

## RURAL CARRIERS ASSOCIATION MEET

The association of Rural Carriers of Callahan, Taylor and Jones counties met Wednesday Feb. 22, and carried out a splendid program. Owing to the severe cold weather the attendance was not as large as had been expected, but nevertheless quite a number of carriers were present and a number of patrons of the various routes in Callahan county.

Much enthusiasm was manifested among the carriers, and there was a note of optimism about the address of all of them and of pride in the work they are doing in serving the rural dweller with a daily mail.

The address of Mr. Bankhead of Merkel on "Organization and Its Benefits" was splendid. Mr. Bankhead is a pleasing speaker and would take rank in any convention. He said that it is a mistaken idea that the object of organization amongst the rural carriers was a selfish one, but that their sole purpose was to discuss ways and means and devise plans for the betterment of the service, and as much as permitted to co-operate with the department by way of suggesting better plans.

Arthur Slater ably discussed the subject "The Rural and City Carrier." He humorously referred to the trials of the carrier and brought his hearers to the realization that their whole journey was not on flowery beds of ease.

Alba Chambers of Baird, in an able address discussed the subject, "What can take the place of the Rural Carrier." He deplored the fact that any suggestion should be made in the national congress looking to the impairment of the rural service by taking it out of the civil service and putting it on a contract basis. He also said that it was unfair to the farmer to call the service Rural Free Delivery, and that he thought the Free ought to be eliminated, and when he called attention to the fact that the railway mail service and the city mail service was not called free, but when congress gave the farmer a little mite of service by establishing a daily mail route, they insulted them by calling the service "free" and that he would use his efforts to have this objectionable word eliminated. He was loudly applauded.

A. J. Adcock of Merkel, presided over the meeting. He spoke at length upon the subject of "Good Roads," and was listened to with good attention.

W. R. Ely of Baird, in a brief address discussed the relation of the "Rural Dweller to the Community at Large."

Suitable resolutions were made thanking the people of Clyde for their hospitality and Mr. Ely for his remarks.

Several patrons spoke as being highly in favor of rural service, Mr. J. N. Wilson of Clyde, the leading West Texas Nurseryman, calling attention to the fact that the service saved him a walk of 700 miles a year, and that good roads, the telephone and rural

## INTEREST IN STOCK INDUSTRY

On the street the other day a coming three-year-old colt sold for \$200.00 spot cash. An offer of \$150 cash for another colt; a coming two-year-old was refused by the owner. All pride of blood for these young horses was on the side of their masculine ancestors for they were from just ordinary brood mares.

A young jack last week, three years old, bred and raised in the Merkel country sold for \$500 cash. R. H. Collins, Teaff & Keny and others have during the past few months shipped a dozen or more carloads of fine mules to eastern points and in every instance they topped the market. The same is true of the several carloads of hogs shipped from the Price & Hunt hog farm on the Clear Fork and shipments by other stockmen to the Fort Worth market.

C. M. Largent and John Sears have their registered Herefords in readiness for the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show this month. The Blue-Ribbon herd of the former have made for the owner several thousand dollars in first and second premium money at previous shows and he has made sales of young stock which established new records for high prices in this state. John Sears has made a good reputation in the mule market. He buys and raises young mules. Sam Butman in the Canyon, like many other of our old stockmen who are raising graded beef cattle has established a swine department on his ranch.

All of which in this general, rambling and splattering style shows the interest and the adaptability of our country for the stock raising industry and that the same has not suffered during the two past dry years so much as one would suppose. It is true that much of the wealth-producing stock has been shipped to the markets during the past year but with our present season, the large acreage in small grain and with plenty of grass and water it is certain that there will be much progress this year.

And, as is most always the case, everything is for the best and when you reflect, that when our farmers this year buy stock they will demand the very best to be had, stock superior to that which they sold and the result will be a higher and better grade of stock for our country. This is a stock country.

service would put every farmer in town.

Mr. Burkett of Clyde, delivered a felicitous welcome address that made everybody feel at home, and his reminiscence of old time mail service were highly instructive and interesting to the young elements of the audience.

The meeting adjourned after a business session, to meet at Merkel the first Monday in September, 1911, Labor Day.—Callahan County News.

### Notice.

To the Public: Notice is hereby given that my wife, Elizabeth Scheidler, did on or about the 15th day of January, 1911, without any cause or provocation whatever, leave my bed, board and home, and that in consequence thereof, I will not hereinafter be in any wise responsible to any person, persons or corporation for any debts or other obligations which she, the said Mrs Elizabeth Scheidler, may incur either in her own name or on the faith and credit of myself.

S. S. Scheidler.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Taggart have the congratulations of our Christian people and all of their friends upon the advent of a charming young daughter into their home yesterday morning.

### Veto Settles It.

Austin, March 1.—It is reliably reported that the House will not attempt to pass the daylight bill over the governor's veto but will send back a new bill.

## '11 OUR GOOD READERS '12

The old woman in Arkansas hated to feel good because she knew she would feel so much worse when she felt bad. We are just like the good old sister, only different. We enjoy feeling bad for when we get over it we feel so much better. We felt bad last week when it rained our subscription business clean out. We felt just like it was all up with the Buzz-Saw but when we got over it we felt better and as soon as the weather cleared business began picking up and all was lovely.

The following is the list of new and renewals since our last report:

T. A. Cox, Bremond; W. S. Ellis, Temple; J. G. Hill, Tye; Mrs. C. M. Lord, Rotan; W. A. Coggin, Post City; J. W. Howell, Italy; L. L. Estes, Lorena, (by M. L. Estes); G. W. Atwood, Rayland; E. V. Ellis, Rt. 1; J. L. Tucker, Rt. 5; H. B. Chambless, Rt. 5; Clarence Simmons, Rt. 2; J. E. Paylor, J. R. Barnett, S. B. Barnett, E. L. Rogers, city.

### At the Presbyterian Church.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the pastor will preach on an overland journey. 7:30 p. m. the services will be Evangelistic. Everybody cordially invited.

Geo. A. Crane, Pastor.

March 10th and 11th will be red letter days. Clean up.

### Y. P. S. C. E. Program.

The following program will be rendered at the Presbyterian church Sunday at 6:30 p. m.:

Topic: Lessons from great lives, Moses.

Leader, Miss Bulah Haynes.

Song.

Prayer.

Scripture reading Ex. 3:1-14.

Moses as a general—Miss Bertie Diltz.

Moses as a lawgiver—Willie Erwin.

Other great Bible characters—Miss Elna Daniels.

Song.

References and clippings.

Sentence prayers.

Business.

Benediction.

### Junior League Program.

Leader, Ollie Shaffer.

Song 58.

Prayer by Leader.

Song 40.

Scripture reading.

Solo—Stella Martin.

Select reading—Ina May Adams.

Song 132.

Prayer.

Piano Solo—Roxie Moon.

Roll call, answer by Bible quotations.

League benediction.

D. J. Young, W. P. and C. D. Cary and B. B. Bates, owners and managers of the Merkel Lumber Company at this point were here Tuesday of this week and expressed their pleasure at the prospects for the present year.

## MERKEL GOING TO FAT STOCK SHOW

The little city in clover is going to be at the Fat Stock Show in Panthertown March 13th to 18th, inclusive, about a half hundred strong and will be there with the goods, fine fat ones.

C. M. Largent's herd of Blue-Ribbon Herefords and John Sear's trio of registered whitefaces are all fat and sleek and will take first premiums or else, well they have always taken first prizes and the big end of the money and we never go backward.

In the last two weeks the convention has been the principal subject for street conversation and we have heard many say they are going. T. J. Coggin is ready now and waiting on J. S. Swann, while W. R. Bigham has already gone. There are many others who have already made their plans, all of which goes to show the interest in the stock industry in this country and the interest in the Merkel exhibit will demonstrate the adaptability of our country and its ability to produce the best beef in the world.

Remember the date.

### Santa Fe Cut-off.

The new Coleman-Texico extension of the Santa Fe is now ready for traffic as far as Pyrone, a point about twenty-three miles north of Sweetwater.

The construction company in charge of the work is pushing the extension as fast as possible and it is now stated that the whole road will be ready to turn over by June 1.

The construction company can now handle carload traffic not consigned to shipper's order, provided fully prepaid on basis of combination of locals from the junction with the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe or the Pacific and Northern Texas, as the case may be, using railroad commission rates of Texas for the construction company. There is still a gap of about sixty miles yet to be covered between Post City and Pyrone.

The list of stations follows: Coleman, Brooks, Pellman, Novice, Goldsboro, Lawn, Tuscola, Abilene and Southern railroad crossing, Buffalo Gap, Caps, Cozart, Blair, Tolam, Herndon, Tecifio, East Junction, Sweetwater, Texas and Pacific connection, Boozer, Lanian, Pyrone.

### Fruit Crop is not Destroyed.

Capt. W. H. Hawkins and C. L. McNeese, two experienced fruit growers made inspection yesterday of several orchards in our city and the former in speaking of their work said: "We have found that there is a full and sufficient crop of live buds on the peach trees and in fact do not believe the peach crop is damaged unless the freeze causes these buds now perfectly sound to fall off later. It is different with the plums and apricots and with the exception of the late varieties we believe that these crops are lost."

Mrs. Austin Fitts has returned from Temple to accept a position with the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

# Armstrong & Co.

JIM GILLIAM, Manager

Edwards Street Merkel, Texas

# OUR SODA FOUNTAIN

Mr. Virgil Touchstone, an experienced cold-drink man, will have charge of our fountain which insures for our trade the best of goods and service. Drink at our fountain and make our cigar case your "smoke house." If you do not drink nor smoke, just come around to see us, we will appreciate a social call at any time.

## OUR WEEKLY SERMONETTE

In the hope to make our paper of more interest to the majority of our religious readers and of some force for the promotion of our moral as well as material interests the Mail invited these contributions from our local ministers. Their cheerful acceptance enables us to promise this as a regular feature for our many readers during the new year.

### The Hereafter.

"But thou shalt know hereafter."—John 13:7.

Among the gravest problems of life let us include the problem of the life to come, with its penalties and rewards.

No other question has so fascinated man. No other question is so big with wonder and mystery and none has so fully occupied the thought of the common people not less than the poet and the philosopher. For when man has toiled long upon his tool, his law, or his friendship and made ready for his old age it remains for him to become good friends with the past and with his conscience and to prepare for his admittance into that court of universal love, into which the good and great of all ages have been gathered. All will admit that no child can know before hand what wisdom, wealth and influence may belong to "three score years and ten," yet it is to the last degree important that the boy should wonder and dream as to what manner of home shall be his, what tool or task he shall take up, whether glory and honor awaits him or poverty and neglect shall discourage him. And if man, in his youth, prepares for a career this side of the grave, man also would do well to forecast that realm beyond the horizon where moral law must reign forever.

If in this life vices and sins journey on attended by harvests of unhappiness and ruin, perhaps beyond the grave also are those who love truth, goodness and God, and will find the angels of the eternal God ever upon the wing.

Beyond the horizon, what?

Those Athenian judges sneered at Socrates' plea for conscience and gave the old sage the fatal hemlock. But the old Greek swerved not a hair from right, and put out to sea in the open boat of intention. Where now is Socrates? Were his hopes ever realized? and have his executioners ever regretted their act?

Paul, the great missionary apostle, achieved our liberty and thought. He ate crusts, wore rags and slept in a dungeon. Nero wore purple, drank wine cooled with snow, and slept in a silken palace chamber. Nero's villainy was successful. Paul was rewarded by the headman's axe and went on to obtain his eternal reward. Has Nero come to abhor his country? Where is that Diocletian who hurled his victims over the precipice? What of the emperor who plastered pitch over the garments of brave men and women and used their flaming bodies to light up his gardens or to illumine the path of his racers? Where is that young girl who moaned, "my false lover stole the rose, but oh,

he left the thorn with me?" These and questions like them confront every thoughtful man. Why is it that infidels, agnostics, secularists, christians and all linger long over these problems?

Is it that these questions allure men's thoughts as the candle allures the moth, that it may be consumed? No, no; a thousand times no.

Rather the problem of that immortal realm fascinates man's thoughts as the oasis draws the birds of paradise away from the desert into the evergreen fields and sparkling fountains. Therefore man's earliest, latest and profoundest thought has had to do with the outlook upon the future career with its rewards and penalties and so long as man remains man, so long as he has reason and memory and imagination and conscience will the poet and the common people sit together in life's open window and ponder and dream and doubt and believe and weep for joy over events that shall be revealed when death shall part life's rich but opaque curtains, "where the day dawns and the shadows flee away."

A prisoner in Patmos, John looked out upon Ephesus and beheld the city pouring forth greed, drunkenness and fiery passions like streams of lurid lava. For this city with its abominations there was to be a judgment day. In this vision John saw the Lord upon his throne judging the Ephesians who stood forth as accused criminals while outraged justice urged their condemnation. The scene was so awful that the sun was darkened and the moon ceased to shine and the stars gave no light.

But aside from that he gives us another picture. The curtains are drawn back again and we get a glimpse of the eternal city, its gold-paved streets and pearly portals, the delicious fruits from perennial trees and the sparkling waters of the river of paradise, where hunger and thirst and pain and anguish come no more and the hand of God wipes all tears away.

Dear reader don't you want to go there? If not prepared, then I pray you, "prepare to meet thy God." Geo. A. Crane.

### It Saved His Leg.

"All thought I'd lose my leg," writes J. A. Swenson, of Watertown, Wis. "Ten years of eczema that 15 doctors could not cure, had at last laid me up. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured it sound and well." Infallible for skin eruptions, eczema, salt rheum, boils, fever sores, burns, scalds, cuts and piles 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

Bring your butter, eggs and chickens to W. M. Jenkins on Edwards street. tf

### Steam Roller Arrives.

The ten ton steam roller ordered some time ago by the commissioners court of Taylor county arrived here yesterday morning. It is manufactured by the J. I. Case company which of itself assures that it is a fine machine. It will be unloaded this morning and started on the Elmdale road.

Judge Bledsoe stated yesterday afternoon that he expected the rock crusher to reach Abilene this morning and will be started to work on arrival. The Elmdale road is now practically completed except for the rolling and laying of rock.

Eighteen thousand cubic yards of rock have been hauled and there will be a good supply of work awaiting it when the crusher arrives.—Abilene News.

### Don't Break Down

Severe strains on the vital organs, like strains on machinery, cause breakdowns. You can't over-tax stomach, liver, kidneys, bowels or nerves without serious danger to yourself. If you are weak or rundown, or under strain of any kind, take Electric Bitters the matchless, tonic medicine. Mrs. J. E. Van de Sande, of Kirkland, Ill., writes: "That I did not break down, while enduring a most severe strain, for three months, is due wholly to Electric Bitters." Use them and enjoy health and strength. Satisfaction positively guaranteed. 50c at H. C. Burroughs.

### W. N. Hall for Marshal.

The Mail is authorized to make announcement of the candidacy of W. N. Hall for the office of city marshal. Mr. Hall has had previous experience as county attorney of Uvalde and LaSalle counties which with his natural ability amply qualifies him for the position. He has been a resident of our little city for five years, is a property owner and identified with the city's interests. He promises the enforcement of our laws and the discharge of all duties to the best of his ability in the event of his election and solicits a fair consideration of his claims for your support.

### Spring Opening Sale.

The Parten Dry Goods Company are the first to announce a spring opening sale and your attention is called to their ad in this issue. This store has just received a large shipment of new goods and promise to make prices which will meet any legitimate competition. Trade at Merkel.

### Race Suicide

is not nearly the menace to increase in population that deaths among infants are. Eight out of ten of these deaths are directly or indirectly caused by bowel troubles. McGee's Baby Elixir cures diarrhoea, dysentery, sour stomach and all infant ailments of this nature. Just the thing for teething babies. Price 25c and 50c per bottle sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Those "Stage Last" Velvet Pumps are beauties at Harkrider's.

## ROLLER MILL IMPROVEMENTS

J. F. Wieser & Company are Installing the Latest Model Purification System; First in the Southwest.

The Hico Roller Mill closed the flouring department of their plant last Saturday night, February 4, in order to install a lot of new and up-to-date machinery. The writer called at the plant and found a large crew of mill wrights at work placing the new machinery and getting it connected up for service.

This new machinery is composed of a special new system of purification of the products both before and after grinding the wheat. Mr. Geo. T. Smith, president of the Geo. T. Smith Middlings Purifier Co., of Springfield, Mo., was here and stated to the editor that he had manufactured purifiers for nearly forty years with the best of success but had been working over fifteen years on his present machine, but not until about six months ago did he realize his hopes in a perfect purifying machine.

Mr. Smith also states that the Wieser Mill is the first one south of St. Louis to adopt his entire system, and when complete they will have the best flour milling plant of the entire Southwest. In fact, there will not be a milling plant anywhere that he knows of that will be equipped as modern as this one.

This is certainly gratifying news for the citizens of Hico and the hundreds of patrons of the mill. It assures the users of the mill's products that neither time nor money has been spared in the preparation and manufacture of the leading "staff of life" turned out by the Hico Roller Mills and we feel that these efforts will be amply reimbursed by a much increased business and a satisfied patronage.

Mr. W. H. Hill, who is Mr. Smith's superintendent of construction, stated that he was pushing the work as fast as possible and hoped to be able to start the new machinery by February 20.—From Hico News-Review, date Feb. 17, 1911.

P. S.—B. C. Gaither & Sons are exclusive agents for the celebrated "Baker Boy" Flour. Try a sack.

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### CITIZEN'S FORUM

No doubt some of our citizens may be surprised at such a statement coming thru the favored columns of the Mail, tho I feel it my duty to call the attention of the parents of school children who live in the northwest portion of Merkel to the fact that there is need of the utmost precaution in sending the little ones back to school from their dinner, for it has been the writer's lot to observe on two different days within the past ten that a freight train has been on the siding completely bolcking the crossing near the section house, compelling the little ones to await the coming of the 11:28 passenger, if delayed or some other train, ere the crossing is cleared, or go around which has caused more than one to be tardy at school. While this seems little enough to complain of we may see or hear of some little one more daring than the rest crawling under the cars, and in so doing may encourage others to do likewise and no one needs telling of such danger as this.

Then another view is that little folks are not so ready to see an approaching danger as older heads and may some time stand on the main line long enough to be run down by another train.

It does seem as tho the Honorable City Council could and would take such steps as to compel crossings where school children have to pass to be kept open, especially during the noon hour.

Citizen.

### Merkel Looks Good.

O. L. Towler formerly of our place but now of the Seymour country was among the visitors this week and came into our office to give us a cussing which should have been delivered to the republican postmaster at Seymour about missing some Buzz-Saws. He said: "I do not want to miss a single issue of your paper for it is just like getting a good letter from home. I am glad to see the good roads revolution is over here, and the country looking so good. There is no better country than this and I may come back next year."

### A Swollen Jaw

is not pretty nor pleasant. Whether it's caused by neuralgia, toothache or accident. Ballard's Snow Liniment will reduce the swelling and relieve the pain. The great and sure cure for rheumatism, cuts, burns, bruises, scalds—any and all aches and pains. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### HOME ENDORSEMENT.

Hundreds of Merkel Citizens Can Tell you About It.

Home endorsement, the public expression of Merkel people should be evidence beyond dispute for every Merkel reader. Surley the experience of friends and neighbors, cheerfully given by them, will carry more weight than the utterances of strangers residing in faraway places. Read the following:

W. T. Cox, farmer, of Merkel, says: "About two years ago I was suddenly taken ill while at work and as I steadily grew worse I consulted a doctor. He pronounced my trouble congestion of the kidneys and in several days relieved me. After that, however, I was bothered by too frequent passages of the kidney secretions. I spent over \$150 in an effort to get relief and took 8 months treatment from a specialist in Dallas but to no avail. The contents of one box of Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Rust & McCauley's drug store did me a world of good, and I am, therefore, glad to give them my endorsement."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

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### Election Notice.

Acting under and by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of the city of Merkel, Texas, it is ordained and notice is here given that an election will be held at the city hall in the city of Merkel, Texas, on Tuesday the 4th day of April, 1911, as the law directs. At which election the following city officers shall be elected for said city: A mayor, two alderman for a full term of two years, one aldermen for a term of one year to fill the term of H. L. Propst resigned, a treasurer, secretary and marshal, each for a term of two years.

It is further ordered that J. J. Stallings be and is hereby appointed presiding officer at said election.

Given under my hand and seal at Merkel, Texas, this 2nd day of March, 2911.

W. W. Wheeler, Mayor.  
3t4 Merkel, Texas.

As a household remedy for cuts, burns, bruises, piles, pain and soreness of all kinds, Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment, 25c size, has no equal. If not satisfactory, money refunded. For sale by all druggists.

M. L. Estes of Anson was here last week and gave us a new subscriber for our paper. It was his duty for he is reading the paper of his daughter, Mrs. Alex Sears, and every citizen should take at least one Buzz-Saw. The more the merrier. Subscribe now.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Groene's Art Store. Open 8 to 6; and 8 to 10 on Saturdays.

New arrivals of spring goods daily at Harkrider's.

The little girl of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rose who has been seriously sick is reported convalescent.

Don't fail to see W. M. Jenkins on Edwards street for cheap goods and best prices for your produce.

Master E. V. White of Abilene is a guest and privileged character this week at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin.

Received our first shipment of Boys Spring Suits and "Knicker" Pants. Look them over before buying. W. L. Harkrider.

Chas. Berry was a passenger on the westbound Tuesday night on his way to Old Mexico where he goes to engage in the lumber business.

Dr. Cox's Painless Blister, price 50c. Guaranteed to blister without pain or money refunded. For sale by all druggists.

Carpenters this week completed the new awning for the Armstrong & Co. drug store in the building of Mr. Hutchison. The property owner and proprietors of the store are delighted with the improvement.

Can wear your Barrett day and night. If stuck with Scheidler's "stick 'em tight"

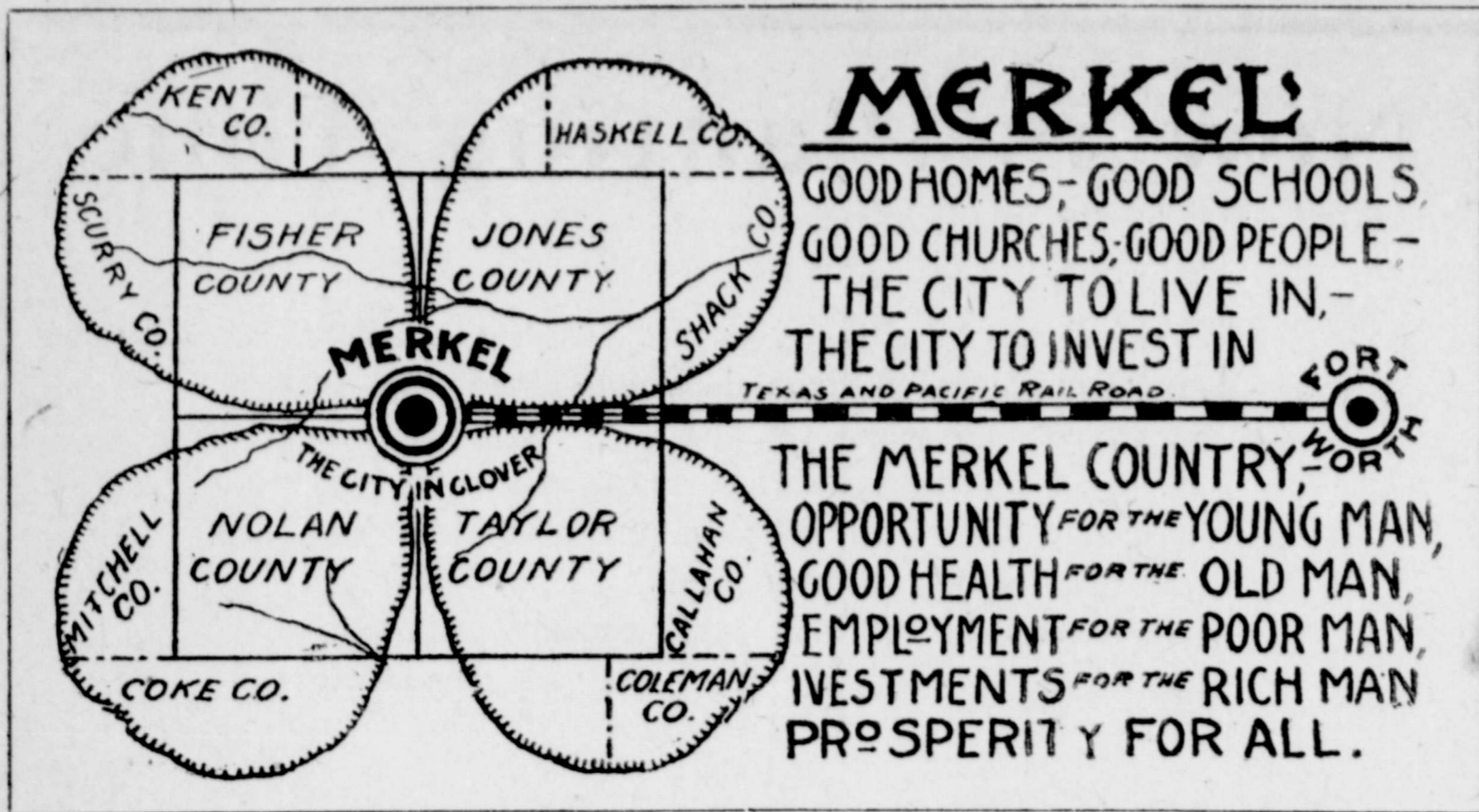
Costs a dime, can do no better, Leave it when you mail your letter. Opposite P. O. 10t

Three large show windows and lots of work by the carpenters and painters have added to the appearance and convenience of the new store the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

All druggists sell Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment, 25c, 50c and \$1 bottles. Guaranteed to heal without leaving a blemish, or money refunded.

Painters are at work on the home of Fred Bigham and the inside and outside of this already beautiful home as well as the fences, servants house and barn will receive treatment before the contract is completed.

J. P. Sharp left this week for St. Louis and the eastern markets where he will lay in a supply of new spring and summer goods. He said that he had spent and let out lots of money in the purchase of his brother's interest in the store and during the two bad years but had sufficient money or credit left to keep his store up to the standard.



## The MERKEL MAIL

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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.

### THE BUYER'S CREED.

In a recent issue of the Tradesman appeared the following statement of reasons why a citizen should buy in his home city. In one of the cities of the smaller class this motto has been posted in street cars and moving picture shows:

#### I BUY AT HOME—

- Because my interests are here.
- Because the community that is good enough for me to live in is good enough for me to buy in.
- Because I believe in transacting business with my friends.
- Because I want to see the goods.
- Because I want to get what I buy when I pay for it.
- Because my home dealer "carries" me when I am run short.
- Because every dollar I spend at home stays at home and helps work for the welfare of the city.
- Because the man I buy from stands back of the goods.
- Because I sell what I produce here at home.
- Because the man I buy from pays his part of the town, county and city taxes.
- Because the man I buy from gives value received always.
- Because the man I buy from helps support my school, my church, my lodge, my home.
- Because, when ill luck, misfortune or bereavement comes, the man I buy from is here with his kindly expressions of greetings, his words of cheer and his pocketbook, if needs be.

Here I live and I buy.

I BUY AT HOME.  
DO YOU?

### TAB ON THE BOLL WEEVIL.

That was an interesting map showing the progress of the spread of the boll that was printed in the Commercial Appeal. Every planter in the South should make a study of it. The weevil may not move very fast, but it moves. We have got to learn to live with it. We have got to learn to make cotton in spite of the weevil, and while we are learning to do this, we have got to raise other things than cotton. We have got to have hogs in the field, meat in the smokehouse and corn in the crib when the weevil arrives. If we have these things the weevil need bother no farmer that is industrious.—Commercial Appeal.

Come to Merkel; no boll weevils here.

### GOOD CROB IDEA.

S. T. Rowland, living six miles northwest of town, has eighty-five acres in small grain which he says is looking fine. He has 300 acres of land broke of which he will plant 200 in milo maize and 100 acres in cotton and will plant broom corn on the land as soon as the small grain is off. He made \$1,200 worth of brooms which he considers good, considering the dry weather.—Big Springs Enterprise.

March 10th and 11th, Merkel clean-up days.

## MERKEL

GOOD HOMES, GOOD SCHOOLS,  
 GOOD CHURCHES, GOOD PEOPLE—  
 THE CITY TO LIVE IN,  
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THE MERKEL COUNTRY,  
 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,  
 GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,  
 EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR MAN,  
 INVESTMENTS FOR THE RICH MAN,  
 PROSPERITY FOR ALL.

### OPPORTUNITY.

"Master of human destinies am I!  
 Fame, love and fortune on my footsteps wait.  
 Cities and fields I walk; I penetrate  
 Deserts and seas remote, and passing by  
 Hovel and mart and palace—soon or late—  
 I knock unbidden once at every gate!  
 If sleeping, wake—if feasting, rise before  
 I turn away—it is the hour of fate,  
 And those who follow me reach every state  
 Mortals desire, and conquer every foe  
 Save death; but those who doubt or hesitate,  
 Condemned to failure, penury and woe,  
 Seek me in vain and uselessly implore.  
 I answer not, and I return no more."

—John J. Ingalls.

Come to Merkel now.

### ADAM, EVE AND APPLES.

How many apples did Eve and Adam eat?  
 The old version says: Eve 8 and Adam 2. (Eve ate and Adam too.) Total 10.  
 This is what certain American newspapers have to say about it:  
 Nebraska Herald—Eve 8 and Adam 8. Total 16.  
 Mississippi Gazette—We don't see this. Eve 8 and 82. Total 90.  
 New York Screamer—Our contemporary is entirely wrong. Eve 81 and Adam 812. Total 893.  
 Ohio Advertiser—We reason like this: Eve 814 herself and Adam 8124 Eve. Total 8938.  
 Illinois Telegraph—Eve 8142 know how it tasted, and Adam 28142 see what it might be like. Total 36,284.  
 Merkel Mail—If Eve 8142 satisfy her curiosity Adam 81242 see how it tasted. Total 89,384. Correct.

We are in receipt of the Devine Reporter, Vol. 1, No. 1, printed at Devine, Texas. It is a 6-column quarto, all-home print, neatly printed, has a good run of ads, which are well set and prove by their appearance that a mechanic who "knows how" arranged them, and is a credit to the "art preservative." The Reporter is edited by Perron and Huffor. Mr. Huffor will be remembered by our people as he was once a resident of Merkel and it was he and C. C. Campbell who started the Merkel Evening Telegram. Mr. Huffor is a wide-awake newspaper man and A1 printer and we predict for them great success. Here's luck to you, Dan.

Our sermonettes by the local pastors are proving of much interest to our readers and we are under obligations to the good ministers for their assistance. Read the one in this issue and resolve to be a better citizen hereafter.

We read today of a farm back east selling for \$175 per acre. It was worth the money but we have got some \$40 land that will grow as much one year with another and with half the amount of labor. Come west, wise ones.

The clean-up days are drawing near and so far there has been no concerted action and agitation by our civic and social clubs. Let's get real busy, good ladies and clean up this old town, March 10th and 11th.

The Merkel merchants are after your business, promise you 100 cents value for every dollar and satisfaction with every purchase or your money back on demand. Come to Merkel to trade.

Old timers say they never saw prettier wheat and oats, nor better prospects for grain and general crops. And green grass is growing all around.

More than five inches of rainfall was the record in this country for the month of February and March came in like a lamb. Hurrah for the ground hog and the Merkel country.

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### Farm Loans and Life Insurance

TO THE PUBLIC: After this date I will have associated with me in my real estate business J. G. Jackson who will take personal charge of the office work and advertising. This will enable me to give more of my time to grading and showing lands for sale and farm loans. We will give our very best and prompt attention to all business entrusted to us.

Respectfully, L. H. KING.

TO THE PUBLIC: Absolute confidence in Merkel and the Merkel country and firm faith in our future prompts me to form the above partnership. It will be our aim to let well-to-do practical farmers of the east and north know of the opportunities in the Merkel country and in the operation of our business we hope to work in harmony with all others and be of some assistance in the progress and development of our country. Respectfully

J. G. JACKSON.

We are at the present preparing a descriptive pamphlet of the Merkel country and list of properties for sale and exchange. If your property is for sale list it with us now.

## KING & JACKSON, Real Estate

FARM LOANS AND LIFE INSURANCE

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There is a distinct individuality about this food that gives it special value in the human economy. Composed of WHEAT, OATS, RICE and BARLEY, so blended that it makes a food unlike any other breakfast food upon the market. Delicious, healthful and life-giving. It is fine to restore and keep mankind in good health and vigor. Ask your grocer.

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Thousands of telegraph operators needed. There is no calling that offers such sure promotion and certain success as telegraphy. We have the best equipped telegraphy department in the South, expert teachers, and direct main line connection with railroad companies (in fact, our college is now the official training school of the M., K. & T. Railway System), affording an abundance of practical work for our students. Now is the time to begin.

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### OUR FRATERNITIES

Merkel Lodge I. O. O. F. No. 355, meets each Tuesday night in the Odd Fellows hall. R. C. Hampton, N. G., John Banner, Secretary.

Merkel Rebekah Lodge No. 14, meets each 1st and 3rd Thursday nights in Odd Fellows hall. Mrs. Rosa Newberry, N. G., James Shaffer, Secretary.

Merkel Lodge A. F. & A. M. meets Saturday night on or before the first full moon of each month in the Masonic hall. W. B. Farmer, W. M., Henry Hicks, Secretary.

Eastern Star meets in the Masonic hall the first Monday night after regular meeting of A. F. & A. M. Mrs. H. T. Merritt, W. M., Mrs. G. H. Adams, Secretary.

Merkel Camp W. O. W. No. 719 meets 2nd and 4th Friday nights in the Woodmen hall. Rev. Geo. A. Crane, C. C., Seth Hamilton, Clerk.

Merkel Grove W. O. W. Circle No. 563 meets each 1st and 3rd Friday afternoon in the Woodmen hall. Miss Etta Burns, Guardian, Miss Pearl Rawling, Clerk.

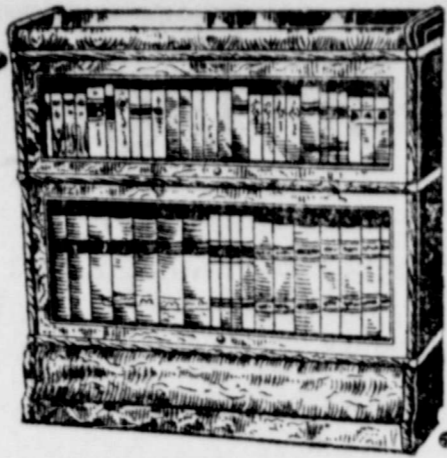
### District Court in Session.

District court was convened at nine o'clock Monday morning by Thos. L. Blanton, Judge of this judicial district. As soon as possible the grand jury, consisting of Abner Tayloy, D. A. Booth, J. P. Yoes, H. O. Wooten, S. W. Brown, C. P. Oliver, Allen Williams, Ben F. Graham, R. G. B. Frain, W. A. Scott, Ben Middleton and R. M. E. Edmison, was impaneled. H. O. Wooten was appointed foreman and T. M. Richards was made door baliff.

The charge to the grand jury was a lengthy one and great stress was laid to the importance of investigating all forms of crimes, felonies and misdemeanors and all, and returning indictments wherever there was sufficient evidence. The Judge explained that the grand jury does not have to have the amount of necessary evidence to convict in order to return an indictment. They have only to believe that the crime was committed and return the indictment accordingly. The trial court will then determine whether or not the evidence was sufficient to convict the offender.

District Attorney, Walter L. Morris is with the grand jury and is placing evidence before the jurors. Mr. Morris is performing his first official work as district attorney for the 42nd judicial district.

As soon as the grand jury had been started on its work, the civil docket was taken up and the case of W. H. Robinson versus the Abilene Light & Water company, suit for damages, was called. Out of the petit jury for the week the jury for the Robinson case was chosen as follows: R. V. Chastian, C. E. Conner, J. T. Perry, L. F. Bynum, J. L. Woodard, C. E. Vandergriff, John Ensminger, J. C. Montgomery, Fred Brookerson, W. L. Landers and J. W. Appleton. The plaintiff in this case was represented by Cunningham & Sewell while the defendant company was represented by J. M. Wagstaff.



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# Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co

Friends of the family are glad to learn that Mrs. C. P. Warren who suffered a very sudden and severe attack of pneumonia a week ago, is much better today. Monday night and Tuesday she did not rest so well, and her son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Scarborough of Fort Worth were notified of her condition and came in this morning.—Abilene Reporter, Wednesday afternoon.

H. Burt Chambless gave us a dollar as big as a wagon wheel for our paper to come to his box for the next fifty-two weeks. He has been in this country for the last quarter of a century and we hope will be here for the next quarter and reads our paper all of the rest of his days on this earth.

Cashier T. A. Johnson of the F. & M. National Bank had business in Abilene one day this week.

Go to the City Barber Shop for first-class work. West & Evans, Proprietors.

Car Texas Red Rust-Proof seed oats at G. M. Sharp's Grain Store. tf

### For Diseases of the Skin.

Nearly all diseases of the skin such as eczema, tetter, salt rheum and barbers itch are characterized by an intense itching and smarting, which often makes life a burden and disturbs sleep and rest. Quick relief may be had by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It always the smarting almost instantly. Lots of cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all dealers.

**A Family's School Attendance Record.** Few families can boast of the school attendance record of the four children of J. R. Dannatt, assistant overseer of Newchurch, Isle of Wight, who have been connected with the local school for 17 years.

They have attended for an aggregate of thirty-two years and one month without missing a single attendance. The record is as follows: Harry Dannatt, five years and five months; Charlie, ten years and five months; Neenie, seven years and ten months, and Ada, eight years and five months. The school is about two miles from the family's residence, and the distance traveled by the quartet in journeying to and from school exceeds 30,000 miles.—London Daily Mail.

### Against the Battleship.

Mrs. Frederick Nathan, who is the vice-president of the National Consumers' league, says that when women get the ballot they will use the money for schools that now goes to build battleships. When women get the ballot there will be no need for battleships, she said.

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

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**FOR SALE.**—Four good Show Cases. In good condition, worth \$200.00. \$125.00 buys them, must be sold. Mings Bros. & Co., Abilene, Texas. 20-2t.

**FOR SALE.**—Rhode Island White eggs from Prize winners for sale at \$1.00 per 15 at home. Mrs. T. M. Pribble, Merkel, Texas. 17-2-tf

**EGGS.**—Pure Rhode Island Red (the Reed strain) \$1.50 and \$1.00 per setting of 15, first and second pens, respectively. R. A. Ellis, Merkel, Texas. tf

**STRAYED.**—Brown pony, white face, branded diamond on left shoulder, with saddle and bridle. Return for reward to G. L. Forrester, Abilene. 1tpd.

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### T. & P. TIME TABLE.

**EAST BOUND**  
Train No. 8, leaves Merkel. 9:02 a.m.  
Train No. 4 " " " 11:29 a.m.  
Train No. 6 " " " 11:18 p.m.

**WEST BOUND**  
Train No. 5, leaves Merkel. 5:31 a.m.  
Train No. 7 " " " 5:11 p.m.  
Train No. 3 " " " 6:46 p.m.

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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Amber Cane Seed at G. M. Sharp's Grain Store. tf

Our customers say that "Cadet Hose" are the best they have ever used. W. L. Harkrider.

S. D. Marlow who has been sick several weeks is reported slowly but surely improving.

When you have rheumatism in your foot or instep apply Chamberlain's Liniment and you will get quick relief. It costs but a quarter. Why suffer? For sale by all dealers.

Come to W. M. Jenkins on Edwards street for cheap goods and high prices for produce. tf

Homer Easterwood is home for a few weeks and may decide to stay here during the summer months.

We are showing extra good values in Dress Gingham at ten cents per yard.

W. L. Harkrider.

Judge C. D. Mims, Judge W. T. Potter, T. J. Coggin and others were in attendance at the temple of justice in Abilene this week.

The most common cause of insomnia is disorders of the stomach. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets correct these disorders and enable you to sleep. For sale by all dealers.

A. W. Hunter of the Canyon was in one day this week and stated that some of his neighbors were still sowing oats.

Patronize G. M. Sharp's exclusive Grain Store and get the best of everything. tf

Rains are getting so common that we are not keeping particular records and suffice it to say that several more good little ones have fallen since our last issue.

John SickleSmith, Greensboro, Pa., has three children and like most children take cold. "We have tried several kinds of cough medicine," he says, but have never found any yet that did them as much good as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." For sale by all dealers.

A friend of the family telephoned us yesterday that Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Smith have been entertaining a new and very fine young lady since Sunday.

See our new Pump Slippers made on the New Stage Last. We are showing them in Velvets, Patent Leathers and Vici Kid. W. L. Harkrider.

Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniement does not burn or blister, relieves pain quickly and flies will not bother the wound. For sale by all druggists. \$

The Mail recently received a letter from Geo. S. Berry ordering his address changed from Ft. Worth to Tulsa where he was joined by his family and will make his future home. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Anderson of Greenville are also located at Tulsa and we are glad to learn that their investments in real estate in that city have proven profitable and that they are all prosperous.

### Were Wishing Never Brings Success.

To make a success in the cure of kidney, bladder or rheumatic trouble take Hall's Texas Wonder. It gives quick and permanent relief. Write for testimonials, Dr. E. W. Hall, 2026 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggist.

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Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Editor

### Musicale Program.

The music class of Miss Virginia Mackey gave a recital Friday evening Feb. 24 at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scott.

The program included voice, piano and violin solos, duets etc. A number of visitors were present who greatly enjoyed the program as given by Misses Winnie Warren, Leila and Eunice Nisbitt, Sudie Hogue, Stella and Strossy Martin, Lois and Mildred Hogue, Fay Allen, Roxie Moon, Fannie Burroughs, Leno Largent, Lucile Sutphen, Louise Warren, Elizabeth Browning, La Verna Swafford, Josephine Medling, Bessie Touchstone, Ethel Jenkins, Carol Rister, Jewel Tipton, Bernice Tipton Masters Emzy Burroughs and Robert Nisbitt.

### Misses Hamblet Entertains.

Misses Virginia and Ona Hamblet were at home Saturday evening Feb. 25 to a jolly crowd of young people who played "42" and various other games. A delightful time was reported. The personnel: Misses Mary Lee Hicks, Mattie Paylor, Eunice Nisbitt, Dethel Jenkins, Fannie Burroughs, Elma Sheppard and the hostesses. Messrs. Rufford and Duke Evans, Robert Medlin, Jesse Ferguson, Low Barnett, Ben Merritt, Robert Hicks, Andy Brown and Otis Barnett.

Refreshments were served.

Miss Dethel Jenkins was hostess Monday evening Feb. 27 to several couples of young folks who were willing to brave the stormy weather outside to enjoy the hospitality of this delightful home. Games of finch and buncie were played after which refreshments, hot chocolate and cake, were served to Misses Pet Sears, Elma Sheppard, Mattie Paylor, Maud Ferguson, Ezma Allday, Minnie Ferguson, the hostess; Messrs. Virgil Thuchstone, Jesse Ferguson, Robert Hicks, Ollie Cordell, Duke Evans, Parker Sharp and Merle Alsbrook.

### Attention Library Readers.

Please bring in your membership card when you come for books next week. As it is checking up week. No books will leave the library unless you present your membership card. Library days, Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 4 to 5 o'clock.

Manager.

Miss Zada Hardy of Walnut Springs came in last week and will have charge of the millinery department of Woodroof Bros. Miss Hardy has had years of experience and is a real artist in this line, she was at Crowell four years and Anson two years.

Mrs. W. V. George of Eskota visited her daughter, Mrs. Tobe Paylor, Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Woodard left Saturday for Conroe in answer to a telegram notifying her that her mother, Mrs. J. A. Hamner had had a stroke of apoplexy. Her brothers, Messrs. Will and Cal Hamner of Trent accompanied her to Conroe.

Mr. and Mrs. SoRelle visited Mrs. W. A. Scott last week, while Mr. Scott attended the Hardware Men's Convention at Houston. Mrs. W. H. SoRelle came with them and will visit her daughter, Mrs. Scott, for sometime.

Misses Bera Stallings and Mamie Heizer were guests of Miss Josie Lowrey at Stith Friday. Miss Josie came home with them to visit home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Katherine Mathis left Wednesday evening for Waxahatchie to accept a position in the dry goods store of Woodroof Bros., at that place.

Miss Della Sutphen of Dora visited her aunt, Mrs. J. P. Sutphen last week. Miss Jessie Sutphen accompanied her home.

Mrs. Clayton McCauley and children were in Abilene the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George McCauley last week.

Miss Tennie Pope who visited her mother last week returned to her school at Salt Branch Sunday.

Miss Mamie Rister has gone to Brownwood to visit her aunt, Mrs. Hodgson.

Mrs. R. O. Anderson and little son Jack are visiting in Merkel.

Miss Virginia Mackey spent Wednesday in Abilene.

### B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject for Sunday, March 5, "Making our Calling and Election Sure."

Leader, Tracy Barlow.

Roll call, answer with scripture verses.

Scripture reading by leader, Rom. 8:28-39.

Prayer.

Song No. 256.

Paper on the subject.—Miss Maxie Banner.

Illustrations from the life of some great Christian.—Mrs. Victor Harris.

Song.

Scripture reading, Romans 12:1-21.—Miss Ola Sharp.

Short talks or papers on the following subjects: "We must note our full equipment."—Miss Virginia Hamlet; "Through the knowledge of him that calls us."—Britton Jobe; "On our part we are to give all diligence."—Miss Ruth Merritt.

Prayer.

Collection, Song, Benediction.

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### CHURCH NOTICES

[We will be glad to make any announcements of services, special programs or other items where no revenue is to be received, free of charge. Notices of entertainments for revenue or charging admission, at half the regular price.—Editor.]

#### At The Baptist Church.

Sunday school 10 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunbeam Band 3 p. m.; Junior Union 4 p. m.; Senior Union 6 p. m.; Ladies Aid on Monday 3 p. m.; prayermeeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m.; choir practice Friday 7:30 p. m. We cordially invite the public. W. C. Taggart, Pastor.

#### At The Presbyterian Church.

Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday School 9:45 a. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m.; prayermeeting Thursday 7:30 p. m.; Ladies Missionary Society Monday 4 p. m. after each 3rd Sunday; regular session meetings on Thursday 7:30 p. m. on or before the first full moon in the month. Geo. A. Crane, Pastor.

#### Northside Church of Christ.

Bible study every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; Communion services Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock; Prayer meeting every Friday evening at 7:30. Preaching 1st Sunday in each month. Every body cordially invited to attend these services. Elder Geo. W. Cypert.

#### Methodist Church Services.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Intermediate and Junior Leagues at 2:30 p. m.; Senior League 6:30 p. m.; Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m., followed by Teacher Training Class meeting; Choir practice Saturday 7:15 p. m.; Woman's Home Mission Society meets first and third Mondays at 2:30 p. m.; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society meets second Monday at 2:30 p. m. You are cordially invited. Strangers are welcome. A. M. Martin, Pastor.

#### Program for Junior B. Y. P. U.

Burtice Dean, Leader.

Bible drill.

Song.

Prayer.

Scripture reading, Acts 10:1-3, 44-48, Leader.

Song. Roll call answer by naming some New Testament characters.

Bible reading. The who and when of baptism.—Marian McGee.

Seeking to know Jesus.—Merkel Morris.

Cornelius, an illustration of—

1. God answers prayer—George Musick. 2 Our part in soul winning—Wilma Garrett. 3.

How a person is converted—Willie Swann. 4. The next step after conversion—Annie Collins.

Lessons from Cornelius—

Leader.

#### Senior League Program.

Subject, Numerous and Dangerous Foes.

Leader, Mrs. Newberry.

Song, 420 (Hymnal.)

Prayer.

Numbering and estimating the Enemy—Ira Shaffer.

Reading, Activity and Zeal—Miss M. Plummer.

Instrumental Solo—Miss Fannie Burroughs.

The Two Foes to Character—McTyeire Martin.

Reading, The Good Fight—Jackie Jennings.

Song, No. 422, (Hymnal.)

Selfishness is Brutality—John Moore.

Duet—Roxie Moon and Dorothy Lee Potter.

Foes Without—Miss Ona Johnson.

Reading, A Glorious Band—Carl Lowrey.

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