

A SUGGESTION

Those who DO NOT do
business with

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

will find it to their advantage to talk to those
WHO DO

Think it Over---There's a Reason

SOLDIERS RETURN TO THE FARMS

The majority of soldiers who entered the Army from farms are returning to them immediately after receiving their discharges from military duty, according to reports from farm-help specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. This furnishes the brightest spot in a situation that is not yet entirely satisfactory, but that promises steady improvements, although there is still no indication of a decided movement back to the farm by men who were attracted from food-production work by high wages in industrial pursuits.

Figures Refute Statement

Careful surveys made in Army camps by the department's farm help specialists furnish ample proof to refute statements that have appeared in the press that from 75 per cent to 90 per cent of the men who were called by the Army from the farms are not returning to them. In a Virginia camp the specialists found that during the first three weeks in April 98.2 per cent of such men discharged actually returned to the farms. During the week ending April 5 the specialists interviewed 2,021 men at this camp. It was found that 933 were from farms and that all but 15 of that

number intended to return. During the following week 2,108 men were interviewed. It was found that 691 were from farms and all but 14 intended to return. The next week 716 men were interviewed. Of this number 364 had formerly been employed on the farm and all but 5 intended to return.

These figures are the actual result of personal interviews with each man. It was found also that a number of men who had previously been engaged in other occupations expressed a desire to take up farming. During the three weeks mentioned 2 per cent of the men discharged and who were not farming when they entered the Army intended to take up farming.

Summer Complaint Quickly Relieved

"About two years ago when suffering from a severe attack of summer complaint, I took Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy and it relieved me almost instantly," writes Mrs. Henry Jewett, Clark Mills, N.Y. This is an excellent remedy for colic and diarrhoea and should be kept at hand by every family.

Judge and Mrs. W. P. Mahaffey and family have at last become full-fledged citizens of Merkel, at least for the present. They rented the Sheppard house on Oak Street and moved in from Abilene the past week. We are glad to welcome them here. The Judge has practiced law in Merkel for sometime, but on account of his children being in school deferred moving here until now.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

LOSS OF APPETITE

As a general rule there is nothing serious about a loss of appetite, and if you skip a meal or only eat two meals a day for a few days you will soon have a relish for your meals when meal time comes. Bear in mind that at least five hours should always elapse between meals so as to give the food ample time to digest and the stomach a period of rest before a second meal is taken. Then if you eat no more than you crave and take a reasonable amount of outdoor exercise every day you will not need to worry about your appetite. When the loss of appetite is caused by constipation as is often the case, that should be corrected once. A dose of Chamberlain's Tablets will do it.

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

Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

Established 1904

☞ This Bank has built up a large business among the substantial citizens of this community by obtaining their confidence through Satisfactory banking service.

☞ If you desire careful and intelligent banking service that you can count on and that will prove mutually profitable, we invite an interview concerning the facilities of this Bank.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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Henry James, Vice President
Thos. Johnson, Cashier
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C. P. Warren

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Zoe West received a telegram Sunday from Luther Grimes announcing his arrival in America. He expects an immediate discharge.

Car of blacksmith coal just received. Crown Hardware Company.

Mrs. J. T. Warren returned several days ago from a visit to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Coit of Waco. Little Henry Warren Coit, her grandchild accompanied her home and is quite the idol of the family. . . .

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

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boney a fine 10-pound boy. Mother and son are doing nicely. Mr. Boney is about the biggest man in town this week. The baby was born on their wedding anniversary, June 9, 1919 at 12 o'clock N.

Bring your eggs to W. P. Duckett and get 30¢ a dozen. W. P. Duckett. tf

Mr. and Mrs. Howett Johnson and son, H. L. Jr., of Wharton visited Mrs. Johnson's sister, Mrs. Walter Jackson, and family this week. They formerly resided in Abilene, but have been in Wharton some months.

Summer Complaint in Children

There is not anything like so many deaths from this disease now as before. Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy came into such general use. When this remedy is given with castor oil as directed and proper care is taken as to diet, it is safe to say, fully ninety-nine out of every hundred cases recover. Mr. W. G. Campbell of Butler, Tenn., says, "I have used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy for summer complaint in children. It is far ahead of anything I have ever used for this purpose."

News for The Trade

Dry Goods, Shoes - Clothing -

Prices are being advanced. Some lines in staple dry goods have been marked up 2½c to 6c per yard in past two weeks.

Goods on the Merkel market for the next two months will be much cheaper than you can get them in other towns. Bad crops and nothing to create prosperity caused many goods to be carried by our selves and our neighbors.

A HINT TO THE WISE

If you have the cash you had better buy all you can and as quick as you can. Frankness in keeping you posted is the reason for the above statement.

The Brown D. G. Co.

LOCAL NEWS

A. C. Rose acts as though his wife was away from home.

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

Miss Myrtle Saffel of Plainview is visiting her sister, Mrs. Willie Joe Largent.

Try American Beauty Flour. You will like it. Crown Hardware Company

Tom Largent is sporting a new Hupmobile. We expect to hear of him being arrested for speeding any time.

Fresh candy, cake and bread at the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Arthur Thornton left a few days ago for Burkburnett, where he has accepted a position as bookkeeper with a hardware firm.

White Swann syrup at G. M. Sharp's Grocery Store

Mrs. Thomas Bearden received a telegram several days ago advising her that Mr. Barden had landed in America and expected an immediate discharge. Mrs. Bearden left Tuesday to join her husband in Fort Worth.

For the best Bread buy American Beauty Flour at the Crown Hardware Company

NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern:
Trent, Texas.—

June 1, Contracts and all previous oil Leases from this date stand forfeited on the following Described land: Taylor County Abstract No. 84, Block 19, Section 32, 64 acres; Block 19, section 34, 10 acres; Block 19, section 38, 80 acres

Nolan County adjoining 40 acres; Jones County Section 32, 200 acres. All parties are hereby warned not to purchase or sell or barter in any way without legal authority. D. S. Howell.

BIG BUSINESS AND THE PUBLIC

For many years politicians have obtained popularity by attacking the large business interests of the country. These attacks were generally based upon isolated cases of wrongdoing by a few corporations or of small groups of exploiters who had obtained temporary control of some transportation line or industry. It was the habit of the politicians to seize upon these outstanding examples of corporate transgressions and to magnify them to the greatest extent possible while concealing all the great and beneficent services which many corporations were rendering to the public.

It thus came about that gradually the people grew to look upon every industry of large proportions as a monster monopoly engaged in exploiting the public and at the same time oppressing the laborers and producers.

For a long time the great industries of the country remained silent under the attacks above mentioned, which caused the people to conclude that these accusations were true and unanswerable. And worse yet, many people regarded this silence in the nature of a contemptuous indifference toward public opinion, and this greatly tended to aggravate the hostility of the people toward the big business enterprises of the country. This hostility did not stop with personal expressions of opinion, with attacks in the newspapers and magazines or with mere declaration in political speeches and platforms. It was soon translated into legislative acts and administrative decrees, together with court actions in some cases, which restricted the conduct of large business undertakings by private enterprise and even threatened the extinction of some important concerns.

Finally the executives of the railways and of the more important industrial organizations awoke to the necessity of taking the people into their confidence and telling them the facts of the situation. They saw that if their organization and methods of operation were honorable and sound, the American sense of fair play could be relied upon once the truth was fully presented and understood.

Clearly the attitude of the public toward what is generally called big business will depend, in the last analysis, upon the practices of big business itself. If those practices are economically unsound and especially if they are unfair or dishonest, they will be condemned, as they should be. But, on the other hand, if they rest upon sound principles, and are regardful of the public interests and of labor, they will be sustained by public opinion.

While it is proper that all evils with which big business—or little business, for that matter—may be charged should be brought to light and corrected, it is equally important and in the public interest that the valid services which the great industrial establishments are rendering should be recognized and protected from unjust Governmental restrictions originating in public prejudices created without regard to the facts.

The attitude of the Government toward business, and the relations of labor and capital—these constitute problems of immediate and transcendent importance, and there can not be too much of candid discussion of these weighty matters, so that the situation of all parties in interest may be fairly presented and well understood—conditions indispensable to a just determination of the grave problems which we must face without delay.—The Bankers Magazine.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. All Drugists, 7c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Paint-Paint-Paint

Now is the best time of the year to paint. We have paint for all purposes—outside and inside wood work, floors, porches, etc. \$1.00 invested in paint adds \$2.00 to the beauty of your home.

RUGS

We have just received a shipment of the prettiest Rugs we have ever shown, come see them.

REFRIGERATORS

How about that Refrigerator? We still have a few we bought last year and can save you money on them.

PORCH FURNITURE

Several sets of porch furniture, consisting of 1 Rocker, 1 chair, 1 settee and table. We will make a special price on these sets for the next 10 days.

WILL GET IT FOR YOU

Our furniture stock is complete. We can save you money on any thing in our line. If we haven't what you want, we will get it for you.

Barrow Furniture Co.

PROSPERITY IN OIL

New York, June 6.—More new oil companies were organized last May than in any single month since the outbreak of the European war, reflecting the tremendous boom that is now under way in that industry. If this pace is kept up throughout the remaining months of the current year, the 1919 total of new oil concerns will far exceed the previous high record established in 1917. The monthly average of oil capitalization to date this year is more than \$20,000,000 higher than in that year.

The compilation maintained by the Journal of Commerce, shows that last month 199 new oil companies were chartered with a total authorized capitalization of \$202,305,000. This compares with the previous high monthly record of \$163,000,000 established in February, 1916, and is almost double the indicated investment for April of this year, which amounted to \$104,469,000.

In the next five months of this year 110 oil companies have been organized with an aggregate authorized capital of \$472,966,000, comparing with 385 companies representing an indicated investment of \$212,062,000 in the corresponding months of the last year. During the entire year of 1918 only 820 oil companies were launched and their aggregate authorized capitalization appeared as \$430,480,000.

ADLER-I-KA AGAIN

"I had a bad case of constipation, gas on the stomach, and other bowel trouble. Twelve hours, after I took Adler-i-ka I felt better and after continuing I consider myself CURED." (Signed) E. H. Beeman, Calispell, Wash.

Adler-i-ka expels all gas and sourness, stopping stomach distress instantly. Removes all foul matter which poisons system. Of ten cures constipation. Prevents appendicitis. We have sold Adler-i-ka many years. It is a mixture of buckthorn, cascara, glycerine and nine other simple drugs. Sanders Drug Store. Adv-5

ANNUAL STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Workers from all Denominations expected in Galveston June 21—24

The forty-fifth annual State-wide Sunday School Convention for all denominations will be held at Galveston, June 21, 22, 23, 24.

Special rates of one fare and one-third will be on sale, Friday, June 20th, good for ten days. The fine program and attractiveness of Galveston at this season will assure a large attendance. Come by railroad or auto parties.

Much interest is shown throughout the State. North Texas delegates are planning to go in special cars, leaving Dallas, Friday night, June 20th. Other sections should do likewise.

Saturday will be spent in sight-seeing, recreation, sunbathing, and a probable banquet on the beach, Saturday night. Sunday delegates will attend Sunday Schools and preaching services and great mass meeting, afternoon and night. Monday and Tuesday regular Convention sessions will be held including addresses, conferences, educational and departmental meeting in which many noted speakers from Texas and other States will have a vital part.

Every Sunday School of Texas should be represented by the Pastor, Superintendent, Departmental Leaders, Officers, Teachers and Pupils. Schools and Organized Classes should pay the expenses of delegates, if necessary as it will prove a fine investment.

Workers interested will be help along lines of the Cradle Roll, Beginners, Primary, Junior Intermediate, Senior, Young Men and Women, Men and Women Home Department, Teachers Training, Missions, Temperance, Home Visitation, Rural School Work, Community Problems, Week Day Activities, New Religious Educational Program,

Week Day Bible Study, Organization, Management, Administrative Leadership, Architecture, Equipment, Educational Exhibit and many other features.

Delegates desiring hotel and boarding house reservations should address Rev. D. B. Titus, Special Chairman, Galveston. Address other inquiries to Texas Sunday School Association, 408 Hughes Bldg, Dallas.

M. H. Wolf, President; W. D. Bradford, Executive Chairman; E. C. Routh, Vice Chairman; S. J. McFarland, Treasurer; Frederick Eby, Educational Chairman; Nehemiah Wiggins, General Superintendent; and three hundred other State Officers.

Teething babies always have a hard time of it when this process occurs in hot weather. They not only have to contend with painful gums but the stomach is disordered, bowels loose and the body uncomfortable. The best help you can give the little sufferer is McGee's Baby Elixir. It corrects sour stomach, cools and quiets the bowels and helps digestion. Sold by Sanders Drug Co.

Telephone and Telegraph Wires Returned.

Washington, June 5.—Postmaster General Burleson today issued an order returning the telephone and telegraph systems of the country to private ownership, effective immediately.

In a statement accompanying the formal order, the Postmaster General declared that the existing rates would remain in effect and that orders forbidding discharge of employees because of union affiliations also will stand.

If you have the itch, don't scratch. It does not cure the trouble and makes the skin bleed. Apply BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. Rub it in gently on the affected parts. It relieves itching instantly and a few applications removes the cause thus performing a permanent cure. Sold by Sanders Drug Co.

Thrift is not necessarily a habit but a conviction. Get convinced now and buy. W. S. S.

PREPARE GINS NOW

Hundred of thousands of dollars are lost to Texas farmers annually through poor ginning of cotton. This loss to farmers benefits nobody. It is so much value destroyed.

A part of the responsibility for this rests upon ginners and a part upon farmers. Poorly equipped and improperly operated gins lower the grade of cotton and reduce its selling price. Like wise, carelessly picked and carelessly handled cotton results in lower grades and lower prices.

In picking cotton care should be taken to keep out leaves, burrs and trash. Seed cotton should be thoroughly overhauled and put in good condition at this season. It is highly desirable that local farmers organizations appoint a gin committee to confer with ginners and see to it that gins are in proper condition to handle the crop promptly and efficiently. Much of the large quantity of low grade cotton now on the market is the product of poorly equipped and improperly operated gins. The difference in the price of the different grades is so great that the lowering of a farmer's crop one or two grades may mean financial disaster, while the raising of the grade may mean a profit on his year's work.

Farmers who have planted good seed of improved varieties of cotton should arrange now for keeping their seed from being mixed with inferior varieties at the gin where several farmers in a neighborhood are growing one variety of cotton and all have planted pure seed, they should arrange for ginning days for that variety. Otherwise they should arrange to have the roll dropped, the breast cleaned and have the seed run out on a wagon sheet on the floor.

Particular attention should be given by farmers and ginners to the ginning of good staple cotton. To avoid cutting and nepping, the speed of the saws should be reduced and the feed so regulated as to keep the roll soft. A hard or tight properly ginned, should command a premium over shorter staple varieties.

See us for your hoes and files. Crown Hardware Company.

WRIGLEY'S
Is Sealed!

LOOK for the sealed package, but have an eye out also for the name **WRIGLEY'S**

That name is your protection against inferior imitations. Just as the sealed package is protection against impurity.

The Greatest Name in Goody-Land—

The Flavor Lasts

WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT CHEWING GUM
WRIGLEY'S DOUBLEMINT CHEWING GUM
WRIGLEY'S JUICY FRUIT CHEWING GUM

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If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

PATRONS OF THE MAIL who do not receive their paper regularly will confer a favor upon the management by reporting the fact. You should also watch the label of your paper to ascertain when your time is out and renew before your name automatically leaves our list, as all papers stop when the term of subscription expires.

Righteous living is an economic asset to the industrial life of the community and a balm to moral integrity.

A man will suffer any hardship any privation, any danger to protect a woman against anything, but himself.

Some men think that they are upholding the traditions of Southern chivalry when they oppose woman suffrage.

It is said that Germany plans a revolution. That is all a mistake. The news is belated. She has already had one.

We believe in equal rights to men and women, and therefore think that as long as men are permitted to carry their chewin' tobacco she should not be molested in carrying her powder puff.

And the peace treaty leaked out. The leakage was found in Chicago, the windy city. We think there is little use worrying about, for as it came from Chicago nobody would have believed it any way.

Carranza had his opportunity. With a steadfast purpose, he plunged into the dark night of revolution, from which he arose crowned with a hero's glory. But alas! The day has found him wanting, the tides are turning against him, and history will have to write of him that he was not equal to the time in which he lived.

The Kaiser goes down in history as the greatest monster of any age. Had Germany won he would have been the greatest man of history. It was a big gamble. He played it and lost. He may have figured it out that he would be different from any other man to say the least, and further that he would never be forgotten, even though the world rings with the curses of him.

Some complaint is being made about speeding on the streets of Merkel. It is alleged that a few of the young men of the city take advantage of the night and the absence of a city marshal to defy the law. These young men are simply acting the fool. It is no credit to them or to any one else to defy the law in this manner. It is cowardly in the extreme, belonging to that particular phase of the criminal nature that would stab a man in the back in the dark. There is not a citizen of Merkel big enough to be condoned in the willful breaking of good and wholesome laws. We believe the city dads will do their full duty at all times and feel sure the law-abiding citizens will stand by them. Speeding on the city streets must stop.

Car of blacksmith coal just received at the Crown Hardware Company

When a Woman Considers

the small amount of baking powder it takes to make a cake—when she compares the small cost of the baking powder with that of the other materials used, when she appreciates the difference there is in flavor, texture and wholesomeness—there is only one decision and that is

DR. PRICE'S CREAM Baking Powder

Made from Cream of Tartar derived from grapes
Contains No Alum—Leaves No Bitter Taste

CHURCH NEWS

At the Baptist Church.

Things picked up in the Sunday school last Sunday and went fine. Summer adjustments are being made and things will soon be running on summer schedule. Most folks are like a flivver—they have to adjust themselves to each season as it comes on.

The regular services will be held next Sunday at their regular times. Morning service starts at ten sharp and closes on the dot at noon. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. B. F. Tatum has graciously agreed to fill the pulpit. It will be good to hear this ripe-souled saint as out of a rich experience of service and grace he brings his messages.

Juniors and Sunbeams at 3 p. m., The B. Y. P. U. at 5 p. m. The evening service will begin at 9 sharp.

Keep open ears next Sunday for the announcement concerning the circulating library that the church is installing. Get in on it. It will mean a blessing to you.

Cordial welcome to everybody to worship with us in any of our services.

E. E. Dawson, Pastor.
Walter Jackson, Supt.

Methodist Church Notice

Another good day last Sunday both in church and Sunday School continues to grow both in numbers and interest, come and join us, if not already interested in some other school. Time 9:45. Preaching at 11, A. M. Subject for the morning hour will be "Just God And Me" At the evening hour the subject will be "Taking The Measure Of Every Member Of The Church". Come and get yours.

W. M. Murrell, Pastor

Epworth League Program

Leader, Lorena Dry
Prayer, Mrs. Permenter
Song
Scripture Reading 2. Cor 8:1-15
Mason Pee.
Vocal Duett, Annie Mae Costphens, Bess Tucker
Leader's Address, Lorena Dry
The Law of the Tithe, Mable McNeese.
Song.
Systematic Giving, Eva Knight
Third Assistant's address, George Moore
Announcement Song, Prayer.

Scarcity of Teachers Serious

Washington, June 10.—American schools are facing a serious problem because of a lack of teachers, P. P. Claxton declared today in asking Congress for additional appropriations of \$2000,000 to conduct his bureau for the next fiscal year.

Fifty thousand schools of the country are without teachers because of enlistments in the army and other activities, he said.

For Weak Women

In use for over 40 years!

Thousands of voluntary letters from women, telling of the good Cardui has done them. This is the best proof of the value of Cardui. It proves that Cardui is a good medicine for women.

There are no harmful or habit-forming drugs in Cardui. It is composed only of mild, medicinal ingredients, with no bad after-effects.

TAKE

CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

You can rely on Cardui.

Surely it will do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women! It should help. "I was taken sick, seemed to be . . ." writes Mrs. Mary E. Veste, of Madison Heights, Va. "I got down so weak, could hardly walk . . . just staggered around. . . I read of Cardui, and after taking one bottle, or before taking quite all, I felt much better. I took 3 or 4 bottles at that time, and was able to do my work. I take it in the spring when run-down. I had no appetite, and I commenced eating. It is the best tonic I ever saw." Try Cardui.

All Druggists

J. 70

ANOTHER GOOD RAIN

The great Merkel country had another good rain Sunday night, amounting to 3/4 of an inch. Monday night there was a shower amounting to 1/5 of an inch. Both rains are fine for feed crops and cotton, and they fell so nicely that no damage was done to the grain crop.

PL. McClary and little daughter, Vanilah, spent a couple of days this week in Fort Worth and Handley.

We have a good house for sale cheap. It can be torn down or moved. Make fine granary or barn or addition to house.
Merkel Realty Company.



Woodstock Typewriters

Standard keyboard, smooth running, easy touch, with latest attachments.

BEST MACHINE ON EARTH

We have exclusive agency. See us for terms

MERKEL MAIL

NOTICE OF LEAVE To Users of Franco American Hygienic Goods

Owing to failing health I regret that it has become necessary to leave my work for a while. However, I have tried to anticipate the needs of my customers and am leaving sufficient goods to supply them until I return. Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth will fill all orders at her home after July 1st. —Phone 275.

JULIA COTTON, Franco American Hygienic Agent.

ROAD WORK IN PROGRESS

Sanders Bros. are on the job in earnest. Grading is being pushed east of Merkel preparing to graveling. The road is to be graded up nicely and well gravelled. It will not be long until Merkel can boast of one of the best highways in Texas. This is to be Highway No. 1, and it can not be built in too good a manner.

NOTICE TO FRIENDS OF HOTEL

From date of this notice all meals served at Woodrum Hotel will be 75 cents for dinners and suppers each.

Will be glad to serve you at all times. Thanking you for your patronage and solicit your future trade.

Woodrum Sisters.

When Going Away For the Summer

With the coming of warm weather in the city folks retreat to cool seaside, mountain or country, with never a thought for the family cat, often a pet, left behind with no provision for her life or comfort. Left to fight against hunger, thirst and loneliness, for on hot city streets and alleys water is not obtainable. They are haunted with the perpetual fear of their natural enemies, boys, dogs, etc. Cats are intense lovers of home and their owners, and when bereft of both by the going away of the family, their helplessness, indecision and homesickness are pitiful in the extreme. How can any one enjoy a moment's peace at the lovely seaside or mountain, knowing that the loving family pet that trusted them is homeless, thirsty hungry and perhaps chased by cruel boys and dogs, bent on their death in horrible fashion. Either provide for them while away or take them with you or kill them so they will not be a menace to the town or community—Word and Works.

INSURANCE

We have several good lines of Fire and Tornado Insurance. Figure with us.

Merkel Realty Company

Farm Loans AND Farm Insurance

Our farm land loan facilities are the very best. On good land we can handle your loans quickly.

We have just made arrangements to take on a line of insurance covering farm buildings. We can write you a policy and deliver it immediately. Protect your property against fire.

W. O. BONEY

Only ONE out of 147 does it!

There are actually, over 147 brands of cigarettes sold in this country. But, not one of them does what Chesterfields do, for Chesterfields do more than please the taste—they touch the smoke-spot—they let you know you are smoking and—they satisfy!

It's all in the blend—a blend of fine selected TURKISH and DOMESTIC tobaccos—just the right kind and the right quantity of each.

There never was a cigarette that grew faster in popular favor because no cigarette ever gave such value.

Prove it! Smoke a Chesterfield fresh from the moisture-proof package.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.

Chesterfield CIGARETTES

—of Turkish and Domestic tobaccos—blended



This is the package with the moisture-proof jacket that keeps Chesterfield's original freshness and flavor intact.

They **SATISFY!**

Study Agricultural Courses
Of the 1.8 per cent of the soldiers who had been on farms previously to entering the Army and who did not intend to return the reason given by 1 per cent was that the men were disabled and therefore unable to do heavy farm work. At least half of this number are taking up vocational courses in agriculture which will fit them for a class of farm work which does not require hard physical effort. Practically the entire remaining eight tenths per cent had been farming with their parents or were tenants and considered it too late to farm this year as other help had been secured.

A similar report from the farm-help specialist in charge of the work at Camp Gordon, Ga., shows that during four weeks in April 3,291 farmers were discharged from the camp. Of that number 83 were directed to situations on the farms in Georgia, while 2,342 said they were returning to their jobs or homes on the farms, and the remaining 866 did not desire to go back to farm work.

At another camp 30 farmers were personally interviewed, and 29 stated that they were going back to the farm immediately on receipt of their discharge.

A regular morning operation of the bowels puts you in fine shape for the day's work. If you miss it you feel uncomfortable and cannot put vim into your movements. For all bowel irregularities HERBINE is the remedy. It purifies, strengthens and regulates. Sold by Sanders Drug Co.

Lost A Coat
One, W. P. Duckett, deposes and says that he has lost a coat; his Sunday coat; the only coat he has, and he is very anxious to find it. If any one has found it and does not need it worse than Mr Duckett does, the finder will please return the coat to the owner and receive his thanks. It was lost last week. He didn't have a coat for Sunday.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

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

The Problem Of Sex Education In Schools
The war has made the people of the United States face frankly the whole problem of sex education. The greatest cause of disability in military life, according to the statement of Surgeon General Gorgas of the army, has been the venereal diseases. Through a program of education, recreation, prevention and treatment adopted in the army camps these diseases were greatly reduced. But this has not solved the problem.

According to the estimates of the Surgeon General of the army one man contracted venereal disease after entering the service to five before entering it. This fact brings home the truth that these diseases form a public health problem for civilians to solve in peace as well as in war.

The loss in fighting men has been especially serious, but it is not nearly the whole loss. The diseases, being highly contagious have entered homes and marriage relations. Women and children, not knowing the cause, have suffered from them for generations. Innocent young wives, previously healthy, have been mutilated by necessary surgical operations, some have been made invalids, many have remained childless, and others have lost, life itself. Babes have been born dead, crippled or defective, others have become blind a few hours after birth. Men thinking they were cured by patent remedies have been visited years later by terrible maladies—sterility paralysis and insanity. No army and no nation can attain to its full vigor when its young men are weakened by venereal disease, when its women are barren, and when its children are defective. It seems inconceivable that with this menace of our national life, now made terribly clear, it should longer be neglected.

Medical men working among the troops found that there is gross ignorance and miseducation on the whole subject of sex in life. Thousands act on the mistaken belief that sex relations are necessary to health. Large numbers think that one of the sex diseases especially disastrous in its effect upon innocent women is "no worse than a bad cold." Most of these men a few years ago were boys in the public schools and in the homes of our country. Their ignorance and their diseases are largely

the products of the theory that children are to be kept in a blessed state of ignorance and innocence. The test of war has shown this taboo to be a hideous mistake.

The Old System.
Children are naturally curious regarding the facts of reproduction. Only an abnormally dull child can grow up without a vivid interest in the wonderful drama of the renewal of life he sees about him and without experiencing the natural impulses and emotions of adolescence. And so a vast underground educational system has been in operation. Ignorant nurses hear-say and unreliable gossip of companions, advertisements of quack doctors and patent medicines, lurid motion pictures and personal adventures are its teachers.

A careful and extensive inquiry among young men reveals the following facts:


1. A large majority of boys get their first permanent impression before the age of twelve. Many before the age of twelve. Many testify to the unfortunate effect of these early impressions received from older boys and undesirable sources. One man writes: "It was bad in that it led me to look upon sex as nasty and not to be spoken of to my parents." Another says: "It made me think of nothing but sexual indulgence, and every girl that passed was thought of in a vulgar manner." Many men express bitterness against their parents for having failed to give them clean, helpful information.
2. The ideas received from improper sources have often led to some form of sexual practices most often between the ages of twelve and fifteen year.
3. Instruction in the past generally has been about four to six years too late. When it has been given at all by parent or teacher it has been helpful even though crude and meager. One young man writes: "I think Dr. B.'s lecture would have come in very handy about the age of ten or twelve. It certainly woke me up. Since then I have been trying to subdue a passion acquired at the age of thirteen." Another says: "It gives me a deep sense of responsibility for the protection of womankind." It is hopeful to note that the combination of half-truths and vileness forming the old system has of late years frequently been partially corrected at a point late in the teens by some sound instruction from a teacher or older friend.

Though no such extensive investigation has been made regarding the influence on young girls of miseducation, such information as has been gathered shows that early sex practices are probably more common than most fathers and mothers would be willing to believe.

The most apparent result of this failure to educate children about sex functions is the needless worry and suffering among thousands of them over such normal processes as nightly emissions and menstruation. The business of quack doctors and patent medicines it built largely on this youthful ignorance.

But the study quoted from above and many other observations show just as clearly that the failure to give early sound instruction results in sex practices which, too often, are the first steps in a career of immorality and resulting venereal diseases. Although sex education aims at more than the elimination of venereal diseases, it is a necessary part of the national fight against that very serious menace. Public health officers, who are constantly coming in touch with the victims of these diseases, are realizing that one of the principal means of reducing the number of cases is positive sex instruction among the young. Some of the cases coming into their venereal clinics are mere children whose acts in contracting the disease can be ascribed only to their pitiable ignorance, for which their elders not they, are responsible.

Most boys and girls are naturally clean and wholesome. They are ambitious to be vigorous and manly, or womanly. If they are dealt with honestly and intelligently, if their education includ-



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es the wonderful facts of reproduction and sex explained in a simple manner, if sound and wholesome interests and amusements are offered them, they will see in sex a source of the richer and fuller life they are all seeking, they will respect motherhood and fatherhood, they will regard marriage as one of the most sacred relationships of life.

Scope of Sex Education
To eliminate all the sex evils that threaten us and to build up a system of sex education that will help produce the manhood and womanhood we desire, is an extremely difficult task. Although the most important facts concerning the hygiene of sex can be given in a single talk or interview with a boy or girl at the age of thirteen or fourteen, the subject as a whole is much broader. It includes the whole process of reproduction and nurture of children, the meaning of marriage, prostitution, venereal diseases, illegitimacy and the hygiene of sound recreation. These cannot be taught at one time or place. They must be given at appropriate periods from early childhood to mature manhood and womanhood. And to be thorough, this education must be accomplished through the cooperation of the homes, the churches, the schools, the press, clubs and societies.

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SOLDIERS MAKE SIXTY MILLION VISITS TO Y.M.C.A.

Stupendous Figures Given Out by Southern Department Headquarters—Religious Meetings Popular.

Stupendous figures showing something of the activities of the Army Young Men's Christian Association in the Southern Department during the year ending April 30, 1919, have just been compiled at Southern Department headquarters at San Antonio, Tex. The Southern Department embraces the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Arizona, and according to the figures submitted to Executive Secretary H. H. Simmons by Business Secretary L. G. Williamson, the total attendance at Y. M. C. A. buildings during the year was 60,212,823—or equivalent to more than half the population of the United States. Statistics are based on daily reports covering each of the 365 days during the year just closed.

A most remarkable showing is made by the religious work department, a very positive refutation of the claim on the part of some people that the soldiers dodge religious services. During the year, according to the report, there were 18,092 religious meetings with an attendance of 2,719,719. The movies, with a total of 10,997 showings, had an attendance of 3,914,681. By way of explanation, it is said that it is only fair to admit that many religious services were held immediately after the movies, thus getting the benefit of the movie audiences. It is well known that motion pictures draw attendance as no other amusement feature.

Among the outstanding figures embraced in the report, under the head of the several departments of Y. M. C. A. work, are the following:

General—Attendance at buildings, 60,212,823; amount of postage stamps sold, \$1,022,246.48; money orders sold, \$1,986,006.92; envelopes given away, 31,106,170; pieces of mail handled, 10,212,755; comrades in service committees organized, 2,061; number of men serving on these committees, 6,581.

Social—Number of entertainments other than motion pictures, 16,453; total attendance at same, 5,473,412; number of entertainers participating, 45,865; motion picture programs, 10,997; attendance at same, 3,914,681; socials, 538; attendance at same 78,641.

Physical—Number participating in compulsory athletics, 892,174; participating in formal athletics, 639,278; participating in informal athletics, 2,951,704; total spectators at above, 6,637,461.

Educational—Number of class meetings, 44,382; class attendance, 951,907; soldier-teachers, 13,408; civilian teachers, 5,435; text-books distributed, 11,910; pamphlets, 1,806,707; lectures, 88,727; attendance at lectures, 2,613,923; books loaned, 136,761; total volumes in library, 203,784.

Religious—Religious meetings, 18,092; attendance at same, 2,719,719; Bible class sessions, 9,913; soldier and sailor leaders at same, 4,497; attendance at same, 213,571; meetings of inner circles or prayer circles, 327; attendance at same, 7,537; normal training class sessions, 255; attendance at same, 1,679; Christian life work decisions, 967; Christian decisions, 71,175; Scriptures and portions distributed, 384,027; other Christian literature distributed, 816,944; personal Christian interviews, 201,169; visits to sick, 593,404.

INCREASE NUMBER OF "Y" WORKERS

Five Months After Armistice Signed Welfare Body Has 8,350 "Over There."

Five months after the signing of the armistice the Young Men's Christian Association had 8,350 workers overseas, according to an official statement issued by the national war work council of the association. The figure shows an increase of 726 workers since last November, indicating that the Y. M. C. A. has strengthened its forces, despite the return of troops to America, to meet the greater need for its work that came with the end of the fighting.

Of the total number, 5,528 are men, a small portion of whom are directing the "Y" overseas work from the Paris headquarters, while the great majority are scattered from Archangel to Rome, and from Vladivostok to Brest and London and the north of Scotland. There are 2,187 women workers abroad. Most of these are helping to give pleasure to the men who go to the Y. M. C. A. leave areas, on the Riviera, at Aix les Bains, at Caunterets in the Hautes Pyrenees, and elsewhere. More than 40 are assisting in the motion-picture entertainment of the troops.

In the overseas entertainment bureau of the war work council there are 635 men and women workers abroad. Of these, 352 were recruited by the Overseas Theater league workers—125 men and 227 women. The remainder, 283, were enlisted by the "Y" entertainment section.

Since the beginning of its overseas work, the Y. M. C. A. has sent 11,229 men and women abroad—8,338 men and 2,891 women. Of these, 2,645 men and 234 women have returned, eleven were killed in action, three died of wounds and 56 from disease and other causes.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs Robt. Mackelroy of Rogers is visiting Miss Mamie Rister.

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

W T. Curtis of Dallas visited friends in Merkel last week.

Laundry agent at Pate's Barber Shop.

Miss Jewel Pate is spending a few days with Miss Madge Hale at Trent.

Try American Beauty Flour. You will like it. Crown Hardware Company

John G. Jackson of Abilene was a visitor in the city Wednesday.

When you are in need of a service car, Call Pat Jones. Phone 119. 23t4p

J. C. Mason returned Tuesday from a trip to Fort Worth, Dallas and other points.

Robbin Red Brest Meal at G. M. Sharp's Grocery

E. W. Dennis is still right sick, but is thought to be on the road to improvement.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

Miss Dota Garoutte left a few days ago for El Paso to be at the bedside of her sister, who is very ill.

Screen against the flies. We have the wire. Crown Hardware Company.

Charlie Pennell of Trent received his discharge from the army and returned home this week.

Try one of those skinned hams at Bob Martin's Grocery Store.

Melton Pate left a few days ago for Eastland where he has accepted a position in a Barber Shop at that place.

Bring your clothes here to be cleaned and pressed. Will give you quick and good service. Mrs. C. L. Cash. Phone 180

Dr and Mrs. O J Shaffer left Thursday morning for their home in El Paso, after visiting relatives here for several days

Car of blacksmith coal just received. Crown Hardware Company.

Mrs M. G. Wallin and children of Cushing, Okla., is visiting her mother and sister, Mrs Ponder and Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Plenty of Robin Red Breast meal at Bob Martin's Grocery

H. A. Parris of Corpus Christi came in Wednesday to visit his sister, Mrs. J. J. Stalling.

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

J M Jones of French Pasture returned from Corpus Christi a few days ago. He says they had plenty of roasting ears, cotton blooming etc. Says this country looks mighty good to him.

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One lot hair bow ribbons in morie, grosgrain and fancies, values to \$1.00 the yard, choice for the week **49c**

Childrens Hose

One lot childrens half hose, colors black and tan **15c**

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELBCTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 5th day of July 1919, at Castle Peak School Building in Common School District No. 26 of this county as established by order of the Commissioners Court of this county, of date the 12th day of February, 1914, which is recorded in Book G pages 74 of Minutes of said Court, to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpaying voters of that district desire the issuance of bonds on the faith and credit of said Common School District, in the amount of \$2400 the bonds to be of the denomination of \$100 each number consecutively from one to 24, with option of redemption after 10 years from their date, both inclusive, payable 20 years from their date, and bearing 5 percent, interest per annum, payable annually on April 10th of each year, to provide funds to be expended in payment of accounts legally contracted in constructing and equipping a public free school building of wood material within said District and to determine whether the Commissioners Court of the County shall be authorized to levy assess and collect annually, while said district sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and county and who are resident property tax payers in said district, shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Said election was ordered by the County Judge of this county by order made on the 28 day of May 1919, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated the 4th day of June 1919.

J. S. Bond,
 Sheriff of Taylor County,
 Texas.

Miss Willie Toombs who has been right sick, is up and about.

Misses Mary Campbell and Eunice Russell left Friday morning for Simmons College.

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

Miss Prim of Roscoe visited Mrs. Elmer Lowe the past week Mrs Lowe accompanied her home and will remain there several days.

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Sgt. Major Yates Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs E. N. Brown, received his discharge and returned home this week. He is feeling fine and expects to remain here some time.

O. A. Horton was a visitor in the city this week, having just returned from Galveston. After a visit with relatives here he will go to College Station to enter School.

KILL THE BLUE BUGS And all Blood Sucking Insects by feeding Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Sanders Drug Store. 9My6m

S T Anderson reports six or eight farms badly damaged by hail last Saturday. The damage started about Salt Branch school house and extended two or three miles east. The grain crops are considered damaged about one-third. Some cotton will have to be planted over. It is believed feed crops will grow out. They had a good rain Sunday and Monday nights.

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Sheriff and Mrs. Bond were visitors in Merkel Monday, their daughter, Lena, having been up here several days, returned home with them. Accompanying her was Pearl Motley, who also returned with them.

A Correction
 A short time ago when we published a list of the honor pupils, in some manner the name of Ruth Wells for first honors of the Eighth Grade was omitted. The error was made in the office as we find the name was turned in with the list. We gladly make the correction.

Uncle Joe Harris is mighty spry and has a smile that will not come off. Upon inquiry, we found that Mrs. Harris had returned from a several months visit to her daughter at Groesbeck and he was now eating out of a clean plate. Their daughter, Mrs. Bertha Duckett, returned with her Another daughter, Mrs S. A. Duckett of Snyder is visiting also, and so is Mrs Ada Watkins a niece of Electra.

John Dew and his mother returned to their home at Nubia a few days ago. He says he has a good grain crop and will put in a nice acreage in feed. They had a good rain Sunday and Monday nights. He has already started the Merkel Mail his way.

Misses Sophia and Dixie Howard left Tuesday afternoon for a visit to relatives in Dallas and Hillsboro They expect to be away several weeks.

Fred Guitar, T G. Bragg and E. M McDonald went out Tuesday afternoon to shuck wheat on Mulberry. It is alleged that they remained too close to the water to do much shocking, but the way they pulled catfish from the muddy water was shocking to the fish family. We didn't ask them about their catch as we do not like to tempt our friends into statements that might have to be labeled "A Fish Tale."

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CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

Bulwark Against Bolshevism.
 "Girard's Talk of the Day" in Philadelphia Press: It is probable that more people own United States bonds than own any other security on earth. There were 65, 000, 000 subscriptions to the five Liberty bonds. Of course millions of persons bought all five, and millions more bought more than one issue.

But eliminating all such duplicate purchases, it is likely that at least 20, 000, 000 different people now own a bond.

When that many folks hold a first mortgage on their country, you need not lose any sleep worrying about the Bolsheviki.

Car of blacksmith coal just received at the Crown Hardware Company

FRANKNESS
 E H Cary, head of the world's largest industrial enterprise, declares that if there had been frankness instead of secrecy and underground wire-pulling in 1914, the war could and would have been avoided.

Nations are emerging from the "dark ages" of secret, stealthy plotting and scheming.

If nations are finding it prudent to drop their old-time secrecy, if business concerns are

now adopting a frank attitude toward their stockholders and the public, does it not behoove the young man of ambition to ponder well the advantage of frankness and the disadvantage of secretive ways?

Frankness pays—ask the ex-Kaiser what the wages are of secrecy and intrigue and double-dealing.

Also, the person who possesses the habit of being entirely frank enjoys life infinitely more than the one who has to think twice before opening his mouth lest he contradict some previous misstatement or give a clue to something going on, of a questionable nature, under surface.

The frank person treads a firm bridge crossing a river; the secretive person charily steps from stone to stone.

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