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BOARD OF TRADE IS ORGANIZED

The executive committee of the advertising funds, recently subscribed at a banquet of Merkel citizens, met Tuesday night and perfected organization more thoroughly. It was decided that if the advertising funds be expended to the best advantage, it was necessary to have a man on the job to take care of the results. It was further suggested that the members present go into the organization of a Board of Trade to succeed the Commercial Club. This was done. Funds for the operation of the organization are to be raised in addition to the advertising funds.

Every member of the directorate was present, as follows:

T. G. Bragg, president; W. O. Boney, vice president; H. C. West, R. O. Anderson, E. L. Rogers, John Sears, R. L. Bland, T. A. Johnson, J. T. Warren, W. A. McSpadden, Walter Jackson, E. Q. Warren, J. C. Mason and Geo. Houghton.

H. C. West was elected temporary secretary.

The following committee was appointed to look for a secretary for the permanent organization: T. A. Johnson, R. L. Bland and W. A. McSpadden. This committee will endeavor to make report at the ensuing meeting to be held next Tuesday night.

The following committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the maintenance of the organization: T. G. Bragg, H. C. West and E. L. Rogers.

The following committee was appointed to solicit funds for addition to advertising funds: J. C. Mason, J. T. Warren and John Sears.

It was decided that pamphlet should be issued at once, and a committee was appointed to prepare the copy and execute the work; Walter Jackson, H. C. West and E. Q. Warren.

The matter of sending delegates to the Bankhead Highway meeting at Mineral Wells received considerable attention and it was decided to urge a party familiar with the details to come to Merkel at his convenience and talk to the people here about the matter.

A motion prevailed to urge every citizen to co-operate to the fullest extent with the Scouts in their clean-up campaign next week. Merkel must be put on the map, and it is urged that she appear all decked out in new paint, flowers and shrubbery and above all present a cleanly appearance to all visitors.

Those present were highly enthusiastic and a great program is to be arranged.

The advertising of this country will be of great worth to every citizen of the Great Merkel Country. Every one owning as much as 100 acres of land ought to contribute. The purpose of this fund is to place Merkel in her proper place before the world, to bring money here for investment, to induce people to come here who will develop the country to a greater extent and to induce an era of prosperity such as we have never experienced. We bespeak for the different committees due consideration over a matter of vast co-operative proportions. It offers us an opportunity to pull hard and to pull all-together. A new day has dawned, and it belongs to the people here to profit by it.

THE MIDDLE BLOCK

Abstracts are being rushed on the Middle Block, just west of Merkel. Drilling is expected to begin just as soon as the outfit can be placed on the ground.

TO DRILL BUTMAN BLOCK SOON

Abstracts are being pushed to the utmost on the Butman block, so they may be passed upon for the completion of the pending contract. The well is to be drilled a short distance south of the home of Sam Butman, Sr., by the Burford-Brim Oil & Gas Company of Tulsa, Ok. Dating from the competition of the contract, drilling operations must begin by June 14, but it is thought that they will be started much earlier.

A large acreage has been leased in this block and a great deal of confidence has been inspired.

SPELLING CONTEST

In the auditorium of the High School last Friday afternoon the spelling try out took place. Considerable time was required to complete the contest.

The winner of the Seniors was Miss Vivian Hutcheson, winner in a similar contest last year. As a coincidence, the winner in the Junior contest was Miss Opal Patterson, also winner of the Juniors last year.

These two young ladies are the very best spellers in this section and we are hoping that they will win in the County contest to be held at Trent on April 4 and 5th.

In the Senior contest Russell won second place and Pearl Tompkins third. In the Junior contest Beural Tucker won second place and Ruth Brown third.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION

The election of school trustee for the Merkel Independent School District will take place Saturday. We have heard of no one striving for the office. Perhaps they do not think the salary is sufficient. At any rate every voter ought to vote in this election, even if they vote for the same men. If we have men who are willing to give their time for the benefit of our school, then we ought to show enough interest to go to the polls and let them know that we stand by them.

Trent Wins Over Merkel

The Intermediate ball team of the Merkel school played the Intermediates of the Trent school last Friday afternoon, the result being 19 to 10 in favor of Trent.

Both teams played well throughout the 7-inning game. Trent expects to meet the Merkel team on its home grounds next week.

GERMAN HELMET TO BE GIVEN AWAY

Thirty-five hundred German helmets have been shipped to Dallas for distribution amongst prominent workers in the Victory Liberty Loan Campaign. Every county chairman will receive his full share to be distributed as personal gifts and mementos of the great war. Some will use them as cuspidors and others will place them under a glass case and hand them on as heirlooms in the family.

CLAYTON

Let everybody do their best to help the Boy Scouts in their Clean-Up Campaign next week. While you are cleaning up, better get some screen wire and fix up. We have a full line of screen wire, hinges, springs, etc. G. F. West Company.

If you don't want to lose your crop by hail, see E. D. Coats and have it insured. 4t2c

George Brown returned to Burk Burnett the first part of the week

CLEAN-UP APRIL 7 TO 12

Keep it in mind that next week is Clean-Up Week.

The Boy Scouts and the City will be on the job trying to tidy things up and get ready for Spring and our company. We will have lots of company during these next few months and we want them to get a favorable notion of the town. They will get such a notion if the town is clean.

Clean the alleys. Some of them look like a German division after the Americans got through with it. They look like the picture of desolation and create a nuisance.

Clean the yards. Front yards need tidying up. Nail on the pickets. Straighten up the flower beds. Get after the back yard. Make it look slightly. Find a place for all the washing gear and other implements of household necessity.

Clean the lots. Dispose of the refuse. The fly season draws near. Manure piles will breed flies by the millions. Flies are the greatest dispensers of disease known to man.

Look after the toilet. Make it slightly and sanitary. Use some paint and lime and other disinfectants.

Look carefully to the well and cistern. See that no surface water runs or seeps in. Health is worth everything. Safeguard it by properly caring for water supply.

Get in the Clean-Up Procession. You're a back number if you don't. Let's get the town to looking like a piece of Easter milinery.

PRIZES AWARDED FOR CLEAN-UP

1. TEN DOLLARS to the Boy Scout Patrol that accumulates the largest pile of trash in its territory. Three Dollars for the second biggest pile to the Patrol accumulating it. Two Dollars to the third largest pile to the Patrol accumulating it.

2. FIVE DOLLARS to the Patrol showing the best cleaned section.

3. THREE DOLLARS to the boy or girl under fifteen years old that shows the most improvement in a front yard during the week.

4. TWO DOLLARS to the boy or girl under fifteen that shows the most improvement in the back yard during the clean-up week.

PRIZES 3 and 4 are open to any boy or girl under fifteen year old within the city limits. Those who enter for these prizes must report to one of the judges by noon on Monday, the 7th, so that the yards may be view by the judges both before and after the work of improvement is done.

PRIZES 1 and 2 are for Boy Scouts ONLY.

JUDGES: One will be appointed by the Mayor, one by the Superintendent of Schools, and one by the Parent-Teachers Association.

AWARDS—Prizes will be award to the winners by the judges on Friday afternoon the 11th.

CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE

MONDAY, the 7th. The town will be canvassed by the Boy Scouts making appeal to everybody to CLEAN UP.

TUESDAY the 8th to Thursday the 10th. Clean-Up in progress.

THURSDAY, the 10th, 3:30 P. M. Boy Scouts Parade in the interest of Clean-Up.

FRIDAY, the 11th, 5 P. M. Judging trash piles and yards and announcement of winners.

SATURDAY, the 12th. Boy Scouts will help the City Street Cleaning Department dispose of the trash.

SATURDAY, the 12th, 9 P. M. Boy Scouts Banquet.

THE TOWN—DIVIDED

The town will be divided into Five Districts: Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southwest, and Southeast.

The Patrols have drawn their districts as follows: Central, Beavers; Northeast, Eagles; Northwest, Panthers; Southwest, Wolves; Southeast, Bulls.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR SALE—Pure bred White Leghorn eggs, \$1.00 for 15. Phone 904F13. 2t14p

LOST—Gulf Refinery Co. delivery book, leather back, checks and some stamps. E P Beene.

Let me do your screen work and patch that leaky roof. See John McClary Phone 9012F21 2t18

MY JACK—Will make the season this year 5 miles southeast of Merkel. He is as good as money can buy. Insurance—G. H. Tucker 28t2p

REGISTERED JACK—I will stand my registered jack 3 miles north, 1 mile east of Merkel. Will take all care, but will not be responsible for accidents. \$10 if colt sucks. Joe Higgins, Route 1. Phone No. 9043F11 4t3p

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One broadcast binder. In good shape. Phone 9020F11 4t2p

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

FOR RENT—Farm close to town to responsible party on the halves. —S. F. Haines. tf

FOR SALE—Full blood Brown Leghorn eggs for sale at \$1.00 per setting of 15; \$5.00 per 100 eggs. Test was 31 chicks out of 32 eggs. Rufus Adcock. 13t3c

FOR SALE—Piano in good shape. See Joe Owen. 21t2c

FOR SALE—Two good milk cows and young calf. J. C. Mason. 28t2p

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Broadcast binder in good shape. Bargain if taken at once.—See Guy Cade, Trent Texas 28t3p

WANTED—Single hand to do ranch work. Good pay. Tom Largent tf

FOR SALE—3 room house. See Merkel Lumber Company. 4t1c

BARKER OIL WELL IS LOCATED

A site has been selected on the farm of J. L. Barker for the drilling of a well. Wichita Falls parties are to do the work. All the material for the derrick that could be purchased in Merkel has been hauled out to the site. The big timbers are to come from Wichita Falls and will arrive as soon as the freight can put them here.

The promoters promise no delay in the starting of operations. In fact the contract called for actual drilling operation by April 1. Those who have gone into the contract are anxious for development and state they are willing to wait a few days on the fulfillment of the contract.

The Great Merkel Country is being dotted all over with locations. In the words of the geologist, "This is the greatest field known to man," is what is turning the great westward sweep from Ranger to this section. The locations and proposed locations within a radius of 15 or 20 miles of Merkel now number 13 or 14.

MERKEL STORE ROBBED

The place of business of G. F. West Company was entered Saturday night and a bountiful supply of groceries taken. The thief broke the glass of a rear window and gained admission. He took several sacks of flour a number of packages of coffee large quantity of soap a nice supply of meat a box of watches, several glasses of jelly and various other articles.

The thief is supposed to be a local party, though there is no clue.

RELIGIOUS CENSUS TAKEN

The religious census was taken last Sunday afternoon between the hours of 2 and 5. Nearly every one was at home and the enrollment was a great success. Including Bettis Heights the population of Merkel is over 1200. Estimating about 200 people away from home, the population of Merkel is 1400.

An urgent invitation is given for every person in Merkel to attend Sunday School and preaching Sunday. It is "Go To Church Day."

ANOTHER GOOD RAIN

The Great Merkel Country had another good rain Wednesday and Wednesday night. According to the record kept by J. J. Stallings, the rainfall amounted to 1 1/4 inches. The clouds are still threatening, but we venture to make no prediction, as some galeot might take us to be old timers. We got by last year and year before, but we find now that discretion is the better part of valor. No Sir, please excuse us from making a prediction.

Assortment of Curios.

There is on display at the Grimes Drug Store a splendid selection of curios from the front and a great number of postals of scenes in Europe. The collection includes German helmets, gas masks, shells, French officers cap, German pistols, cartridges, German money, French money, German thermometers. Most of the collection was sent by Drs Grimes and Holt, who are at the front. Mrs. Holt is visiting Mrs. Dr Grimes and brought her portion of this collection with her. The collection has excited considerable interest.

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your electric accounts.

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

CITY OFFICERS ARE ELECTED TUESDAY

More interest than usual was taken in the city election last Tuesday. A total of 168 votes were cast. J. J. Stallings was elected mayor with a vote of 104, as against Judge N. D. Cobb, with a vote of 62. For aldermen, J. L. Harris and G. W. Boyce each received a vote of 106, as against 57 votes cast for D. M. Armstrong and 60 for R. L. Bland. G. W. Johnson received the full vote for city secretary.

The election passed off peaceably. To many the result was a surprise. There seemed to be no platform differences. Some criticism was made of administration on account of the raise in salary, and yet the new officers are to draw the increase salary. Some criticism was made of the old officers for dispensing with the office of marshal. The old board proposed to appoint this officer; the new board will do like wise.

So, after all, the matter is inexplainable.

However, the winners are good winners; the losers good losers.

Such are the experiences of public life. Two years ago the tables turned. Now again they are back. Will the next election bring forth another experience of turning the tables? We don't know. Here's a cheer to the victor in the moment of his victory, and here's a fellow feeling for the vanquished in the hour of his disappointment.

DECLAMATION TRYOUT

The tryout in the Interscholastic League Contest in the Merkel school took place Monday evening. The contests resulted as follows:

Willie Stevens first, Russel Pike second, and Doyel Garrett third for Senior Boys.

Vena May Jackson first, Lila Fae Simmons second, and Iris McClary third for Junior Girls.

Margaret Fae Allen first, Ruth Wells second and Julia McDonald third for Senior Girls.

Lewis Giles first, Foster Watts second and Ray Garrett third for Junior Boys.

A large crowd was present and the program was thoroughly enjoyed from beginning to end. First winners are contesting for county honors at Trent. The judges were Mr. Majors, principal of the High School at Abilene, Rev Standifer and Wallace Bragg.

EVERY PERSON IN TOWN

Puertecito, New Mexico, April 2 The little village of Puertecito in Socorro County claims the proud distinction of being the first town in New Mexico to have every human inhabitant a member of a War Saving Society. There are only three War Saving Societies in the town. The school children organized the first society which soon consisted of every child in the school. Interested in what the children were doing, the mothers formed the Puertecito Woman's War Savings Society and every woman joined, including the members of the small Mexican college. Finally the men fell into line and now every person in the town belongs to a War Saving Society and is investing in either Thrift or War Saving Stamps or both.

LEFT ON—Ball grounds blue serge coat, finder please return to Doyle Garrett. 4t2c

Misses Edith Brown Dorothy Duckett and Gladys Haynes visited in Abilene Sunday.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

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

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

We Pay The Premium

Capital and Surplus Fund
\$65,000.00

Arlie Edker Stanford Dead

Arlie Edker Stanford, son of Mr and Mrs A Stanford of Merkel, was born May 6, 1918, and departed this life March 13th, aged 10 months and six days. During this short stay on earth, little Arlie was not only the idol of the father and mother's heart but also of grandparents and other loving relatives.

Medical skill and all that loving hands could do was unable to stay the ruthless hand of death, and at 3 o'clock, Friday 14th, the remains of the little one was tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery by the side of a baby brother, who had died a little more than two years before.

As a token of their love and sympathy for the heartbroken parents and loved ones, almost the entire community, and several of the townspeople came to pay the last tribute of respect to the little one, and try to comfort the disconsolate and bereft parents. But human sympathy can't heal the wound or bind up the broken hearts when death has done his work.

Amid all of our sorrows we can raise our eyes above the dark cloud of bereavement, and hear the voice of him, that could calm the troubled sea, and hear Him say suffer little children to come up to me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven.

While papa and mamma can see his face no more, yet that memorable pronunciation that has ever thrilled the hearts of sorrowing ones, is heard again, saying, "I am the resurrection and the life". As we weep we

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.

weep not as those that have no hope, believing that, yea knowing that he is safe in the arms of Jesus.

May our blessed Savior, who does all things well, help us to stand upon his promise, that all things work together for good, to those who love him and who are called according to his promises.

Sleep my little one, sleep, Narrow thy bed and deep,

Hunger, nor thirst, nor cruel pain, Ever can hurt my babe again; I, thy mother, will ben and sing, Watch thee slumbering. Sleep, my little one, sleep.

Soon in the angel's tender arms, Close sheltered there from earth's alarms, Thou wilt waken, sweet baby mine, In thy home divine. Sleep, my little one, sleep.

Folded your hands in death's mute prayer, Never to reach in wild despair; Hunger, anguish, will soon be o'er; I can weep no more: Sleep my little one sleep

Sleep my little one, sleep, Narrow thy bed and deep,

I, too shall soon be laid to rest, Close by the side of baby blest; Safe is babies earth's anguish done, Keep thee holy one. Sleep my little one sleep.

G. C. Farris

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by usual applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and the tube restored to its normal condition hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Circulars free. All Druggists. 7c.

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

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Only well-known Business College in West Texas. Thousands of firms nearer our Employment Department than any other. Money-back contract guarantees position. Catalogue FREE.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business March 4, 1919

RESOURCES

Loans	\$193,116.40
U. S. Bonds	9,838.50
War Saving Stamps	93.83
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,500.00
Other Real Estate	3,132.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
CASH AND EXCHANGE	73,137.66
Total	\$284,730.89

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	37,878.47
Circulation	6,250.00
Rediscounts—Fed. Res. Bank	17,965.80
Bills Payable	10,000.00
DEPOSITS	187,636.32
Total	\$284,730.89

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. R. C. Ponder has been real sick the past week.

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electric accounts.

The little daughter of Mr and Mrs J. L. White was carried to Abilene Monday for an operation for appendicitis.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE PINK QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

G. F. Turner and family returned from Siloam Springs, Ark., where he spent the winter with his son, Hayden. He says he likes that country fine.

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

J. M. Dunn, who has been at Burleson, Tex., for several months, was a home visitor the past week. He says he will ship his thrashing machine back to help take care of the big wheat crop that now looks like a surety.

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.

John Jones of Hayden, Ariz., sends in his subscription to the Merkel Mail.

Give us that order for your Deering and McCormick binder so as to be sure to have it here on time. There is no binder like the Deering and McCormick. Let us have your order now. G. F. West Company. 4t2c

Jack For Service
Will stand my jack, John S. Fee of \$15.00 when colt is dropped I will use every precaution to avoid accident, but will not be responsible for accidents. —J. N. Teaff 214c

FOOTWEAR

We are showing the new
SMART STYLE LOW CUTS
Oxfords and Pumps Lead
with high, medium and low heels
in brown and black. Prices
\$3, \$3.50, \$4.85 & \$5.85

GOOD HOSIERY AT MODEST PRICES

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

The Brown D. G. Co.

LOCAL NEWS

Burl Wheeler of Abilene renewed his subscription for the Merkel Mail.

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electric accounts.

Mr and Mrs. H. K. Sheppard and little H. K. Jr., spent a few days in Dallas last week.

We are agents for the old reliable McCormick and Deering binders. Let us figure with you before you buy. G. F. West Company. 4t2c.

If you don't want to laugh, you had better not come to the Old Kentucky Minstrels at the High School Auditorium, Trent, Texas, Saturday night. Admission 10 cents.

Every sack of Marechal No. 1 flour guaranteed, or your money back. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

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Alfalfa Hay at G M Sharps
Plenty of shorts and bran at G M Sharp's

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

If we haven't what you want we'll get it. The Merkel Realty Company.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

CALLED HER FAMILY TO HER BEDSIDE

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

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

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

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

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CHURCH NEWS

Churches Meet on the New Time
All of Merkel's churches meet by the New Time. Let there be no misunderstanding about it. The matter was thoroughly canvassed and it seemed to be the only satisfactory course to pursue. Let all the people bear it in mind.

PASTORS

At The Presbyterian Church
In view of the fact that next Sunday is the beginning of our Presbyterian year we are very hopeful that all the members will be in attendance. Our financial and spiritual life seems to be growing and we are very anxious that this state of affairs will continue. Pews are always free and strangers welcome to come and worship with us. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching Service at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

S. R. Standefer, Pastor.

At The Baptist Church
Thank the Lord for more rain! With a feeling of great satis-

faction at the blessing of the Lord 163 people registered in Sunday School last Sunday, arriving all the way from ten o'clock to eleven by the new time. It takes some people a good while to adjust to new schedules, but our folks did remarkably well last Sunday. Remember that all our services go by the new time, Uncle Sam's time, the time that the T & P is supposed to operate its trains on.

The folks who took the census Sunday afternoon enjoyed the experience immensely. They were well received and got the information easily—except the ages of the men? and of course it was not expected that that particular piece of information would be given. No blame can be attached to the men for not wanting their ages know. It is hard enough for them to get married with that little matter obscured. And the married men do not know how soon they may be on the list of eligibles.

Next Sunday is Go-To Church Sunday, and it is hoped that every one of our citizens will act

usually go to church and help make a good showing for our town. Sunday school, at 10 o'clock. Preaching service closing at 12 on the dot.
Juniors and Sunbeams 2:30
B. Y. P. U at 3:30
Evening worship at 8 p.m.
The pastor's subject Sunday morning will be, "If Jesus should come in on Number Twenty-five." At the evening hour an object sermon will be given, entitled, "Five ways to go to Hell." A special object lesson for the children at the morning hour will be given.
All according to the New Time. Everybody invited.
E. E. Dawson, Pastor
Walter Jackson, Supt.

B. Y. P. U Program March 30th
Subject, Matthew T. Yates. Scripture, Jonah 3: 1-9
Conversion and Call to Missions, Willie Swann.
Beginning Work in China, Pearl Thornton.
Special Music, Misses Sharp and Campbell.
Bad Eyes, Ruth Holloway.
War Interrupts Work, Maurine Cobb.
Back At Work in China, Frank Counts.
Piano Duett, Misses Julia McDonald and Annie Mae Costephens.
His Voice Fails, Wallace Bragg
The Fatal Abscess, Julia McDonald
The Last Years, Margaret Bridgman.

How Diphtheria is Contracted.
One often hears the expression, "My child caught a severe cold which developed into diphtheria," when the truth was that the cold had simply left the little one particularly susceptible to the wandering diphtheria germ. If your child has a cold when diphtheria is prevalent you should take him out of school and keep him off the street until fully recovered, as there is a hundred times more danger of his taking diphtheria when he has a cold. When Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given it quickly cures the cold and lessens the danger of diphtheria or any other germ disease being contracted.

Deliver Us From Our Enemies
We are assured by entomologists who have made a life study of insects that there are nearly 400,000 species of insects that have been named and described; that these creatures comprise nearly four fifths of the animal kingdom. The loss caused by insect pests every year is enormous almost beyond comparison when estimated for the entire country. The cotton boll weevil alone was thought to have destroyed cotton in Texas in one year to the enormous sum of \$25,000,000.

There are many ways of reducing insect depredation, such for instance as spraying, dipping livestock, fall plowing, clean culture, rotation of crops. But all of these ways are costly and the protection afforded by the various ways is nominal.

One of the best means of reducing depredations of these pests is to encourage their enemies. Entomologists have given us many valuable suggestions as to how this may be done.

Poultry and birds destroy an enormous number of insect pests in his country. It is noticeable that where farmers keep large flocks of chickens and give them range over the fields, orchards and gardens that insect damage is reduced to a minimum. Game and other birds are being protected in recent years. They are farmer's friends and insect enemies. They deserve a place on every farm and economy requires that they be protected by the farm owners.—Farm and Ranch.

How is Your Complexion
A woman should grow more beautiful as she grows older and she will with due regard to bath, diet and exercise, and by keeping her liver and bowels in good working order. If you are haggard and yellow, your eyes losing their lustre and whites becoming yellowish, your flesh flabby, it may be due to indigestion or to a sluggish liver. Chamberlain's Tablets correct these disorders.



"Splitting Headaches"

There is no illness that is a source of greater discomfort than headache. Women, men and children alike are subject to this unpleasant affliction. To secure relief from Headaches, Backache, Neuralgia, or any severe aches or pains, DR. MILES' ANTI-PAIN PILLS have no equal.

"There is nothing in the world any better for Headache than DR. MILES' ANTI-PAIN PILLS. I surely advise all who suffer from any ache or pain to take these pills."
MISS JESSIE McMILLAN, Connellsville, Pa.
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When the evening shade is falling at the endin' of the day, An' a feller rests from labor smokin' at his pipe o' clay— There's nothin' does him s'much good, be fortune up 'r down, As that little country paper from his Ol' Home Town.

It ain't a thing of beauty an' its print ain't always clear, But it straightens out his temper when a feller's feelin' bad It takes the wrinkles from his face an' brushes off a frown Does that little country paper from his Ol' Home Town.

It tells of all the parties an' the balls in Punky Row— 'Bout who spent Sunday with his gal an' how the crops grow; An' it keeps a feller posted 'bout who's up an' who's down, Does that little country paper from his Ol' Home Town.

Now, I like to read the dailies an' the war papers, too; At times th' yeller novel an' other trash; don't you? But when I want some readin' that'll brush away a frown, And tell 'bout the oil news and the wells that going down— It's that little country paper in my O' Home Town.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy
The great benefit derived from the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been gratefully acknowledged by many. Mrs. Benjamin E. Blakeny, Decatur, Ill. writes, "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is by far the best medicine for colds and coughs we have ever used in our family. I gave it to my children when small for croup and have taken it myself."

CAPTOR OF JEFF DAVIS IS DEAD

Johnson City, Tenn., Mar. 31—Casper Knoble, 74, civil war veteran and credited with the capture of President Jefferson Davis at the close of the civil war, is dead at the Mountain Branch Soldiers' Home here.

ADLER-I-KA AGAIN!

"Adler-i-ka is the only medicine for gas on the stomach. I never had so much relief with any medicine. I would not take \$25.00 for the relief one bottle of Adler-i-ka gave me. I cannot get done recommending it." (Signed) H.L. Hicks, Ashley, Ill.
Adler-i-ka expels all gas and sourness. Removes all foul matter which poisons system. Often cures constipation. Prevents appendicitis. We have sold Adler-i-ka many years. It is a mixture of buckthorn, cascara, glycerine and nine other simple drugs.—Sanders Drug Store. adv-2

Tailor Shop Moved

Jess Fergusson and L. J. Renfro are now associated in the tailoring business in the building formerly occupied by J. T. Darsey on Kent Street. They were formerly in business in the rear of the City Barber Shop.

They are well known here and are in position to take care of all demands.

Surgeons agree that in case of Cuts, Burns, Bruises and Wounds, the First treatment is most important. When an efficient antiseptic is applied promptly, here 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.

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

O. Alf Horton, who was so severely wounded at the front, is now in the John Sealy Hospital at Galveston, where he underwent an operation on his limb. We hope for him a speedy recovery. He will doubtless enter school as soon as he is able to leave the hospital.

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

With the coming of prosperity our city can rightfully expect its contingent of thieves. Only recently the store of Woodroof-Bragg was entered and hundreds of dollars worth of goods taken.

Again we offer the caution of barring windows and doors. There are some more business houses in Merkel that can easily be broken into. As long as no precaution is taken thefts are invited.

Ex-Senator Joseph Weldon Bailey has withdrawn from the Democratic party. It is strange the earth did not shake, nor the wise ones quiver in fear. The only result of the political demise of this once gigantic figure was a ripple of amusement. Let us not be too hard on Joe for what he was once, but forget him quickly for what he is. Marvelous were the opportunities that knocked at his door, but in the hour of weakness he sold his birthright for a mess of pottage.

We may be too early to offer suggestions, but deem the matter urgent and therefore throw conventionality to the wind. We would suggest that when the council meets, they discard the "getting acquainted" and pass some drastic law to protect property in Merkel. The writer has had a close view of vacant houses the past month and the ruin wrought by mischievous boys is something appalling. Thousands and thousands of dollars worth of property have been maliciously destroyed. We offer the suggestion that not a house in Merkel that has been vacant and the owner moved away for a period of six months but that from \$100 to \$400 dollars worth of damage has been done to the property.

Now this thing can be stopped. It is said that boys will be boys, but there is absolutely no excuse for the destruction of property. If there is any one who doubts the truth of this assertion, just let him go the rounds. We can show him that nearly every vacant house is minus window light. Now these windows have been target of a handy stone. Not only are the windows destroyed, but the house being left to the elements is damaged almost beyond repair by wind and weather. The owners are gone and we may say that it is nobody's business. It is the business of the government of this city to protect property rights. It would be far better that some of the youngsters suffer for the damage wrought than that this thing should go on forever. The destruction of property the past two years in this manner would build an industry that would fill up many of the vacant houses.

This thing will stop if the Council says so with blood in their eyes. We know it can be stopped; the Council knows it can be stopped; the daddies of the boys who do the mischief knows it can be stopped, and when they have to pay a big fine sometime their little smart Alec will "be good", even if they do have to eat standing.

Are You Happy?

To be happy you must be well. If you are frequently troubled with constipation and indigestion you cannot be altogether happy. Take Chamberlain's Tablets to correct these disorders. They are prompt and effectual, easy and pleasant to take.

A HOMEMADE CLOCK

There is in the show window of the Merkel Motor Company a clock, made by V. B. Sublett. It is of large proportions, ornamental, keeps perfect time and runs for eight days without winding. It stand six feet high and would be an ornament, as well as a perfect time piece, in any home or public building.

School Tax Notice

Merkel Mail: Will you please give notice through your valuable paper to the taxpayers in Merkel Independent School District who delinquent for taxes that the list of delinquents has been placed in my hands for suit. I do not wish to bring suit on these, and believe it is an oversight on the part of many that these have not been paid and this is to call their attention to the duty imposed on me by law to file suits on all delinquent taxes, which will have to do on all that are not paid promptly.

Yours truly,

W. E. Martin, County Attorney

Have some Ford cars on hand for immediate delivery. Merkel Motor Co. 4t3c

If you don't want to lose your crop by hail, see E. D. Coats and have it insured. 4t2c

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

Misses Mary Reed, Zoe West and Mrs. Ed Beale spent Saturday in Abilene. Miss Zoe West remained there for a few days.

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

Come to Rogers for your groceries and fresh vegetables.

Second hand furniture bought and sold. J. T. Darsey.

Figure with me on oats before you buy. Bob Martin's Grocery.

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A BIG BARGAIN

800 acres of fine farm land, with good 5-room residence and four sets of improvements. This land lies near and between two oil locations. It can be had at \$25 an acre now, with a cash payment of one-third and the balance on easy terms. Place has good fences and all modern facilities. It is on rural route and near to good school and churches. It would be cheap at \$35 an acre. These bargains can not last long. We will be glad to give full particulars. There is no better hog farm, small cattle ranch and farm combined in all the west. The farm is near enough to railroad and to market to make it very attractive. Write us for further particulars.

AN OPPORTUNITY

One of the best farms in this section, and one of the best offers made of unleased land lies four and one-half miles northeast of Trent, consisting of 160 acres, 90 acres in cultivation and the balance in good pasture land. It is within three miles of the Sears well. The lease is already worth about \$10.00 an acre. The farm is offered at regular farm values. It must be sold quick. It will take half cash to handle the proposition.

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This is a good buy, but one that will not keep. If you are interested, write us today.

Our sales are still piling up. Don't fail to see us.
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Will There Be Enough to Go Around?



Hundreds of hungry war sufferers making way for the arrival of truck bearing food. Demand is always greater than supply in the starvation districts of Western Asia, the region which was bed and starved by Turkish-German warfare above all other regions of the earth.

The campaign to raise funds for these war sufferers will be launched in the Southwest February 3 and continue for one week.

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Jas. Coleman Wasson, Noodle.
Oran Edwards
Nall Perkins.
Fauss Banner.
Clyde Garrett.
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Martin Luther Powers.

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W. A. Hellums.
Geo. Ferrier.
Will Cox.
Sydney Cox.
John Kyle Blair.
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Luna W. Tittle, Jr.
Jas. W. Mayfield.
Ora L. Mayfield.
Birt Mayfield.
Paul McMurray.
Ulric Forrester.
Andrew Archer.
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Britt Baker.
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George White.
L. B. Wells.
Riley White.
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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. McMurray, 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.
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L. A. Dudley.
Robert Vernon Boring.
Sherley King.
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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.
Eimer Dunn, Trent.
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Leldon Goode, Noodle
Jas. Harmon Peterson.
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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 McNeas.
W. Clarence Cameron
Vessie E. Browning.
Bailey Frazier.

Americans Are Feeding These Children



A relief station in the Holy Land where Armenian and Syrian war orphans are being fed and clothed. Immediately after the Turks left Jerusalem, American relief workers took twenty-five homeless children in charge, gave them old-fashioned Saturday night baths, clean clothes, and something to eat. Many of them were wearing the same clothes they had on when driven from their homes two years before. The week of February 3-10 has been set for the time when the Southwest will raise its share of the \$30,000,000 which has been asked of the American people for relief of the terrible war sufferings in the Near East.



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Entertained With a Picnic
Last Tuesday April Fool's Day the pupils of the Salt Branch School held a picnic in honor of Mr Miller, their principal; the day being his birthday. Everything was arranged without his knowledge, by his assistant, Miss Wilma Garrett.

About 11:20 the crowd went to the creek where they spread a most delicious dinner, much to the delight of the crowd.

After dinner, they went back to the school grounds, where the remainder of the day was spent in games of various kinds.

Several visitors were present and all reported a most enjoyable day together.

April Fool Night Party
April Fool's night a party was given at the house of Mr Charlie Higgins. All were busy answering and asking "foolish" questions. Games and music furnished amusement for the evening. A large crowd was present and all had lots of fun. After a few short hours they departed wishing April Fool Day would hurry around again.

How is Your Complexion
A woman should grow more beautiful as she grows older and she will with due regard to bath, diet and exercise, and by keeping her liver and bowels in good working order. If you are haggard and yellow, your eyes losing their lustre and whites becoming yellowish, your flesh flabby, it may be due to indigestion or to a sluggish liver. Chamberlain's Tablets correct these disorders.

Bolsheviki Forces Successful
Archangel, April 2.—Bolsheviki again attacked the allies along the railway near Odozerskaia and assaulted the lines east of Bolshoia Ozero, but were repulsed at both places.

The Stuttgart government proclaimed a state of seige in this city and environs as a result of the clash between strikers and troops, in which three were killed and many injured, and a general strike was declared.

Frankfort, April 2.—Three hundred persons accused of plundering shops in this city have been arrested. The disorders are due to a food shortage intensified by a reduction of the potato ration from five to three pounds.

Frankfort, April 2.—Rioting broke out here again this afternoon. A mob plundered the provisions of the stores. All available military forces were rushed to the scene of the disorders. When this dispatch was sent fighting is continuing. Demonstrators in searching the house of the burgomaster, discovered big stores of meats, eggs and flour. large ihunint

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TEXANS ARE BEING DEMOBILIZED

Two hundred Texans and Oklahomans of the 27th Division in Flanders are being demobilized at Camp Bowie. The men reached Camp Bowie at 12 a. m. Monday and come direct from Camp Mills, L. I., where units of the 27th Division are being demobilized.

The boys of the 27th Division are the lads who smashed the Hindenburg line last fall. The Texans, Oklahomans brigaded with the New Yorkers were draft increments sent across from Camp Travis late last summer and joined the 27th Division as replacements. The New York division had been overseas for several months and had suffered heavy losses when the ranks were filled with the drafts from Texas and Oklahoma. It is said that almost one-half of the 27th Division was composed of lads of the south and west at the battle of the Hindenburg line.

The boys reaching Camp Bowie are the men who went up Mount Kemmel. The division at this time was attached to the 2nd British army and the lads from Texas and Oklahoma fought beside the boys from Australia and New Zealand.

The 27th Division is one of the famous organizations of the American Expeditionary forces. The unit returned home only a short time ago and paraded through the streets of New York city. The troops from Texas and Oklahoma reaching Camp Bowie this week took part in the big New York parade. Fort Worth Record

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

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(Seal) W. O. Boney.

Notary Public, Taylor, County. (My commission expires on June 1st, 1919.)

Mrs. J. T. Simmons Dead

Mrs. J. T. Simmons of Trent, aged about 38, died Monday night and was buried in the cemetery at Trent Tuesday afternoon. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church, conducted by Rev. Scott.

She is survived by her husband and one son, about seven years old. She had long been a consecrated Christian, and had a host of friends who mourn her departure.

Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved.

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If you don't want to laugh, you had better not come to the Old Kentucky Minstrels at the High School Auditorium, Trent, Texas, Saturday night. Admission 10 cents.

Mrs Ed Beale of Lovington, N. M., visited Miss Mary Reed the past week

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I wish to thank the voters of Merkel for their hearty support in the Election last Tuesday.

Now if I can have the co-operation of every citizen in Merkel I hope to make it one of the cleanest and most desirable places to live, in Texas. And I promise you a clean, honorable, and as economical administration as common sense will permit.

I thank you.
J. J. Stallings.

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S S HARRIS WRITES

Fort Stockton, Texas, Mar 26.—Merkel Mail:

Please find inclosed our check for One dollar, for which please send me here, The Merkel Mail, beginning with the issue of this week. As an old citizen of your town, permit me to say, that I lived there during both good and bad years, when the people were a unit in holding up for the place insisting to every visitor that we had the best town in the state and usually convincing him of the fact before he left, if indeed he left at all. It was common talk that every citizen of Merkel was a loyal Booster believing that his was the best town and the best country and the best people under the sun. I believed then and believe still that such a faith was well founded. Imagine my surprise while there last Friday—finding the town looking so good, displaying unusual life and vitality, to find that a few of the good people (old timers, too) who had a grouch, and were bemoaning the deplorable condition of the town. Now as I see it, if these people would only let the light play upon their understanding for a brief period, they would see knocking at your door, the greatest wave of prosperity that the dear old town has ever seen. All admit that you have a soil second to none, you have the season already in the ground, and I think may reasonably expect the greatest harvest in ten years.

The effort to develop oil there means much to your town, and if you people will fall in, catch the step and keep in line, it is my opinion, and my hope, that you will go over the top within the next twelve months, and that, too, without the loss of a man.

Yours Very Truly,
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O Club, an aggregation of girls of the marriageable age, all full of life and fun. She was a professing Christian, but wore the yoke lightly. Uncle was an officer in his church, and Aunt was leader of a society in her church different from Uncle's. Uncle was very tolerant of worldliness and took a very liberal view of all indulgencies. Aunt was a little stricter in her views, but would never urge them on Neice for her theory was that young folks have to be young folks.

Neice invited the Double-O Club to have a card party at her home. Aunt was troubled about the matter, for she well knew the criticism that would descend on her head if the thing was pulled off at her home. But it was Neice's home too, and she had encouraged Neice to that view. Uncle was rather pleased at the honor paid Neice.

Neighbors heard of the card party and desirous of the welfare of the nearby home, frankly advised with Aunt about the matter. She was greatly disturbed then, and promised to take the matter up with Neice and Uncle. Neice took the matter lightly and went on planning. Uncle got furious and hardly nodded as he passed neighbors on the streets for a day or so. Then it happened.

Uncle and Aunt went out for an evening in town. Neice had a chum to see her and remained at home. Uncle and Aunt returned about eleven and found Neice and Chum and two young men in the parlor playing poker. Aunt was shocked almost out of her wits. Uncle was dumbfounded, but disguised his feelings.

Midnight came. Still the clink of chips and swish of cards was heard from the Parlor. Uncle made out like he was asleep. Aunt knew she could not sleep with that poker game going on in her parlor.

The clock struck three. Aunt had reached the limit of endurance. She slipped out on the back porch and pulled the light switch out. A scramble and exclamations came from the parlor, the front door slammed, two gentlemen took their departure. But a match scratched, and an oil lamp was lighted; the playing continued.

"I'll attend to it, wife," said Uncle. His patience had broken. He walked to the parlor door and issued a very firm fiat. The playing ceased.

"If that's what the dang thing leads to, it's done for with me and in my house," said Uncle. Three people were saved from blighted lives that night.

Social cards lead in that direction. It is not a safe game to play in the home. Gamblers are made in homes—not in gambling halls. Once made they are lost to society and the church and are added to the immoral forces of this world. This is a true story from a West Texas town.

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LIBERTY LOAN DIVISION

Dallas, Tex., March 18.—Merkel Mail:

There seems some slight doubt in the minds of some people as to the exact nature and urgency of The Victory Liberty Loan.

Will you allow me to place the facts very briefly before your readers?

The Government spent all of the Fourth Loan money before the last installment was due from the public. It has been borrowing billions of dollars from the banks during the last few months to pay our war debts, and the time has arrived when the money must be paid back to the banks.

The money which we are now asked to lend is to pay for those vast stores of equipment and ammunition, which scared the Germans stiff and made them realize they were beaten. We are asked to pay for the preparation that saved thousands of American lives; for if the Government had not run up this bill our boys would be fighting and dying in the trenches today.

The Loan should be considered in terms of human lives not percentages or any other considerations for it will constitute the real test of Americanism.

It is a Loan of Thanksgiving to Almighty God, to the men who suffered and died for us and to a sane and enlightened government that kept us out of war as long as possible and then being in it brought us out in a manner that will live for all time as a monument of courage and efficiency. It is a Loan of thanksgiving, for the preservation of our national life, our business, our fortunes, our homes, all of which were threatened.

Why should I write more? Such considerations inevitably must appeal to the heart and mind of every true man and woman.

Fortunately, the Government intends to make the offering bear a very fair rate of interest. If it bore no interest at all there would still be enough red-blood-

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Yours for the Victory Liberty Loan.

Frank M. Smith, Federal District Director.

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Adopts A Baby

Last week came into the home of Mr and Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw a sweet little fifteen month old baby girl as pretty as a picture. Her name is Leonard Dean Bradshaw. Mr and Mrs. Bradshaw are just as foolish over the little one as anybody can be, and are so very proud of her.

They are to be commended upon accepting the care of the little girl and sharing their love with her.

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Neice belonged to the Double-

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LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Fred Latham and Mrs. John Morgan of Houston are visiting their mother, Mrs. J. C. Calvert. They were called here on account of the serious illness of their brother, W. C. Calvert of Sweetwater, who is now in the sanitarium at Abilene for an operation. Attending physicians entertain hopes for his recovery.

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.

Misses Julia Martin and Lucy Tracy of Simmons College, Abilene, spent Sunday and Monday with homefolks.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

The three sons of C. L. Tucker who have been so low for some time, are rapidly recovering.

Maize, Feterita, Sorghum and all kind of seed at Bob Martin's

Mrs. P. H. Underwood left Tuesday night for points in Kan, where she expects to visit for a while.

Car of corn and oats at G M Sharp's

Mr and Mrs. E. N. Brown and daughter, Mrs Meadows spent the day in Abilene Sunday.

If you don't want to laugh, you had better not come to the Old Kentucky Minstrels at the High School Auditorium, Trent, Texas, Saturday night. Admission 10 cents.

Messrs Boggs and Johnson are spending the week in Dallas.

Get a Ford car now while we are able to deliver one. Merkel Motor Co. 4t3c.

Mrs. John Sears' mother, has returned to her home in White-wright, after a few weeks visit with her daughter and family.

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Mrs. Hart, who has been visiting F. W. Derstine for the past two months has returned to her home in Penn.

Mr Ira Garrison is at Meredian on business this week

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

Am in the market for all your second hand furniture. J. T. Darsey.

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The oil situation is rapidly developing. The time has come when Merkel must take a step forward. It is our advice to all those who are renting property to seriously consider the purchase of a home while it can be had at bargain figures. Let us show you what we have on our list. We sell more homes in Merkel than all others combined. We have the best bargains. Those who want to sell list with us. Buy now—Merkel Realty Co.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS ARE URGED TO RE-IN-STATE LAPSED INSURANCE

Former enlisted men are told of Government Insurance Plan

Discharged sailors and soldiers who have dropped their war risk insurance are urged by Ensign E. P. Thornton, Pay Corps, USNRF, District Insurance Officer, New Orleans, La., to take steps to reinstate their insurance. His statement is as follows: "Uncle Sam went into the insurance business for the benefit of the lads who stood like a stone wall between civilization and 'Kultur'. His reason for this was to give his boys gilt edge insurance at the smallest possible cost. With the government backing the company and bearing all operating expenses, it can issue a policy the value of which has never before been equalled.

New Bureau Created.
"After war ceased many of the soldiers and sailors came back to civil life and, unfortunately, many left the service in the rush of discharges without being made to appreciate and understand the value of their insurance and the method of keeping it up. Hence, many have because of lack of information, allowed their term insurance to lapse, and many more are on the verge of doing so.

"So the Bureau of War Risk Insurance created a Conservation Section. A mighty campaign is being conducted with the purpose of giving every man with insurance, and everyman who has unwisely dropped his insurance, and every beneficiary who is so vitally concerned, the cut and dried facts. They are:

"Why should the men keep up the term insurance?

"Because it is protection against both death and disability, can be carried for a premium within the reach of the flattest purse (65 cents per thousand per month at age twenty-one, for example) and because those who carry it are going to have the privilege of converting it at any time within 5 years after the declaration of peace into the soundest, most liberal and cheapest insurance that was ever offered.

"It is a privilege confined absolutely to Uncle Sam's uniformed backers, either in service or now discharged. It is a reward for their many sacrifices of time and vocation and, sad to say, some times life.

"Gas exposure and combat have taken their toll of health and many of the boys will never get outside insurance, due to their service, but when the time comes for conversion of Uncle Sam's present term insurance into permanent forms, if a man still holds his term insurance, that's all Uncle Sam wants to

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Uncle Sam's Policies
"Uncle Sam's policies will insure against disability during the entire lifetime of the insured a feature the cost of which, on the outside, would be almost prohibitive. If a man becomes disabled to the extent that he cannot engage in a substantially gainful occupation, \$5.75 per month per one thousand dollars of insurance is his for the remainder of his life, no matter if he is disabled at age 25 and lives to be one hundred. The Government gives this feature free, the premium charge being based only upon the cost of death and not disability.

"If a man reaches age 60, he stands one chance in two of becoming disabled through disease, accident or old age during the remaining years of his expectancy of life, statistics show and if he reaches the age of seventy, his chances of living the remainder of his life without becoming disabled are only one in four.

Privileges Are Many
"Some of the other privileges of the policies are liberal cash and loan values, paid up and extended insurance, incontestability from date of issue, freedom from all restrictions as to residence, travel of occupation, dividends from any gains and savings and proceeds of all policies to be exempt from all taxation.

"Uncle Sam is going to issue six standard forms of policies, a policy to meet the need of every average man. They are Ordinary Life, 20-Payment Life, 30-Payment Life, 20-Year Endowment; 30-Year Endowment and Endowment maturing at age 62. His premiums are going to be about 25 per cent lower than those of outside companies. Premiums will be payable monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually?

"If a man has dropped his term insurance he should write immediately to the Bureau of

War Risk Insurance, Washington D. C., stating his full name and address, rank and organization at the time of applying for insurance, the date of his discharge or separation from service, month for which last premium was paid and ask them what to do. It is very probable that he will be reinstated. If he has just left the service he should mail all future premiums on the first day of the month for which each premium is due to the Disbursing Clerk, Bureau of War Risk Insurance, making check or money order payable to the Secretary of the Treasury. Navy men in this district can get further information and advice by calling upon or writing to the district Insurance Officer, 1 Canal St., New Orleans, La., Army men should communicate with the nearest branch of the American Red Cross.

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