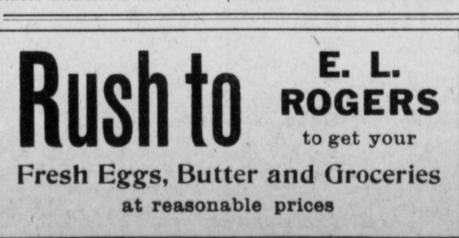
After being graduated from Vanderbilt, he became a missionary teacher and served several years at Laredo, Texas.

In October, 1917 he was appointed missionary to China. He now holds the high position of English secretary to the Presiis Dr John W Cline.

The report of the engagement was given out by the foreign department of the Board of Missions of the M E Church, at Nashville, Tenn., and forwarded on to the Mail by Bernard Gruenstein, Director of Publicity for Texas.

Juniors Entertain Seniors

Friday evening March, 14, the Juniors of The Merkel High School entertained the Seniors



pirit throughout the evening. A few were greatly disappointed by their dark future, which was revealed to them by Miss Alma Wells. Delicious punch and sand

CHURCH NEWS

Methodist Church

We did not have quite our two hundred last Sunday in the Sunday School, but are expecting them next Sunday morning at 9:45 Preaching at 11. A M. Subject, "The Challange of the Church." At the evening hour the service will be at 8 p m instead of 7:30. Strangers in the town especially invited to wor-

ship with us. W M Murrell, Pastor.

BYPU Program for Sunday Leader, Miss Livia Tittle Prayer, Song, Song Baptist Beginnings, Miss Emna Houston Religious Liberty, Miss Dovie John McClary Phone 9012F21 leaff

Piano Duett, Misses Lilly Prat Sears and Lola Armstrong. Missions, Miss Hazel Bridge- G. M. Sharp.

nan Schools and Colleges, Miss An- CARBON PAPER-At Merkel nie Mae Swann

Voval Solo, Mrs Howard Preachers and Writers, Mrs

homas Bearden Baptist Members, Rosa Laney

At The Baptist Church

"Full speed ahead" is our motto now that spring is on hand Even the old folks and the cradle rollers can get out these balmy springy days. Everything will from G. M. Sharp be made pleasant for all comers

The trip to Stith by the B. Y. P U was a very enjoyable affair last Sunday afternoon, aside "LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially from the sand that was kicked prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual

E E Dawson, Pastor Walter Jackson, Supt.

Epworth League Program Subject, Our relation to God. Leader, Howard Laney Song

Scripture, Jno. XV 12-17 by eader

friendship with the Master, Bro The Law of Obedience, Leader The Master's Obedience, Joe Riney

Obedience a condition by our friendshipw ithtthe Master, Bro Murrell

Quartet, Harry Barnett, Mason Pee, Annie Mae Costephens, Loren Dry,

The Test of Obedience, Harry Barnett.

Song Benediction

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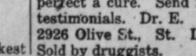
Come to see me. W P Duckett 28t5c

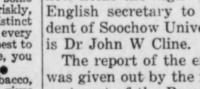
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up by the gentle breezes And the Stith folks made us glad that we went. They are the right kind

The Bolsheviki, the blackest Sold by druggists.





dent of Soochow University, who

RED CROSS GIFTS \$400,000,000

War Council on Retirement Announces Cash and Supplies Contributed.

WORKERS WILL "CARRY ON."

Five Big Societies in World Wide Plan. H. P. Davison Heads International American Red Cross Commission. Dr. Livingston Farrand Permanent Leader of Peace Organization.

Washington .- (Special.) -Henry P. Davison as chairman issues the following statement on behalf of the War Council of the American Red Cross: "To the American People:

"The War Council of the American Red Cross appointed by President Wilson on May 10, 1917, to carry on the work of the American Red Cross during the war, at their request and by Avote of the Central Committee, ceased at midnight, February 28.

"Immediately the armistice was signed the War Council instituted studies to determine when the strictly war work of the organization would have been sufficiently matured to enable the direction of affairs to be resumed by the permanent staff. Henry P. Davison, being in Paris when the armistice was signed, summoned a conference there of the heads of all the Red Cross Commissions in Europe o canvass the situation. After conidering all the factors it was conuded to make the transition on arch 1. The very fortunate choice Dr. Livingston Farrand as the new airman of the Central Committee, d thereby the permanent chief extive of the Red Cross, makes possithe consummation of this plan unthe most favorable conditions.

activities to the American people, to whom the Red Cross belong, and whose generous contributions have made possible all that has been accomplished. "During the past nearly twenty-one

ideals of our national life.

Has Over 17,000,000 Adult Members.

recent Christmas membership Roll

bers of the junior Red Cross, number-

"The chief effort of the Red Cross

during the war has been to care for

to this phase of the work Surgeon Gen-

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ly said: "The Red Cross has been an

enterprise as vast as the war itself.

From the beginning it has done those

things which the Army Medical Corps wanted done, but could not do itself."

"The Red Cross endeavor in France

has naturally been upon an exception-

ally large scale where service has

been rendered to the American Army

and to the French Army and the

French people as well, the latter par-

for the American Army to arise in

force and power. Hospital emergency

service for our army in France has

great'y diminished, but the Red Cross

is stil being called upon for service

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Miss Essie Tucker Dead

actually increased since the armistice. Friends and acquaintances "As for work among the French peowere saddened beyond measure ple, now that hostilities have ceased, when the word was passed out the French themselves naturally prefer as far as possible to provide for last Saturday morning announctheir own. It has accordingly been deing the death of Miss Essie Tuck termined that the guiding principle of er. It was doubly sad, following Red Cross policy in France henceforth so closely the death of her sister shall be to have punctilious regard to its every responsibility, but to direct Burial took place Sain day after its efforts primarily to assisting n on in Rose Hill Cemetery, Rev French relief societies. The liberated W M Murrell, officiating and devastated regions of France have

Miss Essie was a noble, Christian young we han Only last year she graduated from the Light School. This is the second one of the Class of '18 to pass on of eighteen men who landed on French to the great beyond She was loved for her gracious qualities.Her home life was beautiful and kind ness marked her pathway where t ier she went

eut scale of the work will be obtained Again we are contronted with from the fact that the services of 6,000 the unexplainablemystery of life and death, how one just on the "Our American Expeditionary Force having largely evacuated England, the reshold of ambitious crideavor activities of the Red Cross Commisis called from labor to rest We sion there are naturally upon a dimin-.w 1 of now, but by and by we ishing scale period. Active operations Will FROW. are still in progress in Archangel and

> No, eatly athi.e with this family in the deathof Miss Essie and further in the present affliction of other members of the family We hope to record a speedy recovery for those who are fighting a struggle with the dread disease

Mrs. C L Pucker Dead

The grim fight with the monster death in the case of Mrs. C L Tucker lost and that greatly beon to the reward that awaits her and hard fight. Valliantly she ral was a spark of hope, but finally human strength could no longer

We had just recorded the



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ment, in fact the trebble bereave We know somehow the great ment, as only a few days ago the God of heaven justifies the toll of large crowd is expected. The orlittl girl passed away. Scarcelyearth, but we can only sympa- ganization is doing great good. does a family have to suffer asthize with the bereaved husband

this one. Even now three boysand other surviving members of If we haven't what you want and one little girl are very low, the family. We can only mingle we'll get it. The Merkel Realty and one not expected to live. our tears with theirs. The trage- Company.

dy of life is inexplainable. Our hope must rest on that other shore where there will be no more sorrow and disappointment

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PARENTS TEACHERS MEET

The Parents-Teachers met Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the auditorium of the school building A very interesting program was rendered. The organization is hard at work on plans to raise funds for the laying of a walk from the front entrance to the street. They decided to have a dinner down in town Saturday week, the proceeds to go to the walk fund. This was the best attended meeting so far held The final meeting for this school term will be held at night, when every one will be invited to attend. As the men will be

urged to attend this meeting, a

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The needs of these peoples are so vast that government alone can meet them, out the American Red Cross is making an effort to relieve immediately the nore acute distress. ounts Audited by War Department. "An extensive group of American Detailed reports to Congress and a workers has been dispatched to carry plete audit of its accounts by the vitally needed supplies, and to work

Department will constitute the record of Red Cross activity durhe war. Although it has been ule to make public all expendiwhen authoriized and to give deinformation relative to all work aken, the War Council in turner its responsibilities to Dr. Farad his associates desire to give

a brief resume of Red Cross war time

months the American people have con in cash and supp American Red Cross more than \$400, 000,000. No value can be placed upon the contributions of service which have been given without stint and oftentimes at great sacrifice by millions of our people. "The effort of the American Red Cross in this war has constituted by

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agency able to carry relief in the interior of Turkish dominions. Red Cross Will Continue. "Red Cross effort is thus far flung.

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It will continue to be so. But the far the largest voluntary gifts of movement represented by this work money, of hand and heart, ever conhas likewise assumed an intimate place tributed purely for the relief of huin the daily life of our people at home. man suffering. Through the Red Cross The army of workers which has been the heart and spirit of the whole American people have been mobilized must not be demobilized. All our exto take care of our own, to relieve the perience in the war shows clearly that misery incident to the war, and also there is an unlimited field for service to reveal to the world the supreme of the kind which can be performed with peculiar effectiveness by the Red "Everyone who has had any part in Cross. What its future tasks may be this war effort of the Red Cross is enit is yet impossible to forecast. We titled to congratulate himself. No know that so long as there is an Amerthanks from anyone could be equal in ican army in the field the Red Cross value to the self satisfaction every-

been divided by the government into

small districts, each officially assigned

to a designated French relief organi-

France was initiated by a commission

shores June 13, 1917. Since then

some 9,000 persons have been upon the

rolls in France, of whom 7,000 were

actively engaged when the armistice was signed. An indication of the pres-

"The work in Italy has been almost

entirely on behalf of the civilian pop-

ulation of that country. In the critical

hours of Italy's struggle the American

people, through their Red Cross, sent

a practical message of sympathy and

relief, for which the government and

people of Italy have never ceased to

Supplies and Personnel to Near East.

"The occasion for such concentration of effort in Italy, England, Bel-

gium and even in France having natur-

ally and normally diminished, it has

been possible to divert supplies and

personnel in large measure to the aid

of those people in the Near East who

have hitherto been inaccessible to out-

side assistance, but whose sufferings

have been upon an appalling scale.

this winter in the various Balkan coun-

tries. In order to co-ordinate their ac-

tivities, a Balkan commission has been

established, with headquarters at

Rome, Italy, from which point alone

all the Balkan centers can be reached

"A commission has just reached Po-

and with doctors and nurses, medical

supplies, and food for sick children

and invalids. An American Red Cross

Commission has also been appointed

to aid in relieving the suffering of Rus-

stan prisoners still confined in German

"An important commission is still

working in Palestine. Through the

war special co-operation has been

given to the Armenian and Syrian Re-

express their gratitude.

persons are still required.

"The American Red Cross work in

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Siberia.

will have a special function to perform. one should feel for the part taken. "Nothing could be of greater impor-Fully 8,000,000 American women have tance to the American Red Cross than exerted themselves in Red Cross servthe plans just set in motion by the five great Red Cross societies of the world to develop a program of extended activities in the interest of humanity. American Red Cross had about 500,000 The conception involves not alone efmembers. Today, as the result of the forts to relieve human suffering, but to prevent it; not alone a movement Call, there are upwards of 17,000,000 by the people of an individual nation, full paid members outside of the membut an attempt to arouse all people to a sense of their responsibility for the lisned at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 21st day ing perhaps 9,000,000 school children welfare of their fellow beings throughout the world. It is a program both ideal and practical. Ideal in that supreme aim is nothing less than our men in service and to aid our itable "Peace on earth good will army and navy wherever the Red men," and practical in that it seeks Cross may be called on to assist. As take means and measures which

> actually available and make them fective in meeting without delay crisis which is daily recurrent in lives of all peoples.

"For accomplishing its mission the years of peace which must ahead of us the Red Cross will requ the ablest possible leadership, must enjoy the continued support, s pathy, and participation in its w of the whole American people. I particularly fortunate that such a r as Dr. Livingston Farrand should h ticularly during the trying period been selected as the permanent h when the Allied World was waiting of the organization. The unstin fashion in which all our people g of themselves throughout the wa the best assurance that our Red Ch will continue to receive that co-op tion which will make its work a sou of pride and inspiration to every Ar ican. Mr. Davison, as chairman of the

ternational Commission of the Am can Red Cross, has undertaken to resent the American Red Cross in preparation of the program for ext ed Red Cross activities, and will sp the next several months in Europe consultation with other Red Cross etles for that purpose THE WAR COUNCIL OF THE AM

ICAN RED CROSS. Henry P. Davison, Chairman.

lief Commission, which was the only Dramatic Club Announcment Merkel Dramatic club met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs Fred Groene. After little business discussion and a nice chat, the members of the club hiked over to the Cozy Theater to see how the play was coming recruited and trained during the war along. The members are very en thusiastic over the play and are sure it will be a success and a full house is expected The club is planning to give a series of plays during the spring and sum mer and hope to have the co-operation of the Merkel people. The club's aim is to furnish amusement, and to help in worthy caus

NO. 366 Official Statement of the Financial Condition of

The Farmers State Bank at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 4th day of Mar., 1919, published in

the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and pubof Mar., 1919.

RESOURCES

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Its	Loans and Dis., personal or collatera	1 \$277,476.1
ver-	Loans, real estate	7,500.0
to	Overdrafts	64.1
s to	Bonds and Stocks, W.S. Stamps	482.9
are	Real Estate (banking house)	8,400.0
ef-	Other Real Estate	
the	Furniture and Fixtures	
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ave	subject to check, net	6,719.00
r is	Individual Deposits sub. to check	135,033.26
ross	Time Certificates of Deposit	10,244 0
era-	Certified Checks	
urce	Cashier's checks	1,631.2
	Bills Payable and Rediscounts	127,462.5
mer-	Total	
In-		
neri-	State of Texas, County of Taylor:	
	We, J. S. Swann, as president,	and R. O
rep-	Anderson, as cashier of said bank, ea	ch of us, de
the	solemnly swear that the above states	ment is true
end-	to the best of our knowledge and bel	ief.
pend	J. S. Swann, pres	ident.
e în	R. O. Anderson, o	ashier.
soci-	Subscribed and sworn to before n	ne this 17th
	day of Mar. A. D. 1919. W. P.	Mahaffey
ER-	(SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor Co	unty, Texas
		A SHOT IN THE REAL OF

NO. 7481

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL

Report of the Condition of

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on March 4, 1919

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts\$209,122.16		see W. O. Bonev at once.
Notes and Bills Rediscounted 17,965.80-8	191,156.36	see w. O. Donev at once.
Overdrafts, secured, None; Unsecured None.		
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)6,250.00		FARMS WANTED
U. S. Bonds and cert. of ind. pledged to secure postal		
savings deposits (par value)	9,750.00	We want more farm listings
Liberty Loan Bonds 31. 4, and 41 per cent, unpledged	88.50	Have a call now for a small farm
Stock of Federal Reserve bank (50 per cent of Subscription)	1,500.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600,00	Also list your large places and
Real estate owned other than banking house	3,132.00	ranches with us.We can sell them
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	13,405.15	That is our business. Make the
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	42,028.92	best price you can and stand by
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 17)	259.21	it. If you want to leave the coun-
Total of Items 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18\$42,288.13		try, we will try to let you take
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items.	1,353.00	the value of your farm with yuo. List now. Merkel Realty Co.
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U.S. Treasurer	312.50	
Interest earned but not collected-approximate-no Notes and	1 1 1	
Bills Receivable not past due	153.90	No. 354
War Saving Certificates and Thrift Stamps actually owned	93.83	Official Statement of the Financial Condition of
Total	266,833.37	First State Bank, Trent, Texas
LIABILITIES	42 50 555	at the close of business on the 4th day of March
		1010 published in the Merkel Mail a name

76.15	Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00	1919, put
00.00			paper pri
64.10	Surplus Fund	25,000.00	Texas, on
82.90	Undivided profits		1.0.3.4.7
42.80	Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid 2.814.42-	4.743.38	Loans and
60.00	Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity		Loans, re
	and not earned (approximate)	8,288,99	Overdraf
51.28	Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00	Honds an
64.39	Net amounts due to banks, bankers, and trust companies (other		Furniture Due from
78.00	than included in Items 31 or 32)	2,850.88	Due from
20.50	Cashiers checks on own bank outstanding	49.50	bankers
05.41	Total of items 32 and 33, 34 and 35\$2,900.38		Cash Iten
80.94	Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:		Currency
09.27	Individual deposits subject to check	167,518.03	Specie Int. and A
	Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	1.600.00	Other Rea
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1999	Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	1,582.59	· · · · · · · · ·
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3.26	Total of time dep. subject to Reserve, Items 42, 43, 44, 45\$15,532.59		Undivided
44 04	Bills payable, other than with Federal Reserve Bank, including all		Individua
31.25	obligations representing money borrowed, other than rediscounts	10,000.00	Time Cer
62.53	Bills payable, with Federal Reserve Bank	the state	Cashlers
	Total	266,833.37	Total.
09.27	Liabilities for rediscounts, including those with Federal Reserve	200,000.01	a Outar.
2123	Bank (see Item 1d	17,965.80	State of T
2. 0.			We, J.
s, do	STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:		Adrian as
true	I. Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly s	wear that	solemnly
(miles	the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.		to the be
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	Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of Mar. 1919.	S. Service	Subseri
17th	J. T. HOWARD, Notary P	ublic	day of M
exas		uone.	(SEAL)
	Correct-Attest:-C. P. WARREN		100000000

HENRY JAMES J. T. WARREN, Directors

es, so why not get in and help. Next meeting of the Clubwill be held Tuesday night, April 1st Place of meeting will be announc ed later.

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

## FARMS WANTED

0	We want more farm listings
0	Have a call now for a small farm
0	Also list your large places and
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-	That is our business. Make the
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2	best price you can and stand by
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	the value of your farm with yuo.
	List now. Merkel Realty Co.
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3	Official Statement of the Financial Condition of
7	First State Bank, Trent, Texas
	at the close of business on the 4th day of March
0	1919, published in the Merkel Mail, a news-
	paper printed and published at Merkel, state of
	Texas, on the 21st day of March 1919.
3	RESOURCES
1	Loans and dis., personal or collateral \$50,000.00
,	Loans, real estate
	Overdrafts
	Furniture and fixtures
1	Due from approved reserve agents, net 3,168.73
1	Due from other banks and
1	bankers, subject to ck., net 5,670.81
1	Cash Items
1	Currency
	Int. and Assessment Depts' Gty. Fund 1.296.23
1	Other Desenvess as fallows:
I	Cotton Bill of Ex 12,361.32
1	Total
1	LIABILITIES
	Capital stock paid in\$ 10,000.00
1	Surplus fund
1	Undivided profits, net
1	Individual Deposits Sub. to Check_ 47,416.89
	Time Certificates of Deposit
I	Cashlers checks 108.37
1	Total
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1	State of Texas, County of Taylor:
1	We, J.T Warren as president, and L. E.
1	Adrian as cashler of said bank, each of us, do
	solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
1	J. T. Warren, President,
1	L. E. Adrian, Cashier.
	Subsoribed and sworn to before me this 30th
	day of March A. D., 1919.
	(SEAL) Thos. Johnson
	Notary Public Taylor County, Texas.
	Correct-Attest: G. F. West
	R. B. Johnson Directors
	mourt service

## **RED CROSS GIFTS** \$400,000,000

War Council on Retirement Announces Cash and Supplies Contributed.

## WORKERS WILL "CARRY ON."

Five Big Societies in World Wide Plan. H. P. Davison Heads International American Red Cross Commission. Dr. Livingston Farrand Permanent Leader of Peace Organization.

Washington .- (Special.) -Henry P. Davison as chairman issues the following statement on behalf of the War Council of the American Red Cross: "To the American People:

"The War Council of the American Red Cross appointed by President Wilson on May 10, 1917, to carry on the work of the American Red Cross during the war, at their request and by Frote of the Central Committee, ceased at midnight, February 28.

"Immediately the armistice was signed the War Council instituted studies to determine when the strictly war work of the organization would have been sufficiently matured to enable the direction of affairs to be resumed by the permanent staff. Henry P. Davison, being in Paris when the armistice was signed, summoned a conference there of the heads of all the Red Cross Commissions in Europe o canvass the situation. After conidering all the factors it was conuded to make the transition on arch 1. The very fortunate choice Dr. Livingston Farrand as the new airman of the Central Committee, d thereby the permanent chief extive of the Red Cross, makes possithe consummation of this plan unthe most favorable conditions.

ounts Audited by War Department. Detailed reports to Congress and a plete audit of its accounts by the Department will constitute the record of Red Cross activity dur-'he war. Although it has been ule to make public all expendiwhen authoriized and to give deinformation relative to all work aken, the War Council in turner its responsibilities to Dr. Farad his associates desire to give

a brief resume of Red Cross war time activities to the American people, to whom the Red Cross belong, and whose generous contributions have made possible all that has been accomplished. "During the past nearly twenty-one months the American people have

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"The effort of the American Red

Cross in this war has constituted by

tributed purely for the relief of hu-

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"Everyone who has had any part in

this war effort of the Red Cross is en-

value to the self satisfaction every-

Fully 8,000,000 American women have

exerted themselves in Red Cross serv-

Has Over 17,000,000 Adult Members.

American Red Cross had about 500,000

members. Today, as the result of the

recent Christmas membership Roll

Call, there are upwards of 17,000,000

full paid members outside of the mem-

bers of the junior Red Cross, number-

ing perhaps 9,000,000 school children

during the war has been to care for

our men in service and to aid our

army and navy wherever the Red

Cross may be called on to assist. As

to this phase of the work Surgeon Gen-

eral Ireland of the U.S. Army recent-

ly said: "The Red Cross has been an

From the beginning it has done those

things which the Army Medical Corps

has naturally been upon an exception-

ally large scale where service has

been rendered to the American Army

and to the French Army and the

French people as well, the latter par-

ticularly during the trying period

force and power. Hospital emergency

service for our army in France has

great'y diminished, but the Red Cross

is stil being called upon for service

upon a large scale in the great base

hosp' als, where thousands of Ameri-

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"The Red Cross endeavor in France

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"When we entered the war the

ideals of our national life.

### **Miss Essie Tucker Dead**

actually increased since the armistice. Friends and acquaintances "As for work among the French peowere saddened beyond measure ple, now that hostilities have ceased, when the word was passed out the French themselves naturally prefer as far as possible to provide for last Saturday morning announctheir own. It has accordingly been deing the death of Miss Essie Tuck termined that the guiding principle of er. It was doubly sad, following Red Cross policy in France henceforth so closely the death of her sister shall be to have punctilious regard to Burial took place Sain day atter its every responsibility, but to direct its efforts primarily to assisting n on in Rose Hill Cemetery, Rev French relief societies. The liberated W M Murrell, officiating and devastated regions of France have

Miss Essie was a noble, Christian young we han Only last year she graduated from the Light School. This is the second one of the Class of '18 to pass on of eighteen men who landed on French to the great beyond She was loved for her gracious qualities.Her home life was beautiful and kind ness marked her pathway where tien she went

eut scale of the work will be obtained Again we are contronted with from the fact that the services of 6,000 the unexplainablemystery of life and death, how one just on the having largely evacuated England, the reshold of ambitious crideavor activities of the Red Cross Commisis called from labor to rest We whot now, but by and by we ishing scale period. Active operations will I DOW. are still in progress in Archangel and

> We heatly with athice with this family in the deathof Miss Essie and further in the present affliction of other members of the family We hope to record a speedy recovery for those who are fighting a struggle with the dread disease

#### Mrs. C L Tucker Dead

The grim fight with the monster death in the case of Mrs. C L Tucker lost and that greatly beloved and splendid woman passed on to the reward that awaits her in the better world It was a long and hard fight. Valliantly she ral lied, and even until the last there was a spark of hope, but finally numan strength could no longer endure and the end came

We had just recorded the "An extensive group of American death of her daughter, Miss Essie, and too, the double bereave-

Dramatic Club Announcment

Tuesday evening at the home of

Mrs Fred Groene. After little

business discussion and a nice

chat . the members of the club

hiked over to the Cozy Theater

Bills of Ex.-Cotton

Capital Stock paid in ...

Time Certificates of Deposit

Bills Payable and Rediscounts

State of Texas, County of Taylor:

Total.

Surplus Fund

Certified Checks.

Cashier's checks.

Total

Merkel Dramatic club met

# Pull 'Em

We can pull anything upon a moment's notice-a coffee mill to 5000 h.p. load. Rates are same as most large cities. Let us figure on your power loads.

> We feel optimistic over the oil situation and are ever ready to cooperate in Merkel development.

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## MERKEL POWER COMP'NY

ment, in fact the trebble bereave We know somehow the great ment, as only a few days ago the God of heaven justifies the toll of large crowd is expected. The orlittl girl passed away. Scarcelyearth, but we can only sympa- ganization is doing great good. does a family have to suffer asthize with the bereaved husband

this one. Even now three boysand other surviving members of If we haven't what you want and one little girl are very low, the family. We can only mingle we'll get it. The Merkel Realty and one not expected to live. our tears with theirs. The trage- Company.

dy of life is inexplainable. Our hope must rest on that other shore where there will be no more sorrow and disappointment

## INVEST NOW

The oil situation is rapidly developing The time has come when Merkel must take a step forward. It is our advice to all those who are renting property to seriously consider the purchase of a home while it can be had at bargain figures. Let us show you what we have on our. list We sell more homes in Merkel than all others combined. We have the best bargains Those who want to sell list with us. Buy now-Merkel Realty Co.

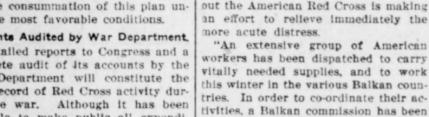
List your property with the Merkel Realty Company, if you want it sold. ·Lina (m)

PARENTS TEACHERS MEET

The Parents-Teachers met Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the auditorium of the school building A very interesting program was rendered. The organization is hard at work on plans to raise funds for the laying of a walk from the front entrance to the street. They decided to have a dinner down in town Saturday week, the proceeds to go to the walk fund. This was the best attended meeting so far held The final meeting for this school term will be held at night, when every one will be invited to attend. As the men will be

urged to attend this meeting, a

Get a Sack of La FRANCE FLOUR Best in the World For Luscious Biscuits, Delicious Lightbread and Delightful Pastry A sack will convince you. G. F. WEST CO.



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Red Cross Will Continue.

been divided by the government into

small districts, each officially assigned

to a designated French relief organi-

"The American Red Cross work in

France was initiated by a commission

shores June 13, 1917. Since then

some 9,000 persons have been upon the

rolls in France, of whom 7,000 were

actively engaged when the armistice was signed. An indication of the pres-

"Our American Expeditionary Force

sion there are naturally upon a dimin-

"The work in Italy has been almost

entirely on behalf of the civilian pop-

ulation of that country. In the critical

hours of Italy's struggle the American

people, through their Red Cross, sent

a practical message of sympathy and

relief, for which the government and

people of Italy have never ceased to

Supplies and Personnel to Near East.

tion of effort in Italy, England. Bel-

gium and even in France having natur.

ally and normally diminished, it has

been possible to divert supplies and

personnel in large measure to the aid

of those people in the Near East who

have hitherto been inaccessible to out-

side assistance, but whose sufferings

have been upon an appalling scale.

The needs of these peoples are so vast

that government alone can meet them,

established, with headquarters at

Rome, Italy, from which point alone

all the Balkan centers can be reached

"A commission has just reached Po-

land with doctors and nurses, medical

supplies, and food for sick children

and invalids. An American Red Cross

Commission has also been appointed

to aid in relieving the suffering of Rus-

sian prisoners still confined in German

"An important commission is still

"The occasion for such concentra-

express their gratitude.

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Siberia.

"Red Cross effort is thus far flung. It will continue to be so. But the far the largest voluntary gifts of movement represented by this work money, of hand and heart, ever conhas likewise assumed an intimate place in the daily life of our people at home. man suffering. Through the Red Cross to see how the play was coming The army of workers which has been the heart and spirit of the whole along. The members are very en recruited and trained during the war American people have been mobilized must not be demobilized. All our experience in the war shows clearly that misery incident to the war, and also there is an unlimited field for service to reveal to the world the supreme full house is expected The club of the kind which can be performed with peculiar effectiveness by the Red Cross. What its future tasks may be it is yet impossible to forecast. We titled to congratulate himself. No know that so long as there is an Amerthanks from anyone could be equal in ican army in the field the Red Cross will have a special function to perform. one should feel for the part taken.

"Nothing could be of greater importance to the American Red Cross than the plans just set in motion by the five great Red Cross societies of the world to develop a program of extended activities in the interest of humanity. The conception involves not alone efforts to relieve human suffering, but to prevent it; not alone a movement by the people of an individual nation, but an attempt to arouse all people to a sense of their responsibility for the welfare of their fellow beings throughout the world. It is a program both

Ideal and practical. Ideal in that Its Loans and Dis., personal or collateral \$277,476.1 supreme aim is nothing less than veritable "Peace on earth good will to Overdrafts ... men," and practical in that it seeks to take means and measures which are actually available and make them effective in meeting without delay the crisis which is daily recurrent in the enterprise as vast as the war itself. lives of all peoples.

"For accomplishing its mission in the years of peace which must lie Specie. ahead of us the Red Cross will require Int. and Asst. Dep. Guaranty Fund. the ablest possible leadership, and Other Resources must enjoy the continued support, sympathy, and participation in its work of the whole American people. It is

particularly fortunate that such a man as Dr. Livingston Farrand should have been selected as the permanent head Undtvided Profits, net ... when the Allied World was waiting of the organization. The unstinted Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net. the best assurance that our Red Cross will continue to receive that co-operation which will make its work a source of pride and inspiration to every American.

Mr. Davison, as chairman of the In ternational Commission of the American Red Cross, has undertaken to represent the American Red Cross in the preparation of the program for extended Red Cross activities, and will spend the next several months in Europe in consultation with other Red Cross societies for that purpose. THE WAR COUNCIL OF THE AMER. ICAN RED CROSS. Henry P. Davison, Chairman,

Correct-Attest:

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Anderson, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS: I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that

the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of Mar. 1919. J. T. HOWARD, Notary Public.

Correct-Attest:-C. P. WARREN HENRY JAMES J. T. WARREN, Directors

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If you are going to want a loan on that farm you had better onev at once.

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> day of March A. D., 1919. (SEAL) Thos. Johnson Notary Public Taylor County, Texas.

Directors

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LIABILITIES

# New Spring Showing of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes

Our mammoth stock of spring purchases is arriving daily and we are now making a wonderful showing of spring Silks, Crepe, Crepe de Chines Messaimes, Voiles, Organdies, figured Lawns, etc. Also big line ladies and misses Spring Suits and Dresses in all the new spring shades and fashions. Big lot staple cotton goods at very marked reductions. Complete line of Notions, Buttons, Braids and Trimmings.

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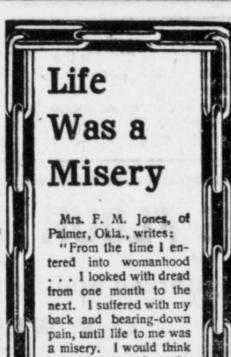
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## **RILEY D WHITE WRITES**

(Continued from last week) Somme-Suippe was the busiest place for its size that I have ever seen. All day long there was a solid line of trucks, wagons and men and automobiles passing through the town. This was being used for the main supply base of the allies on this front. It was the nearest railroad to our sector, in fact it was close as a train would have dared to go to the front. All through the town a complete trench system was running. All around the town was a complete system of trenches, barb wire entanglement and dugouts. Toward even ing we saw our first air battle. A German plane battle with French planes for several minutes but I am not sure that they ever brought him down as they finally passed out of view. The Anti-aircraft guns were firing continually also but without success. All the afternoon we talked to men from the front and learned that we were going into about as hot a sector as there was on the whole western front. That night as we lay down to sleep the firing of the bigbabies could be plainly heard. Sometime during th night orders were received to move and on awakening the next morning we were ordered to roll our packs and be ready to move at once. If an aerial abserver, flying very low, had been over Somme-Suppe on the morning of October 6th, he would have noted long lines of trucks, wagon trains, and doughboys, wenling their way slowly over the roads and through the field to the northward of Samme-Suippe. The 36th, Panteher, Lone Star Divisions was on the last lap of its long journey to the front line of the western front. We left Somme-Suippe about 8:30 We had heavy packs and we had a long hike to make in order to get into the front lines on time. The road on either side was bounded by barren fields as the fighting had been going on here, more or less continually for the past four years. Barb wire entanglemet ts. trenches and camouflaged roadsides were numerous. A section of the road over which we marched was camouflaged on the as it is very seldom that it ever to it.



We seemed to hear guns on eith. er side and in front of us now.

About noo we began passing through the most elaborate system of trenches that I ever thought existed. There were miles and miles of deep trenches, barb wire entanglements, large, comfortable and roomy dugouts. The ground was absolutely pulverized. Not a living tree was any where to be seen Where a tree was not blown out entirely, all its branches were blown off and the tree dead. No farming had been carried on here for four years.Large deep crooked trench es were running in evrey direction: These were connected by communication trenches. Sometimes we saw shell holes large

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exploded some where to our right. Quite frequently the rat- Over Woodroof-Bragg Company tle of a machine gun could be heard up on the front line like the night work of some industrious wood pecker. It seemed like a dream Everything seemed so unreal. We, who a few months Real Estate, Fire, Accident a before had been following peaceful pursuits in the States, 5,000 miles away from all this turmoil and confusion, were now about to become a part of it The night air was growing very chill and many of the men who sat shivering there on the side of that hill opposite theGerman lines was Over Woodroof-Bragg's Store. thinking of a cozy warm home back somewhere in God's country where all was quite and peace

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We could not have hot coffee as "My son had inflamation of it would have draw the fire of of painted canvas interwoven in- on, we became very tired and bowels and was greatly bloated the German heavies almost inhungry Our packs felt like they (with gas) After giving Adler- stantly to build a fire. No one The sky was lightly overcast weremade of lead. We hiked at a i-ka he is completely CURED made a complaint though. We with thin, shifting clouds. From pretty good rate and barb wire Doctors did no good." (Signed) had heard thelast grumble the northward came the low rum became more numerous. The M. Gerhard, Ferdinand, Ind. from the grouchy doughboy for bling sound as of distant thund- ground bore signs of having One dose Adler-i-ka relieves many a day After we had eaten er. One who did not know our been fought over at not so far sour stomach, gas and constipa- we lay down on our packs for mission and the French climate distant a date. We began pass- tion instantly. Removes all foul further orders The sky ahead of would have predicted a rain- ing the wagons and men of the matter which poisons system. us over the hill was aglow with storm But we had a pretty good supply trains camouflaged in the Often Cures constipation. Pre- the flash of exploding shells. The idea of what that growling woods. The low rumbling ahead vents appendicitis. We have flash from our own guns and the meant ahead of us and we had a of us had now increased. There sold Adler-i-ka many years. It is light made by star shells and better knowledge of the French was no mistaking the succession a mixture of buckthorn, cascara, rockets of all colors. At intercliamte than to suppose that the of sharp, regular explosions glycerine and nine other simple vals a lonely shell sang its melan sound was thunder, warning us which were now plainly audible. drugs. Sanders Drug Store adv1 choly strain over our heads and

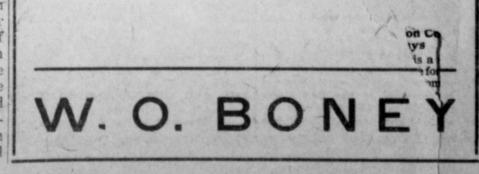


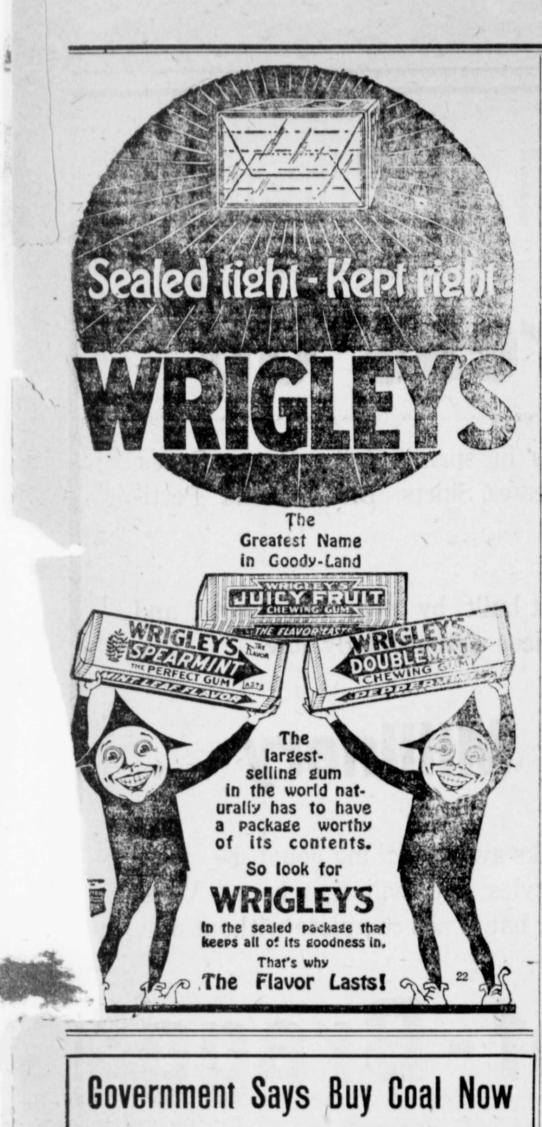
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At last we received orders to sion before us had been give a make ready to go into the line. quiet trench system to hold un-We were ordered to leave every- til they had become accustomed. thing behind except the clothing to shell fire, but we were now in which we wore, our raincoats, one of the hottest sectors in the overcoats, our rifles bayonet and whole line so the Marinés of the ammunition and our haversacks second division informed us. We and emergency rations. A guild relieved the Marines of the 2nd was furnished us by the military Division who stopped the Gerpolice of the 2nd division, and mans on the road to Paris at we started out. We were soon so Chateau Thierry. We didn't have near the front lines that the artil to aruge with them at all regard lery firing was deafening I for- ing the taking over of their secgot to add that we had with us tor either They did not seem at our helmets and gas masks. A all reluctant to relinquish their 75 barked somewhere at my el- claims to this particular bit of bow and I jumped about ten feet the western front. When they Shells were falling all around us, were sure that we were in there On man in our company was hit to stay they just arose, bowed by a piece of flying shrapnel and politely, and said, welcome to our carried to the dressing station. city and dissappeared. The next To add to our trouble the guid and most dificult part of our became lost and took us into an task was establishing our claims entirely different sector from the with the; Huns. They seemed to one in which we were supposed consider our claims to ownerto go. After wandering around ship absolutely without foundaall night and repeatedly failing tion. Never-the-less, we then to reach our sector we returned found ourselves in full possesto our starting point for a fresh sion of a generous portion of the start the next day It would have Champagne front.

been foolhardy to have attempted to enter our positions in day light. We returned to our starting point after wandering all night and reached there about would require about 100 pages good daylight Hot coffee was of paper just like this That part made and every one snatched a- of it I am reserving for the time bout an hours sleep. We then when I can see you and tell you started out in order to get as near as possible to our positions days without taking off an articbefore dark and then take them le of clothing. There were days over as soon as it became dark. when we could not get food or We passed through the town of water The strain upon the nerve-Somme-Py in day light this time es was terrific. The sight of seeand had an opportunity to see ing men blown to pieces at my just how badly it was torn up side was not unusual. The shells Not a building in the place was were the worst thing to be fearleft in tact. Only now and then a ed. I may as well attempt to disroad which ran into the town this anything like it really is but was completely demolished. The will try to give you an inkling of shells were still falling in the the idea of how it really is. A town. We passed on through the shell when it is coming through town and along an open road, the air, after it has reached the one of them could do. --- we were going up the road I heard a shell screaming through the air tofall on his stomach. The shell exing to the ground. We finally and waited for darkness. This also was the location of our Regimental Post of Command. We hadn't been in them two hours before two of our men were killed by shell. That night we went into the front lines and as the morning of October 8th we found ourselves in fox, holes starting out across "No Man's Land", facing the Kaiser's crack troops, the famous Prussian

It would be impossible for me to write every little detail of what happened to me during the time I was on the front. To do so personally. I went for days and jagged wall arose a few feet a-bove the heaps of debris. A rail-the feeling it causes I can't do camaflaged as previously descri- highest point in its radius and Aisne river our regimental Post bed None of us paid any atten- starts going down makes a of command was located at Vaux tion to the shells which were screaming, whistling noise. The Champagne. Most of the time whizz bangs comes over is, "Zip- this was a French sector shells comes over you can hear town of Vauz Champagne the sant to take them say," wheeze-bang." The Boche had a habit of shelling the second day on the front I went town about twenty minutes Land." There were Germans on me the insurance, but handed me expect a shovel. I thought that was bet-

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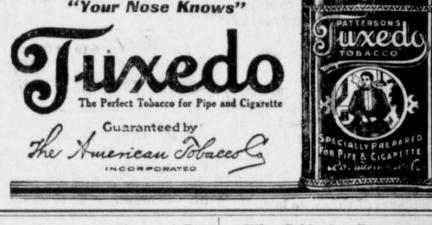
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42nd Infantry went over the top and captured many prisoners. I am not sure of the exact amount The following days were spent in more or less stiff fight-

ing. Our losses were heavy In Many people have a weak spot fact the heaviest of any regiment. On the night of the 11th Twinges follow every suddep we were relieved from front line duty by the 72nd Infantry Bri- SMOKING TOBACCO Dull Loning keeps up, from gade. On the morning of the 12t the Germans had retreated We In such case a kidney medicine hiked for two days before we finally overtook them on the far

were still waiting for us there Fof backache and urinary ills We were still in reserve. Now Merkel people recommend the being in reserve does not mean that we were back out of shell

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up to the captain and wanted to every day They evidently used my right, Germans on my left cold grey dawn broke on the take out ten thousand more in- only one gun. Every afternoon a- and Germans ahead of me. This surance. He said he couldn't give bout 4 o'clock we knew what to was the worst experience that

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ever happened to me. On the 22nd of October our On the evening of the 27th at ter than the insurance any way. regiment was ordered to take 4:50 P. M. was the time set for On the morning of the 8th the over the sector on our right. This our attack. We had made arrang sector was then held by the ments for the most complete art-French and as they had failed to illery bombardment that I have keep our pace, they had fallen ever witnessed This barrage was behind and we were moved over to be followed up by the Infanto straighten out lines. Billy this try. Exactly on the dot, or zero, is where I had my experience of the big guns turned loose. And I

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standing guard in "No Man's thought hell had broke loose sure enough. Not a yard of ground on and behind the German lines failed to get its quota of shells? No man could live in so heavy a bombardment as this one if he was on the top of the ground. The garrage lasted for twenty eight minutes At the end of this time the ground behind the German lines was completely pulverized. The Infantry followed up the barrage, but had nothing to do except run the Germans out of the dug outs. The ones who were not in dugouts were dead. Something like 180 prisoners were captured and our objective was gained. We gained about two kilometers in all. I forgot to add that we received more gas of all kinds while on this sector than all the rest of the time put together. The largest part of the gas used was Mustard Gas, the most trea cherous and deadly know to man kind. You don't have to breath

it to be affected. The least bit ing and hoping for orders to go on your clothes or skin will home. We hear one day that we spread and cause untold suffer- are going home the middle of February and the next day we ing.

On the 28th of Oct. the 36th hear that we are not going until Division was relieved from duty June. We hear that we are going on the front line and the French to Russia to fight the Bolsheviks came in to hold what we had gain and that we may have to fight ed. We however, did not leave Germany again. I guess the until the 29th. This did not seem next time we hear any thing it to bother the Huns as they con- will be that we are going to retinue to shoot at us, even after lieve Saint Peter, who is guardwe were non-combatants and ing the Golden Gate. So you can were waiting back at the Regi- look for me home when you see mental P C. for orders to leave me coming I am well and hop-About two o'lock on the night ing for a letter from you soon.

of the 29th we received orders to move out and we hiked out of Chardney, back through Leffin- Hqd. Co., 142 Inft, A E F P O 796 court to Machault which place was one of the towns that we had captured from the Germans in our drive. All was quiet and peaceful here. It seemed like paradise after bing under shell fire for twenty three days. We had breakfast here and rested until the afternoon when the French trucks came for us and we left after receiving thanks of the French General for the work we had done while under his command.

We rode back to billets near Somme Suippe The next day we started out hiking. We knew not what for, but we also, knew that at the end of that hike there was rest, blessed peaceful rest, and clothes, and hot baths. We had been on the front lines for 23 days. In all attacks combined we had pushed the Huns back over 23 kilometers. We had captured about 600 prisoners, numerous guns, and some large guns and over a million dollars worth of property.

We hiked for five days, resting one day on the road where we were paid We covered about 100 miles or more and finally wound up at Louppy-Le Petit where we were to rest for a few days, be replaced by fresh men then we were to go to the Argon ne Forest. The signing of the armistice prevented our going to the front any more. The signing of the armistice was a great day for both the American soldiers riching the blood. You can soon feel its Strength

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