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RADCLIFFE CHAUTAUQUA PROGRAM

Fine preparations are under way for the opening of our Chautauqua. The dates for Merkel's three-day inspirational community meet are October 13, 14 and 15.

Co-operating with the Radcliffe Chautauqua System, the local organizers of this annual getting-together are arranging for a rousing time with twelve gripping events on the program. Entertainment numbers of the first quality are to be combined with features illustrative of the great central theme of this year's program—Education for every American child.

The quickened spirit of democracy preparing for the dawn of a new era embraces Education as the only road to future progress. Embarking on a crusade for real education and staking its success on the finer and more joyous things of life, the Radcliffe Chautauqua, and its local co-operators invite the whole community center of the United States for three days.

The local Chautauqua promoters are building for an ideal—a raised standard of living for everybody. And they are building with ideas. The program is loaded with material.

THE FIGHTING YANKS, a group of military boys in the uniforms they wore in France, will make the Chautauqua atmosphere vibrate with the speed of their rapid-fire entertainment on the afternoon and night of the first day. This organization of instrumentalists, vocalists and dramatic entertainers will give the opening program its humorous and its rollicking touch with their colorful "trench" repertory.

THE COLUMBIANS, rollicking youthful spirits, all of them, but artists of the highest order, will offer two concerts on the second day. These are skilled instrumentalists as well as highly trained vocalists, and their esthetic musical numbers are offered in combination with colorful costume effects.

THE BELLINO-TAYLOR CO. has been reserved as the concert offering of the closing day and the assurance is given that its offering will be of the first quality in artistic effect. Sam Bellino, the Accordion King, will bring with him his big instrument with the pipe-organ tone and will demonstrate not only its complex technique and its dignity as a musical instrument, but also his mastery of it in both lighter and symphonic effects. Lloyd Taylor will contribute a group of readings and impersonations to the concert program. Mr. Taylor is a rapid-fire artist, a dramatic dynamo.

The six lecturers are not less entertaining, witty, snappy and radiant, one is assured, but they have a very serious purpose. The big, throbbing question of the hour is Education. The Chautauqua orators and demonstrators will make this subject ring.

Dr. W. T. S. Culp, broad, eloquent, keen, analytical, constructive, the master of 3,000 audiences, will give the opening afternoon lecture on "THE LAMP OF ALADDIN." This lecture will be remembered long after the khaki tent has departed. There will be stimulated brains and aroused emotion before he has finished with his graphic picture of the achievements of the trained minds of the world. His evening subject, "THE GREATEST

Sears Well Makes Showing of High Grade Oil---Eight Trucks of Tanks Arrive

SCHOOL IS READY FOR THE OPENING

The High School building has been put in order, most of the free text books are in, teachers are arriving, and all seems ready to begin a good year of school. The enrollment is expected to be large. The school authorities hope, however, to soon supply all the books that are needed. No pupil will be given free text books until he presents his report card or other evidence that he is entitled to promotion. On Monday and Tuesday examinations will be given those who are conditioned or are without cards.

The opening will be held promptly at ten o'clock Monday morning in the high school auditorium. Mr. Burgess urges that all parents and friends as well as all students be present at this opening. Pupils will bring their report cards.

The teachers are scheduled to meet in the High School auditorium on Saturday, September 13th, at ten o'clock to make and hear plans for the year. Let's all co-operate to make one of the banner years for the Merkel Public Schools.

Teachers for the Merkel schools this year are as follows: For the High School, C. J. Baker, principle and teacher of science and mathematics; Miss Annie Smith, English; Miss Edith Eakman, Latin and Spanish; Miss Nell Tracy, History; R. J. Miller, seventh grade and mathematics; grade teachers, Misses Inez Sharp, Wilma Garrett, Ruby Campbell, Alice Yates, Lorena Dry and Alice Burns.

THING THAT MEN MAY KNOW, will promote ideals of true education, not of the hands alone, nor yet of the head only, but also of the heart.

The marshal of this educational crusade will be the Chautauqua Director, Dr. A. M. Hyde, who, on the night of the second day, will carry the central theme to a practical level under the topic "THE PROBLEM OF THE UNPREPARED." The Director will inject fresh elements into social life and, in snappy, live-wire phrases, awaken us to the backward conditions of American life. His third night topic will be "PUSHING BACK THE HORIZON—Individual Home, Community," a fertile subject that invites eloquence and imagery but that affords also a valuable basis for objective instruction in ideals.

Of particular significance will be the lecture on "HOME-MAKING," and the conference on "THE HOUSE AROUND THE CORNER" by the Radcliffe Woman Specialist in Home-Engineering, on the afternoon of the second day. That she will be listened to with absorbing interest by both men and women is the assurance given because of the scientific importance and the practical nature of her talk and her demonstration.

Miss Florence Besley, a graduate nurse, especially assigned to this educational work by the

Well to be Brought in As Tanks are Built--May Drill Deeper--Leases Very Active

BLAND WELL EXPECTED IN AT ANY TIME

At last the drill bit in the Sears well struck the valued fluid that makes men go wild and property go up. The quantity is undetermined, but the grade is high. H. L. Houghton president of the Security Banking & Investment Company, says that we will only have to wait a few days until the well can be cleaned out. The tanks, eight truck loads, are arriving from Ranger and will be set up without delay. Mr. Houghton says if this well is not a large one, there is a big body of oil underneath it and they will not stop until every effort is made to develop it.

The oil field is proven. The next few days will determine whether we have a gusher or a small producer. Other wells will be put down at once. Doubtless the Merkel country will be the most active field west of Ranger in a short time.

Leasing has been very active this week. Leases has been increased in value some. Trading is good and people from a distance are hedging against the development they hope to have.

The Bland well is in mighty good formation and is expected in at any time. Leases around this well are about as high as around the Sears well. Another week will be historical in Merkel.

American Red Cross, will lecture on the afternoon of the third day on "THE RED CROSS—A RECORD AND A PROPHECY," and will hold an instruction conference on "HOME CARE OF THE SICK." The American Red Cross holds a unique place in the affections of the people of all the world, and the message of its representative, carried to us under Radcliffe auspices, will be eagerly sought.

The whole inspiring, educative program is symmetrically arranged. There is something worth while for every one, and none need go fifty miles from home to get lively entertainment and fresh cultural impulses when these are brought in such rich measure right to the community. The success of our Chautauqua can be read in the striking features outlined and in the sincerity of the community's purpose in arranging for it.

CROP CONDITIONS GOOD

There is no surplus labor in Merkel. Cotton is opening up in a hurry and the gins are beginning to run on regular time. A good yield is expected. Maize heading is still being pushed. There has been more negroes on the streets of Merkel the past week than during the past three years. And still there is a shortage of labor. Hardly a washerwoman can be secured, and every body is bent on going to the cotton pick.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

On and after Saturday the dining room of the Collins House will be closed. Will continue to run hotel on European plan. Mrs. J. A. Collins.

If you want cotton pickers, leave your name with J. P. Sharp at the G. B. Brown Gin.

THE PEACE PACT IS HANDED SENATE

Washington, Sept. 10.—Characterized as an alliance and not a league which will breed wars instead of securing peace the German peace treaty including the covenant of the league of nations was reported to the senate today by the foreign relations committee with forty-five amendments and four reservations.

Every republican committee member expect McCumber signed the majority report, stating that changes were governed by the single purpose to guard American rights and sovereignty, an invasion of which would stimulate breaches of faith, encourage conflicts and generate wars.

The reservations propose unconditional rights to withdraw from the league, declaration by the United States to accept any legal or moral obligations of article 10, or accept a mandate from the league except by action of congress of the United States, reserving to the United States the exclusive right to decide what questions are within their own domestic jurisdiction, absolute reservation of the Monroe Doctrine to the judgement of the United States alone.

CONTEST

I am preparing to open one of the swellest confectionary establishments in Texas. I want a name for it. To the one suggesting the best name, I will give \$5.00 cash.

All names must be in by September 20th. Mail to me. Jack Walker.

S. A. Coats, of Bells is spending a few days with friends and relatives, inspecting the oil prospects.

American Beauty flour and meal are the best and are for sale by Crown Hardware Company.

CLASSIFIED ADS 1 cent a word for each insertion. No ad. taken for less than 15c.

FOR SALE—5 young work mules, at my place. C. E. Jacobs. tfc

FOR SALE—80 acre lease two and one-fourth miles from Sears well, for few days only at \$10 per acre, 5 years, \$1. rental, on section 32. Another 80 acres closer in at \$12.50. S. L. Grayson, Route 2, Phone 9034, Merkel, Texas 5t1c

WANTED—A lady at once to help with light house work, no laundering or churning, Electric lights and water system. Will offer good inducements. Mrs. C. M. Largent. 1tc

LOST—Buggy line between my home and Union Ridge School. R. E. Cole. Please phone 9034 route 3. 1tp

FOR SALE—At a bargain nice player piano, for cash. See Mrs. John W. Tyles, on Bettis Heights 12tf

WANTED—To rent a farm to a reliable family. Apply at Merkel Mail office. 12tf

If you want a bargain in 500 acre stock farm, 850 yards of well near View, about 75 acres cultivation, good tank and no stock on grass this year, address Box 790, Abilene, after 15th Box 255, Hubbard, Texas. Would consider good Ford or Dodge car. 12-2tp

LOST—Piece of metal about 1 1/2 feet long, battery cover for Overland auto. Will pay reward. Leave at Merkel Mail 5t2c.

LOST—Bay mare mule, 15 hands high, right fore foot has wire cut. Scar on left hip. One shoe on right fore foot. Finder please notify Merkel Mail. R. H. White.

WANTED—Either Automatic Remington or Winchester shotgun No. 12. Any one having gun please leave at Merkel Mail for inspection, or see B. N. Billingsley. 29t4c.

FOR RENT—2 furnished light-house keeping rooms, or two unfurnished rooms. Mrs. S. F. Annis. 12t1p

FOR SALE—Seed wheat. 500 bushels good seed wheat free from Johnson grass, at \$2.25 per bushel. Smith Gray.

LOST—A little black, male pig, about six weeks old. Finder notify L. E. Sanders.

LOST—Hose to rotary pump between Trent and Merkel. Please return to Henry Rose.

LOST—Steel automobile tool box with complete set of tools between Merkel and Sears well. Reward. Leave at Merkel Mail. 1tc

PRES. ADDRESS AT SIOUX FALLS

Pro-German Head Again Lifted
Sioux Falls, S. D., Sept 9.—Declaring that pro-Germanism again had lifted its head in this country, President Wilson declared in an address here tonight that "every element of chaos," was hoping there would be "no steadying hand" placed on the world's affairs.

"I want to tell you," said the President, "that within the last two weeks the pro-German element in the United States again has lifted its head."

This element, he said, saw a chance by keeping their Nation out of the League of Nations to make possible again what Germany had tried to do in the great war. It was a clean-cut issue, Mr. Wilson declared, between this new order and the old German order.

Declaring the peace treaty provision for an international labor conference would give labor a new bill of rights, the President declared the treaty was a "laboring man's treaty" in the sense that it was a treaty drawn up for the benefit of the common people.

The political settlements themselves, said the President, were made for the peoples concerned. He asserted that the document laid down forever the principle that no territory should ever be governed except as the people who lived there wanted it governed.

"That is an absolute of history," said the President, "and it's all in the League of Nations."

In his address here President Wilson said:

"Governor Norbeck and My Fellow Citizens: I must admit that every time I face a great audience of my fellow countrymen on this trip I am filled with a feeling of peculiar solemnity, because I believe my fellow-countrymen, that we have come to one of the turning points in the history of the world. And what I as an American, covet for this great country is that on every great occasion when mankind's fortunes are hung in the balance that America may have the distinction of leading the way. I want to remind you, my fellow-countrymen, that that war was not an accident. That was didn't just happen. There was not some sudden cause which brought on the conflagration. On the contrary, Germany had been preparing for that war for generations. For example, it is known in every War Office in Europe and in the War Department at Washington that the Germans not only had a vast supply of great field guns, but that they had ammunition for every one of those guns to exhaust the gun. And yet we were living in a fools' paradise. We thought Germany meant what she said, that she was armed for defense, and that she never would use that great store of guns against her fellowmen. Why, my friends, it was foreordained the minute she should do the thing which she did in 1914.

American Beauty flour and meal are the best and are for sale by Crown Hardware Company.

Will Merritt is taking his vacation this week.

Don't forget Rose and Buford at the old City Barber Shop.

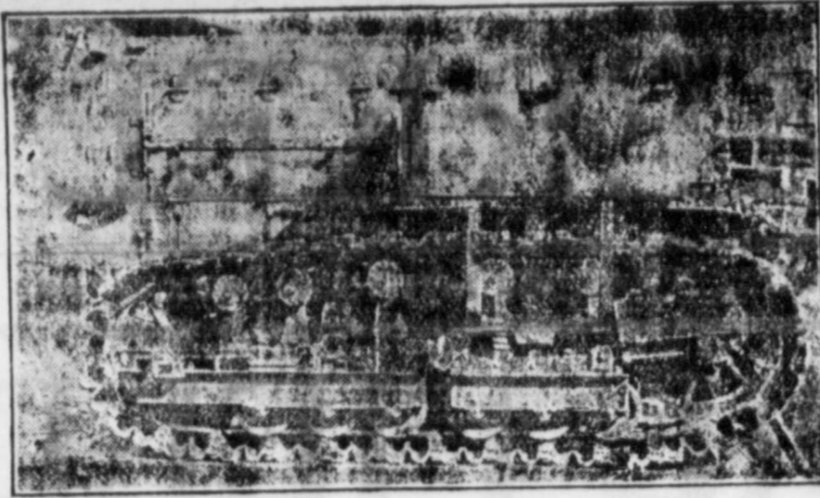
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Merkel, Texas

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Ask our Customers



Monster Tanks and Tractor-Artillery at Dallas

U. S. WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS WILL HAVE VARIED EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS AT VICTORY FAIR

The United States War Department will exhibit a comprehensive display of the modern, scientific implements of warfare at the Victory Fair at Dallas in October.

These articles have just been received in America and have not been exhibited before.

Much of this material was captured on the battlefields of France, while other things are those supplied to American troops.

Among the equipment of American soldiers will be shown: field gun and mount, trench mortar, aircraft gun, hand and rifle grenades, drop bombs, live carrier pigeons, infantry equipment, and many other things.

The Navy and Marine Corps will also exhibit many interesting articles.

This exhibit is in addition to the special exhibit of monster (35 ton) Tanks, Anti-aircraft Guns, and Tractor-Artillery.

WASHING

Are you having any trouble with your washing. Don't you think you are going to have greater trouble as the appeal of the cotton fields are going to draw every available person in town as the picking prices are going to be very enticing?

We have the real cure for this. We will sell you an electric Washer on easy terms, if so desired. We would be glad to let you have a machine on 2-weeks free trial.

The cost of current for the average family would not exceed 25 cents per week.

To do it the electric way is the easy way.

Merkel Power Co.

Don't talk too much—especially about yourself. Most people Most people do and then they see where they have missed it. It's

all right to be sociable and a good fellow but remember the owl got its reputation for wisdom in keepink still most of the time. One of the most difficult things in the world to exercise is self-restraint. That's why people who possess it and who use it to good purpose are so likely to be conspicuous because of their position and success.—Ex.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY, Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1918.
A. W. GLEASON (Seal) Notary Public.
Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by all druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

You Can Begin Earning That Hand-Grenade Savings Bank Now



- BOYS and GIRLS may obtain one of those War Relics by Earning and Saving money and buying at least One War Savings Stamp.
- ADULTS may obtain one of these Souvenirs by saving and buying Three or more War Savings Stamps.
- War Savings Stamps already bought will not be counted toward getting the Granade—only those War Savings Stamps bought from now on.
- These unique "Weapons of Peace" will soon be ready for distribution. Those who earn them FIRST will get them. The number is Limited.
- For information call at

Farmers and Merchants National Bank

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Alma Wells of Brownwood came in Saturday night to spend a few days with friends.

In every home where there are children there should be a bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge. It destroys worms and acts as a tonic in the debilitated system. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Rev. G. W. Parks and sons, George and John, of Abilene were visitors in Merkel Tuesday.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 50c.

S. G. Houston of Abilene was a visitor in Merkel Tuesday.

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

John G. Jackson of Abilene visited in Merkel several days this week.

For the stomach and bowel disorders of babies McGee's Baby Elixir is a remedy of genuine merit. It acts quickly, is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Miss Minnie Houghton has been on the sick list the past week.

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

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. 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.

Buy All You Can this Month

Because 30 to 40 days you will see lots of goods 20 to 30 per cent higher, and there seems a shortage in many lines of goods will occur in October.

New Arrivals

Men's Hats, Ties, Gloves and Shoes. Silks, Flannelettes, Gingham, Ladies Coats, Suits and Dresses.

WE ARE FIXED FOR YOU NOW IN MOST EVERY LINE
COME EXAMINE OUR STOCK

One Price -- Spot Cash -- Our Way

The Brown D. G. Co.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. G. S. Williams and two grandsons, Hollis and Sonnie Cook of Patillo, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White.

Swellings of the flesh caused by inflammation, cold, fractures of the bone, toothache, neuralgia or rheumatism can be relieved by applying Ballard's Snow Lintment. It should be well rubbed in over the part affected. Its great healing and penetrating power eases the pain, reduces swelling and restores natural conditions. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Mrs. Phenix is spending a few days with Mrs. E. A. Campbell, on her return trip from Wyoming, where she has been visiting her sons. She will go from here to Colorado, Texas to make her home.

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.

MARTIN'S SCREW WORM KILLER

Kills Worms, keeps off flies, heals wounds. 6 oz bottle 85cts. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Your Druggist 9My6m

Chamberlain's Colic, Diarrhoea Remedy in Michigan.

Mrs. A. H. Hall, Caseville, Mich., says, "I wish to thank you for your grand good medicine, Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. We are never without it in the house, and I am sure it saved our baby's life this summer."

Mrs. Mary Carrington, Caseville, Mich., says, "I have used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy for years and it has always given prompt relief."

LEAGUE CERTAIN WILSON DECLARES

PRESIDENT IN OPENING SPEECH
ES OF TOUR VOICES HIGH
HOPE.

"WORLD WAITS FOR US"

"Future Free From War if America
Carries Out Her Pledges," Says
Executive.

By Mount Clemens News Bureau.

Displaying a high confidence that his fellow citizens in the great majority agree with him in his desire to end war forever, and that they will see to it that the peace treaty with its league of nations inclusion is ratified by the senate, President Wilson is making a successful journey across the country on the mission he has undertaken for the purpose of laying before the plain people a report of his work in Paris and explaining what the league means.

Thus far in his travels, he has everywhere met with warm greetings, both in the great halls where he has spoken formally and in the little cross roads hamlets where his train has halted at times, and he has exchanged words with the villagers who pressed forward to greet him. He feels, and does not hesitate to say so, when chatting with his traveling companions, that the American people want no more of war and want to become part of the league so that there may be no more war.

He struck his key note when he said in his first address in Columbus, Ohio: "The treaty was not intended merely to end this single war; it is meant as a notice to every government who, in the future will attempt this thing (what Germany attempted) that mankind will unite to inflict the same punishment. There is no national triumph to be recorded in this treaty. There is no glory sought for any particular nation. The thought of the statesmen collected around that table was of their people, of the suffering they had gone through; of the losses they had incurred; of that great throbbing heart which is so depressed, so forlorn, so sad in every memory it has of the five tragical years that have gone by. Let us never forget those years, my fellow countrymen. Let us never forget the purpose, high and disinterested, with which America lent its strength, not for its own glory, but for the defense of mankind."

"As I said, this treaty was not intended merely to end this war. It was intended to prevent any similar war. I wonder if some of the opponents of the league of nations have forgotten the promises we made our people before we went to that peace table? We had taken by processes of law the flower of our youth from every countryside, from every household and we told those mothers and fathers and sisters and wives and sweethearts that we were taking those men to fight a war which would end business of that sort, and if we do not end it, if we do not do the best that human concert of action can do to end it, we are of all men the most unfaithful—the most unfaithful to the loving hearts who suffered in this war; the most unfaithful to those households bowed in grief and yet lifted with the feeling that the lad laid down his life for a great thing, and, among other things, in order that other lads might never have to do the same thing."

"This is what the league of nations is for—to end this war justly, and then not merely to serve notice on governments which would contemplate the same thing Germany contemplated, that they will do so at their peril, but also concerning the combination of power which will prove to them that they will do it at their peril. It is idle to say that the world will combine against you; but it is persuasive to say the world is combined against you. The league of nations is the only thing that can prevent the recurrence of this dreadful catastrophe and redeem our promise."

A league of nations would have prevented the late conflict, the president asserted, exclaiming, "I did not meet a single public man who did not admit these things; that Germany would not have gone into this war if she thought Great Britain was going into it, and that she most certainly would never have gone into it had she dreamed America was going into it. And they all admit that a nice beforehand that the greatest powers of the world combined to prevent this sort of thing would prevent it absolutely."

Applause and cheers greeted each declaration of the president that wars might be avoided in future by the operation of the league.

He pointed out other important features of the peace treaty. How it was the redemption of weak nations in giving them freedom which otherwise they never could have won; how it says "those people have a right to live their own lives under governments which they themselves choose," and how "that is the American principle, and I was glad to fight for it." That was the very heart of the treaty, he said.

He drew attention to the section of the treaty which is "magna charta of labor," which shall dispose of the hours, conditions and remunerations of labor. "It forecasts the day," he said, "which ought to have come long ago, when statesmen will realize that no nation is fortunate which is not happy; whose people are not contented in their lives and fortunate in the circumstances of their lives."

"In conclusion, the president said he felt certain the treaty will be accepted, and was only impatient of the delay in waiting on America. "The only country in the world that is trusted today is the United States, and the world is waiting to see if its trust is justified."

Mr. Wilson's Indianapolis speech is like the one at Columbus, an exhortation of the league, an appeal for ratification, and a prediction that it is sure to come into being.

PAINT AND PAPER

☞ We have a complete stock of Paint, Paper and Canvas
All kinds of Stains and Varnishes

☞ You have been waiting for that big crop to be harvested; you have been planning about the improvements you were going to make "when your ship came in," you have been building aircastles.

☞ We have anticipated your wants and have bought accordingly. Nothing beautifies a home more than a new coat of paint and new wallpaper.

☞ Come in and look over the colors we have in stock in Paint, Varnishes and Stains, and see our new Wallpaper designs.

Barrow Furniture Co.

BURTON-LINGO LUMBER COMPANY

TO YE HOME-FOLKS OF MERKEL:

In keeping with our policy of Better Service for our customers, we wish to announce our New Builder's Service Department. We have secured the complete "YE PLANRY" Service, with its large selection of actual photographs of modern homes, each with floor plan and estimated cost. We have arrayed a corner of our store with these photographs which we call our Model Home Display.

This is interesting and attractive to builders, it's pretty, too, and we are proud of it. We invite you to call and look over this selection of designs and we know you will agree with us that here is the finest collection of Modern Homes ever assembled.

These are the same homes that are featured in the Ladies Home Journal, Hollands Magazine and other National publications as well as the larger city Home Building Campaigns.

We have always felt that a customer of ours was entitled to more than merely lumber; that it was our duty to help you get the most home value for your money, to see that the lumber you bought would build a home that would be a source of pride and satisfaction to you and then too it would be an advertisement for us, an asset to the community and an incentive to other folks to build. That's where we profit.

If you are thinking of building, visit this display, you will find it interesting and helpful. If your friends or neighbors speak of building tell them of us. They will appreciate it and so will we. While we anticipate that this Service Department will likely increase our business still the greatest reward we ask is the satisfaction of knowing that we are helping our fellow citizens acquire better homes and are contributing to the growth and development of our city.

These are rewards that are above the dollar standard.

Yours for More and Better Homes,

BURTON-LINGO LUMBER COMPANY, L. D. LEVY, Manager.

Bring your building troubles to Burton-Lingo's Bureau of Building Information.

RAILWAY LABOR MOVE ASSAILED

New York World, Strong Wilson
Supporter, Denounces "Revolution
by Ultimatum."

PARALLEL TO RUSSIAN IDEA.

Calls Railroad Brotherhoods' Plan for
Government Ownership "Soviet
Economic Venture."

New York.—The New York World, in a leading editorial, characterizes the railroad labor plan for Government ownership of railroads as "a straight-out adventure into Soviet economics."

The editorial page of the World has long had a national reputation for undeviating support of Democratic principles, hostility to Wall street, and the most loyal and vigorous assistance to President Wilson. The World says:

"Revolution by Ultimatum."

The plan of the railroad brotherhoods for taking over the railroad properties of the country is a straight-out adventure into Soviet economics. It contemplates collective ownership, but class operation and control, which is at the foundation of the Soviet system.

The American people, through their Government, are to buy the railroads from the private owners and turn these properties over to the railroad employees to manage and operate. In consideration of an investment of approximately \$20,000,000,000 the Government is to appoint one-third of the directors, and the public is to share in such savings in the cost of operation as may remain after the employees have paid themselves what they think their services ought to be worth.

The spirit in which the program is put forth may be inferred from a statement made by B. M. Jewell, acting president of the railroad employees' department of the American Federation of Labor, in which he said that if President Wilson's suggestion to Congress was carried out "we will tie up the railroads so tight that they will never run again if that legislation is passed." It might have been Trotsky himself speaking to a bourgeoisie that had offered mild and academic objections to being despoiled.

Who is the Government?

Before any railroad plan can be worked out one highly essential fact must be established—namely, whether the sovereign power of the United States is vested in Government and in the American people or whether it is vested in the railroad brotherhoods.

For three years now the brotherhoods have assumed that the sovereign power was vested in them, and Congress has provided them with excellent reasons for that assumption. When the railroad employees in the critical period of the summer of 1918 demanded an eight-hour day and threatened a general strike, President Wilson sent a message to Congress in which he urged that the eight-hour day be made the basis of work and wages, but he made four other proposals, one of which called for—

"An amendment to the existing Federal statute which provides for the mediation, conciliation and arbitration of such controversies as the present by adding to it a provision that in case the methods of accommodation now provided for should fail, a full public investigation of the merits of every such dispute should be instituted and completed before a strike or lockout may be lawfully attempted."

Try to Intimidate Congress.

Congress refused to enact this legislation because the labor leaders objected to it, and now we have a situation in which a labor leader can threaten to "tie up the railroads so tight that they will never run again" if Congress presumes to pass an act to which the brotherhood autocracy objects as unequal to its imperative demands.

The railroad brotherhoods have embarked upon a policy that even the most conservative of them must admit is economically revolutionary. If their scheme of nationalization under class control is to be carried out in respect to railroads, nobody can draw the line where it shall stop until all industry is under Soviet direction. Yet they are not putting their program out as a matter to be discussed and deliberately considered by the American people. They are trying to force the issue and bring about a revolution by ultimatum.

The Public Pays.

In the last three years the railroad employees have received hundreds of millions of dollars in wage increases for which the general public is paying. As a reward for its generosity the country is to be taken by the throat and choked into submission if the most complicated economic issues that have ever confronted it are not settled forthwith. If there is any difference between that kind of arrogance and the arrogance of the German general staff in July, 1914, we should like to know what it is.

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That adoption of the amendment would necessitate the re-assembling of the peace conference the report denies asserting the conference probably will be in session for six months or more in Paris and it might as well be "as in dividing and sharing southeastern Europe and Asia Minor."

The German delegates the report contends could easily be brought to Paris and as Germany is not a member of the league she need not be considered about changes of the covenant. The report points out that the peace conference took six months to agree on the treaty and the sen-

PERSHING'S SPECIAL TRAIN AS WAR RELIEF

Paris, Sept. 7.—The French Government is seriously considering the suggestion that the special train which was put at the disposal of General Pershing early in 1918 and which the General has used since as a mo-

bile headquarters be presented to the American people as a souvenir of America's participation in the war.

The train would be given to the General and shipped to the United States, where General Pershing would then turn it over to the War Department. It would be exhibited throughout the United States. General Pershing made his last trip on it the night of Aug. 31, when he left Paris for Brest.

The train comprises eight cars, office car for the General and his aids, stenographers, chief of staff; private car for the General, two cars for officers dining car, car for enlisted men and one for the clerks guarding the army records and one for the

records and baggage.

General Pershing has become greatly attached to the train, for most of his important work as commanding General of the A. E. F. has been accomplished on the train and most of the distinguished allied Generals have been received by him on it and most of the important engagements of the American Army have been planned on the train.

Generals Foch and Haig were among those who visited the train, which "has been through the mill" itself, for not infrequently it was within the area of shell fire and airplane attack.

Mrs. Allen of Tolar, Texas is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. R. Lamar.

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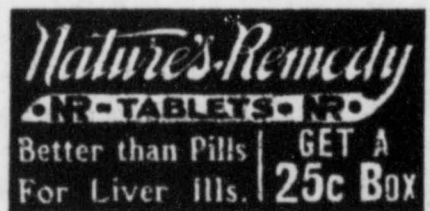
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AMERICAN SOLDIER KILLED BY GERMAN

Coblentz, Sept. 9.—Private Rea Madsen of Sacramento, Cal., was shot and instantly killed today by German soldiers in the neutral zone about a mile from the boundary of the Coblentz bridge heads.

Madsen and Private Bert Balsinger of the 8th Infantry, who had been on outpost duty, were deer hunting when they encountered a German patrol of thirteen soldiers. According to Balsinger the Germans began firing without asking an explanation as to why the two Americans were in the neutral zone. Balsinger told the American authorities that when he and Madsen encountered the Germans he was several

yards ahead of Madsen. Balsinger said he dropped his rifle as soon as he saw the Germans, who a second later began to shoot at Madsen. The Germans contend that Madsen fired at them. Balsinger declared that the German had fired first and that if Madsen had fired he did not see him shoot or hear the shot. Balsinger was taken prisoner by the Germans and later turned over to the American provost marshal. Major George Cockrel, and brought to Coblentz. Madsen will be buried in the American cemetery at Coblentz.

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ALLEGED PLOT TO KILL CARRANZA IS A RUSE

Washington, Sept. 7.—Announcement in Mexico City news papers that General Juna Barragan, Mexican chief of staff, had discovered a plot to assassinate President Carranza, is belived by officials here to be another part of the movement by the inner circle of Carranza's office holders to win support for their chief among the Mexican people. There have been many evidences in the last few weeks of Carranza's weakening power, it is explained in some quarters here, and recently Luis Cabrera, secretary of the treasury, and General Barragan have been particularly active in their efforts to maintain Carranza's strength. Stories of the imminence of American intervention and of the plots against Carranza have been carefully circulated throughout Mexico, it is explained, with a view to causing the Mexican people to rally to the support of the government.

The text of General Barragan's latest alleged discovery of conspiracy follows:

Information has been received in the presidency that an official of the electric light company of Orizba has left or will shortly leave for England on behalf of the reactionaries and trusts bearing documents against the Mexican government in order to pressure from the allies toward intervention by the United States. In the event of failure in this, attempts will be made on the life of President Carranza with a view to bringing about anarchy "which shall determine the action of the American government toward intervention."

It is pointed out in official circles here that if General Barragan knew of any such conspiracy he would be able to bring the conspirators quickly to book. The danger of intervention has been in the past an adequate means of suppressing factional troubles in Mexico and of uniting the people of the country behind the chief executive, one official today asserted, and pointed to the days of Porfirio Diaz when periodically his countrymen were warned of "El Fantasma"—American intervention.

The crew was composed of enlisted men, among whom were several negro Pullman porters.

While the suggestion has only been unofficial, indications on the part of the American people or Government that they would appreciate the train would result in its being presented. Americans who have been in France throughout the war believe it would be the best possible war relic America could have and it is known that General Pershing himself probably would heartily approve the plan.

In addition to its war record the train has been used by General Pershing on all his European tours, including the recent one to Italy. There are three Frenchmen, one of whom is a cook, who were members of the train staff, who would like to accompany it to America.

Abilene Street Car Line Brings \$5,500 at Forced Sale

Abilene, Sept. 4.—The sale of the property of the Abilene Street Railway company to Henry James and George L. Paxton of Abilene has been effected at public auction by W. G. Swenson, receiver for the property.

The price paid was \$5,500. The property includes approximately five miles of track in the city. The new owners have not yet announced their policy, but it is considered likely the company will be reorganized and cars again put in operation.

The stockholders are almost entirely local people. Since the cars stopped several months ago transportation has been cared for by omnibus service.

Mrs. Joe Owens has been right sick for the past week, but is reported improving.

Mrs. E. L. Rogers is visiting relatives and friends in Calif. She expects to return Sunday night.

Mrs. F. Y. Gaither returned from an extended visit to her parents in Carter, Okla.

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CHURCH NEWS

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Next Tuesday night the Presbytery meets with us. So far we have homes for only about one-fourth as many delegates as we expect. If you can possibly take a delegate for two days give me your name. It will take the fullest cooperation of all to secure homes. Those who have cars please offer them for service during the Presbytery. Don't forget the Sunday Schools.
C. C. Dooley, Pastor
H. C. West, Supt.

Epworth Eeague Program.
Subject, Our Relations to Others.
Leader, Mrs. Hutcheson
Song.
Prayer.
Song.
Our Relation to Parents, Will Stevens.
Duett, Annie Mae Costephens and Bess Tucker.
Our Relation to Others in the Home, Julia Martin.
Quotations, By Leaguers.
Quartette, Messers Henson, Pee, Barnett and Johnson.
Business
Benediction.

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B. Y. P. U. Program Sept 14
Leader, E. F. Nix
Song.
Prayer.
Scripture Gen. 27:1—5 H.C. Lamar.
Subject, Bible Study.
By The River Side Ola Sharp.
On The Seashore, Mrs. Ross Wheeler.
In The Wilderness, Walter Jackson.
Song.
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Villa Command Is Defeated Be- Impending Attack
El Paso, Sept. 7.—General Pedro defeated a Villa command which was about to attack the town of San Juan Del Rio, Durango, Saturday afternoon, killing ten, according to a dispatch from General Manuel Dieguez, in command of operations in Torreon in pursuit of Villa to Juarez military authorities today. The telegram stated that a Mexican

doctor told Favela he attended Martin Lopez, Villa leader, who was wounded and was being brought north by a command under Ramon Vega. Villa forces are moving north into Chihuahua state, having crossed the Naxas river with cavalry under General Joaquin Amaro in pursuit, the message stated.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Permitter returned from Mingus a few days ago, where they visited Mrs. Permitter's parents.

Mrs. H. L. Sanders and daughter, Dorothy, are visiting relatives at DelRea. They expect to return this week.

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MERKEL TAKES ON NEW LIFE

So swiftly have things come to pass this week that one can hardly believe it to be so. More real estate has changed hands the past few days than during many months previous to this week. The upward tendency of property caused those who were renting to rush in and buy. It will only be a short time until it will be entirely out of the question to get a house for rent.

Let the good work go on. Building will soon start in earnest.

M. C. Kirksey, and sons, J. M. and W. H., of Ralls, visited A. C. Boney and family this week. They formerly lived at Mr. Boney's old home, near Temple. They have resided on the plains a number of years.

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CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

300 FOLLOWERS OF VILLA KILLED

Galveston, Sept. 8.—Three hundred and fifty bandit followers of Francisco Villa are dead on the battlefield and 800 cavalry mounts have been captured from the Villa command as the result of three days battle between the guerilla chieftain and Mexican federal forces in Durango, according to an official report received today by the Mexican consul Meade Fierro. It is the most important battle to occur in Mexico since the battle of Celaya in which General Obregon triumphed for Carranza over the biggest army Villa ever assembled.

The fighting occurred over a period of three days and three different battlefields were selected by the fleeing Villa command for resistance, according to the message. The first occurred five days ago at Durango City where 100 Villistas were left dead. The next engagement was at the station of San Gabriel where Villa lost 150 men and the last was at Nombre De Dios where ninety-six were killed.

General Manuel Dieguez in command of the cavalry pursuit, has hopes of capturing or killing Villa and it is said that this is the best opportunity that has ever been offered to put an end to the career of the famous bandit.

According to the message received here Villa and his second in command, Martin Lopez, have escaped for the time being into the mountains with between seventy and ninety followers. The message adds that all of Villa's equipment was captured and an enormous amount of ammunition.

Report Law Was Violated As Flyers Crossed Border.

Laredo, Sept. 7.—El Universal of Mexico City prints a Washington dispatch quoting Secretary of State Lansing as saying the United States will make no representations to Mexico in connection with the recent attack by two American aviators patrolling the international border near here. The dispatch, which is under date of Sept. 4, declares Mr. Lansing admitted Captain McNabb violated international law in flying over Mexico, for it has been proved he was not flying over American territory when he was fired on by Mexican soldiers and that therefore McNabb was the officer slightly wounded when Mexican federal soldiers fired at the plane Sept. 2.

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COMMITTEE READY FOR CAMPAIGN TO RAISE S. A. FUND

Kirby Pleased With Organization for Pushing Drive Throughout State.

ELKS PROMISE HELP FOR STATE WORKERS

Soldiers Fall into Line When Asked to Head District and Local Units.

With the appointment of his executive committee complete John Kirby, state chairman for the \$600,000 home service fund drive in Texas, September 29, outlined a vigorous policy to its members at Dallas Saturday.

"I am pleased with the success that has been met in perfecting a strong committee to get the money that is required for placing the Salvation Army on a firm basis in Texas for all time," Mr. Kirby told the committee. "In this work we have the cooperation of virtually every soldier who was 'over there'. We are getting the support of religious and fraternal organizations."

Elks Help in Drive

The order of Elks promised support of the campaign in the following telegram from Frank L. Rain, exalted ruler of the organization:

"I earnestly co-operate with you and the good people of my native State. We are behind you in your home service campaign."

"Commander Evangeline Booth told us in our recent convention at Atlantic City that if it had not been for the Elks the Salvation Army would not have achieved the success that it did in the great war."

"Great good is being done by the Salvation Army along a line that can not be accomplished by any other organization. We as an order have always aided the Salvation Army and the Elks from coast to coast are assisting them in their present drives. Here's hoping that you 'go over the top' in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana."

Chairman Kirby is expected to appoint the full number of his executive committee this week, according to Lieut. Col. George Wood, commander of the Southwestern District. Five members of the state committee have been appointed. The number probably will be brought to fifteen.

County Units Are Formed

County organizations are rapidly swinging into line for the intensive week of work that is planned to cover the campaign work. Field men of the Salvation Army corps report success in each county in which they work.

"By far the most gratifying feature of the campaign is the support that the returned soldier is giving the Salvation Army," Mr. Kirby told the executive committee at its last session. "I find that this sympathy for the Salvation Army is deep and sincere. The boys really want to help."

Richard Burgess of El Paso who was one of the first Texas soldiers to go overseas, has been appointed to lead the campaign in the El Paso district. Burgess returned to America with the rank of colonel.

Soldier Ready to Help

"I am not too busy to show the Salvation Army the attention that is due it by every returned soldier," Mr. Burgess said in accepting the position offered him on the state committee.

Definite plans for the campaigns in each county are now in the hands of the state central executive committee. The state committee is the nucleus of an organization of workers that extends down to the last publicity man and county chairman in the state.

"There are to be no loafers on the state committee," Mr. Kirby said in announcing his appointees. "Each man nominated for a place who accepts will have a definite work to perform. Each district chairman will be responsible for the men in his district who are able to give substantial sums of money. Each county chairman will be responsible for the men who are able to give freely in his community. By this plan it is the hope of the Salvation Army that the drive may be brought to a speedy close."

Halls Built on Border

Construction work on two recreation halls for the Salvation Army at Santa Helena and Lajitas in the Big Bend district will begin at once according to a letter received last night from Colonel G. T. Langhorne of the United States cavalry by Lieutenant Colonel George Wood, commander of the southwestern division of the Salvation Army.

Colonel Langhorne acknowledged receipt of a check from Lieutenant Colonel Wood for \$1,000. The money was sent the first of the week from the Dallas office of the Salvation Army.

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Wilson Leaves For Speaking Tour

Washington, Sept. 3.—President Wilson leaves the national capital tonight on a speaking tour of the country to urge upon America early ratification of the peace treaty without qualifying reservations. His first stop will be Columbus, Ohio, where he speaks tomorrow.

Senator Hitchcock, Neb., leading administration forces in senate, was invited to the White House for a final conference before the president leaves. It is understood the president desired to discuss plans for conduct during his absence of the administration fight in the senate for ratification of the treaty and league of nations without change

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Carranza Aided Plot Of Germans Against America.

New York, Sept. 3.—Dr. Aul O. Altendorf, former member of the American Military Intelligence Service, who issued last week a statement detailing what he knew about the German plot to stir up a Mexican invasion of the United States, issued a supplementary statement today directly charging President Carranza of Mexico with being directly implicated in the plot.

Dr. Altendorf, who served in the Mexican Army as colonel while representing the Intelligence Service, said that he had an interview with Carranza on Jan. 15, 1918. At this interview

he said Carranza "said he knew all about me, having been informed that I was on the way to Sonora to help train the combined Army of Mexicans and Germans who were to invade the United States."

Dr. Altendorf said he asked Carranza for a letter to General Calles, Governor of Sonora, hoping to get Carranza's complicity in writing, but that Carranza refused, saying he was going "on a very delicate mission." Carranza did say, however, according to Dr. Altendorf, "I am sending a wire to General Calles to assist you in every way to invade the United States. I have instructed

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Dr. Altendorf exhibited photographic copies of a code which he said had been prepared by Mario Mendez, Carranza's secretary, for use in communicating between Dr. Altendorf at General Calles' headquarters and Kurt Jahnke, alleged head of the German spy service in Mexico City.

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RED CROSS ANNOUNCES A \$15,000,000 CAMPAIGN PEACE ACTIVITIES

Will Teach Women of Nation Home Hygiene and Dietetics

Washington, Sept 9.—Following the announcement of the Third Red Cross Roll Call, to be

held November 3 to 11 when the American people will be asked to renew their membership for 1920 and contribute \$15,000,000 for the future work of the organization, an outline of the peacetime program if the American Red Cross was given today.

Foremost will be nation-wide activity for the protection of

public health and hand-in-hand with this crusade will go a vigorous campaign for the extension of the country's nursing resources; the broadening of Red Cross Home Service that in the war proved so helpful through the assistance it was able to give to the families of soldiers and sailors, to be of general usefulness

where other social agencies are lacking; greatly increased Junior Red Cross facilities for emergency disaster relief; completion of relief measures for the victims of the war in this country and overseas, and preparation to fulfill whatever duties may be laid upon it as the official volunteer relief society authorized to assist the Army and Navy.

The plan of the Red Cross public health campaign calls for cooperation with other existing health promotion and disease prevention organizations throughout the United States, acting by itself where no other health agency now exists, in an effort to reduce the high mortality due to preventable disease and to improve general health conditions.

Public health nursing will be one of the important features of this campaign. Red Cross public health nurses will be assigned to as many small communities as possible, thus extending to the rural population the bedside nursing, school inspection, classes in hygiene and home nursing and search for tuberculosis and other preventable disease that has been so effective in the cities and larger towns.

In this connection it is planned to offer to every woman in America instruction in home sanitation, hygiene, care of the sick and dietetics, thus providing first-hand knowledge of how to keep the family well and what to do where illness or accident cannot be avoided. These courses are now being introduced in the public schools and colleges and are offered department store employees, factory operatives, girl scouts, nurse-maids and others, fitting them to help combat infant and child mortality, malnutrition, insanitary living conditions, preventable disease and even epidemics in their own homes.

Completion of Red Cross work for the soldiers disabled in the fighting and general assistance to the fighting men in getting back to civil life is still far off, particularly in the many and varied phases of Home Service.

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Thousands of families of service men are still being helped solve their problems by this Red Cross activity and money relief in this connection alone is in excess of \$500,000 a month.

LOCAL NEWS

Clyde Barron visited his mother in Midland Sunday.

Car of buggies and wagons received at Crown Hardware Co.

J.R. Edwards of Sylvester was in Merkel Wednesday on business.

We want to buy your maize heads. Pay market price. M. G. Stocck and Bro. Trent Tex. 29t5.

J. S. Stevens returned Wednesday from Corsicana, where he visited his sister.

Sun dried apples at G. M. Sharps Grocery Company.

J. E. Scott of Dallas is visiting his mother and sister Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Old friends we can now furnish you with fresh cake flour. E. L. Rogers.

R. A. Ellis returned Saturday night from Lubock where he visited his son and daughter.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

C. A. Bickley Chelsea, Ok., is spending the week in Merkel. He has farming interests near the Sears well.

Fresh honey at G. M. Sharp's Grocery Company.

Mrs. H. T. Merritt left Sunday for Handley where she visited her son, Ben and family until Tuesday, when she started for Huntingdon, Tenn. She expects to be gone about a month.

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Misses Tennie and Willie Griffin returned to their home at Houston after spending a few weeks with their uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Bring your maize heads to Blair. I can pay the market price. John S. Hughes, Blair. 29t5

Mrs John Bullock of Abilene is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meeks.

Car of buggies and wagons received at Crown Hardware Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks of Sweetwater spent Monday in Merkel

American Beauty flour and meal are the best and are for sale by Crown Hardware Company.

Miss Maurine Angus returned from Fort Worth Saturday after spending a few weeks with her aunt, Mrs. L. Angus.

Fresh cake flour now at E. L. Rogers.

Miss Lorena Dry left Saturday for Dallas where she will visit Miss Charlie Bell Thomas.

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.

DeVerle Johnson is on the sick list this week.

Miss Ola Sharp has been right sick all this week.

Cracked wheat for chick feed at G. M. Sharps.

J. M. Dry left Sunday for market. He will lay in a choice stock.

When the bowles feel uncomfortable and you miss the exhilarating feeling that always follows a copious morning operation, a dose of Herbine will set you right in a couple of hours. If taken at bedtime you get its beneficial effect after breakfast next day. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Mrs. and Mrs. Frank McFarland have returned after spending a months visit with his parents in Tenn.

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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Hints From Our Millinery and Ready-to-Wear Department

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Our collection of women's fine clothes for fall is without duplicate in the city in style, fabric, workmanship, finish, individuality and lowness of price. There is everything to gain by the right action at the right time

There is nothing to be gained by waiting. See our special showing at once.

We await the pleasure of your visit and assure you that our services are yours to command.



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

B. Y. P. U. Social

The B. Y. P. U. was entertained on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann on last Friday evening. Practically every member was present. Numerous yard games were played and a very pleasant evening was spent. Ice cream and cake were served.

Golden Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. West celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on September 2. All the children were present: Chas. West and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Tipton of Wichita Falls, Mr and Mrs. J. H. Clark of near Merkel. They report a great time. Mr and Mrs. West have resided in Taylor county for the past 30 years. We wish for this congenial couple many more years of happiness.

Reception For Teachers

There is to be a welcome reception for the teachers of the Merkel Public School at the tabernacle on Friday September 12, 8:45 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited to be present. The following program will be given: Opening Address, Mr. Frank Smith.

Response, R. A. Burges. Reading, Louise Warren. Piano Solo, Ona Faye Bland. Vocal Solo, Mrs. L.B. Howard. Reading, Miss Lucy Tracy Ukalele Quartette, Misses Lillie Pratt Sears, Maurine Cobb, Hazel Horkrider and Loyce Dry. Cornet Duet, Messers Henry Rose and Earl Thornton. Male Quartette.

Ordinance Regulating Automobiles in Merkel Texas

Do not drive over twelve miles per hour in business portion of town and fifteen miles per hour in residence part of town.

Drive to the right. Park your car right side of street at 45 degrees angle at all times making right front wheel touch curb.

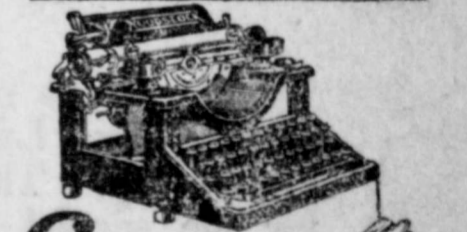
In business portion of town go to end of block to make turns and do not turn in center of block regardless of any condition

Any violation of the above violates the City Ordinance regulating automobiles and is subject to a fine of parties found guilty.

This ordinance also regulates wagons and buggies in compelling them to be driven to the right at all times.

Unique Electric Sign.

The Collins House is equipped with a unique electric sign. It was made by Grady Collins and Earl Richardson out of an old tin coffee can, two pennies and some scrap wire and boards. Its total cost was two hours labor. It does credit to the makers and is a splendid addition to the hotel. The light goes off automatically at intervals.



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Paul K. Cranford Dead

After suffering for five years, Paul K. Cranford succumbed on Sunday evening to the dread disease that so long has been sapping his life. He was 34 years of age. He was born at Sipe Springs but was practically reared here. For many years he has been a member of the Baptist church and also member of the Masonic lodge. Previous to his illness he was a bank clerk. He is survived by his parents, and sister, Mrs. L. D. Gaither.

Paul was a boy of good report, filled with worthy ambition, the pride of his parents one of the promising young men of the country. He fought valiantly against the dread disease, but to no avail. He is free from his suffering, no longer confined in the embrace of pain. To the bereaved loved ones go our tenderest sympathy.

The funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Braddus of Dallas. Burial took place immediately afterwards in Rose Hill cemetery.

Just What She Needed

"I used a bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets some time ago and they proved to be just what I needed," writes Mrs. Volta Bankson, Chillicothe, Mo. "They not only relieved me of indigestion but toned up my liver and rid me of backache and dizziness that I had been subject to for some time. They did me a world of good and I will always speak a good word for them."

NOTICE

I will be in Merkel Saturday September the 13th, to do any practice relative to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Please keep this date in mind if you need such professional services. At Office of Dr. M. Armstrong, M. E. Campbell M. D., Abilene, Tex 5t2c.

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Card of Thanks

We take this method to thank our friends for their many kindnesses during the sickness and loss of our dear son and brother. Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Cranford. Mrs. L. D. Gaither.

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G. H. Johnson of Rosco is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Costephens this week.

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

COTTON PICKERS

The Commercial Club is advertising for cotton pickers. Replies are being received daily. If any one wants pickers, individuals or families, call at the Merkel Mail and look over the letters the Commercial Club has received.

Asa Low and brother, of Burk Burnett visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff the past week.

Shorts and Bran at G. M. Sharps.