

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## BAPTIST MEETING HAS GOOD SUCCESS

The Baptist meeting under the direction of Revs. Clapp and Westbrook ended Sunday night with one of the largest congregations of the meeting out to hear Rev. Clapp deliver his final sermon.

Throughout the meeting the interest displayed has been unusually good, bringing together the members of the congregation in closer work. The outside interest manifested was also very good. The display of interest is self assuring that future work in the congregation here will be of the best spirit.

There has been seven additions to the church since the meeting started, two for baptism, four by letter and one restored, while there were five or six confessions some will unite with the Baptist and others with other churches.

The leadership of Rev. Westbrook in the song services was instrumental in the success of the meeting. All told the meeting was a grand success in every way.

The summer meeting work will continue. Wednesday night Elder Millholland started weekend services at the north side Church of Christ to continue until Sunday and Sunday the Methodist meeting starts at the tabernacle. Rev. George Wyatt of Childress will do the preaching.

In a talk with Rev. Clements he states that he wishes to extend an invitation to everyone, regardless of denomination, to come and make the meeting a success and he asks that the other churches take personal interest in the work so as to make it a success to the whole town as well the church making special effort in the work.

### Baby Walks Three Miles.

Last Thursday while Mr. Lee Stevens was taking his noon-day nap his three-year-old baby left the place with him and the children, Mrs. Stevens not being in the house at the time and the baby was left in care of the father.

When Mrs. Stevens returned shortly after noon she missed the child and a search was promptly started but the child could be found nowhere about the place. About the time Mrs. Stevens returned home some of the neighbors about three miles away heard a child crying and on investigating found it to be the Stevens baby. The little fellow was all dirty from having fallen in the dirt and surely must have been very tired from his long tramp. The people promptly informed the parents that the child was safe.

Mrs. Stevens was so overjoyed at finding the child safe that she failed to administer the much needed raking over that Mr. Stevens should have gotten for his negligence.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pribble of Spur returned to their home Tuesday after a short visit with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Pribble.

A lady from Dallas came in Tuesday morning with the intention of buying a certain piece of property here in town. She was directed to W. R. Walker's for her stay here and asked about a certain house and on being shown the place she accepted in her mind the proposition and was ready to close a trade when she was informed that the place had been sold to a young bachelor of Merkel only a few days ago. She returned home very much disappointed at not getting the home.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTS NEW CHIEF

Monday night the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department met in regular session for the purpose of electing a Chief to fill the unexpired term of Chief Gaither who is in Tuscola looking after a new business just established in that town. His presence being called away from Merkel most of the time he could not be in position to look after the direction of the companies in time of work so advised them to make some selection. Frank Ferrier was elected for the place by as many votes as his two opponents, J. C. Comegys and R. O. Anderson, received. The selection of Mr. Ferrier came about through the members being familiar with his work and ability to handle the men working under him and at all times, in event of fires he has shown good generalship in directing the company of which he has been foreman.

All names were turned into the city that were not regular members of the fire department and those having allowed their dues to run longer than three months were named to the city as delinquent members of the department and those so named will be subject to road tax for the next year, all members in good standing being exempt from road service. Several fell victims of their negligence.

### 11000 Jack Rabbits.

County Treasurer J. W. Christopher says he has cashed in all over 11000 pairs of jack rabbit ears and thus paid out more than \$757.50 therefor.

The greater part of the bounty money goes to Trent and Merkel it is reported and it is said that farmers are happy over the campaign.

Before the Bounty was put on H. M. Rainbolt of the Merkel country said the Rabbits destroyed fifteen acres of wheat for him, but now the damage to crops are slight everywhere.—Abilene Reporter.

Mrs. T. L. White left Monday for Eskota to visit Mrs. F. E. Allen before continuing on her trip to Lincoln, Neb., where she goes to join her husband. While here Mrs. White was the guest of Misses Teaff and Woodrum.

Mrs. H. R. Looney who has been here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Wiman is in Roscoe to visit her brother T. D. Wiman after which she will visit in Snyder before returning to her home at Dallas.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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For Tax Assessor  
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## MERKEL MERCHANT STARTS NEW HOUSE

B. C. Gaither, senior member of the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co., is now making preparations to open a branch store at Tuscola, the new town on the Santa Fe and the Abilene Southern Railway.

Mr. Gaither has made several trips in the last few days to the new location in order to get things straightened out and he expects to have the place open for business in a very short time. Mr. Gaither will assume direct charge of the Tuscola house the ownership of which is not the same as the business he is connected with here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Daniel of Alvin were very pleasant callers in the Mail office Tuesday. Mr. Daniel is a former Merkel boy but the last three years has been away. He is now in the employ of the Santa Fe at Alvin. He came to visit his parents and in answer to a telegram telling him of his sister being sick.

### NOTICE TO OUR READERS

Notice the label on your paper and see when it expires. For example, if the figures "11Aug12" appear on the wrapper, your paper will be out the eleventh of August 1912. Watch this and renew before the time is out so as to avoid missing a copy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Walker and Miss Lucy Bean returned Monday morning from Lytle lake where they have been fishing for the last few weeks. They had not concluded their outing when they came home for they were only getting ready for another trip. Mrs. Walker and son Jack are in Big Springs visiting friends and will not take possession of the Walker Cottage for several days yet. Mr. Walker reports the catch good enough to keep them in meat all the time.

## MERKEL IS AFTER CLEAN CITY PRIZE

Holland's Magazine is to give \$1,000.00 for the three cleanest towns in the state and Merkel is in the race for one of those clean towns.

Towns are divided into classes as to their population and Merkel is in class B with a prize of \$300 to be awarded to some town in our class and we believe we have the classiest town in the whole list and with a little help on the part of the individual to the city street department Merkel can be made to carry off the prize with ease. Already drummers speak of Merkel being such a clean town and that they do not find in their travels another that surpasses us in that respect.

If Merkel could win one of those prizes it would be the best advertisement that we could get. The fact of having the cleanest town in the state would cause people all over the state to sit up and take notice. It now remains for the people of the town to get their places in readiness for the inspector for we cannot tell just when he is going to make his appearance and when he does no one will be the wiser until he has gone. So lets get together and have Merkel on the list of the three cleanest towns in the state of Texas. It can be done very easily.

### Fishing Party.

Monday afternoon the largest crowd of fishing people left Merkel that has been out this year. There were about thirty people in the bunch and they started out with the intention of catching every fish in the country.

Those leaving here in wagons and buggies for the fishing grounds were Misses Bertha and Minnie Harris, Mamie Ellis, Geneva Warnick, Gladys Christopher, Georgia Moore, Annie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Whitley, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Routh, Messrs. Dennis McDonald, Ernest Duckett, Jno. Moore, Oly Shaffer, Simpson Christopher, Conner Warnick and others that we failed to get the names of. They were to return late Thursday afternoon.

J. T. Warren, Mr. Booth of Hawley, Rev. Clapp and Rev. Westbrook made a trip to Hawley in Mr. Warren's car last Friday. The trip was made to to take Mr. Booth home. On returning the remaining party came by Abilene and visited Lytle lake.

J. L. Banner was in Abilene Monday on business.

## COUNTY COURT FINISHES WORK

The ending of county court came last week with an unusual light civil and criminal docket. The cases listed below constitute much of this terms work.

P. J. Miller vs. T. & P. Ry., damages, judgement for plaintiff in the sum of \$175.

Chas. F. Holcomb vs. A. & S. Ry. et al, damages, judgement for amount of \$167.90 against defendant and judgement rendered in favor of the A. & S. Ry. over and against other defendants in suit.

### Probate Matters.

Estate guardianship Cleo Perry et al, application for guardian to sell land granted as prayed for.

Estate of Kenner heirs, minors order and report of sale of property, examined, approved and confirmed.

Estate of Hosea Lena Myers inventory and appraisal of estate examined and approved and bond of administrator approved.

Estate Mrs. Mary Dean, inventory and appraisal examined and approved and bond of administrator fixed at \$2050.

Estate Laura Dean et al, minors, application for appointment of guardian granted and Henry Stubbs appointed as such. Laura and Stella Dean waived service.

Estate of Mrs. Ella Carter, application for executrix Mrs. Emma Fry for certain papers to be filed in court granted as prayed for.

### New Business House.

When the firm of Woodroof Bros., closed out their stock of goods here some time ago it was with regret that many of the Merkel people saw the firm leave Merkel. It was then composed of W. D. and E. L. Woodroof, and it is with pleasure that we have with us again one of the firm, of W. D. (Will) Woodroof, who is to open a business here of his own. It will be in no way connected with the former business and is a different stock of goods altogether. Mr. Woodroof has bought the C. T. Bowers stock of goods of Sweetwater and is bringing them to Merkel as a permanent home for the business which he will have. Mr. Woodroof is adding new goods to this line and will have a full stock when he opens in his quarters at the old Woodroof Bros. stand July 13 with a 13 days money-saving sale which is to make room for the fall stock of goods that Mr. Woodroof will place in here.

Mr. Woodroof says he has come back to stay and so severed his connection with the Woodroof Bros. Co. in Waxahachie.

Rev. and Mrs. Goe. L. Hamilton are away for some time. Mrs. Hamilton is visiting friends in Waxahachie. Rev. Hamilton joined her there after filling some appointments elsewhere. They will attend the Chautauqua at Waxahachie while there.

Miss Myrtle Fergusson of Hamilton is here visiting her uncle R. J. Adcock.

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#### NO MORE SPREES FOR HIM

Changing the Letter on Stenographer's Typewriter Cured Him of the Drink Habit.

In a certain railroad office in the West Bottoms is a stenographer, upon whom his employer places considerable confidence, for he is one of the best in the business. Only one shortcoming has ever been found against him, but this was a grievous one, the kind that was increased 100 per cent when the bi-monthly pay law went into effect. Long and faithful service kept him from being discharged, and his employer was very lenient. From month to month, however, it could be noticed that he was slipping a little more with each payday. Finally one last plan was decided upon to keep him in the service and prevent his falls from the wagon.

During an absence following a payday a typewriter mechanic was pressed into service, to change the letters on the machine around. The next morning the stenographer reported for work, with evidences of a "hangover." His employer started on him good and early, with a message which was to be rushed.

The stenographer started work. The result was something of an "x-5!" affair. Finally he decided "it was no use."

"I guess I have been cutting up a little," he said. "I expect I better take a day off and sober up."

It was agreed thus, and during the day of sobering up, the letters on the machine were set back into place. The plan worked and though the incident occurred six months ago, the stenographer hasn't missed a day.—Kansas City Journal.

Miss Katherine Anderson spent Friday in Abilene but returned here to visit her brother R. O. Anderson.

#### THIEVES OF PARIS CAUGHT

Extraordinary Collection of Stolen Property Found in Their Camp in a Suburb.

The Paris police force made a remarkable haul at the suburb of Montreuil-sous-Bois. Eighteen men were arrested, and an enormous heterogeneous stock of stolen property was seized. The seizure was made in a camp of amateurly constructed houses, which was divided between two gangs of thieves and apaches. Most of the members belonged to the chief band, commonly known as "Boers," owing to their houses being known as "Transvaal City."

Inquiries made by the police showed that every Sunday morning the inhabitants of "Transvaal City" sold stolen meat at 4d a pound, and organized penny lotteries with prizes such as clocks, stolen watches, bicycles and stores of preserved groceries. The police seized a quantity of harness, saddlery, bicycles, sewing machines, typewriters, mattresses and bedding, and in a newly plastered ceiling they unearthed jewelry and watches enough to stock two or three jewelers' shops.

The information on which the police acted was given by a poor woman who had been kept in bondage by the thieves in order to do their cooking for them. Every one of them could steal with both audacity and cunning, but not one could as much as cook a potato.

When the baby is suffering the double affliction of hot weather and bowel disorders, the remedy needed is McGee's Baby Elixir. It reduces the feverish condition, corrects the stomach and checks looseness of the bowels. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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#### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Carbon at Armstrong's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney visited in Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Hand left here Saturday for Seymour to be gone a few days.

Meet your friends at Bland's tank July 19 and 20.

Alvin Bell came in from Dallas Friday to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jno. B. Bell.

Misses Juanita and Evelyn Johnson were the guests of Miss Sadie Collins last week.

Mrs. T. J. Barrow went to Abilene Saturday to spend several days with her daughter Mrs. Macon Smith.

Good well water and easy to get at Bland's tank July 19 and 20.

Mrs. Jno. D. Gaither returned home Friday after a short visit in Abilene.

Mrs. Will Craig and daughter Mrs. Hunt Hobbs of Big Springs are here this week visiting the family of F. Smith.

Miss Emma Clark and Mrs. J. T. Coats were in Abilene Saturday visiting friends.

Mrs. J. V. Wright had returned to her home at Bellview after a visit with her daughter Mrs. W. D. Woodroof.

E. V. Ellis one of Merkel's most prosperous farmers is in Gorman this week looking after business.

W. E. Adams was in Abilene Saturday on business.

Mrs. J. B. Brandon of Putnam returned home Saturday after visiting her father F. M. Cordell for some time.

Mrs. W. A. Riney of Abilene was here last week visiting Mrs. Asa Sheppard.

Homer Rainbolt returned from Abilene Friday where he has been employed for some time.

Mrs. E. A. Hargrove who has been here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt has returned to her home at Dallas.

#### Don't You Owe Yourself Something?

For programmes and beautiful illustrated literature (free of cost) relating to the Great Colorado Chautauqua at Beautiful Boulder and numerous splendid, home-like and not unreasonably expensive resorts throughout Wonderful Colorado and the Pacific Coast, address A. A. Glisson, General Passenger Agent, "The Denver Road," Fort Worth, Texas. Little vacations in these directions are always worth more than they cost.

#### IT IS SERIOUS

Some Merkel People Fail to Realize The Seriousness of a Bad Back.

The constant aching of a bad back, the weariness, the tired feeling, the pains and aches of kidney ills are serious—if neglected. Dangerous urinary troubles follow. A Merkel citizen shows you how to avoid them.

D. J. Dodd, Merkel, Texas, says: "Doan's Kidney Pills did me a great deal of good and I am glad to let others know of their great worth. For a long time I suffered night and day from kidney trouble and my rest was broken. The first symptom of kidney complaint was my being unable to control the kidney secretions and it steadily grew worse. About three months ago Doan's Kidney Pills were recommended to me and they did me so much good that I cannot endorse them too highly. My kidneys now act in a normal manner."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Roy Douglass of the Stith community brought the Mail office Wednesday some nice samples of west Texas products. The cane he brought in measured over eight feet and was well formed and the head was full. The milo maize that he showed had the best heads of any we have seen in this country for some years and his cotton was far above an average of what has been made during the last few dry years.

Mrs. J. B. Garrett and sister Mrs. G. W. Hawkins of the Dora community left Thursday morning for Cleburne where they will attend a reunion of their family. Some of the members of the family are coming from Arkansas and have not seen the Texas sisters in 20 years.

A. A. Norsworthy was in town from Trent Wednesday. Mr. Norsworthy is down from Clyde for his health and is drinking the Trent water. He was once a resident of this country and is coming back here to find good health again.

Mrs. E. L. Woodroof and children returned to their home at Waxahachie Thursday. They have been here visiting the family of W. D. Woodroof.

G. C. Douglass came in Wednesday to see his mother Mrs. S. J. Douglass. He has been at Sylvester for some time but came home to rest and allow an injured arm to mend.

Mrs. E. M. Rust returned from Chicago Wednesday where she has been taking a course in The Chicago School of Optics.

Miss Genevieve Rust and Q. Rust have returned from an extended visit with their grandparents at Cottonwood.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boney came in from Morgan last week where they have been making their home for the past few weeks. Mr. Boney says they have returned to stay.

Mrs. Manley Morgan of Anderson, Miss Reba Britton and Mother Britton of Cisco are here visiting the family of W. A. Moon.

Mrs. J. B. Sloan has returned to her home after a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman.

Mrs. Jap Martin has returned to her home at Maryneal. She has been here visiting her son E. D. Martin.

Miss Mattie Christopher returned to Abilene Saturday where she has been attending the Simmons Summer Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Behrens returned to Abilene Monday. They have been here in the absence of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen.

T. O. Massey of Stith returned to Abilene Monday where he has been in school.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Vaughan of Big Springs were here last week visiting Mrs. Vaughan's father, J. W. Sanders, who is very low with cancer.

F. H. Duncan and E. Smith of Trent were in town on business Saturday.

Mrs. Chas. Fryar of Abilene came up Friday to spend a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

#### Latest in Newspapers.

The "animated newspaper" issued by a French firm for display in moving-picture establishments is said to be the most costly newspaper issued from the standpoint of the subscriber, as one of these reels costs many dollars. These films are very popular with a certain class of patrons of the "movies." They are edited in much the same manner as the typical newspaper. A corps of operators is kept ready and the editor is in constant touch with many sources of news. As soon as a promising tip reaches him, the editor sends one, two or as many men as he thinks necessary for the purpose. Frequently the three films are patched together to make one complete reel. Correspondents are maintained at different points, and these are assigned by telegraph to go to certain points where their services may be needed. Mine explosions and railroad accidents are regarded as particularly attractive features, and men are sent at once to these whenever they are reasonably accessible. Pictures of the debris and the work of removal are always objects of interest to patrons of the "movies."

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**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Carbon at Armstrong's.

H. W. Derstine was in Abilene Monday looking after business.

WANTED—Your grocery business. The Cash Grocery.

Sterling Hiat of Abilene was in the city Sunday afternoon.

Three miles to Bland's tank. Picnic July 19 and 20.

Miss Effie Hutson went to Abilene Tuesday to visit friends.

Bishop Hunter is in San Angelo this week on business.

Mrs. Comer Clay of Abilene came up Saturday afternoon to visit friends.

Good Shades at Bland's tank during the picnic July 19 & 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Boyd visited in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

There will be a moving picture show at the opera house every night of the week.

Mrs. Austin Fitts left Wednesday morning for Los Angeles, Cal., where she will spend several weeks.

Miss Rose Rutherford of Stanton was in Merkel Wednesday visiting Miss Rozie Banner.

Fred Bigham returned from Fort Worth Tuesday. He was down there with some cattle from Aspermont.

Miss Mattie Lee Hudson of Paris stopped here Friday to visit Miss Lillie Edins and the Misses Thornton.

Miss Gene and Carrol Rister went to Abilene Tuesday to visit Miss Willie Lou Darby for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Benson and little daughter of Stith returned to their old home in Marietta, Ala., Tuesday, but will return here in a short while.

Monday morning A. C. Rose, R. L. Bland and G. M. Sharp left for the river where they went to land the biggest catch of the year.

W. A. Moon and V. B. Walters returned last week from the bottom lands in east Texas where they have been looking after the stock business.

Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler came in from Tyler Monday afternoon to spend the remaining part of the summer here before taking charge of the music work in our schools this winter.

C. E. Bradley returned Monday from Sweetwater where has been employed as salesman in a closing out sale in that city.

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**Operation for Appendicitis.**

Last Friday morning Miss Eva Walters was taken with appendicitis and was rushed to Abilene in R. L. Bland's auto. She was operated on about noon Friday and is now reported to be resting well and is out of danger.

**A Card of Thanks.**

In the usual way we want to thank the many friends who offered a willing hand in the illness and death of our dear mother and grandmother. May the Lords richest blessings follow them all. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis and children.

**Dead Letter List.**

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending July 13, 1912:

Haderson, Dr.  
Grider, Ira.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office July 27, 1912.

H. W. Derstine, p.m.

**A good place to rest at Bland's tank July 19 and 20.**

Mr. and Mrs. Wilner Grayson left for Big Springs Monday afternoon to visit Mrs. Grayson's relatives and to spend their honeymoon.

In our last issue we omitted mentioning the fact that Mrs. W. M. O'Briant accompanied Misses Jessie O'Briant and Zora Coggin on their trip to the Pacific coast.

Mrs. L. E. Benbrook of Benbrook is here visiting her sons Edgar and Jim Boaz.

**Only three miles to picnic at Bland's tank. West of Merkel.**

Several people from here spent Sunday and Monday in Galveston. Those taking advantage of the Santa Fe excursions were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Warren, Miss Emma Mashurn, Ollie Dye and Ramond Touchstone. While there they met several Merkel people who had gone there from other points, Miss Inez Sharp, Miss Bessie Medlin, Miss Saunders, Parker Sharp and Ira Shaffer.

Bob Ayers of Abilene was in the city Tuesday afternoon for the first time since he was hurt by a run-away team. He seems to be getting along very well only a few bruises and a broken arm that is mending very fast. The accident came about when Mr. Ayers tried to jump out of a surry when his team started to running.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Farmer were in Abilene Saturday to visit their son who is in the Alexander sanitarium following an operation for appendicitis. On returning they reported the patient resting well.

LOST—Baby cap between Rust & McCauley's and R. O. Anderson's residence. Finder please return to Mail office.

H. C. Burroughs, Sr., left Sunday night for Mineral Wells where he will stay for a week. He will then go to Fort Worth and Dallas where he will spend another week before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Orr of Putnam came in Saturday to visit relatives. Mrs. Orr returned home Monday.

J. A. Hamner spent the first part of the week looking over his place north of Trent. He reports the cotton prospect about the best he ever had.

John Warnick is improving some from an attack of slow fever and is expected to be up in a short time.

Miss Lila Sandlin returned from Big Springs Monday to visit her mother and sister. She has been working in that city for some time.

**Good music and other entertainments at Bland's tank July 19 and 20.**

Mrs. M. Bales and Rebecca Sandlin of Hawley are here this week visiting Mrs. Sandlin of this place.

Now is the time for all good people to trade with the Cash Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hutcheson of Trent visited the family of D. C. Hutcheson here Monday and Tuesday.

Carbon at Armstrong's.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Pate & Rose shaving parlor. Barber work a specialty.

R. A. McClain was in Abilene Wednesday on business.

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Miss Pearl Rollins and daughter Blanch are in Abilene this week visiting friends.

Miss Luly Anderson spent a few days with friends in Abilene this week.

See the moving picture show at the opera house on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ely left for Mineola Tuesday where they will visit their son G. W. Ely.

If you are in a hurry for your groceries phone No. 80, The Cash Grocery.

Mrs. W. M. Jones and son Guy Jones left Wednesday for Delight, Ark., where they will visit relatives.

Remember that the Old Reliable Peace maker flour is to be found only at Hogue-Hamilton Company.

Miss Lillie Edins returned to Abilene Wednesday after a week's visit with the Misses Thornton of this place.

We are now in our new quarters (Gaither Building) and want your grocery business. The Cash Grocery.

Jas. W. Powell the Salesman is in Abilene this week in the interest of the Abilene Dry Goods Company. Mr. Powell will put on a sale for the above mentioned firm.

Dysentery is always serious and often a dangerous disease, but it can be cured. Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has cured it even when malignant and epidemic. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. W. N. Hall and Mrs. Wesley Edwards left Tuesday morning for Roscoe to instruct the Roscoe lodge in Eastern Star work and on arriving at that town found that the Roscoe lodge had set another date for their work to be done.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Anderson left Wednesday for Moran their home.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

### Seven O'clock Supper

On last Thursday evening Miss Dorothy Lee Potter entertained with a delightful seven o'clock dinner at the home of her parents Judge and Mrs. W. T. Potter on Travis street. Honoring the day the house was gaily decorated with flags and profusions of flowers. Hand-painted place cards marked the places at the dining table for the guests. After dinner the young ladies indulged in music and dancing after which they formed a delightful party to the show.

The young ladies must be complimented on their lovely dinner gowns for never was there a more beautiful party of girls. Those present were Misses May Hart Steveson of Arkansas, Nina Cox of Abilene, Mary Reid of Hillsboro, Leno Largent, Zora West, Elma Sheppard, Fannie Burroughs and the hostess.

### Big Fish Party.

Saturday night several of the Merkel people tried their luck at fishing and picnicking at Warren's tank despite the threatening rain that did not come. Many of the party left in the early afternoon while others did not get out there until about eight o'clock. The time was spent in boating and catching the big ones and several made good catches and landed them with record speed until about one o'clock when some boys decided he was sleepy and that it was time for all good men to come to the aid of their slumbering wants.

Those going were Misses Willie Bigham, Gertrude and Lulu Thornton, Lillie Edins of Abilene, Olga Sheppard, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mrs. Fred Bigham, Messrs. Jno. Daniel, Homer Jobe, Forest Gaither and Frank Ferrier.

### Five Hundred Club.

Tuesday evening at three o'clock the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel was a scene of beauty when the Five Hundred Club was organized. Later a sewing club will be organized. There were several visitors present, Mrs. Couch of Oklahoma City, Okla., Mrs. Mitchell of Midland and Miss Lulu Anderson of Tulsa, Okla. The members are Mesdames Tom Coggin, R. O. Anderson, J. G. Jackson, Davenport Gaither, J. W. Daniel, Claud and Fred Bigham, Lanier Brown, Dr. Davis, W. H. Dickson, Misses Annie T. Daniel, Mabel Collins, Elma and Olga Sheppard, Maud Martin, Ruth Mims, Mossy and Pet Sears. Delicious refreshments were served.

### Complimentary Dance.

A dance was given Tuesday evening at the Thornton building by Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson complimentary to Miss Lulu Anderson of Tulsa, Okla. A very delightful evening was reported by Misses Anderson, Elma and Olga Sheppard, Daniel Thornton, Collins, Gamble of Abilene, Mesdames J. W. Daniel and R. O. Anderson, Messrs. Faucett, Sharp, Fulwiler and Carter of Abilene, Rust, Brown, and Anderson.

Ralph Bradley gave a party in honor of Virgil Bradley of Stith at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradley Monday. Different games were played and music selections given by several. Punch and wafers were served to Misses Almada Harris, Bessie Touchstone, Amy Gunn, Evelyn Turner, Bernidien Freeman, Jewell Pate, Josie Smith, Mary McGee, Nina Warnick, Dorothy Duckett, Mamie Moore, Messrs. Geo. Smith, Ely Pate, Frank and Willie O'Briant, Louis McGaughey, Albert Miller of Stith, Elbert Touchstone, Ralph, Hugh, Frank and Earl Bradley and the honoree. At a late hour the guests departed for their homes expressing much pleasure through the evening.

### House Party.

Miss Fannie Burroughs and Miss Dorothy Lee Potter were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hines the first of this week on the Tracy ranch south of town. The time spent out on the ranch was taken up in climbing the mountains and having a jolly good time at the entertaining hands of Mr. and Mrs. Hines.

Miss Winnie Burton of Winters came Tuesday to visit relatives.

### In Society in Iowa.

The Mail is in receipt of a copy of the Nonpareil of Council Bluffs, Iowa, containing an account of a garden party in which Mrs. W. W. Sherman, formerly Miss Merkel and for whom our little city was named, is mentioned as follows:

Nearly 100 people attended the Japanese garden party given Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. W. L. Douglass by the members of Central chapter of St. Paul's guild. The lawn was bright with Japanese lanterns and parols. The porch was used as a stage for the informal program, and was appropriately decorated with wisteria and blossom and lighted with lanterns. Mrs. W. W. Sherman sang a charming little song, "Wisteria," and Mrs. V. L. Treynor also gave a vocal solo. A class of little girls had been trained by Mrs. Sherman and sang three songs, one of them of Mrs. Treynor's composition. They wore dainty Japanese costumes and delighted the audience with their numbers. The class included Elizabeth Woodbury, June Davis, Gretchen Hess and Helen Treynor. Mrs. Robert Mullis and Miss Cora Gretzer in gypsy costumes foretold the future, and ice cream and cake were served by a group of the young women of the church. The entertainment was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Misses Mossy and Pet Sears, Lulu Thornton and Inice Moon, Messrs. Virgil and Cary Touchstones, Otis Barnett and Forest Gaither enjoyed the 4th of July out on Mulberry where the sand didn't blow. The girls prepared such a dainty and delicious lunch which was spread beneath the pretty shade of the Elms.

### Supper at Martin's Lake.

On the 4th guests of Misses Williams, Cypert, Fannie Pearl and Clara Moore from Abilene were honored with a six o'clock lunch out on Martin's lake. Lunch suitable for the occasion was prepared by the girls and all partook of its deliciousness. Those in the crowd were Misses Hattie and Lulu Humphrys of Abilene, Fannie Pearl and Clara Moore, Eufie Cypert, Ether Williams, Messrs. Jess and Bill Humphrys, Arthur Glesk and Bill Faison all of Abilene.

### Conquering Smallpox Scourge.

Smallpox is no longer feared by civilized mankind. This is partly due, no doubt, to the immunization of the races through vaccination, and partly to the better methods of sanitation and preventive treatment generally. In the first year of our occupation of the Philippines, where smallpox was then an endemic or constant disease, there were 675 cases among our soldiers and 240 deaths. A system of rigid vaccination was adopted, and in the last five years there have been only five cases and not a single death. The army records in Porto Rico tell the same story, and seem to prove beyond question the efficacy of vaccination. Dr. S. C. Rockhill of Cincinnati reports that he has had much success in preventing the pock marking of the face in smallpox cases by painting the pustules with a lotion of nine parts glycerine and one part iodine. By this treatment also the patients get over the attack in from eight to fifteen days. Others prevent the pitting by keeping the patients in a room where no light whatever but red light enters.—Pathfinder.

Worms interfere with the growth of children. They become thin, pale and sickly. Get rid of these parasites at once if you would have healthy, happy children. White's Cream Vermifuge destroys worms and benefits the whole system. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### Her Easter Hat.

Apropos of the latest foreign limousine—the limousine with a roof that slides back for aviation meetings—Frank Coffyn, of hydroplane fame, said the other day in New York:

"This car reminds me of a conversation I overheard between two girls. 'It was an awfully smart crowd at the flying,' said the first girl. 'I saw some awfully nice frocks.' 'And who flew?' the second girl inquired. 'Don't ask me!' said the first girl. 'Do you think I was going to take off my new Easter hat just to see a lot of aeroplanes?'"

During the summer months mothers of young children should watch for any unnatural looseness of the bowels. When given prompt attention at this time serious trouble may be avoided. Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be depended upon. For sale by all dealers.

### CREDIT ALL TO BLACK CAT

Partners and Employees of New York Real Estate Firm Have Joined Ranks of Believers.

Never say there is no luck in a black cat. For months a well-known real estate firm in the Fifth avenue region had been doing just a rent-paying business. Then, one day, a gaunt, rib-showing, dejected black cat paused on the threshold and licked his chops, and looked in.

"Kitty, kitty," said the junior partner. Tom came in. The junior partner sent the office boy to the nearest restaurant to get a saucer of milk. That night Tom curled up on the junior's desk, and next day the latter made a \$400,000 sale.

"Mere accident," said the firm's most expensive salesman. "Pooh! Ridiculous superstition! Here, kitty!"

So he won Tom's transitory affections with liver and honeyed words. It got so that he couldn't come in the office without Tom sharpening his claws on the legs of his new \$70 suit. But the high-priced salesman didn't complain. He got his reward, for after a time he made the best sale he'd turned off in a year. The managing partner lined his waste basket with silk and carelessly threw catnip under his desk, and in other fashions shamelessly catered to the sensual appetites of that stray feline. Tom began to observe him on a Monday. Before Saturday of that week the managing partner had sold a summer hotel, which had been a drug on the market for two years. Apart from these sales the general business of the office increased largely from the day of Tom's entrance.

"I've heard that care would kill a cat," said the managing partner. "But say, is there any danger to dear old Tom if we overfeed him?"—Cincinnati Times Star.

When you feel lazy, out of sorts and yawn a good deal in the daytime, you can charge it to a torpid liver which has allowed the system to get full of impurities. Herbine cures all disorders produced by an inactive liver. It strengthens that organ, cleanses the bowels and puts the system in good healthy condition. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### Something Hubby Didn't Know.

Miss Elsie de Wolfe, "America's best dressed woman," was talking about the draped skirts of the new fashions.

"I heard an Easter anecdote the other day about these new skirts," she said.

"A young wife, at the Marlborough-Blenheim at Atlantic City, appeared before her husband in a draped suit of cream colored cloth, ready for the boardwalk's Easter parade.

"How do I look, George?" she said.

"Fine."

"But tell me, George, does my skirt hang even all around?"

"Yes," said George, after a close look. "Yes, quite even."

"Oh, dear!" said she, "then I'll have to go upstairs again. These new draped skirts, you know, don't hang right if they hang even."

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### What She Wanted.

Jim Mann was on his way back from Chicago and couldn't help hearing the conversation of the couple in the section right behind him. They looked like newly married folks, but were not on their honeymoon, as Mann learned by deduction. The woman laid down a newspaper she had been reading and said to her husband:

"Do you know, I wish I had one of these affinites. Oh, I think it would be just g-r-a-n-d to sit on a rock with somebody and have him rave about the incomparable golden color of my hair and tell me that my eyes were the most beautiful in the whole world, and—"

"Uh, huh," said the husband, yawning.

"And that the delicate pink of my cheeks had been painted there by the angels, and that he couldn't live without me. O-oh, I think an affinity like that would be—"

"Tisn't an affinity you want," interrupted her husband. "What you seem to want is a plain, old-fashioned liar."—Mack's National Monthly.

Buy it now. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. Buy it now and be prepared for such an emergency. For sale by all dealers.

## Pains All Over!

"You are welcome," says Mrs. Nora Guffey, of Broken Arrow, Okla., "to use my letter in any way you want to, if it will induce some suffering woman to try Cardui. I had pains all over, and suffered with an abscess. Three physicians failed to relieve me. Since taking Cardui, I am in better health than ever before, and that means much to me, because I suffered many years with womanly troubles, of different kinds. What other treatments I tried, helped me for a few days only."

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### Of What Use Are We?

We sometimes wonder of what use we are, and why we are put on earth. One day is added to another and we seem to be no farther advanced on the pathway of our lives. As Mark Twain would have put it, we do not appear to be gaining on the scenery. Yet there is room in the world, and need in the world, for each and every one of us, and therefore, we must keep on going to the end. Emerson has a poem in which the squirrel talks to the mountain says: "If I cannot carry forests on my back neither can you crack a nut." You can do something nobody else can do; namely, live your life. You have your chance, if you will only take it, and I have mine. If we can do nothing else we can at least be some one's friend, and there is nothing that the world more keenly wants and more sadly needs.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Stings or bites of insects that are followed by swellings, pain or itching should be treated promptly as they are poisonous. Ballard's Snow Liniment counteracts the poison. It is both antiseptic and healing. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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