



PUBLIC HIGHWAY CONTRACT IS LET

The Commissioner's Court let contract to Sanders Bros., Miami, to construct road from Tye to Trent, for which bonds were voted some time ago. They will be ready to go to work at any time. The voting of the bonds for this work hinged upon securing a like amount from State and Federal Aid, and work will start just as soon as this amount is obtained. It was the opinion of some of the representatives of the government that this aid could be arranged and work started within 30 days.

This is the road money we so much desired expended during the period of drouth. Now, when every body will be as busy as a cranberry merchant, the matter has been put through. It is no fault of our Commissioner or County Judge that the funds were not available before this, but on account of the war, when all matters of this kind were held in abeyance. We will be glad to get the road, never-the-less, and when this one is built, there will be a nice sum available for roads running in other directions in this precinct.

TO FIX BAD ROAD

Preparations are being made to repair the bad road in Bitter Creek between Merkel and Noodle. This piece of road is almost impassable. It is to every one's interest in that section to devote some time to the improvement. Commissioner Ford has consented to be on hand Tuesday morning with plans outlined and in shape to do the road some real good. A number of the farmers about Noodle and this side have agreed to furnish man and team for a couple of days.

Those who desire to contribute time, teams or money are urged to do so. Mr. Hendricks may be seen at Noodle relative to the number of wagons from that section. Several parties are likely to go out from Merkel.

Many people will be busy, but they say the improvement will mean so much to them that they will take out for the days mentioned and endeavor to make the road passable.

A little co-operation on the part of all will fix this road so that it will stay fixed. Why not quit the patch-work business and fix it right?

SERVICE CAR

Have just purchased service car. Ready to go anywhere, day or night. Phone-135. J G Hale. 28t4p

SCHOOL INSPECTOR REPORT

Merkel High School
Supt R M Parker:

A number of improvements have been made in the plant of the Merkel High School since it was last visited by a representative of the Department of Education. An electric pump water system has been installed; about \$100 worth of well-chosen books have been added to the elementary library, and \$75 dollars worth to the high school library; additional book cases have been provided and a library table; and the auditorium is now being utilized as a study hall. One standard teacher's desk has also been purchased for the study hall. As soon as practicable each of the class rooms should be similarly furnished.

Two units of affiliation in English and three in Latin were granted last year. The work in these departments is of a standard quality. An additional unit for the former is recommended.

Recommendations

1. That a standard teacher's desk be provided for each of the class rooms
2. That an additional teacher be employed for the high school
3. That only one modern foreign language be taught, until a larger teaching force is available
4. That better order in the class rooms and better preparation of the work be insisted upon.
5. That, provided the specimens to be submitted indicate sufficient improvement in the subject of general science and first year algebra, these subjects be allowed original affiliation.
6. That, conditional upon the approval by the examiners of specimens to be submitted, original affiliation be granted in Ancient History, Modern American 2nd year Algebra, Plane Geometry, Solid Geometry one-half trigonometry one-half, and Physics, and one unit additional in English

STORES TO CLOSE AT SIX

The business men of Merkel have signed the following agreement:

"Beginning March 3, 1919, we the undersigned merchants of Merkel agree to close our places of business at 6:00 p m., until September 1, 1919."

LATE NEWS FROM FRONT

Brest France, Jan 15.
Mr Chas West, Merkel, Texas
Dear Sir:—It is with the greatest of pleasure that I write you in regards of business. I truly hope you are yet doing good business. Now I don't know just when I will get back, but I don't think it will be very much longer. We are now at the seaport, where we landed, but when we will sail for the States I do not know. I do hope it won't be long. But I want to say that I have did every thing that was in my power to

TWO OIL WELL CONTRACTS LET

Middle and Trent Blocks Contracted—Drilling Is to be Started Within Sixty Days. Cash Forfeit is Put Up.

As predicted last week, the oil situation now seems destined to run to the finish. The leading items of last week were the letting of the Butman contract and the arrival of the casing for the Sears well. This week we are glad to announce the closing of contracts for the Middle Block and the Trent Block.

The Middle Block goes to the Sammies Banking & Investment Company of Sioux City, Iowa.

The Trent Block goes to Chas A Sarber, New York, N Y

The location for the wells on these two blocks will be given out in a few days A cash forfeit is up on both propositions.

We are especially glad to know

that the block adjacent to Merkel is to be developed without further delay. Surely we are at last to realize some of our fondest dreams. Active operations may start long before the 60 days are up.

Mr Garrison is in high hopes of furthering developments to the utmost, and all the rest of the population of this section follows suit. We are especially glad to know that the territory approved of by the geologist is at last to be developed. He said "It is the greatest field known to man."

Sears Well Spuds In

As we go to press news comes that the Sears well has been spudded in. Let the good work proceed.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOUND—About 2½ miles out on Merkel and Trent road. Pair gold rimmed rose spectacles. Owner may obtain same at Merkel Mail office upon payment of this advertisement.

WANTED—Man to work on farm. See Sam Butman. 14tf

FOR TRADE—Will trade a new Ford car for Liberty Bonds.—Geo Woodrum 21t2p

FOR SALE—Pure bred White Leghorn eggs \$1.00 for 15. Phone 9040F13. 21t4p.

FOR SALE—Two work mares. Also span of good work mules. Cash or good note. Merkel Dry Goods Company. 1t1c

WANTED—Plain and fancy sewing. Phone 36. Mrs J H Hunter. 28t4p

gain victory for the United States, and since the armistice have been signed, I want to come back. It is not very cold yet, but we get plenty of rain. You all would love to have some of this watter there.

Say I want to come back to the Shop soon as I get my discharge. Tell all the Barber's hello, and look for me back at the shop as soon as I am over.

So write me all the news. Pvt. Quincey Payne, H V Co., 801 Pioneer Inft A E Forces

Money saved is money made. Save money by buying syrup Saturday at A L Jobs. 1t1c.

FREE MAP & PHOTOGRAPH BURKBURNETT TEXAS Showing world's wonder oil field, sent absolutely free upon request. Ask for it today. **BROWN-WORTH OIL CO.** 1015½ Main St. Ft. Worth Tex. Jan17t7c.

FOR RENT—Farm land. Apply to Sam Butman. 14tf

FOR SALE—A few dozen bundles of feed—W W Wheeler

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FOR RENT—60 acres in cultivation 25 in pasture, 4-room house, plenty good water, one mile north Sand Burr school house. A B Cranston, Route 1, Merkel, Texas. 20t2c.

FOR SALE—Typewriter ribbons at the Merkel Mail office.

Cars Must Carry New 1919 Seal All persons operating motor vehicles without the 1919 seal displayed will be subject to a fine and will be picked up after the night of February 28, according to a statement which was made by County Attorney W E Martin, Wednesday

PIGS—PIGS—PIGS

At the Bell Lots on Wednesday and Thursday March, 5th and 6th. Come early. Collins Bros.

Your work will always be appreciated. Mrs C L Cash, cleaning, pressing and mending

TIME DIVISIONS WILL SAIL

The 27th, 85th 37th and 91st Divisions will sail in March; the 26th, 77th, 82nd, 35th and 42nd in April; the 32nd, 28th, 33rd, 80th, and 88th in May; and the 89th, 90th, 29th and 79th in June

German shipping which now becomes available, will be used in the repatriation of the troops. The order of precedence of their return is based on the order of their arrival except when the availability of rail and sea transportation the relative locations to ports or the military situation makes an exception necessary

Troops in the Service and Supply and labor troops will be returned in the order in which their services can be spared and as far as possible in the order of their arrival in France.

American Army Abroad Will Be Cut To 300,000

Washington, Feb 25.—Announcement by General Pershing's chief of staff that eighteen National guard and National Army divisions were scheduled to sail from France before July 1, apparently confirms reports which have been current here that the Expeditionary Forces were to be reduced to a total strength of 300,000 by the end of the current fiscal year

Calculations in the various War Department bureaus, it is said, have been based upon the 300,000 strength in figuring on the maintenance of the army abroad after July 1.

The announcement from France indicates that in addition to the seven regular divisions now in France and into which presumably men desiring to remain temporarily are being transferred, the American forces after July will include the Seventy-eighth and Eighty first National Army and one other division National guard, and the Seventy divisions This would give a nine-division strength for the combatant forces and allow one division for employment as a depot unit

While the statement from Paris named only eighteen divisions, all others now in France except the seven regular and four National guard and National Army divisions already are on priority for early return or have been skeletonized and are returning as casuals

Music Recital

The music department of the Trent High school will give a recital Saturday night March 1st, at the Trent High School auditorium.

Everybody welcome

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

Everybody is going to see the "Tennessee's Pardner."

MERKEL TO HAVE RELIGIOUS CENSUS

At a meeting of the pastors and a number of Sunday School workers of the city at the Methodist church Tuesday evening, it was decided to have a religious census taken the fourth Sunday afternoon of March, the following Sunday to be designated as Go-To-Church Sunday. It is urged that every Senior and Adult member of the Sunday schools, every officer and teacher of the respective Sunday schools and churches and possibly many members of the Intermediate departments be on hand promptly at 2 o'clock that afternoon, at the Methodist church. It is hoped to have all the workers present at that time to get their instructions that they will go out in the field at 2:30 and have the work completed within two hours

It is urged that on this afternoon every person remain at home until the census is taken.

The purpose of this movement is to enlist more people in the work of the Sunday school and church; to meet the new-comers to our town and give them a cordial invitation to the church of their choice; to develop the church and Sunday school workers by giving them this specific duty to perform.

The goal for all the churches on Go-To-Sunday School and Stay for Church Sunday is set at 1200. For one time let every church in the city be full at the same time.

CLEMENCEAU SHOT BY ASSASSIN

Premier Clemenceau was fired upon point blank by an assassin as he had just seated himself in his auto a few days since. It will be remembered that he is the great man of France, being the head of the peace commission, and occupies a distinct position in the affairs of the world. His assassin seems to have mounted the steps of the auto and fired seven shots point blank. Only one shot is causing any uneasiness, as it glazed the lungs and causes some anxiety.

The assassin is charged with being connected with the Bolshevika. A mob was quickly formed, but a number of nearby police rescued him and hurried him away to confinement.

While the Premier is an old man, and the wound necessarily dangerous, yet no complications have set up and he is in the best of spirits. Every hope is entertained for his rapid recovery.

We can make immediate delivery on Ford Cars. See us at once if you expect to buy a car. Merkel Motor Co. Phone 84

THEY SHALL NOT PERISH

☞ In the Land of Jesus and of the labors of Paul, 400,000 children are actually starving to death.

☞ If they can be fed until they can harvest a crop they will have hope, for after years of bitterest trial and indescribable persecutions they now have peace and the guarantee of the Allies that they shall have a chance in this world.

☞ Our Christian privileges came from their ancestors. Shall we not now return good by sending them bread? ☞ A few cents a day will enable a soul to live. Every man and woman and child that has a heart will surely share with these needy ones NOW. They can't wait.

☞ A campaign is on to raise \$30,000,000 in America to save the starving Syrians and Armenians. Loosen up and help Merkel get her quota. You will hear about it in the churches of Merkel Sunday and on the streets Monday. You can't stand by and watch helpless children starve. Every cent counts.---(Adv.)

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

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

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Capital and Surplus Fund
\$65,000.00

BRITAIN JOBE WRITES

Jan 26, 1919

Dear Mother and Father:

I have not had a letter from you since I last wrote, but will write a few lines any way so you will not think I am sick. I am well and feeling fine, and am very comfortably stationed, although it is very cold here now. I have a good room with a fire place, bed, and plenty of blankets. We have "Boncoup" eats, so don't worry about me.

Hope you are well and doing nicely. I am almost crazy to get a letter, as there are reports of so much sickness in the other boys letters.

Papa I am so glad to know your business is doing so nicely, and that the outlook is so favorable for the coming year. I know it is very hard for you to bear the burden alone, for I realize you are getting old and should not have to worry so much and work so hard. I do not know when I will be ordered back, but it will probably be during this year, and when I return, I will do every thing I can to make you and dear old mother comfortable and happy.

My experience of the past year has caused me to look at life from a different angle, and I realize now more fully the things that really count.

I am constantly thinking of a kind mother and father, and how glad I will be when I can be with them, and try and repay part of the debt I owe them.

I am always so glad to get your letters, for they mean so much to me over here. I think I will be allowed to go on leave to Rome in about two weeks. We are supposed to get seven days leave every four months, and I will have been in France six months real soon and have not been off duty a day. So I am going to ask for leave to Rome. The trip will be entirely on Uncle Sam, for he pays all leave expenses.

I have not seen Paris yet, but will if I can get to go there.

I will close hoping to hear

from you at once, and to see you real soon. I am

Your son,
Brittain Jobe, Hwdtrs.
Brittain Jobe, Hdqtrs.

Chronic Constipation

There are people who never have a movement of the bowels. It is produced by a cathartic. Most of them have brought that condition on themselves by the use of mineral waters and strong cathartics that take too much water out of the system and aggravate the disease they are meant to relieve. A mild laxative tonic like Chamberlain's Tablets affords a gentle movement of the bowels that you hardly realize has been produced by a medicine, and their use is not so likely to be followed by constipation.

PLOT TO ASSASSINATE THE PRESIDENT NIPPED

Philadelphia, Feb 24.—Ten men were arrested here early today suspected of being implicated in a New York plot to assassinate President Wilson.

All are Spaniards and nine of them aliens.

The men today were taken from the jail to the federal building, where they were examined. Local agents of the department of justice learned about the plot two weeks ago at a meeting of those arrested here, at which some of the radicals, it was stated, dropped a hint of assassination.

The agents learned that two men would be sent from this city to New York as assassins.

The Strong Withstand the Winter Cold Better Than the Weak

You must have Health, Strength and Endurance to fight Colds, Grip and Influenza.

When your blood is not in a healthy condition and does not circulate properly, your system is unable to withstand the Winter cold.

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

It contains the well-known tonic properties of Quinine and Iron in a form acceptable to the most delicate stomach, and is pleasant to take. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

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LOCAL NEWS

Jack Embry of Sweetwater is visiting Mrs J R Barnett and Mr and Mrs Harry Barnett for a few days. He attended High School here last year and was winner in Declamation here. He is now employed by the Santa Fe in his home town.

Plenty of Marechal Neil flour. Bob Martin's Grocery Company.

Abbie Lou Darsey is confined to her room suffering with the mumps.

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

Miss Fanny Pearl Moore of Ft. Worth spent Saturday with her mother and family.

More goods for same money. Same goods for less money. A L Jobe. tf.

E L Ash made a business trip to Fort Worth the past week.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

A scald, burn or severe cut heals slowly if neglected. The family that keeps a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment on hand is always prepared for such accidents. Sold by Sanders Drug Company.

IN BUSINESS AGAIN

Have resumed business at the same old stand. Will pay cash for all kind of produce at highest market prices.

Come to see me.
W P Duckett 28t5c

For the Children

Too much care cannot be exercised in selecting a cough medicine for children. It should be pleasant to take, contain no harmful drug and most effectual in curing their coughs and colds. Long experience has shown that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy meets these conditions. It is a favorite with many mothers.

THE WORK OF CASH

The cash money of our company is riding the market every month of the year to buy just such merchandise with Quality and Style as it finds at Lowest Cash Price, and we now have housed many lines of goods that we are asking less price for than you will find in the majority of stores anywhere.

COME SEE THESE GOODS

We will be glad to show you

The Brown D. G. Co.

CORP TURNER WRITES

Flogny, France Dec 21.

Miss Mary Alexander.

Dear Cousin:—We were on the front 23 days. Saw lots of hot places. We went over the top twice. The rest of the time was lying around in small holes dodging the G. I. fellows. We sure could get low, when a large shell would fall close to us. We just spent one night up there. All were glad to get on the firing line, but think we were happier to get relief. I was I know.

We were on the front from Oct 7 to 28th and it rained about half of the time.

I guess you enjoyed your-self Thanksgiving Day. We had more to be thankful for then, than we have had in our lives, for the reason that the Huns had been finished. We had also finished a 11-days hike and got in here about 3 o'clock.

This is a beautiful country. Of course it is badly torn up on account of the four years of war.

These people have sure had a time of it. All of the men at the front and the women doing the work. The people do not live here like they do in the states. They live in small villages and their farms are small.

I saw in to-days paper where they were discharging some of the boys over there. All of us are hoping it won't be long before the 36th Division will be back in the states.

I was made Corporal the 18th of October, while I was on the firing line.

It is very cold over here of a night, as it is a much colder country than your home county.

I would be glad to hear from you all for it sure makes a fellow feel good to get a letter from home.

Your Cousin

Corp. Paul Turner, Hqd Co.
142nd Inf, A E F A P O 796

Plenty of Marechal Neil flour. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 60c.

Too Bad!

It's too bad that so many women suffer day after day from nervous troubles when they can get relief so easily. For 30 years DR. MILES' NERVINE has been helping people suffering from nervous disorders to regain their health and happiness.

Mrs. W. S. Allison, Glendale, Calif., writes: "I suffered severely from female weakness and catarrh brought on by nervous exhaustion. My nerves were a complete wreck. Dr. Miles' Nervine was the only medicine that helped me. It restored me to health and happiness."

It is a wonderful nerve soother and nerve restorer. It is non-alcoholic and contains no harmful habit-forming drugs. Your druggist can tell you of its great popularity and effectiveness—ask him about it.

DR. MILES' NERVINE



DEMAND FOR LEADERS

George Washington has been dead a long time and yet Americans continue to make a great time over the arrival of February 22. There are celebrations and "speaking" and red-white and blue ornamentations everywhere and the birthday of the first great American goes off with a hum. The question was raised in a recent gathering, "Why was Washington great? Was it not just circumstances that made him what he was?" And that brings on this editorial.

Washington wasn't great through mere force of circumstance. Neither was Andrew Jackson, or Joan of Arc, or Livingstone, or John Wesley. Neither is our present-day president great through mere force of circumstance. Circumstances may serve to emphasize or to develop greatness in a man but, unless he has that within himself that makes him great, he sinks under the strain of responsibility or falls under the insidious machinations of flattery. And the man who can weather through both of these dangerous pitfalls and come out a hero proves that within him lies that spark of Divinity which entitles him to be numbered with the great. It is significant fact, in this connection that the spark of Divinity has always shown itself in a definite concrete way—all of the really great men of the world have been praying men—and in instance after instance they have been men who openly dedicated their lives to the Cause they represented. Washington was not great through force of circumstance. He was great because he believed in Liberty of Government and the Freedom of all peoples and the dedication of his life to this cause made him the leader of his government and the idol of his people.

This whole thought is particularly pertinent to the times because a world is being reorganized and it cannot be reorganized rightfully unless there are leaders to see that its foundations are secure. Everywhere religious movements are being born, great pieces of machinery being set up, organizations developed—for the forces of good are determined to see to it that the foundation is secure and that the reorganization is better than the old order of things. But, daily, it is becoming more apparent that there is a shortage of leaders—plenty of time-clock workers, but mighty few real heart-power workers. In other words there are few Geo. Washingtons, mighty few John Wesleys and practically no other Woodrow Wilsons in the world.

That is a fact—all of it. The call has gone out for this leadership in every walk of life, and the call is not being answered as it should. Is it possible that in our every-day flurry to reconstruct the world systematically and modernly we have forgotten that true leadership means the dedication of our lives to our task? And dedication means prayer—means a getting back to simple old-time ideas about religion, to the Now-I-lay-me days of yester year, to the time when a fellow wasn't ashamed to admit to the Lord that he couldn't do anything worth while until the Lord took possession of his life. —Methodist Centenary News.

When the bowels become irregular you are uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. You can get rid of this misery quickly by using Herbine. Take a dose on going to bed and see how fine you feel next day. Price 60¢ Sold by Sanders Drug Company

Cotton cake at G M Sharp's.



Their Medicine Chest For 20 Years

It is characteristic of folks after they pass the allotted "three score years and ten," to look back over the days that are gone and thoughtfully live them over. I find myself, at seventy-one, frequently drifting back a quarter of a century, when I see myself in the little drug store I owned at Bolivar, Mo., making and selling a vegetable compound to my friends and customers—what was then known only as Dr. Lewis' Medicine for Stomach, Liver and Bowel Complaints.

For many years while I was perfecting my formula I studied and investigated the laxatives and cathartics on the market and became convinced that their main fault was not that they did not act on the bowels, but that their action was too violent and drastic, and upset the system of the user; which was due to the fact that they were not thorough enough in their action, some simply acting on the upper or small intestine, while others would act only on the lower or large intestine, and that they almost invariably produced a habit requiring augmented doses.

I believed that a preparation to produce the best effect must first tone the liver, then act on the stomach and entire alimentary system. If this was accomplished, the medicine would produce a mild, but thorough elimination of the waste without the usual sickening sensations, and make the user feel better at once.

After experimenting with hundreds of different compounds, I at last perfected the formula that is now known as Nature's Remedy, which I truly believe goes further

and does more than any laxative on the market today. The thousands of letters from users have convinced me I was right, and that the user of Nature's Remedy as a family medicine, even though he may have used it for twenty-five years, never has to increase the dose.

My knowledge of medicine and the results of its use in my own family and among my friends, before I ever offered it for sale, caused me to have great faith in Nature's Remedy from the very first. And now as I find myself nearing the age when I must bow to the inevitable and go to another life, my greatest pleasure is to sit each day and read the letters that each mail brings from people as old or older than I, who tell of having used Nature's Remedy for ten, fifteen and twenty years, and how they and their children and grandchildren have been benefited by it.

It is a consoling thought, my friends, for a man at my age to feel that aside from his own success, one has done something for his fellow man. My greatest satisfaction, my greatest happiness today, is the knowledge that tonight more than one million people will take a Nature's Remedy (NR Tablet) and will be better, healthier, happier people for it. I hope you will be one of them.

A. H. Lewis, Pres.

A. H. LEWIS MEDICINE CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

T. J. GRAYES, Merkel, Texas

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"SURE WE'LL FINISH THE JOB"

Little Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps helped win the war. After all, patriotism isn't measured in millions nor thousands of dollars. It's doing for your country to your very utmost that makes a patriot of you. To you that utmost may seem rather small as compared with the large amount of Government securities purchased by your neighbor whose income may triple your own.

Your Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps did their part in the preparation for war and the victory won in just the same measure as men and cannon and guns. The bullet from a sniper's rifle and a Thrift Stamp are little things to consider, yet they went quite a long way toward beating the German army.

And Your War Savings Are Going to Finish the Job.

The war is over, yes. And just like any other great undertaking it took a lot of money to put it across. The noise of battle has ceased and the glamour that hung about the heroic deeds will soon become history. But the bills are still coming in. War Savings are going to pay them.

The dead have paid to the utmost. It's up to the living to finish the job. In France and Germany today the survivors of Chateau Thierry, Argonne Forest, St. Mihiel, are marching on with no thought of letting down on the task they took up when this country went to war. For them the job is not finished until there is definite peace and the last American soldier comes home. Your job is not finished—you have to go on war-saving.

The United States Government still has work to do. Even now plans are in the making for bringing back the slain for burial in their native land. Disabled soldiers will be trained to "carry on" in the battle of life in spite of their disabilities, and the training will be financed by the Government without cost to the disabled. The Government feels duty bound to share the burden taken up by these men who made possible the security of this country. The United States Government is going to finish the job with a steady stream of War Savings.

Your safety and happiness were bought at the price of thousands of lives—

But Have They Been Paid For? Patriotism must pay the price. And patriotism is not something that can be laid away on a shelf and brought out and unfurled for some special ceremony; it doesn't mean cheering while the band plays the "Star Spangled Banner", and slipping out the back door while the collection is being taken. To be a sure-enough-honest-to-goodness patriot you have to stay until the program is finished. Keep on war-saving.

Now Is the Time To Show Your Patriotism

The Government has undertaken a big job and means to see it through. The American soldier is backing the undertaking to his utmost. You keep on "war-saving."

Go to the Bank, Post Office, Store, or wherever you buy W. S. S. and buy some more today. Come on, Patriots. Finish the job.

SAVE and be HAPPY BUY W.S.S.

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In line with its policy that there is nothing too good for its great family of appreciative readers The Fort Worth Record takes pleasure in announcing the appointment of Colonel H. L. Wood as oil editor of the paper: Colonel Wood is said to be by those whose opinions are accepted as authority, the best informed oil writer in the United States. His experiences covers every angle of the oil industry, and his writings are accepted as authentic. He has the complete confidence of the big men in the business and he has an acquaintanceship among the host of men affiliated with oil and kindred interests which very few writers enjoy.

Colonel Wood began his newspaper career with the Bartlesville, Okla., Examiner in 1903. Subsequently he has held important positions on the Oil City Derrick, Oil City, Pa., was part owner and editor of the Oil and Gas Journal of Tulsa, Okla., correspondent for the Fuel Oil Journal of Houston and later served the Oil Trade Journal of New York and the Western Oil World of Denver, Colo. Mr. Wood represented the Prairie Oil & Gas Company as chief scout in the Mid Continent field for three years. He made a tour of the Mexican Oil fields and wrote the first comprehensive review of Mexican development. He has

visited every principal oil field in the United States and for years has compiled statistics covering every branch of the petroleum and gas industry, much of his data being used by the United States Geological Survey, Expert Bureau and other technical departments.

Colonel Woods broad experience and his wide knowledge assures the people of North Texas and Southern Oklahoma that they will find in The Fort Worth Record every day the most authentic, the most accurate and the most comprehensive oil news to be found in any newspaper in the country.

The Record believes that its enterprise in securing the services of Colonel Wood will receive immediate recognition and approval.

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Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 20.—"Red Hill", the historic home of Patrick Henry, in Halifax County about 30 miles from Lynchburg, was destroyed today by fire which swept the house unchecked because of frozen water pipes. Valuable furniture and many famous relics on the first floor were saved.

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STATE TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM HAS CORRESPONDENCE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.

SERVICE OPEN TO ALL ALIKE

Estimates Economic Loss to State at Ninety Million Dollars Per Year From This One Cause.

For the benefit of those who have tuberculosis, and for agencies interested in the stamping out of the disease the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, located at Carlsbad, Tarrant County, Texas, maintains a Bureau of Correspondence and Information for the dissemination of knowledge on the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis. The matter is primarily one of education and, recognizing this, the Thirty-Fifth Legislature made an appropriation of \$20,000.00 to be used by the Sanatorium, "For lecturing in colleges, schools and public gatherings, publishing pamphlets, books, and literature to be circulated, including general work to educate the public, and prevent as much as possible the spread of tuberculosis."

Service to the Tuberculous.

The Bureau obtains names of the tuberculous from physicians, anti-tuberculosis societies, ex-patients of the Sanatorium and others. To the tuberculous, and others interested, are mailed pamphlets bearing on the treatment and prevention of tuberculosis. A special effort has been made to get in contact with Texas soldiers discharged from army camps on account of tuberculosis.

Service to the Physician.

Once each month a carefully selected article on methods and treatment is mailed out to all the physicians of the State and it is believed this service is appreciated. Tuberculosis is one of the most curable of diseases, provided treatment is begun in time. If this was not true half of the population or more would die from it.

Importance of Instructing Children.

It has been said that if all children could be protected from infection tuberculosis would be stamped out in a decade. This somewhat exaggerates the truth, but it is now believed by competent authorities that tuberculosis is rarely, if ever, contracted in adult life. The infection takes place in childhood and later, usually in young manhood at a time when the system is weakened either through disease, excesses, mental or physical strain, the breakdown comes.

Fortunately, it is not a difficult matter to protect the young. To do so requires only that those who have active cases of tuberculosis be required to avoid infecting others. Practically the only way of spreading infection is through the sputum, therefore if the sputum of consumptives was carefully collected and destroyed, one of the main sources would have been controlled. Those consumptives who fail to protect the public in this way should be placed in special institutions just as are lunatics or criminals. Other common ways of infecting others are: through kissing, and coughing and sneezing without covering the face. Where children are exposed to infection in the home the consumptive should be isolated from them as much as possible. Separate utensils should be provided—or at any rate all dishes used by the consumptive should be boiled after use.

No Danger to Others.

A careful consumptive is not a danger to anyone and if this fact could be borne in mind much mental anguish, much persecution of those who can least stand it would be avoided. This unreasoning fear of the consumptive is known as phthisis phobia.

Service of the Bureau Open to All Alike.

If, as has been estimated, the economic loss to the State from tuberculosis is Ninety Million Dollars per year, this alone should prove a cogent reason for active steps being taken to control the disease. It was for the purpose of arousing the people of the State to action, so that more active combating of the disease might be entered into, that the Bureau was established. There was no thought of supplanting or hindering well established agencies and the Bureau's service is open to all; to physicians, anti-tuberculosis societies and others, and particularly to the tuberculous. The main function of the Bureau will be to encourage the establishing of county sanatoria and preventoria, to furnish sputum cups and supplies to the tuberculous at cost, and to give information on the subject of tuberculosis, its prevention and treatment, to anyone who will receive it. To obtain such service address R. E. Luhn, Jr., Director, Bureau of Correspondence and Information, State Sanatorium, Carlsbad, Texas.

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Any erroneous reflection on the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of The Mail will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the management.

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

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

I have been asked who wrote the article in last week's issue relative to discipline in the public schools. I readily answer that I did it, and without suggestion or influence from any one, but as a matter of duty to our institutions of learning. I have always been interested in good schools, believing that the hope of the race lies in the perfection of our school system.

I know, and every right thinking man knows, that for a school to be successful there must be discipline, and where the most rigid discipline exists generally the best school may be found.

Now in writing the article in question, there was no personal trust, or even knowledge of any particular individual taking exception to the article. I have not the time or disposition to go about endeavoring to make enemies. Just think of going down the street with my lip dragging the ground and failing to speak to a neighbor over some grievance. No, that is not my idea. I wrote that article, hoping that it would wake up some father or help some boy to bigger and better things. If it did that it served its purpose. I hold that law must be obeyed, and if not what does the mode of punishment matter? Does the boy or the girl not know what the mode of punishment was before committing the offense?

Possibly one statement I made could have been misconstrued, and that was relative to boys who quit school before they would take punishment becoming thieves. If it was possible for anybody to draw the conclusion that I meant that every boy who did so would make a thief, we are glad to correct the statement. What I intended to say was that we know of more than one boy who had quit school in this manner and who had made a thief.

I further know that every teacher is not an angel, but having been a boy not so long ago, I can not help but have a little sympathy for a teacher. I know that they are as liable to err in judgment as any one else.

In spite of some adverse criticism of our own public school, it will be seen that the school has made progress in affiliation and this affiliation recommendation comes from a personal inspection of the school. Then it behooves every single citizen to stand solidly behind our school system and assist it in reaching the highest state of efficiency possible for it to reach.

In spite of our school's growth in affiliation, we hear of some adverse criticism, but not once have we heard one word of constructive criticism.

I know there are instances of misunderstanding between good people, when it seems that a reconciliation is impossible. This, it seems, can not be helped, and I can but sympathize with such a condition.

If there are defects in our school system, then let us endeavor to mend them. If we are interested in the school as we should be, then why not join the Parents Teachers Association and endeavor to get a better view of the workings of the school.

Now discipline is nothing but



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common courtesy. The reason a boy or girl is asked to act like ladies and gentlemen in a school room is that they might apply themselves unto knowledge and permit their fellows to do likewise. One fellow says "I only committed a small offense, and why should I be punished?" It is the small offenses multiplied that destroy discipline, courtesy and even decency.

I am vitally interested in our school because I am a patron there; because my neighbors have children there; because I love my town and its splendid people; because I want to see our school at the very forefront, and because of the overwhelming pride I take in the welfare of my town. I don't expect every one to agree with me, but from the depth of my heart I believe I am right, and in loving kindness I lend my voice in persuasion of what I believe to be my duty.

Walter Jackson

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CHURCH NEWS

At The Presbyterian Church
Our attendance last Sunday was 52, a nice increase above the average, the collection \$1.50. We hope the increase will continue steadily every Sunday. We expect every member of our church to be on hand at the teaching service, and always give a cordial invitation to strangers and visitors. Preaching at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Preaching At North Side
Eld. J. W. Chism will preach at The Church of Christ Sunday at 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. Every body invited to attend.

At The Baptist Church
Two hundred and nineteen registered in our Sunday School last Sunday. The offering went to \$14.39. Pretty good in the face of a sandstorm, wasn't it? Two new classes were begun Sunday. One for the younger married men taught by Rev. B. F. Tatum, a man ripe in the experience of life and in his knowledge of the Bible and who knows how to teach. The other of the younger married women, taught by Mrs. T. E. Ragan, college woman who has had ample experience

as a teacher and who knows the Bible. These two classes give special invitation to the younger married folks. Bring the kiddies along and let them go to the sand table of the Beginners Department and they will be contented, and the parents will have a chance to study the Bible in live classes.

Good crowds were in attendance on the preaching services despite the uproarious manner of the sand and the wind. It was good to welcome some Stith people who worshipped with us. All the surrounding communities have standing invitation to visit us and worship with us and use us in any possible way. There needs to be more fellowship between the people of the town and surrounding country, and by the grace of God there shall be—the reason will be found. Merkel folks are just country folks moved to town—that's easy to see, and they never feel so happy as when their old neighbors visit them in their churches.

A big announcement to the Juniors next Sunday afternoon! Two-thirty is the hour for the Juniors. The B. Y. P. U. will meet at its regular hour, 3:30. The evening worship will be at 7:30. Special music. Come thou

with us and we will do thee good. Sunday morning services will begin at 10 and close on the dot at twelve. The Object Sermon sandwiched in between. Saint and sinner, citizen and stranger, all alike invited.

Let every Junior, Primary, and Beginner be in his or her place at the Annex Sunday morning at 10 o'clock sharp. Some interesting things will be carried out during the session there. We hope to have our entire enrollment present.

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

Methodist Church Notice

Our Sunday school is growing both in numbers and interest with the coming of good weather and the going of the "flu" we ought to double our attendance. Time 9:45.

The subject for the 11 o'clock hour will be The Stewardship of Life.

The Epworth League will have charge of the evening hour. Come and hear these young people with their splendid program.

W. M. Murrell, Pastor.

Epworth League Program
Subject, The Lure Of The World

Leader, Roy Moore
Song
Scripture, 2 Tim. 4:10
Song
The Chase Pastor, Roy Moore
The Seal of the World, Pearl Thornton.
Quartet
Separation, Willie Stevens
The Lure of the World, Lola Armstrong
Song
Benediction

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM March 2.
The Bible As My Guide In Life
Leader, Miss Dixie Howard
Scripture, Ps 119:97—107
Prayer
Song Service.
The Bible The Word Of God, Miss Ola Sharp.
The Bible is Sufficient, Miss Betty Toombs
The Bible is the Supreme Standard, Mrs. Walter Jackson
Piano Solo, Miss Julia McDonald

The Whole Bible Is Inspired, Miss Ruth Holloway.
Bible Was Written By Men Whom God Selected with Care, Bro. Dawson
The Bible and Science, Miss Hazel Bridgeman
Let each and every member be present with prepared subjects.

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LETTER FROM EMZY BURROUGHS.

The following letter from Corporal Emzy Burroughs, Co. C, 111th Engineers, 36th Div, to his aunt, Mrs. F V Lawrence, of Arlington, Texas.

Dear Auntie: Received your letter some time ago and certainly was glad to hear from you.

We are now billeted in a small town named, Birnoul in the State of Yonne, where I suppose we will stay until we embark for states and I hope it will be very soon. We all think so, at least.

I certainly have had great experiences in the five and one-half months we have been here. The greatest was at the front, although sometimes things got pretty hot for us there, and it was not very pleasant. I was on the front 62 days. Was in St. Michel drive, just opposite Metz.

There was where I got my first touch of war. Dead Americans and Bosches everywhere. I saw the wounded, the gassed and the dying. It certainly was terrible. Towns and beautiful country absolutely wiped off the earth. Some of the towns looked more like rock quarries, for instance, Fay-in-Hay. I suppose you have seen something in the papers about the town, although it has been under shell fire for three years. Another thing I saw, was French refugees brought in. One or two American soldiers carrying all their belongings. The rest the Germans had carried away. Only very small children and old men and women were brought, for the enemy had carried with them the young women and men. With all their sufferings they had withstood it for nearly four years. They were the happiest people I ever saw. We

only stayed there four days and then we hiked seven nights to the Verdun front, where everything was practically the same only farther advanced in every way. There was more fighting and more destruction. We arrived on the front near Appermont and followed the drive to the Argonne front, to Verinne, on to G. and Pre., the famous "Bill Joyce farm," Mart Homme, Buzancy and on to Cy, a small town three miles the other side of Bruilles, where we were relieved on the morning of Nov 11th. When the armistice was signed the soldiers actually went wild. Guns of every kind were fired, that night and the sky was actually aflame with rockets. They did almost everything to give vent to their joy.

Lots of love and hoping to be home very soon. Emzy

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CAPT NIXON WRITES

Francisco, Cal., Feb 17.

Dear Mother Haynes— This has been the day of all days with me. My vision has nearly all returned. Until today, it was about as I told you in the other letter. This afternoon Winnie and I decided to sleep a little before going down town. Winnie says she didn't sleep any, but that I slept very soundly; said I snored very loud. When I waked up, it seemed to me I had been sleeping a long time, but Winnie said it was only a short time. I was slightly puzzled at first, but only for a few moments. I could see nearly everything. I can see the same as ever except directly in front. There is a vacant space—long and narrow, which prevents me reading or looking directly at anything. But everything above and below this space is very distinct. I can now walk out on the street without assistance. I am a little awkward yet, but I know I will be alright with some practice.

We went over to Mother's last Saturday and came home late yesterday afternoon. All are well over there. Comer has a holiday next Saturday and said he was coming to see us.

I am writing letters faster today than Winnie can sign and address them. I wish others could know just how happy and thankful I feel today. But that is impossible and I feel sure I am enjoying my release from gloom just as much as if everybody could fully sympathize with me.

This is a beautiful day and we are going for a walk real soon. I want to see the bay and hills—and many things too numerous for mention.

Try to imagine my happiness and write us when you have time and the inclination. Lon.

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36th AND 90th DIVISIONS

The following is some of the work of the 36th and 90th divisions, which was sent to Mr. Diltz, by his son, W. L., Jr. with request that he have it published so the people could have some idea of what these two divisions have done.

Thirty-Sixth Division
National Guard of Texas and Oklahoma. Divisional headquarters arrived in France July 31, 1918. Activities: Blanc Mont sector, north of Somme-Py, Oct. 6-28 (French Champagne offensive)

Prisoners captured: 18 officers 531 enlisted men. Guns captured: 9 pieces of artillery, 294 machine guns. Total advance on front line, 21 kilometers.

Insignia: Cobalt blue arrow-head with a khaki "T" superimposed upon a khaki disc. The arrow-head represents Oklahoma and the "T" Texas

Ninetyth Division
National Army of Texas and Oklahoma. Divisional headquarters arrived in France June 23, 1918. Activities: Sazerais-Haye-Puvenelle sector, Aug. 24-Oct. 10 St. Mihiel operation, September 12-15; demonstration at beginning of Argonne-Meuse offensive Sept. 26; Argonne-Meuse offensive, Oct. 19-Nov. 11.

Prisoners captured: 32 officers 1,844 enlisted men. Guns captured: 42 pieces of artillery, 230 machine guns. Total advance on front line: 28 1/2 kilometers.

Insignia: Red monogram "TO", standing for Texas-Oklahoma.

Dollars and Cents.

Counting it only in dollars and cents, how much did that last cold cost you? A man may not always stop work when he has a cold but perhaps it would be better if he did. It takes about ten days to get completely rid of a cold under the usual treatment. That time can be much shortened by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and proper care of yourself, in fact, a bottle of this remedy in the house is a mighty good investment during the winter and spring months.

HONOR ROLL

Following is a list of our boys who are in Uncle Sam's service.

- Willie Leo Miller, Trent.**
Lester Earl White.
G. C. Hodges.
Z. T. Lamar.
Jas. Coleman Wasson, Noodle.
Oran Edwards
Nall Perkins.
Fauss Banner.
Clyde Garrett.
Roy O. Stevens.
Martin Luther Powers.
- Ernest N. Henderson
Earnest Yancy
W. A. Hellums.
Geo. Ferrier.
Will Cox.
Sydney Cox.
John Kyle Blair.
Wm. A. Bond.
John Clyde Bond.
Luna W. Tittle, Jr.
Jas W. Mayfield.
Ora L. Mayfield.
Birt Mayfield.
Paul McMurray.
Ulric Forrester.
Andrew Archer.
Roy Adams.
Britt Baker.
Edgar Breeze.
W. B. Brown.
Arthur Derrington.
Frank J. Ferrier.
De Gorcus.
Wm. R. Green.
James F. Holloway.
B. Jobe.
Pete Meek.
F. O'Brien.
Herbert Ricker.
Paul Stamford.
Bill Sheppard.
Paul Turner.
George White.
L. B. Wells.
Riley White.
L. Powers.
Emzi Burroughs.
Thos Bearden.
Jas. Brown.
Emmitt Grimes.
L. M. Hutchins.
Chester A. Duncan, Trent.
John T. Morris, Trent.
Joe L. Evans, Trent.
W. W. McElmurray, Trent.

- O. R. Burns.
Joe Thomas Hartley.
John Robert West.
Robert Grady Collins
Jim F. Winters.
Hubert J. Swan, Trent.
John Moore, Merkel.
Lieut B. B. Brown
Chester Hall.
Stuart Grimes.
Jas. Clyde White.
Lloyd Shepard.
L. A. Dudley.
Robert Vernon Boring.
Sherley King.
O. A. Horton.
Ira Huss.
Archie Rose.
Fred Harrell.
Chas. C. Jones.
Glen Thompson
Roscoe Sharp.
John Ware.
John D. Dudley.
John Edward Hunter.
E. M. Harris.
George Smith.
Geo. N. Reynolds.
J. H. Rister, Tye.
Wayne Abernathy, Trent.
H. W. Beckham, Trent
Dee H. Donnell, Trent
Hollis Brown, Trent.
Royce Dowdy, Trent.
Arthur McMurray.
Charlie Clifton Smith, Trent.
Fred Pribble, Trent.
Ernest Massey, Trent.
Lee Massey, Trent.
Hosea Winn, Trent.
Skyler Dunn, Trent.
Elmer Dunn, Trent.
Will E. Smith, Trent.
Leldon Goode, Noodle
Jas. Harmon Peterson.
W. Clarence Melton.
Dalton Blackmon, Trent.
Otto Blackmon, Trent
John W. Hassey, Trent
Spurgeon Scott, Trent
Robert W. Kelly.
Jno. Earnest Costephens.
Wm. Roy Costephens.
Jake Eason, Noodle.
Henery Eason, Noodle
Guy Bradley, Stith.
Guy Sibley, Trent.
Wm. Wills.
Sam H. Rosson, Trent.
Claude Rosson, Trent.
Alfred Wesley Costephens.
Ulyses McNees.
W. Clarence Cameron
Vessie E. Browning.
Bailey Frazier
John Coomer.
Bailey Frazier.
Leo Shepard.
Frank Millican.
Dem Rusk.
Q Rusk.
Tucker
Horton.
John Tucker.
Wilba Whitaker
Rufus McLean.
Dillard Snow.
Vernon Simpson.
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Cecil McRee, Trent
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Clyde Foster.
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Ennis Grimes.
Charley Fitzgerald.
Berry Forrester.
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Lee Raymond Campbell
Eulless McNees.
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Leonard Wills
Winslow J. Beckham, Trent.
John Rex McClain.

Health About Gone

Many thousands of women suffering from womanly trouble, have been benefited by the use of Cardui, the woman's tonic, according to letters we receive, similar to this one from Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, N. C. "I could not stand on my feet, and just suffered terribly," she says. "As my suffering was so great, and he had tried other remedies, Dr. — had us get Cardui. . . I began improving, and it cured me. I know, and my doctor knows, what Cardui did for me, for my nerves and health were about gone."

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All Druggists
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- Barney A. Garrett.
P. M. Hutchins.
Roger F. Haynes.
O. S. Burns.
Roger V. Wells.
Jas. Parker Sharp.
Will Brown.
Judson McRee.
Frank Hart.
Albert Vessell, Trent
Jim Skillern, Trent.
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ENTRIES POURING IN FOR BIG SHOW; THRILLS CERTAIN

Everything Points to the Biggest Exhibition and Biggest Crowds in Fort Worth March 10-15.

Fort Worth—That the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show, which will be held here March 10-15, will be an exhibition of infinite variety is assured by the wealth of entries pouring in daily for livestock departments, for Rodeo, for poultry show, etc.

Never before in the history of the show has interest among the breeders of fine stock been so universal nor has there been early promise of such a magnificent and representative exhibit of the blooded cattle, sheep, hogs and horses of the Southwest.

Inasmuch as much territory in Texas has been freed of the tick duuring the past year, the exhibition of native cattle is expected to outclass any previous exhibition. And war-time efficiency has done much for fine stock in Texas. A concrete example of direct results will be seen here during the stock show.

From all over the country, distinguished riders have been writing to the stock show management, informing it that they will be on hand for the Rodeo and help Fort Worth show Cheyenne a few wrinkles about frontier day celebrations. For one whole week the old west of outlaw horses and wild steers, of reckless riding and daredevil feats of the range, will hold sway in Fort Worth—and the veteran plainmen of a past era will hark back to the times when Texas was wild and wooly, unshackled by the barbed wire fence.

Dairy cattle lovers from all over the country are expected to come to Fort Worth during the show to see the magnificent array that will be on exhibit, as is assured by the fine line of entries already assured. Prize money has been doubled in the dairy divisions and this has been an incentive for breeders who hitherto have not patronized this show.

J. M. Jones of the Texas Experiment Station has been selected as superintendent of the sheep department of the show. He has been scouting far and wide and announces that he has lined up an array of sheep that will be representative—that will astonish even the veteran visitors to the stock show. Texas has made great progress in sheep raising during the past several years and the industry in this state will have competition from nearby states this show, it is understood.

Tom Frazier announces that there is every prospect for a much better showing of fancy hogs than for the past several years. There will be a great "clash of breeds" for the grand championship of the show, as several associations are offering additional prizes in hogs of certain breeds which carry off the blue ribbon.

Some very fine Horse Show classes, particularly in the saddle events, are being arranged for the Rodeo—the afternoon and night entertainment.

The management of the show is looking for an attendance from all over the Southwest, as the Fort Worth exhibition has moved forward into the position of one of the three big livestock shows of the country—and the Southwest has moved up into a commanding position in the production of fine stock.

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SHERIFFS SALE
The State of Texas, County of Taylor
By virtue of a certain Alias Execution issued out of the Honorable District Court of Wichita County, on the 27th day of December 1918, by A. J. Keer, Clerk of said Court against J. T. Brown, C. L. Brown and J. M. Norris for the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars and cost of suit, in cause No. C105 in said Court, styled The State of Texas versus J. T. Brown, C. L. Brown and J. M. Norris and placed in my hands for service, I, J. S. Bond, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 9th day of January, 1919 levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, described as follows, to-wit Its tract. Lots Numbers Fifty-three (53) and Fifty-four (54) R. A. Miller Subdivision of the W. 1/4 of Lot No. Eighteen (18) Section No. One Hundred Forty seven (147) Grimes County School land, as described in deed recorded in Volume Ninety-seven at page 209, deeds records, Taylor County, Texas.

2nd. Tract. One Hundred-twenty (120) Acres off the East Side of the S. E. Quarter (S. E. 1/4) Texas & Pacific Ry. Co. Section Number Sixty-nine (69) Block Number Nineteen (19) at page 551, deeds records, Taylor County, Texas.

3rd. Tract. Thirty (30) acres off the South-east quarter (S. E. 1/4) of section Sixty-nine (69). Block Number Nineteen (19) Texas & Pacific Railway Co. land, as described in deed recorded in Volume 98 at page 574, deeds records of Taylor County, Texas.

and levied upon as the property of said C. L. Brown. And on Tuesday, the fourth day of March, A. D. 1919, at the Court House door of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. I will sell said above described land at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said C. L. Brown by virtue of said levy and said Alias Execution And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceeding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail a newspaper publishes in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 10th day of January, A. D. 1919.
J. S. Bond, Sheriff.
Taylor County, Texas.
Feb 13t3c.

Robin Red Breast meal at Bob Martin's

Our Thanks To The People
We wish to thank kind friends for the numerous floral offerings sent at the funeral of our beloved wife and daughter.
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Mr. and Mrs Collins

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, etc.

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Mrs N Hancock left Wednesday morning for Kirkland to be at the bedside of her mother who is right sick

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inches solid steel on the sides? We think that Hubert will get his discharge real soon. He is a big, brave, tender-hearted, mild-mannered boy, always speaks the truth and never touched a drop of intoxicating liquor or tobacco in any form, why shouldn't we want him at home with us? Our other boy, Winslow, is in Chelsea, Mass., in a base hospital and will not ask for a discharge as long as there are so many wounded to see after. However we "licked 'em" in good shape and thousands of mothers are being made happy by the return of our boys and thousands saddened by knowing theirs will never return but it is God's way and seems it had to come and we who are left will have a much better world to live in. While Texas is already

dry, we will vote on state wide prohibition and woman suffrage in May, has been some ten or twelve counties voted on prohibition in Texas in the last few months and all have gone dry from three to four to one. The drier it gets the worse Jim Ferguson tries to criticize something or somebody but we pay just as little attention to Jimmy as Wilson did to the criticism when he was arranging to sail for Europe, and by the way Woodrow and I are growing more alike all the time in making our peace plan for all nations to agree, sign up and have no more wars, keep no standing army or navy, convert our warships into merchant vessels and beat our swords into plow shares and spears into pruning hooks

and when any nation violates their obligations all other nations will be under obligations to put them down. West Texas has had at least twenty inches of snow in the last two months and several nice rains. More wheat sown than was ever known in this country and is looking good. We farmers are having a time trying to get our stock through the winter, we are having to buy most all of our feed, corn \$1.85 to \$2 per bu., alfalfa \$36 to \$38 per ton, prairie hay \$25 to \$30 per ton, and planting cotton seed \$2.55 per bushel. I would like to say something about the West Texas oil field, it is wonderful how the excitement is growing, it is no doubt that Eastland Co., is the richest

field in the world, one little county Baptist Church had a well put down on their church lot and their royalty is about \$400 per day; they met and agreed to distribute it to different institutions, only retaining 15 per cent for their own use.

Respt. yours
C T BECKHAM

Periodic Bileus Attacks

Persons subject to epriodic bilious attacks will observe that their appetite fails them just before an attack. That is, hey do not really crave food but eat because it is meal time. If they will eat a light meal and no meat, then take two of Chamberlain's Tablets the attack may be avoided.

AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM C T BECKHAM

The following letter from C.T. Beckham of Trent, appeared in the Stone County Record, Mountain View, Ark., February 7:

As one of our dear boys has just spent a few days furlough at home, and I have brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, cousins and lots of friends who would like to know about him, I will just give a little account of his trip.

Hubert left home Aug. 5, 1917 for Norfolk, Va., he was there about three weeks, he sailed to New York, Nov 1st on the U. S. S. New York in company with 50 dreadnaughts and several small ships and submarine chasers, left New York for European waters, first liberty was in Edinburgh Scotland, a city of about 300,000 population; the Grand Fleet consisted of about five hundred ships, English, French and American, they cruised around in the North Sea about a year, or until the Armistice was signed, their business was to see that the German Fleet didn't come out. They then sailed to Portland, England, got a furlough and went to London and spent several days and had some wonderful experiences seeing the different styles of English people. He inquired for Coleman Street, a man told him to go south five minutes, west eight minutes and then ask some body. He then sailed for Scapa Flow, near Scotland, then came the grandest stunt ever pulled off, 500 ships went to meet and receive the German Grand Fleet as they surrendered; King George was on Hubert's ship, they went out seventy five miles where they formed two lines six miles apart, and the German fleet, of some sixty vessels, sailed between, till they all got in, then the sign was given to lower their flags, to never be hoisted again until further orders. The American and Allied ships had all their big guns pointed so if the Germans made one wrong move they could have blown them into eternity in forty seconds, they were a solemn looking bunch.

He then sailed for Brest, France, where they received President Wilson, which was a wonderful stunt, hundreds of ships formed two lines and Wilson's ship, the George Washington, came between them. Hubert only spent a few days in Brest, he said the French people were the happiest people on earth and did all they could to show the Americans their appreciation, it was common to meet girls on the streets and they would flip them under the chin and say, "touch an American sailor for luck."

He landed back in New York, Dec 26, 1918, he was in a very bad storm as he went over. An "old salt" who had been a sailor for over thirty years, said it was the worst storm he had ever seen, the wind blew at the rate of 105 miles an hour for three days, the storm continued for nine days, was estimated eight-hundred tons of salt water on the ship, all the pumps running and the men dipping with buckets. Their ship was reported lost in this storm and they failed to get any mail from the states for over two months.

Are lots of you readers like me, didn't know those big war ships were twelve to fourteen

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Here are Some Other Examples Taken From Reliable Authorities

\$1,000 invested in Chalmer Motor Co. has returned in 8 years	\$ 86,650
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\$1,000 invested in Federal Motor Truck Co. has returned in 7 years	\$ 78,878
\$1,000 invested in Ford Motor Co. of Canada returned in 11 years	\$434,870
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- ☛ Hindsight and regrets don't make you any money. Foresight and quick action is what counts in the commercial world

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☛ We don't mean that you should buy right now—we don't ask for any money until you know more about our plans. But we do mean to say that you would do well to promptly investigate this opportunity to get in as one of the original shareholders in a home company, which is organized to make money for its shareholders from the manufacture and sale of Trucks, Tractors and Automobiles, for which there is a world-wide demand.

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LOCAL NEWS

Little Harold Cash is right sick this week.

Plenty of oats and corn—G M. Sharp.

Bring your cleaning, pressing and mending to me. Mrs. Cash.

The baby of Mrs. Walter Buford is slowly mending after a severe spell of pneumonia.

Robin Red Breast meal at Bob Martin's

L C Scott of Lamesa is visiting his grandson, L B Scott. He is 84 years and 84 days old to-day and is spry and hearty.

Just received car of New Mexico coal. Warren Bros

Alfalfa hay, cotton seed hulls, cotton seed for feed at Hamm's Gin.

Mrs. Claude Bigham of Alvin sends in her subscription to the Merkel Mail

Just received car of New Mexico coal. Warren Bros

J H McDonald has moved from Gilliam, La., to Eastland, Tex., where he is connected with an oil company

I guarantee my work. Mrs. C L Cash

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Mr and Mrs H L Leeton are the happy parents of a fine 10-pound boy, born Friday morning, February 21.. Mr Leeton is in Gilliam, La., but is expected home soon. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

Mrs H T Merritt was taken to a sanitarium in Abilene Wednesday afternoon, where she underwent an operation on her head. The operation was successful and she is getting along nicely. She expects to be able to return home within a week.

IF WOMEN ONLY KNEW

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PROOF OF BANNER'S DEATH

Flagny, France, Jan 27. Mr J L Banner, Merkel, Texas.

Dear Friend—It has been my desire and duty to write to you. As I was first Sargeant of the Company, on the front at the time that your son, Foster, was killed in the St Etinne, engagement. I have known Foster for some time and found him to be a gentleman and a man at all times. And every one that knew him was his friend. The loss of this fellow soldier, and comrade, Luther Powers, were missed throughout the entire company as much or more than any casuals that occurred in this company

Foster and Luther Powers were placing ammunition near their gun, making preparation for an attack, when a large shell came over and killed the two of them at the same time.

They were buried by the regimental Chaplin and burying party on the battle field near the town of St Etinne.

It has been reported to us that Corporal L V Cypert, who was returned to the states as a casualty told you that he saw Foster in the hospital on Nov. 12th. This is bound to be false. Corporal Cypert was sent to the hospital from Bligney, Aube, France about three or four hundred Kill-

ometers from the front, with a large boil or carbuncle on his hip. He was there during the entire engagement and absolutely saw no service with the 36th division on the front. I am very sorry that such report got out, as the sorrow to you and Foster's friends is great enough without some one trying to renew the shock of such a sad loss. I am also sorry that the Corporal spoken of was not on the front to receive the wounds that he so gallantly boasts of.

Mr Banner you have my most heart felt sympathy. You should be proud that your own flesh and blood made the supreme sacrifice for your country and my Country.

With love and best wishes,
Your friend,
Srgt. Mack G Tarver

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FLOXOM GIVEN TWO YEARS

The trial of John Bloxom resulted in being found guilty and his punishment assessed at two years imprisonment. The case was styled State of Texas against State Ranger John Bloxom charged by indictment with murder in connection with the killing at Ranger in December a merchant by the name of Richburg. Defendant Bloxom testified in part as follows:

"I was told at the office of the Justice of the Peace that a poker game was going on in the vicinity of the Richburg room and Nalls and I went to what we afterward found was the room of Richburg and McGill. When we came to the place we could not see inside, although we tried. We could hear voices inside and could hear money rattling. I stepped up the steps shook the door and said, "there is a ranger, here, open up" and I then pushed at the door which sprung open at the bottom I put my hand through and some one began beating on my hand, after push-

ing the door back against my hand and catching it. I shot through the door, then the door flew open and a man hit me in the head with a chair knocking me over against the bed as I stepped inside. I raised my left arm as a shield and fired under it and Nalls fired about the same time. I went for a doctor as soon afterwards as I could but the man was practically dead when I returned."

K F McGill, who was the business partner of Richburg at the time, and who now lives at Houston, was the state's chief witness in his testimony he said, in part:

"Richburg and I engaged in the grocery and produce business in Ranger in October, 1918 in a plank structure and rear of which we occupied as a bed room and which was partitioned off from the store in front. On the night of the killing we had gone into the bed room to check up our days sales. We put a bathrobe over the window to keep others from looking in while we were counting the money, which we did every night.

"We had counted the checks and bills and had but that money in our pocket. We had poured the silver and change out into the top of the box and had begun stacking the nickles and dimes in quarters into stacks when we heard a noise outside and I saw a hand reaching through the door, which was pushed out at the bottom. I ran over and kicked the hand and the hand was withdrawn and at the same time I heard some one outside curse and a shot was fired through the door. . .

"The door was again pushed open at the bottom and I saw a hand with a sixshooter sticking in. I grabbed up a piece of plank and struck at the hand but don't think I hit it. The door then flew open. I ran to the side door and Richburg was standing there, he was standing up with his hands up in the air. I dropped the plank and ran for the side door about eight feet away. As the first door broke open I saw some one

crouching over and as I went out the side door there someone coming toward me, cursing"

Witness said that right afterward he heard shots and heard his partner holler "Oh" and that he himself crouched under a resturant for a while, directly calling to his partner when, when someone told him that Richburg was dead.

Witness further testified that when he went back and asked about the shooting the ranger told him to shut-up or he'd get done the same way, making that threat when he had started telling some outsiders who had gathered how the thing had occurred

John Milford Ed Bigbee, E H Waldon, H L Campbell, S P Sanders and R L Fairclaw were other witnesses called during the trial.

The jury was chosen from a special venire summoned last week. The selection of the 12 men to try the case occupied the greater part of the first days daylight sessions but a lengthy night session was held Monday night during which considerable testimony was heard

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Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Luncheon in Honor of Frank Hart

In honor of the return of Frank Hart from the army, E Q Warren entertained at dinner at the Metropolitan Cafe Wednesday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. T L Grimes, Mr. and Mrs R O Anderson, Misses Eima Sheppard, Maude Martin and Eva Williams, and Messrs Frank Hart, Claude Comegys and E Q Warren.

A general good time was reported.

High School Entertained

Last Friday evening the eighth Grade entertained the rest of the High School at the hospitable home of Mr and Mrs W H Laney. Several games were played, music formed a large part of the entertainment. Every body seemed to have the time of their lives, and remained until a late hour

Philatheas Entertain

Last Saturday evening at the home of Mr and Mrs E N Brown, the Philatheas of the Baptist church entertained the Khaki Class with a Washington party. There was a large number present, and from start to finish a general good time was in evidence. The class has made splendid progress of late, and its social features attract and hold. Whenever the Philatheas announce a social it is generally understood that a good time is in store.

Various games were played, and music was a feature of the evening amusement. Hatchets were given each one and then the search for partners began, which afforded much fun. Refreshments of sandwiches and coffee were served, and when the folks departed to their respective homes it was getting dangerously near Sunday morning. The social was given as a George Washington Birthday social

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Mr McMahan of Dallas visited Mr and Mrs Jackson, Wednesday morning.

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