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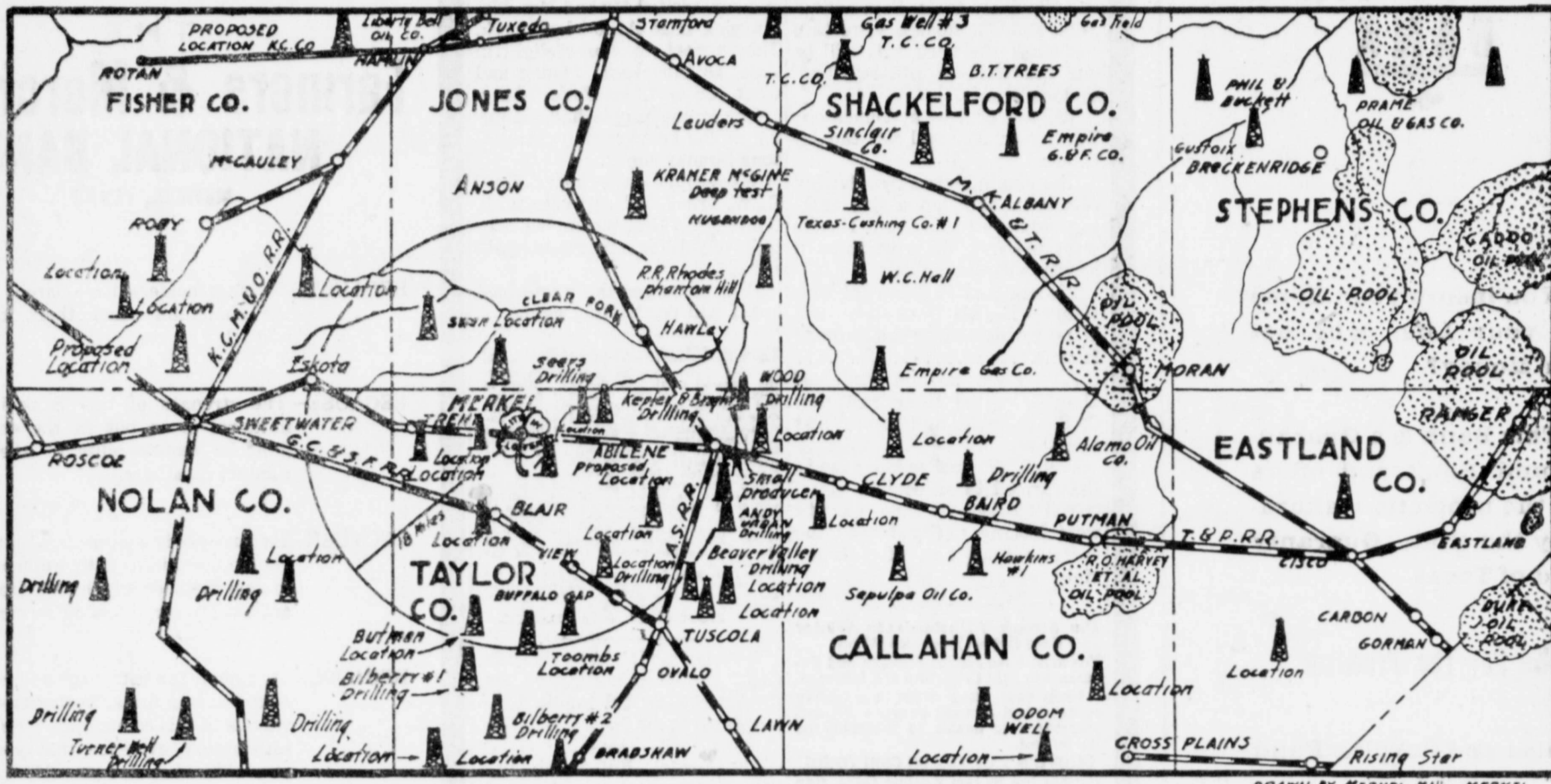


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OIL INDICATIONS POINT WEST



A CLEAN SWEEP FOR CITY-IN-CLOVER

The Clean-Up Week was a clean success. The people co-operated beautifully, and the City Government and the Commercial Club stood by in splendid fashion.

The Boy Scout Troop took the leadership and showed its worth to the community as a civic improvement force. It is a problem to find a tin can now, or any other unsightly nuisance that was the bane of the town. The troop is deserving of credit for the vigorous campaign it waged.

The following were winners in the various parts of the contest:

Panther Patrol \$10 for the biggest pile of trash.

Wolf Patrol \$3 for the second largest trash pile.

Wolf Patrol \$3 for the best cleaned section.

Beaver Patrol \$2 for the third largest pile of trash.

James O'Brien \$3 for the best cleaned front yard.

Clarence Sharp \$2 for the best cleaned back yard.

On Friday night at 9:30 the Scouts enjoyed a banquet at the Metropolitan Cafe, and each Scout reports a fine time. Committee men Warren and Black, Assistant Scoutmaster Gambill, Mayor Stallings, Messrs Scott, Barnett, Claud Comegys, Rev W. M. Murrell, and Mrs. Gambill, were the visitors. Scout Bill Moore, leader of the Beaver Patrol, made a famous speech on the subject, "If I were a man."

His speech was as follows: "I would get married." Committeeman Warren made a good speech on, "If I were a boy again." Everybody naturally expected him to say that if he had it all to go over again he would do like Bill plans to do; get married, but he left that point in doubt. He did say, however, that he would be a Scout, and encouraged the boys to be good scouts. The chief address of the evening was by Rev W. M. Murrell who spoke very helpfully on the subject, "A Good Loser."

The Troop feels itself under lasting obligations to Mr Claud Comegys, Mrs McSpadden, and Mrs. McDonald for graciously acting as judges in the contest. The Metropolitan Cafe was also very gracious in its efforts to make the banquet a success.

No general can win battles unless his soldiers work as a unit. Save through membership in a War Savings Society.

GOOD ROADS ENTHUSIASM

Much enthusiasm has been aroused over the Bankhead Highway. Representatives of the Merkel vote, consisting of J. C. Mason, R. L. Bland, H. C. Williams and Commissioner Lassiter, are in Mineral Wells fighting for an All Texas Highway for this road. They were able to take 16 votes from Merkel, one or two of which is credited to Trent. A great deal of interest centers in the securing of this highway. It will mean that thousands of tourists will seek the mountains of New Mexico and Colorado and the shores of California over this road. It will mean that thousands of dollars will be expended in this section. It will mean that homeseekers will be attracted to this region.

When it comes to lining up for the things that really count, the people of the great Merkel country can be relied upon. The government will stand behind the proposed highway. Word from Mineral Wells is awaited with interest.

HUN INDEMNITY
Paris, April 14.—Germany under the peace treaty must pay \$5,000,000,000 in cash of the equivalent in commodities before May 1, 1921. She must also issue immediately to the Allied and associated Governments, \$20,000,000,000 of interest bearing bonds.

The interest on the bonds until 1926 will be either 2 or 3 per cent and after that date will be 5 per cent, according to the present plan.

Germany also must obligate herself to pay other amounts for damage done, appropriate to her means, to be determined by a mixed commission of representatives of the Allied and Associated Governments and of Germany which shall report before May 1, 1921.

THE FEDERAL LAND BANK
Wants you to make your application for a loan now and have it ready by the time your note is due this fall. All delay in getting a loan is your fault. The Land Bank was set up for your benefit and not to make money. It is your friend then why not use it? See W.W. Wheeler. 18t4c

Laundry agent at Pate's Barber Shop.

MRS. VINCENT ASTOR SERVES SOLDIERS



Mrs. Vincent Astor is just asking the young man in khaki if he wants another spoonful of sugar in his cocoa as he assembles his food at Victory Hut, the new Y. M. C. A. center opened in Battery park, at the lower end of Manhattan, New York city, for the accommodation of soldiers, sailors and marines. Mrs. Astor worked for seventeen months in a "Y" canteen at the base port of Brest, France, and knows the soldiers and sailors require plenty of sugar. She returned to New York at the end of the war, but re-entered the work when the Y. M. C. A. opened Victory Hut. Mrs. Astor is only one of a large number of wealthy women who are giving liberally of their time and means to this work, trying in some measure to give the soldier a real substitute for home.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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 21t8

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 SERVICE—Registered jersey bull. \$1.00 when served. One mile southeast of Merkel. J. H. Craig. 11t2p

NEGRO BURNED BY MOB
Millen, Ga., April 14.—The race clash at Buckhead Church in this county yesterday resulted in seven deaths, it was learned today when news was received of the lynching of a negro taken from the jail here. County Policeman W. Brown

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

FOR RENT—Farm land. Apply to Sam Butman. 14t6

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A good black Spanish Jack, pasture broke. M. Armstrong 11t2c

FOR SALE—Second hand cultivator and a M. Bill planter. See R. L. Bland. 11t2c

My Black Spanish Jack will make the season 2 miles North-east of Merkel on my farm. I can take care if mares in my pasture. M. Armstrong. 11t2c.

T. H. Stephens, night marshal, and four negroes, were killed. Seven negro lodge and church buildings have been burned and it is feared that the trouble is not yet over.

Misses Elsie Sharp and Oralie Sandusky were visitors in Abilene Sunday

OPERATIONS IN MERKEL OIL FIELD

ZAPATA'S DEATH ENDS A REVOLT

Mexico City, April 12.—Both from a military and sentimental standpoint the importance to the Carranza Government of the death of Emiliano Zapata, leader of the Southern rebels in the State of Morelos, can not be overestimated. General Pablo Gonzales, in an official announcement printed here today, says in his official report.

"As being a notice of the highest importance for the consolidation of the present Government and for the peace of the Republic, I have the honor to inform you that Colonel Jesus Huajardo, with his forces, arrived in Cuantla, bringing the body of Emiliano Zapata, who for a long time has been the center of rebellion in these regions, and who hitherto had succeeded in evading all attempts at capture."

In the battle during which Zapata was killed several of his principal leaders also lost their lives. The body of Zapata has been fully identified.

Zapata's death marks the final episode of a campaign to bring the Zapatista country completely under the control of the Government, which was begun several months ago by Gonzales. Lately Zapata, accompanied by a handful of troops, had been taking refuge in the mountains and conducting a defensive fight. Although endeavors were made to take the rebel chieftain alive his men resisted so fiercely that no quarter could be given.

With the elimination of Zapata the backbone of his cause has been definitely broken and peace prevails throughout the extensive section of the Republic close to the section of the Republic close to the capital, which since 1909, has not recognized any authority save that wielded by Zapata. Economically, the vanquishing of the Zapatista and the fall of their leader is important because it means, the release for cultivation of one of the richest sugar and agricultural regions in the country.

PIANO TUNER

Will be in Merkel next week. If your piano needs tuning leave word with Mrs. L. B. Howard, Phone 75. J. F. Cullen, the Blind Piano Tuner. 11c.

Little further development has taken place in the oil situation the past week. The contract reported on the South Block last week failed to materialize. The contract was signed in proper shape, but the parties who were to drill failed to put up a forfeit. It is believed that no trouble will be had in completing a contract within a few days.

The absence of Mr. Houghton, president of the Security Banking & Investment Company, has delayed definite report as to when the rig may be expected on the proposed well just west of Merkel. Mr Houghton is scheduled to arrive in Merkel Friday and doubtless will be in position to furnish this information.

Nothing further has been heard from Mr. Sarber, who has contract to drill the Trent well.

Work is going right ahead at the Sears well. Drillers state that the well is now down 500 feet and that the log is showing up in fine shape.

Leasing has been rather quiet the past week.

INTERESTING BALL GAME

Last Friday afternoon the young business men of Merkel crossed bats on the school grounds with the High School baseball team, with the result of the latter being loser 11 to 10. It was a hard fought game throughout. Remarkably good form was shown in spite of the fact that this was the first game played by either side and they had not practiced. Considerable interest is expected to be taken in the game this season. A challenge is already for the contending teams to meet this Friday afternoon and another close game is expected. No charge is made and everyone has an invitation to attend and witness the game.

NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Any one having under his or her control a child or children over seven and under eighteen years of age on September 1, 1919 must look after the enrollment of same at once. Apply to Guy Darsey or R. M. Parker, either will attend to the matter for you. Do not put this matter off if you want your child in Free School next term.

Yours very respectfully, R. M. Parker, Supt. Schools.

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

COMPERE NEWS

The farmers of the vicinity have not been permitted to do any planting yet on account of the wet weather.

The storm that passed through this community last Tuesday night week tore things up considerably. It lifted a shed that was built to a smoke house and buggy shed combined, and carried it over the residence, tore the top into and set it down in the public road. This happened at the Childress farm. Some windmills and out houses were torn to pieces. We trust this will be our last time to witness these cyclone scenes.

We are glad to announce our Sunday school still on the increase.

The singing class met Sunday afternoon and had a fine singing. Some visitors from Noodle were present. We give them a hearty welcome again.

We are glad to announce that Henry Foster has returned home to his dear mother and friends.

J. C. Childress and family of Hamlin visited their relatives, C. S. Childress and family last week.

Rev. S. W. Buzbee has gone to Brownwood to an oculist.

The gardens of this vicinity were looking pretty before the extreme hard hail of Tuesday night

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 CHILI TONIC Groves' 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.

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

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

CANYON NEWS

Well as we do not see any news in the paper from the Canyon, I will try and write a few lines. I am a poor hand to write, but will try it just the same.

Lots of rain wind, and hail it us the past week.

The busy farmers are rolling the weed the best they can. Some have a good stand of corn and sorghum. The gardens are looking fine.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Matthews and son, visited Mr and Mrs. McCormick near Anson last week. They report a most delightful time, as they took lunch and went out on Clear Fork fishing.

The young people had a singing at the home of Y. L. Andersons Sunday night.

We enjoyed the letter from G. W. Wood in last weeks Mail. Come again Bro. Wood. We hope to have you for a neighbor again soon.

If this escapes the waste basket, I will try writing again.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local 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 this 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. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Coleman Whitfield of Phenix, Ariz. is visiting his sister, Mrs. C. T. Beckham and family for a couple of weeks.

Testimonial—Before joining a War Savings Society, I was always broke. Now I always have something ahead.—No Does American.

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ABILENE, TEXAS

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

Why You Should Have Your Bank Account With

THE Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

BECAUSE—Its shareholders have large holdings in the community and their interests are mutual.

BECAUSE—The strength of this Bank lies not alone in its resources, but in the character and financial responsibility of the men who conduct its affairs.

BECAUSE—Its business is governed with that conservatism, combined with enterprise and up-to-date methods which make for soundness and satisfactory banking service.

BECAUSE—It enjoys the patronage and confidence of many leading firms, corporations and individuals in this community which should be satisfactory evidence that your business also will be handled properly.

"SINCE 1904"

J. T. WARREN
PRESIDENT

THOS. JOHNSON
CASHIER

LOCAL NEWS

Bob McDonald is spending a few days with homefolks.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

Mr and Mrs. Alfred W. Moore of Odessa are visiting Mr and Mrs. Pat Jones for a few days.

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

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

John Mattingly and Estell Bonine of Noodle community, received their discharge from overseas duty and returned to Merkel last Friday.

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

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

Mrs. U. B. Wheeler sends in her renewal to the Merkel Mail, and states that at her home in Bovina, Texas, they are having rain and on the 8th had a three and one half inch snow, which still remains on the ground. She reports wheat looking fine.

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

Jack For Service

Will stand my jack, JohnS. 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 21t4c

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

Easter Time

For hundreds of years "Easter Time" has created a spirit of putting some real dash into what we put on our forms in Clothing, Hats, Shoes, Etc.

So if you have the Easter Spirit see what we have for you.

We extend to you our Easter Greetings and Service

The Brown D. G. Co.

LOCAL NEWS

Earl Richardson, of Bradmore Ok., visited Mr and Mrs. J. A. Collins this week.

When you are in Merkel call on Rogers, the groceryman, and see if you can not save money.

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

Kenneth Sharp, who is working at Sandland, visited homefolks Sunday.

See The Merkel Motor Company now if you are thinking of buying a Ford. They are going fast.

Fresh bulk peanut oil at G M Sharp's

J. T. Browning, accompanied by his son and daughter-in-law, left Wednesday for Wichita Falls.

A valuable dressing for flesh wounds, burns, scalds, old sores, rash, chafed skin, is Ballard's Snow Liniment, it is both healing and antiseptic. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Mrs. A L. Moody of Nevada, is visiting her sister, Mrs G J. Jones, and niece, Mrs. T L Grimes

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

CHURCH NEWS

Methodist Church

Awake thou that sleepest, sit up and look around you the winters past spring is here and it is high time to come out of winter quarters.

We want every Methodist in Merkel to come to church and to Sunday School next Sunday together with ever one else who desires to come and worship with us.

Special Easter Service in the Sunday School beginning at 9:45. Your children will render the program will you come and encourage them on this glad Easter Day? There will be no regular lesson at the Sunday school hour, the children and young people will have every minute of the time up to eleven o'clock.

The sermon will be on the living Christ. Special music will be rendered on the occasion.

Following is the program for the Sunday School hour.

Song by the School.
Prayer by Supt.
Song by Primary Department
Easter Story, Jessis Mae Stevens

Mary's Easter Egg, Lelond Dupuy.

A Glad Easter Benjamin Shepard.

Song Ethel Elanor and Mary Hamilton.

The beauty of spring E. L. Turner.

An Acrostic by Six Children.

The Greatest Gift, by Twelve Children.

Song Thelma Leach

At Easter, Nell Godwin.

Reading by Elma Cox

Piano Duett Anne Mae Costephens and Julia McDonald.

Jubilee Quartett, Baracas.

Reading, Lovena Dry.

Solo, Anna Lou Russell.

Mrs. McSpadden's class will have charge of the collection.

Song, Class Ideal.

At The Baptist Church.

The Sunday School reported 216 present last Sunday and an offering of \$42.01. Several classes of the lower departments reported perfect. The weak points in the Sunday School organization are being worked out as rapidly as possible. If you see a lameness at any place, please mention the matter to the Superintendent or to the Pastor. They are always amenable to suggestion, and covet friendly criticism.

The house was full at both preaching services. One joined at the night service. Sunday night's Hobab service attracted seen before. It was a joy to the church to give them welcome.

Services are being held every night this week at 8:45 o'clock, and serious effort is being made a large number of people, and some were in the audience not to enlist every member of the church in the church's work, and to interest every person of the community who is a Baptist, in fact or in preference, in the church's work. We want the Baptists lined up and definitely known, for one of the criticisms of the churches everywhere is by reason of the Christian people who hold aloof. You will mean a whole lot more to the community if you will get in line and there will be a great deal more genuine happiness in your own heart if you are active in service. It is always so.

Next Sunday morning a special service is in preparation, at which a cantata will be rendered. There will be no Sunday evening service, for it is the time for the monthly consolidated service, and we will all go to the Presbyterian Church to hear Brother Murrell preach.

Cordial invitation to every body to attend our services. Command any of our forces when you need a service, or when you know of any one in need of a ministry.

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

The Church of Christ

There were present for bible study last Sunday morning about sixty, all with good lessons and a total collection of five dollars.

Mrs. Jno Rice's class reported

HAVE YOU A SLEEPING PORCH, OR IS THE ONE YOU HAVE IN GOOD SHAPE

The hot nights will soon be here. Let us build or repair your sleeping porch. We have everything required to build it complete.

Let us repair your fence and door steps.

How about your windmill tower or tank tower?

Call 62 and we will send you a carpenter to look after your repairs.

MERKEL LUMBER COMPANY

having read sixteen chapters during the past week. Look out little folks, big folks too, they will go around us on bible reading. They promised even better than that for their next report.

Next Sunday Bible study will begin promptly at 10 o'clock and communion services at 11 o'clock. Let every body attend these services who can and make them the very best possible.

O. A. Adcock.

B. Y. P. U. Program

The following program will be rendered at Salt Branch on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Subject: What is the business of the churches and what part ought the young people have in it?

Song, Invocation.
Scripture Reading alternately Acts 2:42-47, Ruth Boden and Annie Mae Swinn.

Song, "I love Him."

Lord's Prayer in concert.

The Church's Business to maintain itself, Walter Jackson.

The Church's Business to grow in numbers, Holland Teaff.

Quartet.

The Church must train its members, Lula Sharp.

The Church must render service to its Community, E. E. Dawson.

Vocal Solo, Ruby Campbell

The Church Must Be Missionary in its sympathies, Dixie Howard.

Chalk Talk, Miss Osse Teaff and Mrs. Walter Jackson.

Song, Prayer.

Monthly Consolidated Service

Next Sunday night at 8:45 o'clock is the time for the monthly consolidated services of the Presbyterian, Baptist, and Methodist churches. The service will be at the Presbyterian church, and Rev. W. M. Murrell of the Methodist Church will be the preacher.

Let the people all come, and let's endeavor to make it a great uplift to the life of the community. Special music will be provided.

Fall in line, let's go.
The Pastors Association.

Soldiers Recognition Service.

On next Sunday evening, April 20th, at the First Baptist church of Anson, promptly at 8:30 o'clock, there will be held a recognition service for the returned soldiers of Jones county, to



BACKACHE!

When your growing girl approaches the more mature age and complains of backache, periodical headaches and other pains, she needs helpful advice from her parents.

Help her at this critical time in her life by relieving her of periodical headaches, backaches, etc., with DR. MILES' ANTI-PAIN PILLS—the wonderful little tablets that for more than 30 years have relieved women, men and children of misery and pain.

DR. MILES' ANTI-PAIN PILLS are perfectly harmless—they contain no dangerous habit forming drug but afford prompt relief from Headache, Backache, Neuralgia, and all pain. Your druggist can tell you of the merits of these wonderful pills—ask him about them—they cost only a few cents a box.

"I have been using DR. MILES' ANTI-PAIN PILLS for some time, and want to thank you for the benefit I have derived from them. For nervous headache and neuralgia pains they have never failed."
Miss WINIFRED JONES, Stockton, Mo.



which every one of the young men who has served in any department of our army has a most cordial welcome as a guest of honor.

Judge Chas. E. Coombs of Stamford, will deliver the address on this occasion, while music will be furnished by the choir of Anson Methodist church. Reserved seats will be provided for the young men, and all are requested to wear their uniform, if possible. This is a union meeting, and given especially for the Jones county men who have rendered service in any department of the Government.

Epworth League Program Ap 20

Subject, Eternal Life and How to live.
Leader, Mrs. Hutcheson.

Song
Scripture, Jno. 5:24; Eph. 2:1-10; 1 Pet 13:5, Leader.

The Easter Message Leader.
Piano Solo, Annie Mae Costephens.

Our Plan for, Eternal Life, Mason Pee.

Vocal Solo, Iris McClary.

How To Live the Eternal Life.

Howard Laney.

Living Eternal Life Now, Hazel Bridgman.

Song, Prayer.

Presbyterian Easter Program.

The children of the Grace Presbyterian Church will render a 30 minute program at the church on Sunday morning at 11 A. M. followed by a 30 minute address by the pastor. Regular Sunday School service at 10 A. M.

Members and friends and visitors especially invited to be present at both services.

S. R. Standifer, Pastor.
H. C. West, Supt.

Order a sack of American Beauty flour and you will use no other. Crown Hardware Company.

Cane seed at G. M. Sharps.

Don't try to do it all but do all you can to help the Savings movement; if you do not belong to a War Savings Society—join here

The Price Of A Box of Candy

A huge joke was played on a prominent citizen of this city a few nights ago. It happened that this popular fellow got an invite to a social gathering given by a popular young widow of the city. All afternoon he joshed his fellows about his particular good fortune. All dolled out and in trim, right in the midst of the most joyous moment of the gathering, a messenger boy arrived. The message read, "Come home at once....." He read no further. Quickly he excused himself, borrowed a \$10, grabbed his hat and made a run for the depot. Just as he was about to buy a ticket for his home in an adjoining state, a friendly hand restrained him. He was asked to finish reading the telegram. He acknowledged the joke, paid for the set-up and was finally induced to return to the social gathering. It was noticed that he was a bit nervous the rest of the evening. We are going to try to keep a copy of this issue of the Merkel Mail from his wife. She might not understand. By the way, it is said that Mr Boggs of oil promotion fame knows something of the incident.

Try our American Beauty flour. It is good. Crown Hardware Company.

J. T. and L. B. Howard returned Wednesday from a trip to Dallas, where they visited W. R. Walker, who is very low. They report him unimproved. Mr Walker formerly operated the Walker Cottage.

Plenty of shorts and bran at Bob Martin's Grocery Company.

One day this week, while passing the home of Judge W. W. Wheeler, we caught him sawing wood. Now if any one accuses the Judge of not working, we are here to deny the charge. He was "Sawing wood and saying nothings." We could not even get an expression from him on woman suffrage.

Now is the time for oil stoves. Call and see our line. Crown Hardware Company.

Mr and Mrs. Geo. Houghton have moved to the Brittain home. They had been boarding at the Woodrum Hotel since they arrived in Merkel some weeks ago, while looking for a house.

Sam Turner of Ranger was in Merkel on business this week.

Bring in your old Panama and Milan hats and get them cleaned up. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

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

GOOD BISCUITS

Is the Result of Good Flour if you use

LA FRANCE FLOUR

Your biscuits will be rich, crisp and appetizing to the highest degree. They will brown evenly—not in spots. Sold by 184

G. F. West Co.

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

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LOCAL NEWS

Mr and Mrs. Vernon Sublett left Wednesday in their car for Alpine, where Mr Sublett has accepted a position.

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

J. C. Baker of Canyon is visiting at the home of his wife's parents, Mr and Mrs. H. T. Merritt, for a few days.

FOR SALE—Red Rhode Island hens. G. F. Holland. 181p

Pate and son have installed four new chairs in their barber shop. The chairs make quite an improvement as well as adds greatly to the efficiency of the shop.

Hurry here with your eggs—30 cents a dozen at A. L. Jobe's.

Mrs. I. D. Simpson, who has been visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs. T.G. Fergusson returned Friday to her home in Ricardo, N. M.

A. J. Jobe's store is the place to get bargains.

Last Tuesday fire broke out in the ceiling of the home of G. Bishop. A hurried run was made to the house by the department, but the bucket and extinguisher brigade were able to control the fire in its incipency. Only slight damage was done.

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HOW CAN YOU TELL YOUR FAVORITE TOBACCO?

As Plain as the Nose on Your Face—Just Smell It

Smokers do not have to put tobacco in their pipes to find out if they like it. They can just rub the tobacco between the palms of their hands and smell it. The nose is an infallible guide to smoking enjoyment.

All smoking tobaccos employ some flavoring "to improve the flavour and burning qualities of the leaves", to quote the Encyclopaedia Britannica. Naturally, there is considerable difference in the kind of flavorings used, and the nose quickly detects this difference. TUXEDO Tobacco uses the purest, most wholesome, and delicious of all flavorings—chocolate. And the almost universal liking for chocolate in a great measure explains the widespread popularity of TUXEDO Tobacco.

Garefully aged, old Burley tobacco, plus a dash of pure chocolate, gives TUXEDO Tobacco a pure fragrance your nose can quickly distinguish from any other tobacco. Try it and see.

Breeders' Notice!

Will breed my registered black Percheron horse and big black Jack at my place four and one-half miles west of Trent.

TERMS—will be \$10 when colt stands and sucks. Not responsible for accidents.

L. W. Ross, Trent, Texas



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KNOW THE JOY OF SAVING HERE'S HOW!

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DR. BUCKNER DEAD

Founder of Orphans Home Passes Away At The Age Of 86.

Dr. Buckner died at the Buckner Orphans Home April 19 at the age of 86.

Rev. Robert Cook Buckner, minister of the gospel, evangelist, philanthropist, editor, business man and founder of the Buckner Orphans' Home of Dallas, was born at Madisonville, Tennessee, January 3, 1833. His father, Rev. Daniel Buckner, was a minister of the Baptist church, and it was under his influence that the youth of Robert Buckner inculcated his love of the gospel.

Rev. Buckner was ordained a minister while yet in his teens, previously having been baptized in a small mountain creek by his father. The log cabin in which Rev. Buckner was born now stands on the grounds of the Buckner home where it was reconstructed after being brought to Texas from Tennessee.

Speaking of his diversified ability, Dr. J. R. Cranfill in a history of Dr. Buckner's life, says: "R. C. Buckner is in a class by himself. His life has been a many sided one. As a preacher, as a philanthropist, as an editor, as a writer, as a business man, and as an organizer of virile forces in the Master's service, he has achieved distinction and renown."

In the fall of 1850 he was licensed as a minister. Later he held pastorates Albany, Owensboro and Salvisa, Kentucky. He came to Paris, Texas in the summer of 1859.

It was in Paris that Dr. Buckner gained his love of all Texans. He was the pastor of the "calico church" there, so named because of the number of women who wore calico bonnets to church service, though derided by the more finicky of the congregation.

Rev. Buckner founded the Texas Baptist, a newspaper which did much to make his name known all over the state, and was its editor for ten years. Although Dr. Buckner spent much of his time traveling over the state he kept up the editorial work of his paper, writing his articles while on the go.

The Buckner Orphans' Home was founded in Dallas in 1873. The first collection taken for this purpose amounting to only \$16, was taken at a convention of the Texas Baptist Conference at Paris, shortly previous to the founding of the home. Since that time the home has been added to constantly. At the present time it is one of the best equipped institutions of its kind in the South, having its own museum, separate dormitories, laundry and garden plots.

One of the finest farms in this section of the country is operated by the home. Inmates are taught the art of farming, being thrown into actual experience under capable instructors.

When founded it could care for only a few children, but it now accommodates hundreds. The educational facilities of the institution are of a very high standard.

Dr. Buckner contributed much to the literature of Baptistry, and was renowned as an orator. He was always a leading figure at church conventions until his health and age prevented his attendance.

He found time for considerable travel and several years ago he made a trip to the Orient which lasted over several months, visiting relatives and friends doing missionary work there.

Dr. Buckner is survived by four daughters and two sons. His wife died in June, 1917.

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.

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



Wrapped to insure its perfect condition in all climates and seasons. Sealed tight—kept right. The perfect gum in the perfect package.



Helps Sick Women

Cardui, the woman's tonic, helped Mrs. William Eversole, of Hazel Patch, Ky. Read what she writes: "I had a general breaking-down of my health. I was in bed for weeks, unable to get up. I had such a weakness and dizziness, . . . and the pains were very severe. A friend told me I had tried everything else, why not Cardui? . . . I did, and soon saw it was helping me . . . After 12 bottles, I am strong and well."

TAKE
CARDUI
The Woman's Tonic

Do you feel weak, dizzy, worn-out? Is your lack of good health caused from any of the complaints so common to women? Then why not give Cardui a trial? It should surely do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women who suffered—it should help you back to health.

Ask some lady friend who has taken Cardui. She will tell you how it helped her. Try Cardui.

All Druggists

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

CARRY ON! ON!! ON!!!

Uncle Sam is releasing from his service the men who went "over there" to free the world from autocracy. Thousands of soldiers are daily receiving their honorable discharges; they pocket their pay, bid farewell to their comrades and go forth—civilians.

There is one army, however, which must not be demobilized. That is the army of War Savings Stamp buyers. More recruits are needed to carry on the campaign of readjustment which follows the signing of the armistice.

The army of fighters has achieved its purpose.

The army of savers must remain in "action."

"Carry on" to a lasting peace under the banner of W. S. S.

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.

Card Of Thanks

We take this method of thanking the many good people of Golan, Sylvester and Merkel for their kindness and help during the recent illness and death of our beloved, husband, father, son and brother, J. W. Hill. May God richly bless each one of you.

Mrs. J. W. Hill and children
Mrs. A. J. Hill and children
Mrs. J. V. Costephens.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures Kidney and Bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.



John Doctoroff
-Dallas

How About It ?

In April, 1917, you went into partnership with James Yeager, American.

You wanted protection for your family, your income and the privileges you deemed necessary to proper living.

As your part of this partnership you were to remain at home, do your part in financing the fight Yeager was to put up for you, see that his family had assistance and pay him \$30 a month. You had a good bargain.

On October 12, 1918, near Verdun, Yeager, while performing his duties

under the terms of the contract was cut off from his company. He stood off the foe with his automatic until severely wounded.

Seven hours later two stretcher bearers came. Your partner Yeager had been released from his contract--he was dead.

Now its up to you to carry out your part of the contract---finance the fight he put up for you.

Will you go back on your contract and on Yeager or

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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.



Do it now. How? By joining a War Savings Society.

Catch the step. Everybody else is joining a War Savings Society. Why not you?

The Boy Scouts performed a very heroic task in cleaning up Merkel the past week. They should be recognized and encouraged by every man and woman. Their purpose is to do good, and wisely directed, they are moving forward. Their last week's work was worth hundreds of dollars.

A nationwide vote is being taken by telephone operators relative to calling a strike. It is hoped that one result of the war will be to eliminate strikes of all kind. They are nothing but an economic waste, and we believe there is a better way to overcome such disputes. There is no use of all the people suffering because of a difference of opinion by a few.

TEACHERS ELECTED

The School Board met Tuesday evening and elected the following teachers for the ensuing year:

Misses Alice Burns, Alice Yates, Lorena Dry, Ruby Campbell, Emma Houston, Alma Wells, Annie Smith, and Mr. R. J. Miller. All except Mr. Miller were re-elected. Mr. Miller was elected to take one of the rooms in the Intermediate Department, it being the opinion of the Board that man power would strengthen the discipline of the school.

The Board is very enthusiastic over the school outlook. They are determined to stand by the Principal in matters of discipline. They recognize that one thing as the only possible stumbling block between the school and the greatest school era Merkel has ever had.

Hurrah for a school board that will exercise the courage of their honest convictions. The people of Merkel are counting upon them. And further, the board has under advisement turning over to the officials the names of boys who have quit school but who persistently hang around the grounds, endeavoring to induce other boys to quit, play hooky, or raise disturbances by honking cars, whistling and giving cat-calls. They give solemn warning to dotting parents who have boys too good to take punishment that this thing must stop and stop at once. If a boy can not behave himself in school he has no moral or legal right to hang around and try to disturb others who are endeavoring to do their duty.

EASTER GREETING

Linoleum Logic

No. 2



No more red hands from scrubbing floors. Run a mop over linoleum.

Armstrong's Linoleum

Isn't expensive—it lasts longer—and always looks "new".

It is made of tested materials and every inch is inspected before it leaves the factory. The new patterns are distinctly "different"—suitable for any room in the house.

See the samples soon. Lighten the labor of housework.

Have just received and have on display a nice line of

Beds, Davenport, Tables

Bedroom Suits

Dressers, Kitchen Cabinets

Linoleum

and

Large line of Shades in different colors



An Extra Bed Room

Plus an extra full-sized bed—a substantial piece of furniture for any room. A practical solution of that vexing space saving problem. But these are only a few features of

The PULLMAN REVOLVING SEAT BED DAVENPORT offers you. Affords every comfort and convenience of a regular bed.

A Turn of the Wrist



opens it ready for use—no heavy lifting, back-straining, pulling, arm-aching, bedding carrying. Works every time.

Peaceful Sleep

Rest upon a comfortable, loose mattress, laid upon strong independently supported springs, insuring restful sleep.

See the Pullman at Our Store. Let us demonstrate it. No obligations to buy. Shown in many different styles. The latest finishes and coverings. Sanitary—Hygienic. Come tomorrow.

You are cordially invited to visit our store and look over our stock whether or not you are ready to buy

A Message on Shades



Window Shades play an important part in the furnishing of a home. Let us measure the windows of your home and make the shades to fit.

We handle shades at a wide range of prices but recommend those of Luxor Hand Made Shade Cloth because it is heavier, better sized, lasts longer, cannot crinkle and the colors are permanent. They are cheapest in the long run.

Barrow Furniture Co.

J. A. Pike Dead

Following a siege of sickness, death came last Saturday to relieve the suffering of J. A. Pike, who resided at Bettis Heights. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. W. M. Murrell.

Mr Pike came to this country many years ago from Red River County. He was a jovial, Christian gentleman, loved and respected by all who knew him. For many years he has been a consistent member of the Methodist church. He is survived by his widow.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved.

Card Of Thanks

Since it is impossible for us to see each and every one of our friends, who by kind words of inquiry, kind deeds and genuine sympathy did so much for us during the illness, death and burial of our loved one, we desire to take this method of saying to every one that we do not have the words to express our gratitude toward you and yours. Let us in thanking you for all things done, both great and small, wish that God, who doeth all things well, may bless you, in the days to come with the great measure of his goodness.

Sincerely,

Mrs. John A. Pike and family.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

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

FARMS WANTED

We want more farm listings. Have a call now for a small farm. Also list your large places and ranches with us. We can sell them. That is our business. Make the best price you can and stand by it. If you want to leave the country, we will try to let you take the value of your farm with you. List now. Merkel Realty Co.

Alfalfa Hay at G M Sharps.

Death Claims Mrs. Harvey West

On April 10th death came to claim as its reward Mrs. Harvey West of Mulberry Canyon. The funeral was held at the cemetery the following day, conducted by Rev. E. E. Dawson. A large crowd of the friends and neighbors of the deceased followed her remains to their last resting place.

Mrs. West came to this country from Bosque county in 1889. She was a noble, Christian woman, having from early life been a consistent member of the Baptist church. She is survived by her husband and two children. She was about sixty years of age.

To the loved ones are extended our heartfelt sympathy.

I have a few copies of "Our Victory Atlas" to be given to customers who have soldier boys. Call before they are gone. A. L. Jobe.

Hayes' Healing Honey

Stops The Tickle

Heals The Throat
Cures The Cough
Price 35c.

A FREE BOX OF

GROVE'S O-PEN-TRATE SALVE
(Opens the Pores and Penetrates)

For Chest Colds, Head Colds and Croup, is enclosed with every bottle of HAYES' HEALING HONEY. You get the Cough Syrup and the Salve for one price, 35c.

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Manufacturers of
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic

BLAIR NEWS

Crops are looking fine out our way.

The singing at Mr. Doan's on Sunday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Inez Walker is spending this week with her aunt, Mrs. Bland near Noodle.

Miss Bonnie Melton is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. C. Melton, at Merkel.

Ora Mayfield is sick at this time.

Mrs. Ed Blackburn and daughter are sick with the "Flu".

Miss May Melton is going to school at Merkel.

Miss Mattie Campbell spent Sunday evening with Miss Bonnie Melton.

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

Trainmen Get Wage Increase
Washington, April 11.—Wage advances aggregating \$65,000,000 were ordered today by Director General Hines for 400,000 railroad engineers, firemen, train men and conductors, retroactive since January 1, 1919.

Today's increases makes the total increases allowed by the railroad administration to 2,000,000 employes as \$822,311,000 annually.

Change In Meeting Time

The Parents-Teachers Club has postponed their meeting time from Tuesday, April 22, to Tuesday, April 29. At that time a program will be rendered by the Primary Department. A full attendance is urged.

John Westenhoover has received his discharge from overseas duty and has returned to Merkel.

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

Hurry here with your eggs—30 cents a dozen at A. L. Jobe's.

A NOVEL VICTROLA
There is on display at the Merkel Motor Company a novel victrola, the frame work of which was made by Vernon Sublett. Victor-phonograph movements are used. The tone is beautiful. It is a unique work of art.

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.

J. A. Wills has been very low for sometime, but is reported some better.

If you want a Ford car, better see us quick. Merkel Motor Company.

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

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

W. O. BONEY

THE SAME OLD THINGS

The housewife, tired of the beastly grind,
Turned loose some thoughts that were in her mind.
When her husband came from his toil at night,
She said the world didn't use her right.
I'm always doing the same old chores,
I'm always sweeping the same old floors,
I'm always washing the same old frocks
darning holes in the same old socks,
There is no joy for the poor man's wife."
The wife of the rich man sighed and said,
"Gee whizz! A dame might as well be dead,
I'm always doing my social chores
I'm always wearied by stately bores,
I'm always choosing the proper gown
I'm always motoring through the town,
I'm always doing the same old thing;
I wish, I wish, I had ten-foot wings,
I'd fly away to some lonely cot,
An do a stunt with a coffee-pot."
We all grow tired of the work we do,
And sing and rant till the air is blue,
It does no good and it bales no hay,
And the wise man chases such thoughts away.
The world improves with each passing year
Because each man in his little sphere
Takes off his jacket and grins and sings
And keeps on doing the same old things. —Ex

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

Easter Dress Display

Just Received Big Express Shipment

Silk Taffetas and Crepe Dresses

We are making all one Special Easter Price only **\$17.50**

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THE BIG CASH STORE

GOOD ROADS AND MARKET

The office of Public Roads of the United States Department of Agriculture gives the following instance as occurring at Crosby, Texas:
"At Crosby, Texas, a shell road was built for one mile out of town. A farmer four miles out came to town with a team of two mules and loaded on his wagon at the railroad station two tons of wire fencing. At the end of the improved shell road, on his return, the farmer was compelled to throw off 3,000 pounds of wire and it required his time for the

four miles from ten o'clock one morning until eleven the next morning to finish the hauling. If the improved road had extended four miles to the farm, the original team of two mules could have hauled the two tons of wire in two and one-half hours."
In the South the average haul of cotton from farm to shipping point is 11.8 miles and the average load is about 1,700 pounds or a little more than three bales. The average cost of haul is 80 cents per bale and \$3 per ton for seed, or from 25 cents to 30 cents per ton-mile. The haulage cost (from farm to shipping point) of the 1911 crop, cotton and seed, according to the United States Department of Agriculture, was \$37,375,634. The farmers who grew the cotton paid this sum out of their profits as the 1911 crop brought them, and as the average price of cotton that year was but 8 8/10 cents per pound, it will be seen that the profit was small and that the farmers could not well spare this charge upon it. If the farming communities would be without a good road; they would vote for what ever bond issues were necessary to life their farming operations out of the mud.
Texas can add to its agricultural prosperity by building better roads.

Rub the joints with Ballard's Snow Liniment to relieve rheumatism. It penetrates the flesh to the bone conveying its soothing and restorative influence to the spot where the pain exists. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.
Paris, April 13.—Germany loses all its colonies, it was revealed in an official summarization of the revised League of Nations covenant made public last night. The colonies as well as the territories of the Turkish Empire, will be administered by the League through States acting as voluntary mandataries.
The Monroe Doctrine is protected by the following paragraph:
"The covenant does not affect the validity of international engagements such as treaties of arbitration, of regional understandings, like the Monroe Doctrine, for securing the maintenance of peace."

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 50c.

The children are saving and buying Thrift Stamps. Don't let them out do you. Join a War Savings Society.
Get a Ford car now while we are able to deliver one. Merkel Motor Co.

THIS IS CERTAIN

The Proof That Merkel Readers Cannot Deny
What could furnish stronger evidence of the efficiency of any remedy than the test of time. Thousands of people testify that Doan's Kidney Pills have brought lasting results.
Grateful endorsements should prove undoubtedly the merits of this remedy. Years ago people right in this locality testified to the relief they had derived from the use of Doan's Kidney Pills. They now confirm their testimonials. They say that time has completed the test.
Mrs. W. C. Shaw, 773 Locust St., Abilene, Tex says: My back was so lame I could hardly get up in the morning and my kidneys acted irregularly. This trouble had bothered me for years. I finally got Doan's Kidney Pills and they quickly cured me. One box was all I needed and I felt better in every way."

Over Three Years Later Mrs. Shaw added: "I still have great confidence in Doan's Kidney Pills for the cure they gave me has been permanent."
Price 60 cents, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy, get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Shaw had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Henry Foster a member of Headquarters Company 144th. Infantry, has received his discharge and is now at home. He spent some time at the front and has witnessed some severe fighting. He has a brother, Clarence, who is with the army of occupation. An uncle, E. A. Breeze, is in France

Breeder's Notice.
Bay draft stallion at my barn two miles east of Comper. Price \$15.00 for season, \$3.00 cash. A. B. Cranston, Merkel, Route 1. 184p

L. Scott leaves Monday in his car to Dallas, Arlington and East Texas points. Mrs. Scott and son, Burneal, who are visiting her parents in Arlington, will join him on the remainder of the trip. Mr. Scott with attend the Ford convention at Dallas Wednesday and Wednesday evening. A big banquet will be given in the evening.
Come to Rogers for your groceries and fresh vegetables.
C. M. Largent lost a fine cow Tuesday night that he had just recently purchased as a price of \$3150. Only a few days before he lost a very valuable animal.
Plenty of shorts and bran at G M Sharp's

"THERE WAS A MAN"

There was a man who fancied.
That by driving good and fast He'd get his car across the track
Before the train came past.
He'd miss the engine by an inch,
And make the trainmen sore;
There was a man who fancied this—
There isn't any more.

There was a wise old trainman.
Expert at coupling cars.
He used his feet to push in place
The knuckles and draw bars.
He did it thus for many years,
And thought it was great fun;
He had two feet to push them then—
He now has only one.

Bill Jones, on the repair track,
Imagined he could do
A moments work beneath a car
Without the flag of blue.
Well, yes—he did it many times.
In spite of rule and warning;
One day an engine bumped a car
Bill's wife is now in mourning.

Jimmy was an active kid.
He lived beside the track.
He got on as the trains went up.
And off as they came back,
It did no good to warn him,
For Jim knew much the best
That he was in no danger—
His tombstone reads, "At rest.
—Erie Railroad Magazine.

GOOD ROADS AND RURAL SCHOOLS

One of the benefits arising from good roads is the improvements of the community school. In Texas the country school term is placed, as far as possible so that the children may help gather the cotton crop, which is usually out by December 1. This places the school session during that part of the year in which bad weather and resulting bad roads are most common. Everybody knows that where children have to go to school from a distance cold, bad weather means being kept at home, and the effect is to have the school at a time when the children can go to it the least.

GIVES WIFE ADLER-I-KA

"My wife was pronounced incurable by physicians unless operated (complicated bowel trouble). I began giving Adler-i-ka and she is improving. I shall continue until she is cured." (Signed) J. H. Underwood, Marion Ala
Adler-i-ka empties both upper and lower bowel, flushing entire alimentary canal. 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-4



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

A Delightful Social
Saturday evening April 12th the Seniors and friends of Trent High School were entertained at the home of Mr and Mrs. R. B. Johnsons'. Games were played, and the music given by each of the Senior girls was greatly enjoyed.

Soon dainty dishes of cream were served. The hour of midnight came all to soon.
Those present were: Misses Ida and Anna Bell Smith, Katie Lou Gunter, Ethel McLeod, Jewell Blackmon, May Robinson and Irene Donnell. Messrs Jack Boone, Noble Forrester, Algie Green, F. A. Cary, Arthur Brown and Tom Rosson.

Bryson-Green Wedding

Last Saturday evening as Rev. W. M. Murrell was thinking of sleep, after he had counted the day closed, a young couple drove up to the door of the pastor's home and asked to be made husband and wife. Strange to say, Rev. Murrell had no hesitation about performing the obligation, and he now relates that he believes it is the best peace of work he performed that day.

The contracting parties were Walter Bryson and Miss Pauline Green of Noodle. They are one of the most prominent and popular young couples of their community.
We wish for them a full share of happiness and prosperity.

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

We have plenty of John Deere cultivators and planters in one and two rows. Crown Hardware Company.

Take a lesson from the ant. He works with others. Get into a War Savings Society.

Spring is here. Bring in your summer clothes and let me clean and press them. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

W. C. Calvert, who has been very low at a sanitarium in Abilene for sometime, is reported improving slowly.

Car of oats and corn just received at G. M. Sharps Grocery.

A stitch in time saves nine. Stitch your name on a War Savings Society roll today.

Oldest Local Woodman Dead

The funeral services of Jno. A. Pike were held Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church under the auspices of the local camp of W. O. W. Mr. Pike was the oldest member of the local camp, joining the order in 1891. He was one of the first members of the order, his policy number being 640. A number of members of nearby camps attended the funeral.

Hundreds of Thousands of WEBSTER'S NEW INTERNATIONAL

DICTIONARIES are in use by business men, engineers, bankers, judges, architects, physicians, farmers, teachers, librarians, clergymen, by successful men and women the world over.
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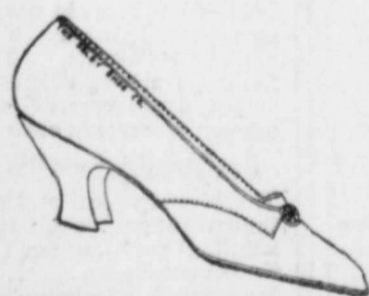


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