

MERKELS LARGEST BANK

STATEMENT

Farmers State Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business June 30, 1919

RESOURCES

Loans	\$278,893.24
Banking House	8,150.00
Other Real Estate	1,242.80
Furniture and Fixtures	3,850.00
Stocks, Bonds and W. S. S.	704.04
Assessment & Int. Guaranty Fund	3,494.89
CASH AND EXCHANGE	74,028.01
	\$370,362.98

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	31,668.65
DEPOSITS	193,111.67
Rediscounts	20,582.66
Bills Payable	90,000.00
	\$370,362.98

The above statement is correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

Note our Increase in Deposits—Ask our customers—There's a Reason

AMERICAN DEAD MAY BE RETURNED

Washington, July 19.—Thirty-five million dollars is proposed as an appropriation in a bill today introduced by Representative Hudspeth to cover the cost of returning from Europe the bodies of American soldiers, but only instances of where the return is requested by the relatives. The Government, under the bill, would pay the cost of transportation to the point designated by the relatives.

The Government has adopted no policy with reference to return of the bodies, and soon after the armistice was signed former Attorney General Gregory went to France under a commission of the War Department to work out the legal phase of the situation, which it was understood, involved the policy of the French Government with respect to bringing their dead from the battlefields. It was indicated that if the French people demanded the return of the bodies the cost would almost bankrupt the Government.

Many people in this country are content to allow their relatives to sleep where they fell, yet there is considerable of a demand for the return of bodies so they may be reinterred in the family burial lot. There will be many instances where the bodies can not be recovered.

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive, Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

FIND CARRANZA SOLDIERS DEAD FOLLOWING RAID

Washington, July 18.—American troops have crossed the Mexican border twelve times within the last six months to repulse Mexican raids, and on various occasions have found the bodies of Carranza troops, the Senate was informed today by Senator Fall, Republican, of New Mexico.

Senator Fall said the action of the American troops was not generally known and that they were handicapped by orders not to take any action that might result in controversy with the Carranza Government.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

MINE EXPLOSION

Kimball, W. V., July 18.—Twenty one men were killed and a score injured in a gas explosion in a mine of the Tazewell Creek Coal Company this noon. More than 100 men were working in the mine at the time. Seven bodies had been recovered up to 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. Rescue parties are digging for fourteen bodies buried under wreckage at the mouth of the mine.

Surgeons agree that in case of cuts, burns, bruises and wounds the First Treatment is most important. When an Efficient antiseptic is applied promptly, there is no danger of infection and the wound begins to heal at once. For use on man or beast, BOROZONE is the IDEAL ANTISEPTIC and HEALING AGENT. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. Sold by Sanders Drug Store

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DeVerle Johnson, Asst. Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Will Patterson and children are spending several days in Fort Worth, Dallas and Ranger.

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

Rev. W. M. Murrell, pastor of the Methodist church at Merkel, was shaking hands with Clyde friends Saturday.—Clyde Enterprise.

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

Mr and Mrs. A R Cox left Sunday for Mineral Wells where they will visit their son, S. M., for about thirty days.

Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days

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

Frank Milligan returned to Merkel from oversea service last Friday. He is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. G. Leach. He, like all the other boys, don't like France very much. Mr. Milligan will likely resume the telegraph business at once.

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 that 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. Chamberlain's Colic and Diar-

LOCAL NEWS

The Merkel Mail was called on this week for nearly 100 copies extra of last week's edition. Most of the copies went north and east to prospective lease investors. Hardly a week passes but that the Mail is called upon for extra copies.

Look clean and comfortable at all times by keeping your clothes clean and pressed at The Cash Tailor Shop. Phone 180.

Miss Opal Ruth Brackeen, who went as a trained nurse to France, has just returned, and is spending a few weeks with relatives in Merkel and also her father, J. A. Brackeen, who resides in the Merkel country.

MARTIN'S SCREW WORM KILLER

Kills Worms, keeps off flies, heals wounds. 6 oz bottle 35cts. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Your Druggist 9My6m

FOR SALE—Four head of good work stock. See Roger Grayson, Trent, Texas. 25t1p

You Do More Work,

You are more ambitious and you get more enjoyment out of everything when your blood is in good condition. Impurities in the blood have a very depressing effect on the system, causing weakness, laziness, nervousness and sickness.

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value.

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The Strength-Creating Power of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC has made it the favorite tonic in thousands of homes. More than thirty-five years ago, folks would ride a long distance to get GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC when a member of their family had Malaria or needed a body-building, strength-giving tonic. The formula is just the same today, and you can get it from any drug store. 60c per bottle.

FALL IN

We have many dollars worth of mid-summer apparel for men, women and children extremely low priced, quality considered. Our variety is complete in silks, organdies, voiles, both in plain and fancy. Crepes, suitings, tissues, colored wash fabrics, batiste, curtain scrim, table damasks, etc.

In fact, everything that is needed

Come Here to do Your Shopping
No matter how small your wants may be, it will be a pleasure for us to show you.

"Home of Good Merchandise"

The Brown D. G. Co.

VICTORY FAIR HELPS SWINE INDUSTRY

\$5,500.00 IN PREMIUMS ANNOUNCED BY SECRETARY STRATTON OF STATE FAIR

Swine breeders will have every reason to feel that their industry has been given adequate attention by the Directors of the State Fair of Texas, at the Victory Exposition, Secretary Stratton said a few days ago.

Premiums aggregating \$5,500.00 have been offered. Enthusiasts predict that the swine industry in Texas will very soon rank among the chief money-making industries of the great Southwest. The State Fair of Texas is doing its part to hasten that day.

Many additional special prizes will be offered. Among them are the American Poland China Record Association Futurity, the Standard Poland China Record Association, the Futurity of the American Berkshire Association, the National Duroc-Jersey Record Association Futurity, and specials from the Armstrong Packing Company of Dallas, J. J. McLain of Anna, Texas, the American Tamworth Swine Record Association, the Chester White Swine Record Association, and the Flowerdale Farm of Dallas.

The American Duroc Association of Chicago is financing a promotion club show to be put on during the 1919 Victory Fair.

Entries are being made from all parts of the country. It will be a great show.

\$25,000.00 BEING SPENT ON STATE FAIR GROUNDS

GROUND AND BUILDINGS SPICK AND SPAN FOR VICTORY EXPOSITION

A glimpse behind the scenes at the great State Fair of Texas was enjoyed by the writer recently in a trip over the grounds and buildings with Secretary W. H. Stratton.

First we visited the coliseum, where all was bustle and activity. Skilled workmen were busy constructing an entire new set of elaborate scenery. A new drop curtain has been painted by a well-known artist. It depicts "Victory," with soldiers marching through a Victory arch.

At the grand-stand, where the hippodrome, spectacular and pyrotechnic displays will be held, improvements are being made. About 1,000 loads of dirt are being placed, covered with gravel and macadam, so as to make a hard-surfaced walk in front of the stand. A double row of boxes, and a new band-stand are being added.

The race track is soon to be regraded for the auto races. The evacuation of Camp Dick has necessitated many repairs, alterations and improvements. The renovating will include a new coat of paint for all buildings on the grounds. A steel arch at the southern turn of Grandstand Drive is to be erected. The paint itself makes the buildings look fresh and attractive, seeming to beckon one to enter and view the wonders within the walls.

The eight buildings formerly used as barracks at Camp Dick are being remodeled for the Boys and Girls Educational Encampment, so as to provide commodious and comfortable quarters for the young folks.

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED IN TEXAS COLLEGES

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS ENCAMPMENT AT VICTORY FAIR

The boys and girls of Texas will have greater representation than ever before, at the Victory Fair. Forty thousand boys and twenty thousand girls of the State of Texas are now competing for free entertainment there. This they are doing through their work in the Boys and Girls clubs, under the direction of the A. & M. College of Texas and the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Plans are being made to house six hundred boys and three hundred and fifty girls in new commodious, comfortable quarters at the Victory Fair this fall, at the Educational Encampment.

The County Agents supervising their work report the boys are making great progress in raising corn and poultry, and the girls in poultry raising and home demonstration work.

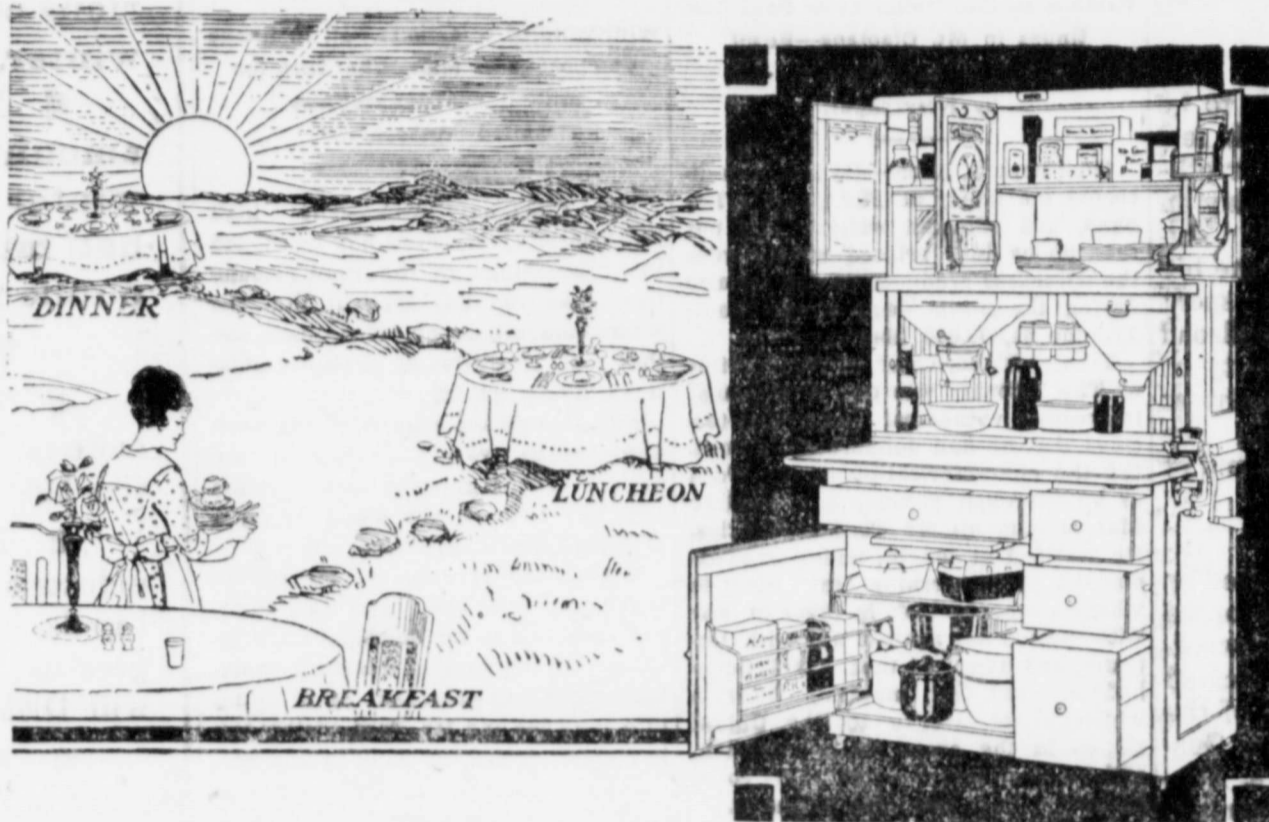
Appreciating the vital importance of this work, scholarships in leading Texas colleges have been donated by several public-spirited Texas business concerns, as follows:

Titche-Goettinger Company, and the newly organized L. H. Lewis (Wholesale) Dry Goods Company, both of Dallas, each offer a scholarship to some girl club member, in the College of Industrial Arts at Denton.

Sears, Roebuck & Company of Texas, and T. B. Truitt (of Truitt's Improved Cottonseed) Ennis, Texas, each offer a scholarship to some boy club member, in the A. & M. College, or some of the Junior Colleges of Texas. Awards will be made to the young folks attending the Encampment at the Victory Fair.

HOOOSIER

— the Kitchen Cabinet that saves miles of steps



SAVE A MILE OR MORE EACH DAY

As you journey through the day, from breakfast to dinner, do you think of the miles you travel, the hours you spend and the motions made? And do you know that a large part of this energy is wasted, foolishly spent?

The Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet was made to correct this evil. It will save many steps and many minutes every hour you use it. Within this attractive labor saving cabinet are centered the supplies and utensils needed. And you sit restfully while at work. Don't forfeit the best part of your days in needless toil.

SELECT YOUR HOOSIER NOW

A complete stock of Paints, Oils and Varnishes, Wall Paper and Canvas. How about that new Rug you have been needing so long? Now is a good time to buy. Our stock is complete and prices are reasonable. Come in and let us show you our new arrivals in Furniture.

Barrow Furniture Co.

INDIAN RELICS ARE UNEARTHED

Excavations at Several Points Being Made Under Direction of University

Austin, July 18.—That Texas is wonderfully rich in Indian relics, some of them dating back many centuries, is shown by the results that have already been accomplished in the exploration of Indian mounds during the past few months. This work is being carried on under the joint

direction of J. E. Pearce, professor of anthropology in the University of Texas, and the Smithsonian Institution of Washington, D.C.

R. Bedichek of faculty of the University of Texas began excavating Indian mounds near the Round Rock, under the direction of Mr. Pearce a few weeks ago. He unearthed a large quantity of bones pottery and other relics of the red men. Mounds of

a different type situated near Liberty Hill are now being excavated by Mr. Bedichek that promise to yield an unusually interesting array of Indian implements and utensils. This work will be continued systematically until many of the most ancient mounds of the state have been explored. It is expected that this research work will result in much new light being thrown upon the life of the Indians of Texas in the early days.

Spokane, Wash., July 17.—Unfavorable weather and lack of fire fighters in western Montana and northern Idaho served today to create what was characterized by federal forest service officials as a situation "potentially the worst since the holocaust of 1910."

Fire fighting crews were retreating before wind driven walls of flame that threatened timber livestock and even human

lives. Reports were received today of a destruction of ranch houses and livestock and other homes were said to be in the path of the flames.

Worms interfere with the growth of children. They become thin, pale and sickly. Get rid of these parasites at once if you would have healthy, happy cheerful children. WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE destroys worms and benefits the whole system. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Regulars Will Be Massed on Border

Washington, July 18.—Sufficient facilities for the care of practically all of the Regular Army are being prepared along the border. Cantonments are being built, and old Army posts rehabilitated, with the prospect that as fast as the Regulars return from France, they will be sent to the border until practically the entire Army is mobilized there. The cavalry will be used for patrol duty.

The War Department, in announcing last night the organizing of the new National Guard, ruled that an infantry division, until the Regular Army basis is determined by Congress, shall comprise the following: One division headquarters, two brigades of two regiments each, one field artillery brigade of two regiments of seventy-five and one regiment of light field howitzers one regiment of engineers, one field signal battalion one cavalry regiment, one ammunition train, one supply train and one sanitary train.

Stings or bites of insects that are followed by swellings pain or itching should be treated promptly as they are poisonous. BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT counteracts the poison. It is both antiseptic and healing. Sold by Sanders Drug Store

CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

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

THE LESSON OF THE PAST

We can not know what the years may hold,
Nor know where our paths may lead,
But the past stands out, as a scroll in gold,
And all who will may read.

The spirit stern of an old drouth saint
"May all those waste who dare,"
And the kindly voice of a Sand Storm's wrath,
Is whispering low "Take ears."

'Tis great to be on the topmost crest,
When the wave, success, rolls in,
But it's hard to scrimp, with our cash "gone west",
And think "What a fool I've been."

Pastures of Plenty we sometimes find,
But often a barren range.
The years will bring to the thoughtful mind,
The message that life is changed

Is it joy and gain? Is it loss and pain?
That into your life is cast?
Stand fast, or endure, for the one thing sure,
Is this, it will not last.

NORA BILLINGSLEY.

When the baby is suffering the double affliction of hot weather and bowel disorders, the remedy needed is McGEE'S BABY ELIXIR. It reduces the feverish condition, corrects the stomach and checks looseness of the bowels. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

DALLAS FAIR CATALOG

We acknowledge receipt of a copy of the State Fair of Texas catalog, "The Victory Fair," to be held at Dallas, October 6 to 19. The work is of unique pocket size, containing 180 pages, neatly bound and attractive. The Fair has a splendid program on for this year, promising to make up for the omission of the fair last year.

TYPEWRITER CHEAP

We have a good No. 5 Oliver typewriter for sale for \$25. If you want a good, substantial machine, now is your opportunity. Merkel Mail.

CALLED HER FAMILY TO HER BEDSIDE

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

Royse City, Tex.—Mrs. Mary Kilman, of this place, says: "After the birth of my little girl...my side commenced to hurt me. I had to go back to bed. We called the doctor. He treated me...but I got no better. I got worse and worse until the misery was unbearable...I was in bed for three months and suffered such agony that I was just drawn up in a knot... I told my husband if he would get me a bottle of Cardui I would try it... I commenced taking it, however, that evening I called my family about me... for I knew I could not last many days unless I had a change for

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

Do you suffer from headache, back-ache, pains in sides, or other discomforts, each month? Or do you feel weak, nervous and fagged-out? If so, give Cardui, the woman's tonic, a trial.

J. T.

CHURCH NEWS

At The Baptist Church
The Sunday School will meet at its regular hour Sunday morning—ten o'clock. We want all our folks on hand on the dot. We will close in ample time to get to the Tabernacle for the preaching service. Let's make a good showing Sunday morning and try to get that medal that is being offered by Brother Sloan.
E. E. Dawson, Pastor
Walter Jackson, Supt.

Mrs. Sallie Crowder and Mrs. Hattie Jobe of Snyder, Texas are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Leach this week and attending the meeting.

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

FREE PROOF TO YOU

Not One Penny Will Rich-Tone Cost You if it doesn't prove of genuine Worth in your Case

You are to be the Judge—if this famous tonic—if it doesn't bring to you new energy a splendid appetite, restful sleep, peaceful and quiet nerves—if it doesn't destroy that tired feeling and build you up then Rich-Tone will be free to you, it will not cost you anything—NOT ONE PENNY.

YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF to try this marvelous remedy. You OWE IT TO YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS to be strong well happy bright of eye brisk of step ruddy of cheek able to go about your work with a smile on your lips.

On each bottle is plainly printed, "Money cheerfully refunded if not entirely satisfactory, and your own local druggist will let you try Rich-Tone on this money-back guarantee.

One user says, "I was run down after a bad case of 'flu.' Was in bed four months and under the care of five doctors had nervous prostration and could not sleep and ate very little. I got a bottle of your wonderful tonic Rich-Tone and am now eating three times a day and I sure sleep sound I can't say enough for your wonderful tonic Rich-Tone. It is worth its weight in gold I has saved me \$50 or \$60 as I was going to Mineral Wells, but I do not need to go now—thanks to Rich-Tone."

Rich-Tone makes more red corpuscles enriching and purifying the blood. It contains all of the elements that are needed most in maintaining strength and vigor. Rich-Tone rests the tired nerves—restores appetite induces healthful sleep—it gives you all those things which mean energy and wellbeing. Get a bottle today on our money-back guarantee. Sold locally by Sanders Drug Store. 187c.

SPECIAL SUMMER BARGAINS

200 pairs women's and children's low cut shoes, values from \$2.00 to \$5.00, on sale at

\$1.00

150 pairs men's low cut shoes at greatly reduced price. See our Bargain Counter for exceptional bargains this week.

Bargains in Summer Pants

See us for Groceries The Best Flour on Earth

The STAR STORE

BACK FROM BIG MEETING AT DALLAS

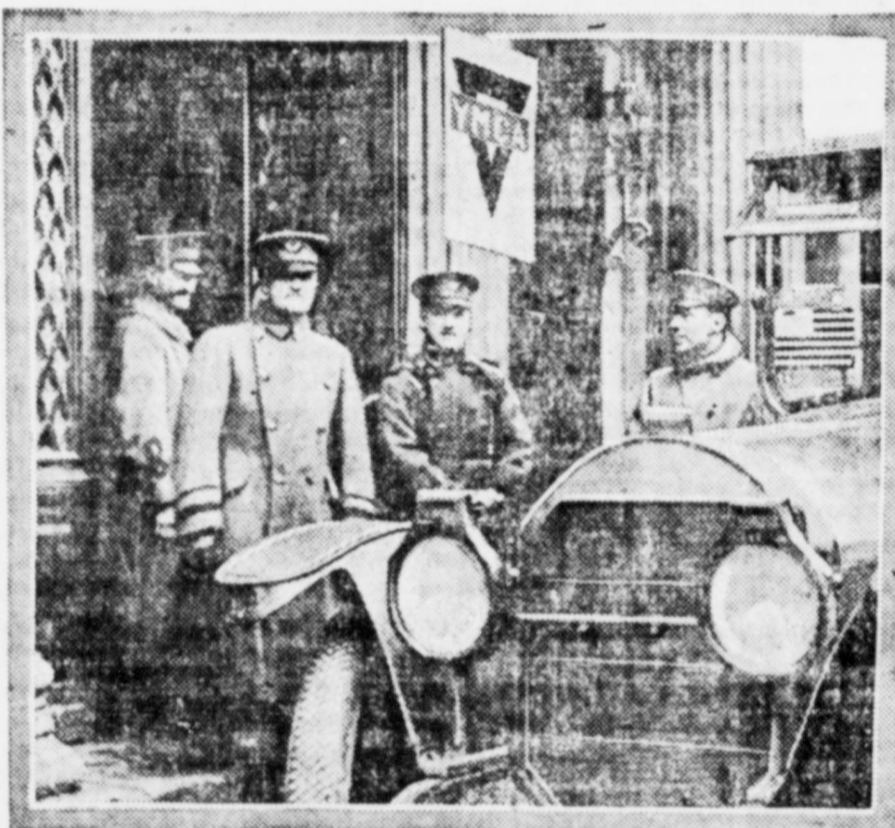
Pastor E. E. Dawson is just home from Dallas and gave the Mail the following interview: He has been made district director of publicity in the Baptist 75-Million Campaign:

"The 75-Million Campaign is a big thing. It means that Texas alone is to raise about sixteen million dollars for denominational concerns in the next five years. It means an increase in our denominational giving of three hundred per cent.

"Yes, it will be put over, for the whole denomination in Texas is for it as it has never been for a program. The very bigness of it will appeal to the heroic spirit of the people, and they will rally in a triumphant way. The meeting at Dallas this week was for the purpose of working out details and training the district organizers and publicity men. More than two hundred attended it, coming from all parts of the state.

"The plan is to ask each church to organize clear through and subscribe a definite quota to the campaign. The week from November 30 to December 7 will be known as Victory Week, and during those eight days the whole Baptist denomination in the South will work at one task until the 75-million dollars is subscribed. Between this time and Victory Week a campaign of information and enlistment will be vigorously pushed into the

PERSHING VISITS "Y" HEADQUARTERS



General John J. Pershing, American expeditionary force commander, leaving Y. M. C. A., Palais du Glace, Paris, where he congratulated every woman worker personally.

General Pershing's inspection of the Y. M. C. A. canteen, which was unannounced, took up an entire morning and he expressed himself satisfied with the results. At several places he surprised the men at their luncheon. At the Palais du Glace, where 25,000 Americans eat daily, the first intimation that the diners had of his presence was when the orchestra played the "Star-Spangled Banner," and they looked about to find the commander in chief of A. E. F. standing at attention.

He interrogated a number of the soldiers about the food and the prices, and exhibited the most minute interest in everything pertaining to their welfare. At the Hotel Rochester, a Y. M. C. A. hostelry on the Boulevard Courcelles, he learned with surprise that any private soldier could get two eggs for his breakfast. This was something generals frequently had experienced difficulty in doing.

To the American women workers at the Palais du Glace he said: "I want to tell you that I appreciate what the American women are doing over here. It means a great deal to the army to have the right kind of American women here doing the work you are doing. Not only is it good for the soldiers, but for you, too. It gives you a new perspective on the work of men, and on the war."

LOOK OUT FOR THE CARS

DO YOU know of anyone who is old enough to read, who has not seen that sign at a railroad crossing?

If everyone has seen it at some time or other, then why doesn't the railroad let the sign rot away? Why does the railroad company continue to keep those signs at every crossing?

Maybe you think, Mr. Merchant, "Most everybody knows my store, I don't have to advertise."

Your store and your goods need more advertising than the railroads need to warn people to "Look Out for the Cars."

Nothing is ever completed in the advertising world.

The Department Stores are a very good example—they are continually advertising—and they are continually doing a good business.

If it pays to run a few ads 'round about Christmas time, it certainly will pay you to run advertisements about all the time.

It's just business, that's all, to **ADVERTISE** in THIS PAPER

There's a "V" in every War Saving Stamp If you don't believe it, look again. Or hold W. S. S until maturity and be shown

"DIP THAT CHICK"

"Dip that chick!" It isn't just for the sake of making a rhyme for "dip that tick," either. Dipping chickens is likely to become more general than dipping cattle, because the chicken louse is a more widely-distributed insect than the cattle tick. The "dip" consists of 1 ounce of sodium fluoride to the gallon of water, which should be at a temperature of 70 to 85 per cent." The dipping should be done on a clear warm day—never on a cold day. The old way of getting rid of chicken lice was by dusting with dry sodium fluorid. It was effective, but in case of large flocks it was slow and wasteful, a great deal of the dusting material being inevitably lost. Experiments in dipping were begun by the United States Department of Agriculture in the laboratory of the Office of Insects Injurious to Domestic Animals, Bureau of Entomology, at Dallas, Texas. The experiments proved successful, and the results promise a sure and speedy means of getting rid of one of the worst pests of poultry.

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You can rest assured that the best bargains may be obtained from those who advertise their wares. Patronize our advertisers

Don't Take It For Granted

that just because you are in business, everybody is aware of the fact. Your goods may be the finest in the market but they will remain on your shelves unless the people are told about them.

ADVERTISE

if you want to move your merchandise. Reach the buyers in their homes through the columns of THIS PAPER and on every dollar expended you'll reap a handsome dividend.

Best Investment

The best Investment you can make would be fixing up the old home place and painting it with

Low Brothers High Standard Liquid Paint

—the investment paint. It improved its appearance wonderfully and added hundreds of dollars to its value.

If you are lucky enough to own one of those well-built old homes, don't let it grow shabby. Clean up the lawn, prune up the shrubbery and paint the house with HIGH STANDARD. Let us show you the colors that will look best.

Burton - Lingo Co.

CAN YOU BLAME "YANKS" FOR MIXING CENTS AND CENTIMES?

In the early part of the war, the overseas Y. M. C. A. canteen price lists looked like this:

Bull Durham	1 oz. bag	20 cent.
Dukes Mixture	1 oz. bag	25 cent.
Lucky Strike	2 oz. bag	20 cent.
Prince Albert	1 oz. bag	30 cent.
Prince Albert	2 oz. bag	60 cent.
Tuxedo	2 oz. can	60 cent.
Velvet	2 oz. bag	50 cent.

Later in the war the price lists looked this way:

(For the convenience of those not familiar with French currency, a parallel column has been added showing the amounts in United States currency)

	French (Centimes)	U. S. (Cents)
Bull Durham	1 oz. bag	30
Dukes Mixture	1 oz. bag	35
Lucky Strike	1/2 or 2 oz. can or bag	10
Prince Albert	1 oz. bag	35
Prince Albert	2 oz. can	65
Tuxedo	1 oz. bag	35
Tuxedo	2 oz. can	65
Velvet	1/2 or 2 oz. can or bag	10

Many people will probably wonder what proportion of the stories about overcharging by the Y. M. C. A. can be traced to this early omission of United States currency on the lists. The "30 cent." stood for thirty centimes, or five cents in U. S. money. It was not a hard matter for a "Yank" to become confused.

outermost circle of communities. We will put it over beyond any question, and it will be one of the biggest denominational enterprises ever consummated."

E. F. Ballard of Dallas spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its strengthening, invigorating effect. Price 60c.

S. G. Houston and son, Sam, spent Thursday with Mr and Mrs Walter Jackson

MARTIN'S SCREW WORM KILLER

Kills Worms, keeps off flies, heals wounds. 6 oz bottle 35cts. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Your Druggist 9My6m

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Mexico Must Apologize.

Washington, July 19.—A boat from the U. S. S. Cheyenne occupied by enlisted men from the Navy, was held up by armed men in the Tames River, near Tampico, Mexico, on July 6 and the sailors were robbed.

The incident bears a resemblance to the celebrated Tampico incident of 1914, which resulted in the occupation of Vera Cruz. Urgent representations to the Carranza Government and the local authorities at Tampico have gone forward.

The department issued this statement:

"The Department of State has been advised that on July 6 a boat from the U. S. S. Cheyenne,

occupied by enlisted men of that vessel who were on a fishing trip was held up near Tampico by armed men. The sailors were robbed.

"Urgent representations have been made by the Department of State to both the local Mexican authorities at Tampico and to the Federal Government at Mexico City and the authorities there have promised to investigate."

Although the sailors were fishing they were on official duty in the same way that Admiral Mayo's boats were on official duty when they were carrying mail at the time of the flag incident at Tampico in 1914 which led to the occupation of Vera Cruz.

Although the official report

does not identify the Mexicans who attacked the Cheyenne's boat, the War Department's official advices are that the Carranza forces are in complete control of the Tampico district. The scene of the robbery was three miles from the city. Although the attack occurred on July 6 and was reported to the Navy Department on July 8 it did not reach the State Department until today. No official explanation was forthcoming.

With adequate orders to prevent raids and protect American lives and property, the Senator declared, one-tenth of the troops now on the border could police it adequately. He praised their conduct. Senator Fall read telegrams from Governors Larrazolo, New Mexico, and Hobby of Texas, protesting against the threatened impairment of the air service through demobilization of the Army.

Chrm'n Wadsworth of the Military Committee said Congress was responsible as appropriation for the Army had been so reduced that there would be no active flying service after Sept 30.

Senator Smith, Arizona said the War Department had assured him every possible precaution would be taken to guard the border, but that letters received by him from border states indicated that the inhabitants there were not satisfied with conditions.

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If we stay away from church they say we are monstrously heathenish.

If we accept an invitation to a wedding they say we are invited to write it up.

If we are on the street much they say we neglect our business.

If we are too busy to go on the street they say we don't hustle around after the news.

If we publish a man who has brought disgrace to his family

FARMERS—FARMERS

It has come to our ears during our recent ice shortage that we did not care for your business and that we would give our city business preference.

This is absolutely a mistake. We don't want to knock on our city trade, as it is very agreeable, but your business is more valuable to us.

Should we be forced to choose between the two, we would choose yours.

We do not look for any more trouble in getting ice, as our own factory at Abilene is rebuilt from the fire and running full blast.

We can also assure you a better grade of ice as the Abilene plant makes better ice than most any other factory in the state. If you will purchase coupons it will be quite a saving to you. Many farmers are on the coupon system this year. Remember it is our desire to please you. If you have any kicks please tell us so we can correct them.

Yours to please.
Merkel Ice Co, W. A. McSpadden, Manager.

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the friends of the family never forgive us.

If we, out of goodness of heart decline to say anything on the subject, the man's enemies are disappointed and we are branded as a white-livered coward.

We are liable to receive these raps and many more. We do not claim there is any work in running a newspaper. Everybody knows it is a snap.—Bridgeport Index.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

Baby Wrapped in Blanket Is Smothered

Oakland, Cal., July 20.—Bused with getting her furniture ready for moving to another apartment, Mrs. Joseph Valado placed her month-old baby on a mattress. She tossed a blanket over it to keep the babe warm.

Joe Pachecho, expressman, failed to see the child when he rolled up the mattress and blanket and threw the bundle into his wagon. The child smothered to death before it was missed.

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LOCAL NEWS

A C Rose spent a few days in Tulia this week on business.

Expecting car of Marchal Neil flour. Bob Martin's Grocery Co.

Miss Lois Ford of Abilene is visiting Mr and Mrs. C. E. Conner.

Car of fresh Peace Maker flour at G. M. Sharps.

Mrs. Ed Ramsey of Seminole is visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. D. Levy.

I have a nice variety of second hand furniture on hand. If you want to buy or exchange, see me. J. T. Darsey.

J. W. Powell of Fort Worth is visiting friends in Merkel this week.

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

Miss Willie Swann, accompanied by Ava Dee Jackson will leave Sunday morning for Dallas to be gone about ten days.

We pay spot cash for eggs. Bob Martin Grocery Company

Mr and Mrs. Ben T. Merritt and son, Ben W., of Handley are visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt and family.

Shorts and Bran at G. M. Sharps.

Roy Miller, who has been in New Mexico for the past two or three weeks, returned home Sunday.

Guaranteed corn and wart remedy at A. L. Jobes.

Mrs. B. F. Cox and children are spending the week in Weatherford.

Grain sacks at G. M. Sharp's Grocery Store.

Mrs. M. V. Mitchell, after a months visit to her daughter, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, returned to her home at Cisco Tuesday.

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

Mrs. Lona Mabry and Miss Celia French of Beaumont, Texas, sisters of Mrs. George Boyce are here on a visit of some days

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

Miss Naomi Brown of Truscott is visiting her uncle, Q Brown, for a few days.

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

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

J. E. Scribner of McKinney visited Mr and Mrs. A. J. Hartley the forepart of the week.

Prices right on all goods at A. L. Jobes

L. B. Scott and Tom Largent spent several days the past week at Desdemonia, Gorman and other points. They say Gorman will make another Ranger.

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It should also be observed that this same attitudinous element manifests no anxiety to place up on a pre-war basis, the price of cotton goods and other things, the value of which touches vitally and alike the interest of labor in both town and country. From which it would appear that a wise thing for the city laborer to do would be to learn right away that if anybody is profiteering on him, as he has been told, it is not the farmer.

Meantime the farmer should learn that the city laborer is not getting more than is coming to him, nor is liable to do that for some time to come; also that placing the labor wage on pre-war basis would, by decreasing the purchasing power of labor, play into the hands of the men who desire to place the value of farm production on a pre-war

basis, and with no apparent desire to place the value of what labor, whether of town or country buys, on a pre-war basis.

Finally, rather than to swallow the naked anti-labor hook thrown to them by fishermen, unfriendly alike to our farm and labor interests, it would be infinitely wiser for the farmers to study more closely the organization scheme by which organized labor gets what it goes after, and then adopt the scheme.

Is there danger that the farmer will get more than is due him? Should he ever do that, would he be likely to survive the shock?—Joe E. Edmonson.

Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy

This medicine always wins the good opinion if not the praise of those who use it. Try if when you have need of such a remedy.

Mr. Barger of Ranger who with his brother, has purchased a couple of dwellings here was in Merkel Saturday and purchased a couple of lots through The Merkel Realty Company.

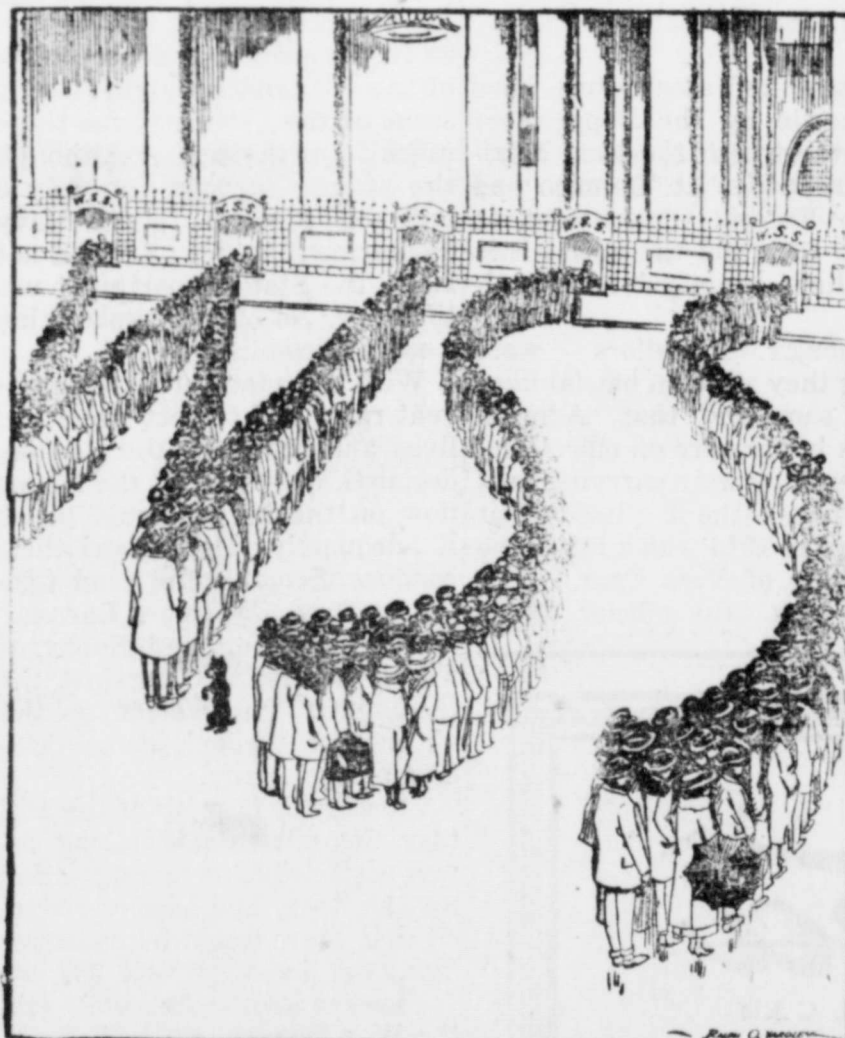
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