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TIC LEAGUE

The meet was held at Trent on A very enthusiastic meeting ed. Mrs. B. W. Heasley of Wichi- family. Mr Sarber has not been The School Board election was last Friday and Saturday, April was held at the Cozy Theater on ta Falls, and E. G. Dawes of Dal- able to get on the ground. He held Saturday, seven names ap- day evening and were installed. 4 and 5. There were nearly one Tuesday evening. The speaker of las, representing big oil inter- wired Wednesday that drilling pearing on the ticket. It is claim- Mayor Stallings appointed the hundren contestants who com- the evening were Judge E. M. ests, took over the South Block details were being perfected and ed that only four members were following committees: peted in the various contests. Overshiner and B. F. Bennett, Wednesday and are planning to that just as little delay as possi- to be elected. Those receiving Nearly one thousand people went secretary of the Chamber of Com begin drilling operations just as ble would be incurred in getting the highest number of votes were Boyce and Sharp. to hear the Declamation contest merce at Abilene. The former soon as material and machinery down to business. last Friday night, but only said in part: seven or eight hundred could get I came to explain about the will be selected without delay. the Sears well Wednesday after- no election was held last year. inside. The winners of the con- Bankhead Highway. First I had This is the last block owned by noon. At the depth of about 300 and as seven will constitute the c and Propst.

men and women.

vian Hutcheson of Merkel, first the road surveyed. Then the feet. Caps, third place.

place; Herbert Southward of been awarded to Sanders Bros. ber of New York City. Now the ed perfecting plans to begin drill-Lamar School, Abilene, second I think that in a few weeks time South Block is closed. School, third place.

Was 29.

Boys. Norvell Green of Abilene, will be amply rewarded. I am installed a 4000 foot cable. Drill- be a short time before full ar- bout \$100,000 at Ranger, when eights of an inch. Considerable second place

Girls, Gayle Williams, Abilene, way associations. Senator Bank- ment on the ground to start a is not as active as it was a couple | The fire is said to have origi- Wheat and oats are looking fine. first place; Naomi Holley, Potosi head of Alabama began the con- well about one and one-half miles of weeks ago, prices are holding nated in the rear of a resturant Oats are heading out in some second place, Era Addison, Trent struction of a highway. It was west of Merkel within a few days stiff with a tendency to increase. in an explosion.

Heights, Abilene, tied for second tence for some time. They have -

thy Barnes, Abilene first place; kana to El Paso is the first State Louis Craddock Abilene second highway. Every effort has been place; Mary Cooper, Abilene third put forth to complete this high-

place. second place.

Declamation, Rural cola, third place.

ers was twenty-five.

championship by beating Potosi tion. If we get a transcontinental and Lawn to the tune of 39 to 14 highway, we will get tourists by Merkel, Riute 4,. and 25 to 3, respectively.

among four other schools.

game by default. Helen Noble one great asset. The highway cow. See S. F. Haynes. won first place in Junior Girl's will be a business asset. Auto 30-yard dash. In the Senior Girls and truck highway will more and dash Lila Porter won first place more attract the people. It reby default. Lawn also took the mains for every town to get busy Girl's 140-yard relay by default. and be properly represented at develop West Texas. The right

NOTICE TO PARENTS AND there in full strength.

GUARDIANS Any one having under his or over seven and under eighteen has the audacity to say they are with 200 votes. next term.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. With the government helping, we Swann says he hopes to be ready it happened that a good supply SECRETARY BAKER VISITS pound boy, Tuesday evening at ways. It would be a pleasure to days. Handley, where Mr Merritt is in go to Fort Worth on a smooth the banking business. It already highway. The time has come bears the name of Ben James when it is worth while to save a Welch. Mother and son doing day in business. The people from G M Sharp's nicely.

all kind of seed at Bob Martin's of the kind. Go there and help have it insured.

RESULT CO. SCOLAS- GOOD ROAD MEETING THE SOUTH BLOCK CLOSED DRILLING TO START SOON

first place, Willie Stevens, Merkel very sorry we had the delay. | irg will now be pushed to the ut- rangements are perfected. . . . ! two business blocks were burned hail fell, but it is hoped that no Declamation, Contest, Senior a general way about the high- pects to have material and equip increasing daily. While trading land Monday morning. Deciamation, Junior Boys,- matter of rebuilding is princi- City but is expected here in a most daily The news of the clos- destroyed were the Wilson Hotel Country now. Othel Watkins, Trent, first place, pally in the hands of the local day or two. He has doubtless com ing of the South Block has sent large frame structures, offices Fowler Shaw, Travis School Abi- authorities. These highway or- pleted all drilling arrangements leases up considerably in that sec and the Guaranty State Bank to BIG SPEAKING ON STREETS lene, and Floyd ...ton, of College ganizations have been in exis- for the Middle Block. been trying to enlist the authori-Declamation Junior Girls, Doro ties in this work. From Texar- | OLAGOIFIED ADO Ama Norman, Wyle School, first to extend from Washington, Phone 904F13. place; Garrie McLean, I. X. L. D. C., to Los Angeles, Cal. Texas LOST—Gulf Refinery Co. deliv- FOR SALE OR TRADE—Broad-Craig Lynn, Buffalo Gap, first ship in this highway cost \$1.00 place; Dresden Casey, I. X L sec- each. There is no business man use hot air. The money that is John McClary Phone 9012F21 The total number of declaim- paid for memberships goes to promotion funds. In our judge- REGISTERED JACK-I will Tuscola's 18 were secured by the year around. In order to pro- Phone No. 9043F11 Arthur Vickery, who carried a perly protect our interests we maining points were distributed to look after our interests. We Merkel Lumber Company. 4tlc FOR SALE—Second hand cultifeel that it is necessary to pro- FOR SALE—Two bay horses, Merkel won the boys basket tect our interests at the conventhe hundreds. It will help every-Lawn won the girls basketball body. This highway stands as WANTED-Good young milk Merkel, Route 4.

the convention. We ought to go kind of advertising will pay. We sey or R. M. Parker, either will energy. You can do a great work expected to go down. attend to the matter for you. Do there. The governors of several not put this matter off if you states will be there. There will the North and East are looking out over the country. This con-

The South Block has been clos- | On account of sickness in his

can be placed on the ground. Site | Encouraging news came from Anderson and WO. Boney. As Sharp. tests received \$25 in prizes, better talk about the roads for the B. & M. Oil _sociation. They feet the driller struck salt water board, it is a question when the which were donated by the Trent which you have already voted are jubilant over their success in This is a good indication as it four elected will appoint the oth- Harris. bonds. You voted the bonds by a putting over the several blocks. proves the geological structure. er three, or whether the three ap The results of the meet are as large majority. I was very hope. A standard rig will be employed No new developments have tak pearing on the ticket will serve. ful that we could get the money and, if necessary, the well will be en place at the Barker location The other on the ticket were J. S.

place; Guy Smith of Buffalo Gap highway men had to approve the The North and Middle Blocks here at any time. second place; Helen Noble of work. A year has been consumed went to the Security Banking & The Toombs Block is reported FIRE AT RANGER BURNED before the plans were ready. The Investment Company, of which in the process of being closed.

Mary Ellen Curry, Wyle we will be able to go on with the The Security Banking & In- No new developments have have originated last Sunday work. I feel sure that you will vestment Company is drilling the taken place at the Swann loca- night, and which was gotten unhe total number of spellers get a first class road. We have Sears well, which is said to be tion, but it is understood that a der almost complete control at an done the very best we could un- down about 400 feet. They have company is to be organized to early hour Monday morning, did Declamation Contest, Senior der the circumstance. I think we piped water to the well and have drill this well and it will likely destruction to the amount of a rain that amounted to five-

Spellins, Senior Division-Vi- for drouth relief. We had to get sunk to a depth of at least 3000 northeast of town the past week, Swann, Bob Martin and T. J. though the driller is expected Sherrell.

Spelling, Junior Division- contract for the sale of the bonds H. L. Houghton is president. The Those having the contract on ling at once.

Perhaps some of you know in most. This same company ex- Enthusiasm is holding up and according to a report from East serious damage was done to the said that he was a dreamer. The Mr Houghton is now in Sioux Some leasing is being done al- Among the larger buildings in Merkel and the Great Merkel

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No ad. taken for less than 15c.

Highway No. 1 was offered as a ery book, leather back, checks cast binder in good shape. Bar-Boys- link in this route. The member- and some stamps. E P Beene.

Let me do your screen work

The track meet was won by ment there will be a southern stand my registered jack 3 miles Merkel, who got 37 points; Poto- route. That is the route we are north, 1 mile east of Merkel. Will si second, with 20 points; and working for. In our judgement take all care, but will not be resthird place went to Tuscola, who we have the best route. We have ponsible for accidents. \$10 if FOR SERVICE—Registered jer got 18 points. Fifteen points of a route that can be traveled all colt sucks. Joe Higgins, Route 1. sey bull. \$1.00 when served. One

way individual honors. The re- must have sufficient force there FOR SALE-3 room house. See

151/2 hands high Work any- R. L. Bland. where to anything. L. E. Ford,

11tlp to Sam Butman.

If you don't want to lose your

way. The work was carried east- FOR SALE-Pure bred White LEFT ON-Ball grounds blue 21t4p to Doyle Garrett.

> gain if taken at once. -- See Guy Cade, Trent Texas

good black Spanish Jack, pasture of \$100,00. broke. M. Aimstrong 11t2c

4t3p mile southeast of Merkel. J. H.

FOR SALE OR TRADE-One FOR RENT-Farm land. Apply broadcast binder. In good shape 14tf | Phone 9020F11 4t2p

LIKES PIE

have got to have enough votes to Mr Bennett spoke as follows: get up there and vote them down icle for this week's issue, but with books and papers. One vol-We have the scrap of our lives on it. We must have the votes, were delayed by the absence of unteer fire fighter was struck in her control a child or children during the next week. Oklahoma The little city of Clyde came in H. L. Johnson, from whom we the head with an ax and he was Ok., formerly of this city, and a expected to obtain our informa- taken to a Fort Worth hospital. Mrs. Thompson, also of Durant, ears of age on September 1,1919 coming down to take this high- The convention will be held in tion. After making diligent must look aftr the enrollment of way and put it up where they Mineral Wells early next week. search, he was found at the hotel same at once. Apply to Guy Dar- want it. They have the pep and A large number from Merkel is in the middle of the afternoon Marshal Wallace English announ in Ranger, as he has sold his eating pie. We inquired as to the ced he would leave tonight for business at Durant. particular brand, and he said Ranger to investigate the fire in H. D. Swann and Roy Smith "Pie." We further learned that that city last night. No informawant your child in Free School be a number of senators and con- of Tyler were in Merkel on busi- the hotel has greatly increased tion has been received of the fire gressmen there. The U.S. govern ness Thursday. They are per- the pie output and then continu- which is reported to have caused Yours very respectfully, ment with the aid of Congress, feeting arrangements to drill a ally runs short. Just so it is pie, \$850,000 damage in the business R. M. Parker, Supt. Schools. an appropriation is being urged well on the property of J. S. Johnson is on the job. We waited section of Ranger. of something like \$4,000,000. Swann, northwest of Merkel. Mr and waited for the interview, but Merritt a fine eight and one-half can go ahead and get these high- to start operations within ninety of pie was on hand and we soon saw that it was useless to try to obtain information as long as the of War Baker, Hugh C. Wallace, at the Metropolitan Bakery and Alfalfa Hay at G M Sharps. pie lasted. After it was all gone United States Ambassador to Cafe. Plenty of shorts and bran at he gave us a short interview. France, fifteen members of the But, my, how that man does house military committee and like pie!

4t2c you buy. Bob Martin's Grocery. France.

THE SCHOOL BOARD NEW CITY OFFICERS

T. J. Toombs, G. M. Sharp, R. O.

TWO BLOCKS

Opal Patterson of Merkel, first has been made. The contract has Trent Block went to Chas. A.Sar- the Butman holdings are report- From \$100,00 To \$850,000 Loss Estimated.

A fire which is reported to

the Goldston grocery. The Terrell drug store, which is a brick or direction.

Only meager reports could be obtained from Ranger itself.

Says \$750,000 Fire \$100, 000.

of the insurance companies re-FOR SALE OR TRADE-A fusing to accept a risk outside

> The building loss and loss on goods will total \$750,000

The following buildings were totally destroyed: Humphrey Ho tel, Mejestic Theatre, Ranger 11t2p Stock Exchange, Wilson Hotel, Western Union Telegraph Office, 11t2c town Cafe, Oklahoma Resturant in this county. Ranger Auto and Electric Co., FOR SALE-Good single row, American Cafe, Ralph E. Stock-Case planter. Phone E Barnes, man's Insurance Office, Walton's Peace Maker is better. G. M. 11t1p Cafe, Western Supply Company Sharp. and Ranger Realty Building.

The Guaranty State Bank in the Wilson building was burned, but the books and money were

J. A. Cravan, who conducted an oil exchange, was seriously in-We tried to get a good oil art- jured as he ran from his office Fire Marshal to Go.

FRANCH

New York, April 7.—Secretary Warren Pershing, nine year old and sold. J. T. Darsey. son of General Pershing, sailed

The new City Council met Mon

Claims and Accounts-Bragg,

Finance-Bragg, Propst and

Fire Department-Sharp, Boy Police-Propst, Bragg and

Public Health-Harris, Bragg and Propst.

Streets and Alleys-Boyce, Harris and Sharp.

Water and Lights-Propst, Boyce and Harris.

Purchasing Committee-Boyce, Harris and Sharp.

The old Council went through the order of business. Some accounts were allowed.

ANOTHER GOOD RAIN

Tuesday night this country was favored with a downpour of grain. The ground is soaked. places. Prosperity is the word

A speaking will be hell on the rock structure prevented the fire streets of Merkel Saturday after from spreading further in that noon at 3:30 in the interest of the Bankhead highway. Thos. Johnson, J C. Mason and R O. Anderson will do the speaking. They are enthusiastic over the Rural Girls- ward from Dallas. The route is Leghorn eggs, \$1.00 for 15. serge coat, finder please return Fort Worth, April 7.—The proposition, and those who have 4t2c business section of Ranger for a the opportunity of hearing distance of two blocks, with the them will go away with enthusi-Wilson Hotel as the pivot, was asm. This highway will be worth destroyed by fire. The loss is more to this country than anything that can be done The Very little insurance was carri government will greatly aid on ond place; Herman Pruett, Tus- who is successful who does not and patch that leaky roof See WANTED-Single hand to do ed becaus of the frame construct the road if it can be secured. ranch work. Good pay. Tom Lar- tion and absence of fire-fighting Join the Bankhead Highway Astf equipment has resulted in most sociation and get a good road given to you.

Joe Dillard, Joel Gunn and Jack Walker, of Deport, Texas are visiting their friend, J.C.Mason for a few days. They express themselves as highly pleased with Merkel and Merkel commun ity. They were so favorably impressed that they have invested vator and a Mr Bill planter. See Home Laundry, Scott's Cafe, Rag considerably in leases and land

There is lots of good flour, but

Fresh candy, cake and bread at the Metropolitan Bakery and

As usual we always have the best. We want to sell you that Deering or McCormick binder now. G. F. West, Company. 4t2c

N. Chas. Sinclair of Durant, visited in Merkel this week. Mr. Austin, April 7.—State Fire Sinclair is figuring on locationg

> Fresh card, . c. ke and bread at the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Come to Rogers for your groceries and fresh vegetables.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

Fresh candy, cake and bread

Second hand furniture bought

E. L. Rogers saves you money Maize, Feterita, Sorghum and vention is the greatest meeting crop by hail, see E. D. Coats and Figure with me on oats before today aboard the Leviathan for on groceries and fresh vegetabl-

THE **FARMERS STATE**

You insure your Home and your Life; why not your Money?

This Bank is a Guaranty Fund Bank and offers you the protection afforded by the State Guaranty Fund of Texas.

We Pay The Premium

Capital and Surplus Fund \$65.000.00

CASH FOR COLLEGE PLAN OF SOUR LAKE TEACHER

Sour, Lake, Teaxs April. "Buy

the Sour Lake High School in do there. 1923 into a War Savings Society class invested in 1918 War Sav- ing green and pretty. ings Stamps, which will fall due in January of the year they gra- ing corn now. duate. By that time, the money invested will have accumulated a

The plan worked out so well lots of letters we get and we enlast year that Miss Stewart or- joy it very much. ganized the class of 1924 into a Well I hope West Texas will War Savings Society this spring make a good crop this year for I Every member of the class is buy might want to go back there. ing War Savings Stamps, so as to do like to live in the good old put aside an "endowment fund." Lone Star State. for graduation year.

Miss Stewart is in recepit of a letter from Frank M. Smith, Fed Oklahoma. eral District Director of the War ing her on the happy thought by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is which prompted her to start the unique Societies, thanking her for the great assistance rendered in the campaign and iformating her that other teachers in the Eleventh Federal War Saving District would be informed of what she accomplished, in the system. hope that they might follow her

The Strong Withstand the Winter Cold Better Than the Weak You must have Health, Strength and En-

durance 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

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

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.

G. W. WOOD WRITES

Welty, Okla., April 5. 19 Merkel Mail:

Dear Mr Jackson:—I thought War Savings Stamps now so as I would write you a short letter to have a college or business fund that you may publish if you like. when you finish high school," is as my many friends may know the plan envolved here success- I am still in the land of the livfully by Miss Georgie B. Stew- ing, and like this country all art, teacher in the Seventh Grade right to farm in as it isn't very of the Sour Lake Public schools. rough. I like the people there Miss Stewart organized the much the best. We don't have class which will graduate from the wind and sand here like you

We have a fine season in the last year. Every member of the ground and every thing is look-

The people are through plant-

Health is good here.

Well I could not do without the nice amount of interest. War Sav Merkel Mail as it is almost like ings Stamps, which cost all the seeing the people out there and way from \$4.12 to \$4.24 apiece, talking with them, to get the will each be worth \$5.00 in cash Merkel Mail. It is better than

I remain a friend. G. W. Wood, Welty

Loan Organization, congratulate | Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured system. We will give One Hundred Dollars for We are of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot we will give one Hands that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Circulars free. All Druggists, 75c.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

> Testimonial—Before joining a War Savings Society, I was alvays broke. Now I always have omething ahead.—No Does Am-

DRAUGHON'S



Why You Should Have Your Bank Account With

THE Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

BECAUSE-Its shareholders have large holdings in the community and their interests are

BECAUSE-The strength of this Bank lies not alone in its resources, but in the character and financial responsibility of the men who conduct its affairs.

BECAUSE-Its business is governed with that conservatism, combined with enterprise and upto-date methods which make for soundness and satisfactory banking service.

BECAUSE-It enjoys the patronage and confidence of many leading firms, corporations and individuals in this community which should be satisfactory evidence that your business also will be handled properly.

"SINCE 1904"

J. T. WARREN PRESIDENT

THOS. JOHNSON CASHIER

The Merkel public schools will be out the 23rd of May, this year

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

Sam Swann of Wichita Falls was a visitor in the city Sunday, returning Tuesday morning.

Have some Ford cars on hand for immediate delivery. Merkel Motor Co.

E. N. Brown is spending the week in Dallas on business. He will return by way of Cleburn.

If you don't want to lose your crop by hail, see E. D. Coats and have it insured.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic restores vitality and energy by parifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. Price 60c.

Easter Sunday comes rather late this year. The day is to be celebrated on April 20

Give us that order for your Deering and McCormick binder so as to be sure to have it here on time. There is no binder like the Deering and McCormick.Let us have your order now. G. F. West Company.

Bad breath, bitter taste, dizziness and a general 'no account' feeling is a sure sign of a torid liver. Herbine is the medicine needed. It makes the liver active, vitalizes the blood, regulates the bowels and restores a fine feeling of energy and cheerfulness. Sold by Sanders Drug Store

Jack For Service

Will stand my jack, JohnS. Fee of \$15.00 when colt is dropped I will use every precaution to avoid accident, but will not be responsible for accidents, -J N.

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

FOOTWEAR

We are showing the new SMART STYLE LOW CUTS

Oxfords and Pumps Lead with high, medium and low heels in brown and black. Prices \$3, \$3.50, \$4.85 & \$5.85

GOOD HOSIERY AT MODEST PRICES

We believe we have just your style shoe or slipper, for ladies, misses, boys and men.

The Brown D. G. Co.

Mrs. Walter Buford and son, James Mallery, left the last of this week for Temple, to be at the bed side of her father, who is critically ill

We are agents for the old reliable McCormick and Deering binders. Let us figure with you before you buy. G. F. West Com-

A valuable dressing for flesh wounds, burns, scalds, old sores, rash, chafed skin, is Ballard's Snow Liniment, it is both healing and antiseptic. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

DeVerle Johnson had a very narrow escape early Sunday morning.He made a trip to Abilene in a jitney, and while returning, ran into a ditch about three miles this side of Abilene. The result a badly bruised head, with slight fracture, and a windshield doubled up. Afrte the accident he tried to crank the car, but it would not pull itself out. He crawled into the seat and have lost consciousness. When he awoke it was about nine o'clock Sunday morning. He walked to a house and got help. The wound on his head did not receive attention until nine or ten hours after the accident. He is getting along as well as a very sore head will permit him.

How is Your Complexion

A woman should grow more beautiful as she grows older and she will with due regard to bath. niet and exercise, and by keeping her liver and bowels in good working order. It you are hagand yell v your eyes losing their lustre and whites becoming yellowish. your flesh flabby, it may be due to indigestion or to a sluggish liver. Chamberlain's Tablets correct these dis-

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

FORTY-THREE MEN, TEN WOMEN, DIE IN "Y" SERVICE OVERSEAS

Sacrifice Proportionately One-Quarter as Great as That of Army-Sixty-Three Decorated.

The Y. M. C. A. carried the Red Triangle into the camps and trenches soroad at a cost of fifty-three lives, a sacrifice proportionately one-quarter as great as that of the American my, according to a statement issued today by the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A. Of these fatalities thirty-five were due to disease, and the remainder to shell-fire, bombs, gas-fever, drowning and wounds. Ten of these were women, one of whom was killed by shell fire

There were also fifty-five non-fatal casualties. These were due principally to machine gun fire, gas, shell Gre, and motor transport accidents. Numerous cases of slight wounds and gassings which were attended at dressing stations, but were not reported to beadquarters, are not included.

and the other in a German air raid.

These casualties occurred in a force which at no time exceeded 9,000 workers, of whom it is reckoned that more than one-half were never sent to the front, being employed in the hundreds of huts maintained throughout the training areas and the "leave areas."

Sixty-three "Y" workers were decorated, while in all more than 152 received official recognition or distinguished service. Thirteen of these were decorated with the Croix de Guerre, while forty-eight received other decorations. Of these three received the Distinguished Service Cross, three the Order of St. Stanislaus; five the Italian Cavaliere del Corona; thirty-eight the Italian War Cross, and one the French decoration of the corps d'I mee. Seven were cited for the Croi. de Guerre, and seven for other decorations, six commended for meritorious conduct, and twenty-nine received honorable mention in dispatches. Several units were cited in their entirety, those serving with the Third division being cited twice. More than score more reported decorations have not yet been confirmed.

Not one of these men under thirty was fit for military duty, but the citations show that they carried on with the sam courage and spirit that identified Abericans throughout the war. records show that they went over the top with the assaulting waves, that they exposed themselves under machine gun and shell fire to minister to the wounded, that they worked indefatigably as stretcher bearers, and that they drove ambulances into the midst of battle to res-

Others were sacrificed in the less heroic but no less necessary work behind the lines. Among these stands out Miss Winona Martin of Rockville Center, L. I., a Y. M. C. A. secretary. who was the first American woman killed in the war. She was killed by a bomb during a German air raid, and her death made a deep impression on American minds.

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Miss Martin had been in Paris only a month, but had already done valuable work in stimulating an interest among the soldiers in the Y. M. C. A.

Miss Marion G. Crandell of Alameda, Cal., killed by shell fire near Chalons March 26, 1918, was another of the women sacrificed in helping the

Officials were quick to see and appreciate meritorious work, on the part of the secretaries and prompt to recognize it officially. Major General Dickman of the Third division gave a particularly strong citation of the units attached to that division, consisting of

A later commendation of the same units was ordered by Major General

thirty-four men and six women.

Major General Henry T. Allen of the Ninetieth division in a letter to the Divisional Y. M. C. A. secretary said: Two secretaries, F. A. Dawes and B. F. Ford, actually went over the top with the assaulting battalions and carried on their work in the midst of the severest losses,'

The Y. M. C. A, bonor roll of those who gave up their lives while helping the soldiers win the war, and of those who distinguished themselves in this work, contains the names of the following men from the Southern Military department: Dr. John H. Clifford, Tucson, Ariz., awarded Croix de Guerre; Thomas Neil Jefferson, Fden, Tex., awarded Italian Croix de Guerre; William Alsa Miller, Austin, Tex., awarded Italian Croix de

OTHERWISE UNHURT.

Nincteen bullet holes in his hide didn't prevent one "Y" secretary over-M. D. Kinkend of "Y" 73, from Serabout this secretary:

sequently he went to the hospital with growers 'suffered heavy losses, ial:

The Negro and The Mule

For many years the South depended on the negro and the mule for farm work, and called this cheap labor. Conditions have changed. Cheap labor has gone. Methods have to be revised. The negro and the mule are too slow and too expensive. It is now Motor Power against Muscle. A boy on a tractor does more in a day than three negroes and six mules in the old way.

The same is true with short hauls. Wagons drawn by mules are largely demobilized-being mustered out every day. The Motor Truck carries over the road a two, four or six-mule load quicker, easier and much cheaper than any mule team that ever walked. There is no argument needed here. The people alrerdy KNOW, and the truck and tractor makers are working day and night TRYING TO KEEP UP with the ALL-THE-TIME GROWING DEMAND.

Does the Business Pay? Here are Some Examples

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\$1000 invested	Chalmers	Motor Car Co.	returned in 8	years \$86,65	8
\$1000 invested	Chandler !	Motor Co. has i	returned in 3 y	ears\$35,00	0
\$1000 invested	n Hupp Mot	or Car Co. has	returned in 7	years\$191,20	0
\$1000 invested	Federal M	otor Truck Co.	has returned in	n 7 years\$78.78	2
\$1000 invested	n the Stutz	Company has r	eturned in 4 ye	ears \$45,00	0
\$1000 invested	n Paige-Det	roit Motor Co.	returned in 6 y	ears \$24,04	2
\$1000 invested	Reo Motor	Car Co. return	ned in 11 years	\$70,75	2
\$1000 invested	Ford Moto	or Co Canada,	returned in 11	l years \$434,87	8
\$1000 invested	H. H. Fran	nklin Mfg. Co.	has returned in	n 9 years \$15,81	3
\$1000 invested	Overland	Company has r	eturned in 5 ye	ears \$330,00	0
\$1000 invested	n Chevrolet	Company has	returned in 7 y	rears\$280,00	0

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WEST TEXAS PROSPERITY Then Jupiter Pluvius came. Then to 75 per cent of their inhabi-fall. the heading. When they were in ac. least not all land agents. Cattle- sands of petroleum. The Houston farm, ranch or merchandise with tened when rain comes to the West Texas is entitled to six adtion he was a stretcher bearer. Con- men suffered heavy losses, cotton Post prints the following editor- out thought of the past and the West Texas country.

The history of that great section keep their promise."

business people abandoning their teries." came incapable of sustaining the tly increasing population is the

spring months, West Texas is ber of homeseekers are people transformed. People and pros- who went out in prairie schoonperity are returning and the ers with the avowed purpose, plains are coming into their own. 'never to return'. They did not

during the last three years is ro- So rapidly are the settlers returning and bringing others with When the long drouth had be- them that there is a great scarcome unendurable for a large city of houses for homes and part of the population, last year business purposes and there is there was a hegira from the such a condition "as has not been West into the rain belt, thou-witnessed since the palmiest sands of thrifty farmers and days of the Oklahoma land lot-

homes and business enterprises. And the dispatch significantly Crops having failed and the adds that this wonderful transgrass burned up in the relentless formation of a deserted country heat of the sun the country be- into a commonwealth of constanpopulation, and only those who result not so much of the discovwere financially able to take an- ery of oil as of the splendid rains other chance with the West re- which have fallen throughout mained. Many little towns, ac- the winter and spring, assuring monwealth. All that was needed cording to news reports, lost 50 bountiful crops this summer and was the favor of the rain god.

came the discovery of oil. West itants, homes became vacant and The restoration of prosperity and smiled and now bumper har-West Texas had four drouth Texas has been soaked, soaked stores closed. The plains were in West Texas is greeted with a vests are promised. Texas is ceryears. West Texas had four lean continuously for months and dotted with "deserted villages". deep satisfaction throughout the tain to produce a bumper wheat as soon as the authorities would let years. West Texas had four years months. Thousands of investors But all that is in the past and remainder of the state. The counhim out of the hespital. That is the of scorching and four years of have invaded West Texas. They the West today presents a won- try needs the products of West crops of feedstuffs, bumper crops word received at Camp Travis by financial losses. There were thou- have let loose millions of dollars. derful, new scene. A dispatch Texas; needs the livestock, the of peanuts and pork. All the citisands driven from that section of They have invested additional from Abilene gives the picture: grain, the alfalfa, the poultry es of West Texas are booming Marine corps, who at the time of writ- the Southwest. Thousands lost millions in machinery, thousands of people are now and eggs and milk, and the many and growing. All the lands of a ing was at Melbach, Germany, near their all except their land. Hund- of buildings have been erected in coming into the West mostly by other agricultural products vast territory are being spotted Cohlenz. Sergeant Hockersmith says reds lost their land. They failed West Texas citites and towns and train. They seem to have their which come in such abundance by scouts and prospectors. Judge to make the payments. Land a- all that territory where men hope pockets lined with 'long green' in favorable seasons. The out- R. E. Huff of Wichita Falls has "We have a dandy 'Y' secretary gents are not humanitarians, at for the existence of the golden and they are starting out to look of the whole state is brigh- reminded the law-makers that

great scary tales which describ- West Texas is coming into its should be redistricted and justice some nineteen bullet holes in him, but Bankers suffered heavy losses. Thanks to the visits of the rain ed conditions here eight months own. West Texas promises to be should be done the men of the Merchants suffered heavy losses. clouds during the winter and the ago. And among this large num- the richest section of the com- West .- Fort Worth Record.

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Chicago went wet the other day three to one. Some of the whiskey soakers are gloating over the out come with the idea that a reaction has set in and "good old booze" will again flow like water. Not so. The rest of this great country is not near as crazy as that hell polluted

The Rosco Times editor now deposes to explain why he had a "crazy recollection," instead of a "hazy recollection." Old partner, you had it right. Any editor that even tries to have a recollec tion, for if you are people will soon accuse you of having a con science and that would be a dire calamity.

We had occasion to visit the beautiful little city of Snyder this week. We were agreeably surprised at the evidence of pros perity that already exists in that section and the wonderful us year after year. Hardly a day hopefulness of the brave people passes but that we receive subwho have withstood the drouth. scriptions from a distance as Grain is looking fine; they have well as the many constantly had good seasons and splendid coming in from the local comcrops are in prospect. The oil munity. The oil news is creating bug has also visited that section. Leases are increasing in value and oil is claimed to have been found a few miles southeast of the city.

Some of the giddy headed peo ple of America are taking to the dance as a means of entertaining the soldier boys upon their return. Now that will be a pleasing reception, wont it? Boys who have gone right down into the mouth of hell, with the flaming cannons roaring on every side, with thoughts serious and heart brave, will come home with a higher purpose than to be entertained by light-headed girls who have not the least conception of appreciation for the barve boys who have offered their lives in the defense of their

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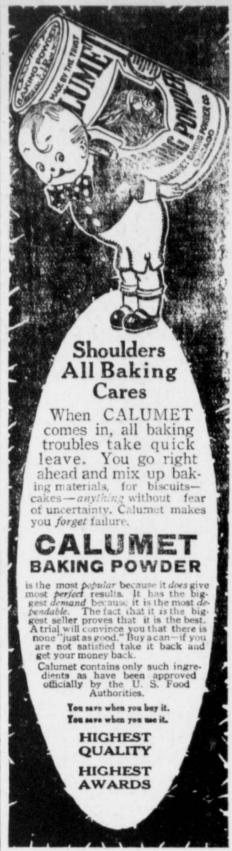
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drouth our subscription list has held up remarkably well. We are doing our best to get out a good paper. It is yet far from our ideals, but that our efforts are appreciated is attested by the fact that our subscribers remain with considerable interest.

The New School Board will assume its duties shortly. Grave responsibilities rest upon this body. The principal has already been elected. The teachers are to be elected at once. They should not be held in waiting. Then they are to deal with the question of increased salary. No first-class teacher can be expected to remain in Merkel at the present salary. Teachers are the poorest paid experts we know of. We trust more responsibilities into their hands than any other professional class of people. It is theirs to mould the character of the future generation. It is theirs to uphold the highest moral type of Christian character in our teaching forces. Previous boards have established a high precedent in this regard. We believe that no teacher This issue of the Merkel Mail should be employed in the Merhas the largest number printed kel Public Schools who is not will of any issue within twelve ing to line up wih one of the local months. More copies are sent out churches and become a regular through the local routes than attendant. A teacher that will when we took charge of the Mail not do this is not the kind of a two years ago. In spite of the teacher to be an example to the growing generation. Christian people want active Christian teacher over their children in the public schools; those who are not Christians surely do not object to the exemplification of the highest type of principles. Teachers are leaders in the community in which they teach. A grave responsibility rests upon them. They become the ideals of their pupils. We hope the board will not procrastinate in the selection

> of teachers for the ensuing year Card of Thanks

We thank our friends and neighbors who so kindly and patently assisted us in the last illness of our dear husband and father. May God's richest bless-

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sed his gratitude to us for the M. E. Church met at the home of suggestion made some time since Mrs H. C. Williams, on Tuesday that the gas mains be hooked up afternoon with Mesdames Willito the Chamber of Commerce so ams, Parker and Hollingsworth

once, for since then we have follows: Piano Solo, Mrs. Hol-

Reading, Mrs. McSpadden.

Then came the fun of having fuel, just tie on to our line. Yes. our picture taken, which proved

Jud Sheppard, Jones, Beene, Pue, Briggs, Godwin, Grimes, and Fresh bulk peanut oil at G M Mesdames Smith and Holt as visitors and the hostesses. All reported a delightful time.

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CHURCH NEWS

Methodist Church

After a two weeks absence we are back on the job and ready for business. Sunday School at o and preaching at 11 A.M. 8:45. It begins to look as if ed to \$24.45. spring was here so we think the With next Sunday we begin a o'clock. Let's see if we can't sey.

men can safely come to prayer meeting now without danger of taking cold. Try it once.

At The Baptist Church

Go-To-Church Sunday worked Subject for the morning hour, out well for us last Sunday, morning for Bible study fifty night for Dallas as a delegate to The Greatest Thing In The There were 245 in our Sunday seven in all the classes. The to- the Woodman Circle State Con- make the season 2 miles North- the family ever since. It is now World." The service for the even School, the house was crowded tal collection was \$21.75. ing hour will be at 8:45. Not new to the utmost limit, and matters Let every teacher and pupil Saturday. time or old time, just time. The ran to every-body's liking. The busy himself or herself in securprayer-meeting hour will also be Sunday School offering amount- ing new members for the classes

W. M. Murrell pastor.

At The Church of Christ

Benediction.

thing to come and see.

you're welcome always.

announcment.

The Denial of Him.

Prayer, Pastor.

Solo, Iris McClary.

Silent Prayer.

Song,

a Tittle.

E. E. Wawson, pastor.

Walter Jackson, supt.

The Pastors.

Sunday Evening Services.

Epworth League Program.

Responsive Reading, Ps 32.

The Confession of Christ, Let- Meeks

The Confession of Christ and

There were present Sunday

Piano Solo, Lola Armstrong.

each Sunday morning at 10 second hand furniture. J. T. Dar-

week of enlistment. Everything double the above attendance in will be in that direction. Sincere a month or two.

Hobab service? Well, that's the tions on the wounding to death Rev F. T. Johnson, of Trent. home where the greatest care

service, come for part of it, for time.

At The Presbyterian Church

Rev. J Wood Parker, of Canyon City will fill the pulpit at It has been agreed among the the Presbyterian church Sunpastors that the Sunday evening day, April 13. Sunday School at services will be held at 8:45 10 o'clock, new time. A cordial o'clock from this on until further invitation is extended to every one to attend both services.

> B. Y. P. U. 1 ogram April 13 Subject, Eve, the First Woman Scripture, Gen. 1:26-31. Leader. Miss Emma Houston. The First Woman, Hazel Bridg

The Frst Bride, Annie Mae Scripture, Romans, 10:9, Eveyn Barbee, Lillie Pratt Sears Swann

Piano Duett, Lillie Pratt and Lola Armstrong. Instrumental Solo, Rosa Laney The First Human Sinner, Ida Leader's Talk, Mrs. Perminter.

The First Exile, Letha Tittle. Piano Solo Nell Holloway First Mother, Salena Teaff The Denial of Christ, Wallace

First Mourner, Tom Allday. Cornet Solo. Earl Thornton Conclusion E. E Dawson Poem Loyce Dry

Mrs. J. M. Garrett left Sunday

Am in the market for all your

John Wesley Hill Dead

After a period of long suffer- came to the home of Mr and Mrs. invitation is given all the people Bro. W. G. Cypert was with us ing and patient waiting. John Chas Stevens the past week. It to attend these services from Sunday morning and evening. Wesley Hill passed away on has been named Velva Lee. It is Sunday to Sunday, at 8:45 each His subject for the morning was April 4 while at Sylvester, Buri- a mighty pretty child and father evening. Good music with diver-"What will be the new and pre- al took place in Rose Hill ceme- and mother are just as foolish se features will characterize each vailing religion since the war." tery at Merkel the following day, about it as any one could be. It is The evening address was a con- The funeral services were held useless to say their son, Silas, is tinuation of the same subject. at the Methodist church under the happies t little boy in town Next Sunday night we will He spoke ably and eloquently on the auspices of the Masonic ord- over his new sister. The little have a Hobab service. What's a this subject, going into Revela- er. The funeral conducted by, adopted girl has found a good

Our morning service begins at healing of this deadly wound. 1866. July 22, 1900, he was mar- she will find an opportunity in 10 o'clock and ends on the dot We had a good house at both ried to Miss Dora Rawlings. At this geart world. We are glad to at 12. This period includes both morning and evening to help us the age of about twenty years record the adoption. It shows the Sunday school and the enjoy these services and we in- he united with the Methodist that the foster parents are anxipreaching, but is all one service. vite everybody to come from church, and at the time of his ous to do some good in the world If you can't come for the whole time to time. Services on new death was a member of the Meth as they go along, and they feel odist church of Merkel. He was that they can render humanity O. J. Adcock. a member of the Masons, Odd a real service in this respect as Fellows and W. O. W.

> Surviving him are his widow, own home-life. Mrs. J. W. Hill and five children, Golan; his mother, Mrs. A. Maize, Feterita, Sorghum and Hill, Childress; four brothers, all kind of seed at Bob Martin's W. C. Hill, Golan; Emory Hill, Canton; Ben F. Hill, Santa Fe, N. M.,; Geo. M. Hill, Gorman; a who is representative of the The sister, Mrs. J V. Costephens, of Remington Arms Union Metallic

We extend our heartfelt sym- Mail a visit Monday. pathy to the bereaved.

TAKES ADLER-I-KA!

trouble. Lost 50 pounds and coul, part of the past week. The eat only liquid food. Began tak- Judge was taking the first vacaing Adler-i-ka and now weigh tion he has had in many a day. more than ever. Eat and sleep He came to look after his holdsplendidly." (Signed) George La- ings just east of Merkel. Speak-Fond, Little Falls, Minn.

sour stomach gas and constipa- stated that over half a centruy tion instantly. Removes all foul ago his grandfather was a blackmatter which poisons system.Of smith and wheel-dright. One day appendicitis. We have sold Adler wagon fixed. He said he had no of buckthorn, cascara, glycerine terest in land holdings in West Sanders Drug Store.

vention. She expects to return east of Merkel on my farm. I can worth quite a sum and the Judge take care if mares in my pas- thinks his grandfather made a ture. M. Armstrong.

G. M. Sharp.

A fine forty pound baby girl of the head of the beast and the Mr Hill was born February 18, will be taken of her and where well as bring happiness to their

F. L. Baker, Abilene, Texas, Cartridge Co., paid the Merkel

Judge Jas R. Hamilton of the Criminal District Court, Austin, "I had serious bowel and liver was a visitor in Merkel the latter ing as to how he came into pos-One dose Adler-i-ka relieves session of the land, the Judge ten cures constipation. Prevents a man came by and wanted his - i-ka many years. It is a mixture money, but would give a half inand nine other simple drugs .- Tefflas to get the work done. His ave3 grandfather did not want the jcb, but took it to help the party My Black Spanish Jack will out. The land has remained in 11t2c. good trade. The Judge is a very affable gentleman and made a Peace Maker flour is the best. number of warm friends while

TEACHERS SALARIES

The first matter emphasized for legislation by the Executive Committee of the Texas State Teachers' Association at its Austin meeting in February, was that of asking the Legislature to submit a constitutional amend ment to a vote of the people of the State authorizing the raising of the local tax rate for schoods in independent and common school districts from fifty cents to one dollar.

A resolution to this effect has now passed the Senate and at this writing is pending in the House. This measure offers the only relief possible in the matter of increasing teachers' salaries in a great number of the school districts of the State.

Cities which have assumed control of their schools may under the present law raise their tax for school support to any amount by a majority vote of the property tax paying voters of the city. Common school districts and independent districts of fewer than 500 scholastics in the State will receive two million dollars a year for the next two years, part of which will be used to pay better salaries to teachers This leaves the independent districts of more than 500 scholastics with valuations which in many instances is very difficult to do. The amendment should pass, thereby giving all the schools of the State the right to receive from their constituents the support necessary for their proper maintenance.

Better salaries for teachers is the most fundamental need of the public schoods of Texas at this time. Reports which I have received indicate that salaries of teachers have been raised from 10 to 15 per cent during the last four years while living expenses with respect to food and clothing, which are the articles most largely bought by all teachers, have increased approximately 83 per cent. Increased in nearly all lines of labor in the

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GARDU

The Woman's Tonic

She writes further: "I am in spleadid health . . can do my work. I feel I owe it to Cardui, for I was in dreadful condition." If you are nervous, rundown and weak, or suffer from headache, backache, etc., every month, try Cardui. Thousands of women praise this medicine for the good it has done them, and many physicians who have used Cardui successfully with their women patients, for years, endorse this medicine. Think what it means to be in splendid health, like Mrs. Spell. Give Cardui a trial.

matter of wages has probably kept pace with the increase in the cost of living, and in some cases has even exceeded it. This is noticeably true among the mechanics, carpenters and ordinary helpers in railroad shops under Federal Railroad Administration. The poorest paid worker in the Cotton Belt shops in Tyler receives \$81.00 per month.

These employees receive their salaries for twelve months in the year, while the teachers receive a salary for only nine months

salaries for twelve months in the year; while the teachers receive a salary for only nine months and are expected to wear good clothes, board at a high class boarding house and attend school at least every third summer. The average salary of the school teachers in Texas is a little more than \$400,00 a year.

The teachers are patriotic

The teachers are patriotic and duty loving people. They are also self-sacrificing, but they have grown sick and tired of the patronizing policy of the public in speaking of their wonderful services and in expressing the sentiment that they are the most important and the poorest paid class of people on earth. Such talk does not pay bills and does not enable teachers to have that peace of mind and spirit of contentment at a casental to the protein mind and spirit of contentment at a casental to the protein minds.

Thousands of the profession and the sands more still as a to the situation and are made to feel that they must pay for good services in school work as in other lines.

The community that demands the best training for its teachers and prepares to pay for the best will be found forging to the front in edu cational matters and in matters of reconstruction in this new age, and the community that fails to do this will fine itself taking the back seat in so far as human welfare is concerned—President T. H. Shelby in Texas State Teachers Associa-

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Derricks Wrecked.

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nposed of National Guards-1 from 27 states, and the 1 division to land in France, the first divisional movement troops for home from the American aera of occupation.

Three trains will leave the station here daily until April 11 when the tail-end of the Rain bow will see the last of the Rhine It is estimated that the entire division will be on the Atlantic a few days later.

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How Diphtheria is Contracted. The Proof That Merkel Readers | Austin, April 7 .- Governor | One often hears the expres-Hobby vetoed the bill today pro- sion, "My child caught a severe posing to authorize the prison cold which developed into diph-What could furnish stronger commission to lease prison lands theria," when the truth was that Mulkey, well known evangelist Doan's Kidney Pills have brou- equipment and labor and can ob- germ. If your child has a cold 70 years old. tain all the oil produced, it will be when diphtheria is prevalent you Grateful endorsements should in my opinion a better plan than. should take him out of school Rub the joints with Ballard's prove undoubtedly the merits of lease under the usual conditions, and keep him off the street until Snow Liniment to relieve rheuthis remedy . Years ago people the governor explained. He will fully recovered, as there is a matism. It penetrates the flesh right in this locality testified to take up the question at the speci- hundered times more danger of to the bone conveying its sooth-

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We think this idea of the singsong of saving is a practical idea that is likely to induce more tnan one person to put his money into thrift stamps rather than fling it to the birds. Certainly, we hope so. For to the man who saves come opportunities denied the man who epent all. The man who saves is an asset of city, town or country in which he lives while the man who spends all isan economic liability and is not unlikely to become an active menace.

Saving the coin merely to gloat over the accumulated treasure is, of course, an ignoble dis ease rather than a healthy exercise; but saving the coin in order to be able to discharge honor able obligations; to buy the home to give the children proper advantages-this is a mode of conduct that approaches, if it does not quite deserve, the name of a

The man who can sing a song of sixpence and save regularly is the man you see over here with a happy smile on his face. That other fellow with the despondent frown it the one who en- gages in the well know pastime of throwing money at the moon. It never comes back to earth.

A prudent mother is always on the watch for symptoms of worm in her children. Paleness, lack of interest in play, and peevishness is the signal for White's Cream Vermifuge. A few does of this excellent remedy puts an end to the worms and the child soon acts naturally.—Sold by Sanders

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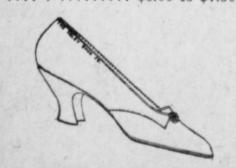


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Beautiful patterns in all the new spring shades.

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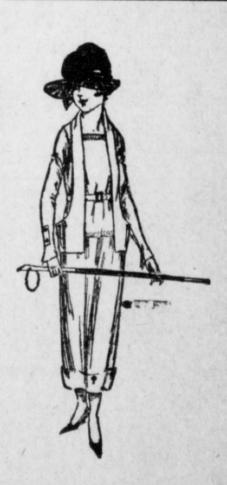
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