

## SINGING CLASS IS BEING ORGANIZED

On last Sunday evening, Oct. 29, the singing class met at the Church of Christ for its third meeting, since the election of its officers. The house being called to order with a song by the president of the class, after which the secretary read the minutes of our last meeting. These minutes being approved and there being no further business to come before the house the song practice was then declared in order.

Our first leader, Mr. J. Greenfield, favored us with two nice selections. Then followed Messrs. J. P. Sharp, Rufus Adcock, J. A. Buford, Price Bankhead, Oscar Adcock and C. C. Bankhead, who favored us with from two to three selections each. There were eighteen numbers rendered which kept us one hour and twenty-five minutes. We did not intend staying so long, but the singing was so interesting and instructive and too we did not want any leader to go away without favoring us with a selection till we allowed the time to run over. We had with us nine song leaders. Our interest is fast growing. The class is taking hold splendidly. We also were greeted with many visitors. After rendering the profitable program we were dismissed with a word of prayer by our Chaplain, Mr. J. A. Buford.

We wish to extend a welcome to any and all singers of Merkel and nearby communities to come and be one with us. Our times for singing are irregular on account of preaching service. But keep a listening ear then come when our next meeting is announced.

Yours for better singing,  
W. M. Speck, Pres.  
Miss Merle Clark Sec.

## SUB. DEUTSCHLAND BACK ON A VISIT

New London, Conn., Nov. 1.—Screened from sight by a pontoon carrying a high fence, the German submarine Deutschland is resting in a specially prepared "pocket" here today, after having been piloted across the Atlantic for the second time by Cap. Paul Koenig, who left Bremen October 10 and made an uneventful voyage from Germany.

Captain Koenig said on his arrival here that he was too tired to give out an interview, but that he would do so later in the day.

The Deutschland arrived here shortly after midnight and docked at the Eastern Forwarding Company's pier. She left Bremen October 10, making the trip without any special incident. It is understood that she has a large cargo of chemicals.

The Deutschland has a cargo of 750 tons of dyestuffs, medicines and chemicals.

Permission has not been granted by the customs officials for the removing of the cargo, but everything is ready for the unloading.

### Here From Olton

Thos. Keenan, of Olton, purchaser of the J. C. Goodman place of 436 acres west of Shiloh, was here Monday in company with Mr. McDonald who lives on the same place, and seemed extremely well pleased with his investment and the returns on it during this, the first year. In order to keep up with things our way Mr. Keenan will read the Mail during 1917.

## LOCAL PEOPLE ARE BUYING PROPERTY

A good advertisement for any country and one that not all countries can boast of. Local people almost wholly constitute those who are buying land in this section.

C. T. Mershon has recently closed a deal for the Edgar Wheeler place of 320 acres at \$30 per acre and at an all cash price. Mr. Mershon has lived here long enough to know what land values are.

Geo. W. Moore of Route 3 planked down \$3,145 on a \$4,750 purchase price of the Mrs. J. H. Campbell place. Mr. Moore has been here long enough to begin to want all the land he can get his grabbers on.

Ira Moore, son of Geo. W. Moore, has purchased a farm east of town, getting 160 acres and paying cash for every foot of it, and the check amounted to \$4,400. The sale was made from the Williams estate by B. M. Williams.

## HURRAH! JUNIUS IS BACK WITH US

There is a dearth of news in our section of an interesting nature but will attempt to chronicle the local items. The long and tedious vocation of cotton picking is nearing a close and all hands and the cook rejoice, especially the rural urchin who has been a conspicuous part in the laborious task.

Two entertainments near Shiloh merit special mention, owing to the elaborate preparations for the feasts and the unalloyed pleasure afforded our young folks. We allude to the parties given at the lovely and palatial homes of Mr. and Mrs. Rub Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Rutlege, both houses were crowded as gay and gallant throngs of the chivalric cavalier, and as radiant and bewitching galaxy of beautiful young ladies as ever graced a palace Dame. The parlors were beautifully embellished with a rich profusion of fragrant flowers and their lovely verdant lawn illuminated with Japanese lanterns, fruits and cakes, nuts and other epicurean gastronomic delicacies graced their hospitable board. It was one of the most enjoyable events of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilner Grayson leave this week for Big Springs, their future home. Every one regrets to see them leave for no family is held in higher esteem by the people with whom they lived than Wilner Grayson and his estimable wife.

Mrs. M. J. Bennett of Ada, Okla., is down on a visit to her mother, Mrs. J. H. Grayson.

Messrs. Lovel Rutlege and Marvin James and Misses Eula Maynard and Agnes James spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Seago.

Mr. Edgar Grayson and others of our section contemplate a protracted tour through Old and New Mexico at an early date.

We infer from the number of "love-lorn" swains and their coy dulcinias chewing the same piece of wax and calling each other "Ducky and Dovey," that there will be some tying the nuptial knot soon.

Sam Lawson and Edgar Grayson, Miss Beulah Jones and Laura Howell visited Noodle Sunday.

Window glass at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company.

## THE LAST CALL ON \$1.00 SUBSCRIPTIONS MADE RECORD BUSINESS LAST 4 DAYS

During the Last Days of the Old Rate on Mail Subscriptions Many New and Renewals Were Added to Our List

Those named below constitute a record subscription business for the Merkel Mail during Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday prior to the advance in subscription price of the Mail to \$1.50 per year.

Abernathy J F, Allen H P and T C, Anderson D J, S T, Bankhead T R, Barnes E, and H A, Barnett J R, Beasley J D, Bland Roscoe, Boaz J E, Bond Jno, Brackeen H A, Bridges J H, Broughton J G, Brown Jim, C L and G B, Browning W P, Bryson, J E.

Cade L R, Calvert Mrs J C, Campbell H E, J Hamp, J W and Lee, Case Ely, Cash Mrs C L, Causseaux Thos, Church C P, Clark J H, Compton, T F, Connor Mrs R, Cox, G W, and F F, Cozart W R.

Dean Elbert, Derstine W H, Diltz Earl, Phillip and W L Sr, Douglass J F, Dunn J M.

Elliott W M, Ely A L, Estes L L and M L, Eoff Jim Farris W N, Ferguson T G, Ferrier Ross, Foster E R, and G W.

Garrett J M, Garrouette Miss Olive, Grayson W R, Grimes T L.

Harrell G W, and Roy, Harris C W, G D and W A, Hartley A J, Higgins Joe, Holmes Joe, Horton Ozey, Huddleston L L, Hughes Chas.

James B L, Johnson Mrs W L, Jones A Y, Gen J and V D.

Keenan Thos, Keith S C, Kelly C M, Keny Miss Lizzie, Kirk W H.

Lamer J R, Lassiter Earl, Latham Bros.

Malone Thos, Martin Finley, Mashburn Bob, Mayberry M M, Mershon C T, Meeks J M, R A and R R, Moore G W, Moss M E, McAninch W T, McDonald F H, J H and W S, McLain R L, McMaster Dr O F, two years.

Newsome H N, Neill T W.

Palmer R S, Patterson Brooks, Herbert, G M and James, Pee J R, Peek A L, Penny L H, Perkins J E, Pike J A, Pope Miss Tennie, Pribble T M, Provine Sam and J A.

Rains Albert, Rector K B, Richards H F, and E C, Riggan J C, Riney Joe, Robertson A R, Robinson T M, Rogers W J, Rosson J B and J L, Russell Mrs Maud, Reid W C.

Saddler R A, Sawyer Mrs E, Sears Claud, Shaffer J B, Sharp Ollie, Shaw H M, Shuff G L, Sisk J R, Smith W H, Thos, and T M, Snow William, Spurgin J M and E C, Stevens, Thos and T L, Strickland E W, and Miss Bettie, Swafford I E and S H L.

Thompson Mrs Nan, Tittle W A, Toombs J J, Vantrees T W.

Voss Mrs J D.

Walton J D, Watkins Dr G H, Watts L A, Weed W E, Wheeler B N, J W and W W, Whisenhunt C J, Witcher J H, Wills Mrs E L, Wilkins H P, Winter T, Joe and Sam, Woodroof W D Woodrum, Mrs M R.

Hereafter those who subscribe at the rate of \$1.50 per year will receive a beautifully engraved wall map of Texas with a special double sheet, pictorially showing Times of the Civil War. These maps, or one hundred of them, will be given free to the first one hundred subscribers to the Merkel Mail at \$1.50 per year. Who wants and needs a good map. Get them while they last at the Mail office.

### Must Dip All Stock

The quicker local people realize the importance and necessity of having their horses, mules, or cattle dipped before moving them in this section, the safer they will be. Recently a party moved some stock across the quarantine line and was forced to bring them back for dipping and now it is highly likely that a fine will be assessed for the negligence or forgetfulness of the individual.

### Foot Ball Game

The M. H. S. foot ball boys are to play the Sweetwater bunch on the local grounds this Friday afternoon, according to a report we received today.

See Allen & Jones for choice peanut hay.

### Another Mistake—Not Ours

The name of M. F. Casey as a winner on hogs exhibited at the Abilene Fair, published in the Mail recently, was taken from the Abilene Reporter. The young Merkel country farmer who won the prizes was M. F. Carey and not M. F. Casey.

### Couldn't Get Houses

Wednesday two strangers called at the Mail office in quest of a rent house. We did all we could for them but without avail. If you have any rent property you had better advertise it in our classified columns. They bring results.

Most heaters waste half your fuel. Cole's Hot Blast Heaters save and use that wasted portion.

## 10,750 BALES TO THURSDAY 10 A. M.

The average daily receipts of cotton during the last week or ten days has been going at about fifty to sixty bales. This is a slight increase due to a drop following the recent rain.

The receipts taken Thursday at noon totaled 10,750 bales for the two Merkel yards, and the question is now discussed, will Merkel get 1,750 bale more?

### Forced to Dip Cattle

The report of an action to dip cattle belonging to W. H. Ellinger of Buffalo Gap has reached us. Mr. Ellinger had not dipped his cattle and was placed under bond by Sheriff Dodson and after that the dipping proceeded under direction of Inspector Graves. As a culmination of the matter a case was pending the first of the week in court at Abilene, against Mr. Ellinger for failure to comply with some form of the quarantine regulation.

## McSPADDEN LOSES TO SAM P. FOSTER

Early Wednesday morning W. H. McSpadden, manager of the Merkel Power Company, dropping into the Mail office to renew his subscription to the Mail, and to be the first subscriber since the Mail was founded nearly twenty-seven years ago, to pay over \$1 for a year's subscription.

We issued a receipt to Mr. McSpadden for \$1.50, the price of the Mail for one year, gave him one of the beautiful wall maps and—at this time he discovered he did not have his form check book along, and delayed payment a few moments until he could give us the proper check. The delay was costly and the honor, if there be any, then went to Sam P. Foster, overland truck freighter from here to Abilene, who came in during the time Mr. "Mc" was out after a check, and handed us \$3 for two subscriptions, one for himself and one for his mother at Royce City. Mr. Foster received two of the large maps as will each of the first 100 subscribers at \$1.50 per year.

Others to subscribe at \$1.50 are: J. A. Brown, C. M. Church, Mrs. G. W. Roach, Sr., Jno. Gilchrist and R. H. Dean.

### Friends Surprise "Dad" Wilson

Numerous friends of H. S. "Dad" Wilson gave him a pleasant surprise last week when they presented him with a new delivery wagon for his transfer business. Mr. Wilson had ordered the wagon from a local firm and when it arrived he found that it had already been paid for. When seen this week, Mr. Wilson asked that we make public his thanks for the good friendship his friends here have shown at all times.

### Card of Thanks

The many friends of our family of Merkel, Caps and Abilene were kind beyond expression in doing all in their power to assist us during our recent bereavement, for which we are most thankful. It was an extremely sad hour for us all and only for the kindness of friends the burden would have been greater.

Mrs. G. W. Roach Sr. and family

See Allen & Jones in the Boyce Bldg. for any kind of feed you want.

## AMERICANS ABOARD TORPEDOED SHIP

London, Oct. 30.—Bulletin.—A private telegram received at the American Consulate this afternoon from Crook Haven says that a number of Americans were drowned when the steamer Marina was torpedoed by a German submarine.

London, Oct. 30.—The American Embassy received a report today from Wesley Frost, the American consul at Queenstown, that the British steamship Marina has been torpedoed without warning.

It is believed that a number of Americans were aboard. Thirty-four of a crew of 104 have been picked up and landed at Crook Haven, Ireland.

Mr. Frost is now securing affidavits from the survivors. He also reported the sinking on October 26 of the British steamer Roanmore, which was torpedoed. He said that seven Americans, including five Filipinos were aboard the Roanmore.

Newport News, Va., Oct. 30.—There were fifty Americans aboard the Marina, which is reported to have been torpedoed today.

The Americans, who signed themselves as horsemen, became passengers of the Marina when she left Newport News.

Local agents said that the Marina left Glasgow October 25 for Newport News in Ballast.

Washington, October 30.—Dispatches to the State Department say that the Marina when she was sunk had a mixed crew of British and Americans and that she was sunk without warning by gunfire.

Consul Frost specified that the information he was transmitting was "provisional."

An investigation will be made at once to determine whether Germany violated any of her promises to the United States.

## CONTRACT LET FOR NEW BRICK BLDG.

The Anchor Mercantile Company, the largest firm of its kind in Taylor county, has let contract for the erection of a new brick building to be erected at the earliest possible moment on Elm street.

The new building will occupy all space between the present home of the Anchor and the alley next to the postoffice building. A full concrete floor the entire length of the structure will be made and the place used as a wareroom.

### Has Entered Baby Beef Club

Andrew Carey, who makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williamson was in town Wednesday with a baby beef he is feeding under the direction of the Baby Beef Club of the state.

The calf Andrew has entered this year is ten months old and on July 1st it weighed 490 pounds. When placed on the scales here Wednesday it tipped 735 pounds, a gain of 245 pounds in 120 days. With more boys raising baby beef cattle and other improved stock, the Merkel country will grow by leaps and bounds within the next few years.

Visit Miss Stella Stanley's Millinery Department at Comey's Saturday—Sale Day.

The Price is The Thing. See J. A. Duckett's show window for Saturday's specials, only 10c



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## NOODLE SCHOOL OPENED MONDAY

School opened Monday morning with Mr. Andrews as principal and Mr. Fathere as immediate teacher both of Abilene and Miss Tennie Brown of Merkel as Primary teacher.

Miss Bertha Ely spent Saturday and Sunday with her brother, Wesley Ely and wife of Tuscola. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Walker of Kale spent Sunday with B. N. Wheeler and family.

Eld. and Mrs. John Rice of Merkel were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Hendrix, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eoff were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee Monday and Tuesday.

The Singing Class met and elected new officers Sunday afternoon. This was the first time to meet for quite a while.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eoff were guests of Mr. and Mrs. McCright of Shiloh Sunday.

Eld. Rice of Merkel preached at the Christian Church Sunday afternoon.

Dock Callaway Lee Williams and Fred Deutschman returned from the Dallas Fair Tuesday Morning. Each reports an enjoyable trip.

Mrs. Eason has returned to her home at Roby after several days visit with her son, Lee Eason and family.

We have noticed that Edgar Wheeler now drives a new Buick Car.

### Card of Thanks

To our relatives and friends who so kindly assisted us in performing the last sad rites for our father, D. C. Campbell at Merkel, recently, we wish to tender our sincerest gratitude. From the depths of sad hearts, we thank you. May kind friends do the same for you in your hour of need, and may the Beneficent Father above, who notes the fall of the sparrow, bless each of you in His own peculiar way. Again let us thank you.

His children,  
E. F. Campbell, Abilene.  
E. M. Campbell, Ranger.  
D. C. Campbell, Texola.  
Pattie C. Wright, Eskota.

### Garage Changes Hands

The Merkel Garage, heretofore owned by Messrs. Brown and Horton, was sold Tuesday afternoon to Ross Ferrier who assumed control of the business the following morning. Messrs. Brown and Horton retain their auto agency and doubtless will have headquarters at the Garage but are in no way connected with its business affairs.

### "Pastor" Russell Dead

Canadian, Texas, Nov. 1.—Chas. Taze Russell, known as "Pastor" Russell, an independent minister, editor of The Watchtower, and prominent author of studies on the Scriptures, died yesterday afternoon on a Santa Fe train en route from Los Angeles to New York.

Heart disease was given as the cause.

### Compulsory School Law in Force

The Compulsory School Law is now in force and Taylor county has an officer designated for the enforcement, Miss Ola Belle Hawes of Abilene. County Superintendent J. S. Smith will look after a portion of the work while visiting schools over the county, but the major portion of the clerical duties will be for Miss Hawes.

### For Sale

7 room house (my home place) 3 lots, well, windmill, elevated tank, cistern, fruit trees, good out buildings; near school building. Part cash, balance terms.

G. W. Johnson,  
Merkel, Texas.

## NUBIA

On Saturday, 21 inst. Mr. Grover Blair and Miss Mittie Crow, both of Nubia, were happily united in the bonds of wedlock.

Last Sunday Mr. Herbert Deavenport of Nubia, and Miss Ella Melton of Blair, were joyfully joined in the ligaments of love. We trust that their pilgrimage through this life shall not be impeded by one of its unequal incongruities.

The singing at Mr. Crow's Sunday night was largely attended. Those who sang were musically inclined, while the mood of those who didn't was very receptive.

There were several from Abilene, Trent and Blair and Mount Pleasant at the singing at Nubia Sunday. Hoarseness was the only evident impediment to the complete success of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Beall of Jones county, are spending a few days with friends and relatives at Nubia.

A good many from here went to the Dallas Fair.

### Some Bird Laws

Waterfowl (except swan and wood ducks) coots, gallinules and packsnipe, October 16, to January 31.

Rails (except coots and gallinules) Sept. 1 to Nov. 30.

Black breasted and golden plover and greater and lesser yellowlegs Nov. 1 to January 31.

Woodcocks, November 1 to Dec. 31.

Band-tailed pigeons, cranes, wood ducks, swans, curlew, willet, upland plover and smaller shore birds protected until September 1, 1918.

### Bull Calves For Sale

Some good short horn bull calves for sale. See me. T. W. Neill, Trent, Texas. 20t3pd

### No Hunting Allowed

No hunting will be allowed on my premises. J. L. McRee. 27t3p

### Feed Stuffs on Hand

You will find us stocked with all kinds of feed stuffs at all times if it can be had. We are expecting a car of ear corn now. Anchor Mercantile Co.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ensminger and son Joe of Dora went to Dallas Saturday night to see the Fair for a day. Mr. Ensminger is just able to walk from a recent injury received when he fell from his plow, and intends to stay away just as long as he wants to, hoping to improve faster while he's having a good time.

Homer Rainbolt is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, and will visit a short time.

Messrs. and Mesdames J. N. Shelton and Will Burns were visitors at the Dallas Fair last week and with relatives there. Mr. and Mrs. Burns visited the latter's brother, Dr. John Bernard of Dallas and other relatives and friends, arriving back home Tuesday.

Mr. Earl Wilson and wife of Hereford, visited E. P. Beene and family, last week.

Plenty cow feed and cotton seed meal. G. M. Sharp

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, Manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally. It acts directly on the mucous and blood surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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When in our city, visit us and see for yourself. A look over our immense stock will be worth your visit here and you will be surprised at the values and quality we are able to offer.

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOR SALE**—7 lots and small house located in College Addition of Merkel, cheap, on easy terms. J. M. Radford Grocery Company, Abilene, Texas. 27t2

**HAVE BUYER**—For 400 to 700 acres in cultivation in one tract. Write us minute description of city property or farms you have for sale or exchange together with outline of what you desire. Twenty-five years in the land business in Abilene. Comper & Comper, Realty Department, Abilene, Texas. 27t4

**FOR SALE**—Duroc shoats, single disc plow, hand plows, single row planter, walking middle buster, horses, mules and mares. Dr. M. Armstrong. 27t2

**MONEY LOANED**—On choice improved Merkel properties. 5 years. Describe your property fully, addressing J. F. Wellington, Ft. Worth, Texas. 35p

**FOR SALE**—Good second hand buggy, nearly new and set of harness. Dr. G. M. Williams. 3t3

**NOTICE FOR SALE**—One pair of mares. Will be in town Saturday, also one colt. Must sell at once. Owner, O. F. Leerstang. 1tp

**FARM LOANS**—Best loan contracts in this section; terms to suit and lowest rates; make my own inspections and no delays or uncertainties; ask any Merkel country farmer; no fees or charges to borrowers. Just leave memorandum at either of Merkel banks or drop me a line; I will do the rest. Jno. G. Jackson, Abilene, Texas. 3tf

**FOR SALE**—Three good shoats at a bargain. See me quick. A. E. Creighton

**FOR SALE**—80 acres of land, 12 miles northeast of Merkel, unimproved, 30 acres grubbed. \$2,000, \$500 cash, balance long time, 8 per cent interest. Arthur Cranston, Route 1, Merkel. 3t4p

**PIGS FOR SALE**—Good red pigs. See me. L. L. Huddleston 1tp

**LOST**—Blue serge coat, northwest of town. Has name of Russell Pike on inside. Return to Mail office. 1tp

**FOR SALE**—Red Pole bull calves and heifers. See me. Geo. Moore, Route 1. 1tp

**STRAYED** from home last Wednesday, two year old Jersey Heifer, mouse colored, rather dark on sides, short horns. Notify J. A. Duckett and receive reward. 13tf

**FOR SALE**—A large Mosler combination lock safe. E. D. Coats.

**CLOSING OUT SALE**—Now is the time to buy musical goods. I have on hand several pianos, both player and upright, brand new, strictly first class, that I will sell at a very cheap rate. Also several new and second-hand organs that I will sell from \$5 up, your own price. E. D. Coats.

**FOR SALE**—4-room house, 3 porches, 3 lots, east front, close to school, good neighborhood, will sell cheap. \$100 cash, the rest from one to five years at 8 percent interest. E. D. Coats.

**FOR SALE**—My home in south Merkel. Cheap for cash or will take \$500 cash and give good time on balance or will trade for land and assume small indebtedness. E. D. Coats.

**FARMS FOR SALE**—Well located, and some houses in town. S. F. Haynes. 20t4pd.

**CHEAP MONEY**—On good improved land. Large loans preferred. Lowest rate of interest ever known in this territory. Twenty-five years here in the business. Write us.

**COMPERE & COMPERE**, District Managers, Abilene, Texas. tf

**FOR SALE**—Henderson Piano. See Mrs. E. M. Rust.

**FOR SALE**—Five-room house on South Rose Street. Good terms. Robert Hicks. 23tf.

**FOR RENT OR SALE**—My home on Oak Street. Mrs. E. Hall. 20tf

### Feed

We are now handling all kinds of feed, consisting of bran, chops, corn, oats, cotton seed meal and hulls. Anchor Mercantile Co.



## WARM THINGS FOR WINTER DAYS

THE CHILLY BLASTS OF THIS WINTER WILL SOON DEMAND WARM CLOTHES. THEY MIGHT AS WELL BE STYLISH AND COMFORTABLE. WE STAND FOR "STYLE."

"FIT" IS ANOTHER THING WE STAND FOR. WE WILL NOT PERMIT A GARMENT TO LEAVE OUR ESTABLISHMENT THAT DOES NOT FIT. BUT GARMENTS TO FIT MUST BE PROPERLY TAILORED.

OUR LINES OF HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND MEN IS LARGE. IN BUYING THESE GOODS WE LOOK OUT FOR BOTH DANTINESS AND DURABILITY.

"PRICE" IS ANOTHER THING WE STAND FOR --THE LOW PRICE. A VISIT TO OUR STORE WILL BE A LESSON IN ECONOMY.

# THE Big Transfer Sale

OPENS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th, AT 9 A. M.

Arrange to meet your friends here. : They are coming

## THE STAR STORE

Mrs. Ruby Harris went down Friday night for a few days' visit with relatives and friends in Fort-Worth and Dallas.

Mrs. F. E. Allyn Sr. and daughter, Mrs. SoRelle of Eskota have recently visited Mrs. C. V. Bigham.

Mrs. H. C. Williams came home Monday from a ten days' visit with the family of O. W. Williams in Fort Worth.

No Hunting Allowed  
No hunting on the Sam Roberts place north of Trent. Sam Roberts. 3t3p

## Chalmers Success Is No Surprise

IT WAS A CERTAINTY that the Chalmers combination of a high grade car, manufacturing ability, and distributing organization could have but one result.

THOUSANDS OF MOTORISTS were ready to buy a quality six-cylinder car at about \$1,000. They wanted style, beauty, performance. They did not want unnecessary size, or costly operating expense.

HENCE THE INSTANTANEOUS WELCOME that greeted the Chalmers Six-30. There was an irresistible appeal in its marvelously smooth and velvety engine, its almost unbelievable "pick-up," its luxurious riding qualities, its economical up-keep.

THAT IS THE REASON WHY Chalmers business is constantly growing. That is why it was necessary in the last few months to build new buildings, lay new railway tracks, add to the already enormous manufacturing facilities. That is why the output has increased from 500 four-cylinder cars of the first Chalmers model in 1908 to nearly 30,000 high-grade six-cylinder cars for the current year.

THE CHALMERS COMPANY ENTERS ITS GREATEST YEAR with an unusual car. Large production and a splendidly equipped factory insure the continuance of a quality car at a quantity price.

### Present Prices

Touring Car, Five-passenger, \$1090; Touring Car, Seven-passenger, \$1280; Roadster, \$1070; Cabriolet, \$1440; Touring Sedan, \$1780; Limousine, \$2480; Town Car, \$2480.

(All prices f. o. b. Detroit and subject to change without notice)

NOTE—The price of the 7-passenger Touring Car and of closed car models on this chassis will shortly be advanced. An early order will receive benefit of present prices.



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## LOCAL NEWS

Plenty corn at G. M. Sharps  
Two-gallon keg pickles at G. M. Sharps

Demonstration week begins November 6th at the Anchor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns are among those visiting the Fair for its closing days.

Pigs for Sale—Good pigs at \$3 apiece. James West. tf

Take home a loaf of our fresh bread. The Bakery.

Mrs. Jno. L. Browning and little son Thomas are visiting relatives in Wichita Falls.

W. E. Lowe's service cars run day or night. Call the Busy Bee.

Bran and corn chops at G. M. Sharps

Mr. Mercer, known to his numerous friends as "Dad Mercer, arrived Thursday from California and will visit friends.

See me for your fall bills, groceries. G. M. Sharp

Phone W. E. Lowe at the Busy Bee for a service car.

Plenty of angel food cake at the Bakery.

Mrs. J. T. Warren and Mrs. Albert Booth of Hawley returned Monday night from visiting relatives in El Paso, Ark., and also short stops in Fort Worth and Dallas.

Demonstration week begins November 6th at the Anchor.

The only vegetable refrigerator in town is at E. L. Rogers.

E. N. Brown of Cleburne arrived here Thursday morning to see after property interests. His wife, a daughter of Mrs. B. S. Alsobrook, remained at home with the family and could not visit her mother.

Good Luck Baking Powder only 10 cents per pound. E. L. Rogers

D. L. Boyd, Monroe Whisenhunt, Chas. and Adrian Lewis were among those from the Nubia country to leave here Saturday night for the last day at the Fair.

Dough-nuts, creme puffs and chocolate eclairs on Friday and Saturday at the Bakery.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cook of Dora were in town last week shopping. Mrs. Cook was shopping while Mr. Cook did the side-step keeping out of the way of many other visitors who have been crowding the streets for the past few weeks.

The \$1.00-a-peck coffee house of Merkel. E. L. Rogers

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Black are in Merkel to make their home after having been in Stamford for several months. Mr. Black will again be associated with the Anchor Mercantile Co. in the grocery department. Mrs. Black and the children came in last week, and Jim, as he is known to all his friends, followed on the first. This popular family is welcomed back home with the hope that they will not be persuaded to again leave.

Demonstration week begins November 6th at the Anchor.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days  
Your druggist will refund money if PAIN OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 3c

## FARM FOR SALE

135 acres, 100 in cultivation  
GOOD HOUSE  
Improved, and two miles northwest of town  
A bargain

E. L. WOODROOF



## The Merkel Mail

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### WHAT DID HUGHES MEAN?

In answer to a question as to what he would have done had he been president when the Lusitania was sunk. Mr. Hughes said about a hundred words. As near as we could get at the weight of his words, his position was that he would have so fearlessly warned Germany that the kaiser would not have permitted to have been made on the Lusitania. But a man in the audience insisted, "but suppose the Lusitania had been sunk, then what?" The man was hustled out.

Secretary McAdoo, speaking later, intimated that the average thinking man could not himself understand what Mr. Hughes was driving at.

Then Mr. Hughes arises to explain what he did mean, and here is his explanation verbatim et literatim:

Now arises the secretary of the treasury to complain that this was not a statement of what I would have done had the sinking occurred. I was under the impression that when I said that I would have stated in advance as to what I would do every one would know that I stated what in fact I would have done in the described event.

Now can anyone tell what Mr. Hughes means?

The fact is that Mr. Hughes means to say nothing.

Mr. Hughes is a smart man. His speeches in 1908 were clear. He knows the value of words and how to use them. His power of analysis is highly developed. Mr. Hughes didn't intend to be plain.

In his objections to the acts of Wilson he sets up no positive programmes.

He tells us where Mr. Wilson failed in Mexico, but he does not tell us how he would have succeeded.

He tells us where Mr. Wilson failed in his dealings in Europe but he does not tell what programme he would have carried out.

He was as mute as an oyster when the controversy growing out of the differences between the railroad men and their employes was raging. He offered no friendly suggestion. Apparently he knew nothing of the storm that was raging around him. He was a sort of bewhiskered Tribby with his senses paralyzed.

After the Adamson bill was signed he objected, but he has not until this day stated that he would favor a repeal of the Adamson bill. Nor does he state that he would have vetoed the bill had he been sitting in the chair occupied by Mr. Wilson.

Hughes is not even an artful dodger. He is a ducker.—Commercial Appeal.

### When You Take Cold

With the average man a cold is a serious matter and should not be trifled with, as some of the most dangerous diseases start with a common cold. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of your cold as quickly as possible. You are not experimenting when you use this remedy as it has been in use for many years and has an established reputation. It has no opium or other narcotic. Obtainable everywhere.

Misses Elma Sheppard and Alice Mae Boyce were week end visitors of the Dallas Fair. While there they were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard.

Thos. Sears better known as "Little Tom" of Whightwright came in the first of the week to be with his brother Jno. Sears and to look after property he has in this section.

If you have no child come in and register for some other child. Help some little girl win one of the beautiful dolls at Behrens-McMillen.



These six large dolls will be named after the given name of the first six girls registering their names.

# SIX LARGE

## LIFE-SIZE

# DOLLS

..ABSOLUTELY FREE..



The three largest dolls over 36 inches high, life-size, jointed, regular retail price \$18.50 each.

### 4 OF THE DOLLS TO BE GIVEN TO 4 LITTLE CHILDREN

who live outside of the town in any part of the Merkel country

2 of the dolls are to be given 2 children living inside the corporate limits of Merkel

### See Them in Our Windows

## YOU Don't Have to Buy a Cent's Worth of Goods

### Just Register For Your Favorite

# HERE IS OUR PLAN

Any little child under 10 years of age can have their name registered.

Any person over 16 years of age can register once each day from Nov. 1st until Dec. 21st.

No person can register more than one time in any one day.

The Merkel trade territory will be divided into three sections. Merkel, with the city limits as a boundary, forms one section. All other trade territory to be divided, north and south, into two sections by the T. & P. railroad, thus making three sections. Each section to be kept separate.

Two dolls for each section. The largest

doll to the child having the greatest number of times registered for her name and the smaller doll to the child getting the second largest number of registers.

Come in and register for the most popular child. Start registering Nov. 1 and keep it up.

Monday, Dec. 11, the names registered for and number of registers entered up to that time will be published, and the names pasted in our window. No more counts will be made until the close, Thursday evening, Dec. 21.

The following afternoon the dolls will be given away.

Telephone your friends.

You need not buy anything, just come in and register your choice. Any mother or father can enter their own child or some other favorite child. Registering card at our store. Come any day after Nov. 1st and make your register

## Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

## We Want to Tip our Hats to the Good People of Merkel and Merkel Country

### By coming out with a full line of Feed of the best that can be had

See us in the Boyce Building

## ALLEN & JONES, FEED Merkel, Tex.

### Brings Chickens Here

We thought we had struck a poultry show Saturday afternoon and found out that it was only a bunch of R. I. Reds that T. O. Mobley of Trent had brought here for sale. The young reds Mr. Mobley had here were about the largest we have ever seen and if chickens lived to be as old as a man and grew as much every year as these have in one, they'd make good sized elephants. And if lang shangs sell at two bits apiece those birds ought to have been worth a dollar apiece for table use.

### More Than Enough is too Much

To maintain health, a mature man or woman needs just enough food to repair the waste and supply energy and body heat. The habitual consumption of more food than is necessary for these purposes is the prime cause of stomach troubles, rheumatism and disorders of the kidneys. If troubled with indigestion, revise your diet, let reason and not appetite control and take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be alright again. For sale by all dealers.

### H. P. Wilkins and His Chickens

H. P. Wilkins showed his string of Barred Rocks at the Dallas Fair last week and came away with third and fourth hen, third cock and fourth pen. Considering the numerous entries made in the poultry classes, these winnings are good for it places home birds in a class with the very best in Texas or the south.

### For a Muddy Complexion

Take Chamberlain's Tablets and adopt a diet of vegetables and cereals. Take outdoor exercise daily and your complexion will be greatly improved within a few months. Try it. Obtainable everywhere.

### Visiting in North Carolina

Mrs. P. A. Riggan and son M. G., and J. W. Jarvis departed east Wednesday night for Mount Airy, N. C., the old home of all three, and will visit in that state for several weeks.

### Feed Stuffs on Hand

You will find us stocked with all kinds of feed stuffs at all times if it can be had. We are expecting a car of ear corn now. Anchor Mercantile Co.



What is

## RICHARDS' MAGIC WASHING STICK



It is  
**NEW**

Nothing like it has ever been discovered before.

It is **HARMLESS**

It has absolutely NONE of the burning, clothes eating, hand stinging disadvantages of common quick cleaners.

It is **EASY**

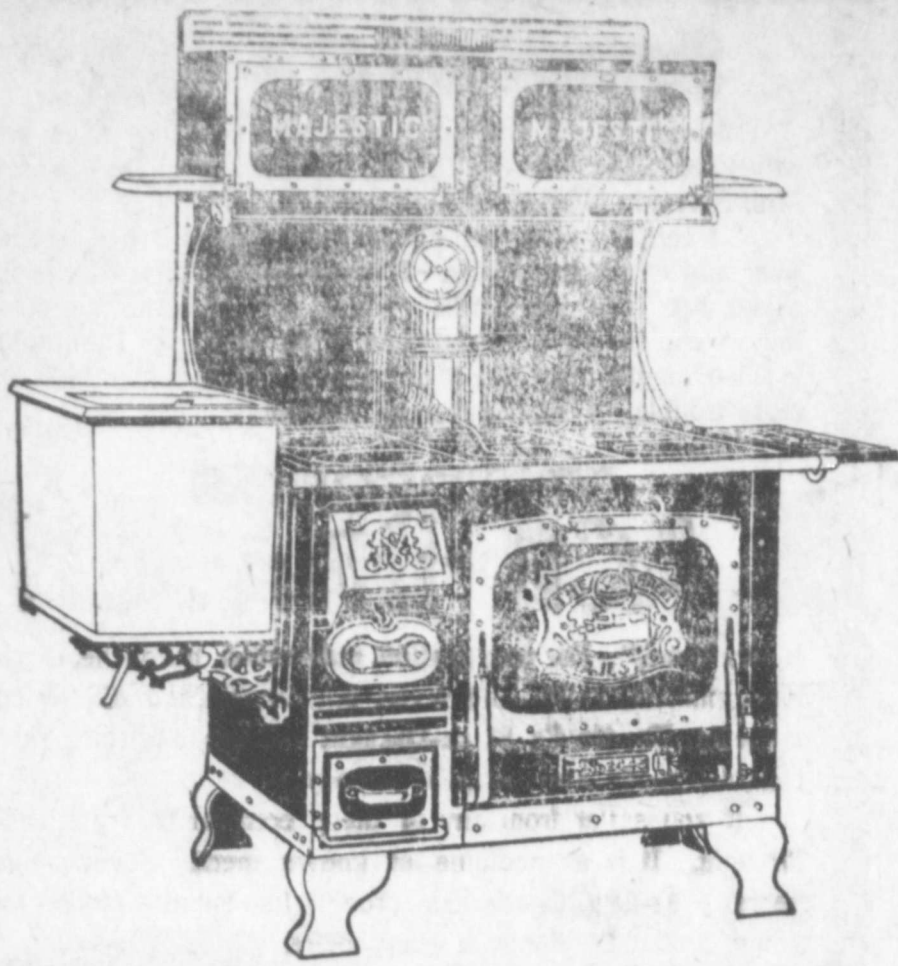
You do NO rubbing—only HANDLING. You need no elbow grease—no wash board and VERY little time.

It is **CHEAP**

It costs less than 2c a washing—sold in 25c boxes. It washes colored clothes without fading—woolens without shrinking or hardening, and positively will not rot or weaken lace curtains so they tear easily, but keeps them strong besides absolutely clean.

Sold by all Druggists and Grocers everywhere. If yours doesn't handle it, show him this ad—he'll get it for you. Or send 25c in stamps to I. S. Richards Co., Boston, U.S.A.





# SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION

AND SALE

## Great Majestic Ranges

"The Range with a Reputation"

During this week we will have a special Demonstrator from the Majestic Factory to explain how the Majestic is made and why it is absolutely the best range; why it lasts longer and cuts down repair expenses; why it bakes bread evenly, top, sides and bottom without turning; why it uses so little fuel and saves food waste. He will explain its labor saving construction and why it heats an abundance of water good and hot—a mighty convenient and useful thing to have a big supply of hot water always on hand, isn't it?

To buy a range by mail is almost certain to end in disappointment and loss of money. It may be "exactly as represented" yet not be what you thought it was nor what you wanted.

Here you can SEE every part of the Majestic—you can KNOW what you are getting BEFORE you buy. Decide NOW that you will discontinue using that old, worn-out range. You will save money in fuel, repairs and cooking. Buy a Majestic—the range with 25 years' reputation. The demonstrator will answer any questions relating to stoves.

### Children's Souvenir Day—next Tuesday, 3 to 5 125 Majestic Aeroplanes FREE—Fun—Fun

Boys and girls, old and young, you can have a world of fun with the Majestic Aeroplane. It is easily made to fly from 10 to 50 feet in the air. You will all want one. Don't fail to get yours. The first 125 boys and girls who present to the Majestic Range Salesman, at our store, between 3 and 5 p.m. on Tuesday, written answers to the following questions will receive one of these aeroplanes FREE.

1. What is the name of your mother's range and how long has it been in use?
2. Give names of any persons you know needing a new range.
3. Why is the Majestic known as "the Range with a reputation?"
4. What is your age?
5. When is your birthday?

**\$1.00 Article Free** The boy or girl giving the neatest and best answer to the third question may select any \$1.00 article from our stock—in addition to the souvenir.

**A Prize for Everybody** Don't be discouraged if you are not one of the 125 to get an aeroplane. You will receive a Majestic Puzzle Card that will afford you many hours of amusement. Be sure to have your answer ready to hand in at our store Tuesday afternoon, between 3 and 5. They must be written if you wish to receive a souvenir or prize.

### FOR ONE WEEK ONLY Commencing Monday, Nov. 6th



### This \$8.00 Set of Granite and Copper Ware FREE

As a special inducement during our demonstration week only, we will give with every Majestic sold, one handsome set of kitchen ware as illustrated. Every piece is the finest of its kind and the entire set cannot be purchased for less than \$8.00. The price of the Majestic remains the same as always and the quality of the stove is the same. This kitchen ware is an out and out present. See it at our store.

#### EVERYBODY WELCOME

Even though you do not want to buy a new range right now, it will be worth your while to attend this demonstration and know all about the Majestic Range. You are placed under no obligation to buy.

Keep this Date in Your Mind's Eye :: Bring Your Neighbor With You  
SOUVENIRS FOR THE LADIES TUESDAY NOV. 7TH

## The Anchor Mercantile Company

#### Is Comfortably situated

Eighteen years ago William Snow moved, or came to this country with fifty cents in his pocket, he started work on a very small scale but saved a little of what he made.

Just now Mr. Snow has one of the best homes on Route 5. There being 320 acres in his place, all paid for and well worth thirty dollars per acre. No moderate sized farm can be found much better stocked with good horses, mules, cows, hogs, chickens, and the owner keeps a bank balance sufficient to run him for some time even if he does not work.

#### How Catarrh is Contracted

Mothers are sometimes so thoughtless as to neglect the colds which their children contract. The inflammation of the mucous membrane, at first acute, becomes chronic and the child has chronic catarrh, a disease that is seldom cured and that may prove a life burden. Many persons who have this loathsome disease will remember having had frequent colds at the time it was contracted. A little forethought, a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy judiciously used and all this trouble might have been avoided. Obtainable everywhere.

Dr. G. M. Milliams leaves next Tuesday for Waco to attend a state medical association and will be in the McLellan county capitol for several days hobnobbing with other professionals.

A ear of ear corn coming. Allen & Jones.



You take the greatest care picking the finest fruits.

You are as careful as can be in cleansing, sweetening, boiling, and bottling, so you will get delicious preserves.

But all this is wasted labor unless you use the best of seals to keep your jars and bottles dust-proof, moist-proof, and mould-proof.

### TEXWAX protects the preserves.

This pure, white, tasteless wax seals your jars and bottles—keeps the fruit flavors in—and keeps out the dust, mold and moisture.

Keeps your preserves fresh and delicious till you want them for the table.

Get TEXWAX in one-pound packages from the nearest TEXACO dealer. He has other TEXACO PRODUCTS for home use.

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Distributing Points Everywhere

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Calls answered Day or Night

Phone me when you want to go somewhere

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### Dodge Service Car

Goes Day or Night—Anywhere

Phone 6, Elite Confectionery—Nite Phone 136

#### Our Mistake Again

Seems like we will never get over the mistake we made in our last two issues of the Mail when a typographical error listed the telephone number of Sharp and Haynes wrong. Three or four ladies in calling by the number as it was published in the Mail, were in course, connected with another telephone and as result, the telephone operators were severely criticised by these ladies.

It was our mistake all around,

we are sorry we did this, we are more than sorry that these young ladies at the telephone exchange have been made to suffer by our mistake and to get matters right we call attention of our readers to the Sharp & Haynes Ad, and especially to the telephone number therein.

Yes, your child has an equal chance at one of the big dolls at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co's Store. Register her name today and get your friends to help.

#### Building New Bungalow

Ed Vantrees was a renter a few years ago. He has purchased a home on the Merkel-Noodle air line, stocked it with good stock, and is beginning, this week, the construction of a modern bungalow. When seen in town Saturday, Ed was about as busy as a one-legged man at a kicking scrape, trying to get out home to see about things or else we would have gotten figures on his last two or three years' successes.

#### Despondency

When you feel discouraged and despondent do not give up but take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets and you are almost certain to feel alright within a day or two. Despondency is very often due to indigestion and biliousness, for which these tablets are especially valuable. Obtainable everywhere.

#### Masons to Meet Saturday

A regular meeting of the Masonic Lodge will be held Saturday night in the lodge rooms over the Star Store.

Degree work will likely be given and some prominent masons have been invited, so we are informed, to be on hand and talk to the craft.

How can Hughes sell things like he does? Because he is on the Santa Fe adv. 312

Need any feed? Then see Allen & Jones, full fledged feed men in the Boyce Bldg.





MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

Senior Dinner

The Senior Class of the high school, which numbers thirty-one this year, deserves much praise for the success of their public dinner given last Saturday in the hall over Dry's Racket Store. It is custom of the Senior Class each year to make some substantial gift to the school and the one of this year chose to give theirs, that of complete furnishings for the library, early in the year. Sufficient to say the amount made Saturday was quite enough to purchase all the furniture planned for, with rug and pictures also. These are gifts to be much appreciated by the school body, and we are sure they are.

Melton-Deavenport

The home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Melton of near Blair was the scene of a home wedding Sunday afternoon. Their daughter Ella Mae and Herbert Deavenport were married at 3 p. m. in the presence of a few relatives and close friends. After the ceremony the guests spent the time socially until in the early evening when the wedding supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Deavenport left Sunday night for a wedding tour of several days' duration, after which they will make their home near Blair. May this home be none the less happy and prosperous than the several others that have been established in this community during the past few months.

Quilting Party

The Methodist ladies met Monday afternoon in the Sunday School rooms of the church for an afternoon of quilting. Three quilts were finished during the afternoon and two of them sold, the proceeds from these sales go to the orphanage at Waco. Gentlemen were to have been barred but Rev. Garvin gained admittance by bringing a treat of candy to the twenty-four ladies assembled. For lack of quilting space two quilts were not begun and the ladies met again on Tuesday afternoon to finish these.

Spooking Party

Mrs. Minor Goode and Miss Faye Allen were hostesses on Hallowe'en to a few friends at their home on Runnels street. During the early evening games suitable to the evening were enjoyed and Mrs. Goode also told the fortunes of those present. After this the entire party went spooking. Those present

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HEADACHE? NEURALGIA?

"I have been subject to severe headaches for about seven years. My head would ache so badly at times that I could scarcely stand it. Doctors and headache medicines did no good. Hunt's Lightning Oil gave me almost instant relief. Have not suffered from those dreadful headaches since I found out about your wonderful liniment," writes Mrs. W. T. Dickson, Sherman, Texas.

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The affected part instantly warms and glows under its powerful penetrating effect. You can fairly see and feel it do the work. Simply rub it on and the pain seems to fade away. Inexpensive. —25c and 50c a bottle.



HUNT'S LIGHTNING OIL

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LISTEN

Use good Gulf Gasoline and Lubricant oil. More miles to the gallon, more smiles to the mile. Correct measure guaranteed. When your car needs repair bring it to

Dunn & Beene GARAGE

Batteries charged. All work guaranteed or money back

were Misses Genevieve Rust, Mamie Rister, Addie Rogers, Maud Martin, Mesdames H. C. Burroughs Jr., and Cora Davis. Messrs. J. C. Mason, E. Baze, Floyd Dean, Guy Bradley and Dee Grimes.

Merkel young people were entertained with a dance at the Cozy last Friday evening.

Hallowe'en Social

A Hallowe'en evening around which a good deal of community interest was centered was the social at Grace Presbyterian Church. Its prime intent was a shower to receive furnishings for the church kitchen and a number of gifts were received.

The guests were entertained first in the auditorium with a musical program in which the following participated: Mrs. J. C. Hairston, Miss Leile Hill, Mesdames Ferguson and Bullock and H. M. Rose, assisted by the choir. In the basement then the refreshments were served. The Protheus class pouring punch from their booth while Miss Beatrice Neidiver as ghost and Mrs. E. P. McMillen as witch, served from the witch's pot, on cabbage leaves, waldorf salad with pickles and wafers. As cause for frolic then Mr. and Mrs. James West entertained the crowd with the primary students at apple bobbing and the boys with gym antics. Over one hundred guests were present during the evening.

Hallowe'en

The Intermediate Dept. had a Hallowe'en Party Friday night. Herbert Dennis and Roy Allen as clowns escorted the guest to the witch's den, where seven fifth-grade girls, dressed as witches, were dancing around a pot of "hell-broth" and singing lines from Macbeth's Witches Scene. From here, Vestal Hicks, as a ghost, took them to the adjoining room, lighted with jack-o-lanterns where the sixth grade were in charge of the "bobbing and biting" for apples.

In the upper hall were three large black cats, which the little folks pinned tails on.

Raymond Ferguson as a ghost and Evelyn Bagley as a goblin conducted the people next to the basement floor, where lines of jack-o-lanterns greeted them. From here they were met at the Devil's Den by Mildred Sanders, where she gave them the "icy death grip" and invited them to enter and meet Hicks Swafford as the Devil and Mary Par-

ten as Mrs. Devil. This room was in charge of the seventh grade and here were found skeletons, ghosts, tombstones, etc. From this "Room of Horrors," Mandy Brady and Lucile Edwards took the guests to the auditorium where Warren McSpadden as Uncle Sam entertained with his electric machine. Numbers were given on the grafanola, also piano selections by members of the department. A neat sum was realized which goes toward buying a Victrola for the school.

Merry Wives Club

A few close friends of Mrs. Lytton Howard met with her Monday afternoon for a sociable time, discussing affairs in general, nothing in particular, when they decided to meet every week and be known as the Merry Wives Club.

The time before the holidays will be spent in making Christmas gifts. There are no rules and regulations to this club, only there is to be no formality allowed, no two persons talking about the same thing at the same time, etc.

The charter members: Mesdames Luther Woodroof, Robt. Hicks, Jack Graves, H. C. Burroughs Jr., Lytton Howard, Misses Jessie Sutphen, Winnie Warren. No one is the originator of this club, only the two latter wish to say they did not name the club, but they're full-fledged members just the same.

A TEXAS WONDER.

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

Rev. Jobe Gets Telegram

Rev. A. L. Jobe received a telegram Thursday afternoon from his son Homer Jobe of Plainview. The telegram read:

Plainview, Tex., 11-2'16.

A. L. Jobe, Read Isaiah 9-6.

H. E. Jobe.

Readers of the Mail can gather the meaning of this telegram by reading Isaiah 9-6.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning have returned from Waurika, Oklahoma, where they visited their daughter, Mrs. J. B. Steele. On their way home they visited former Merkel friends who now live at Denton, among them being Dean White and family of the Industrial College, at which place Mrs. Browning states she tried to enter Mr. Browning as a student, but the faculty refused, saying he was too young.

J. M. Cox is making preparations for a move to Lamessa where he goes with best wishes of his friends, who for the same reason that makes a cat come back, will expect the ultimate return of J. M.

We can still supply you with coffee at \$1.00 per peck. E. L. Rogers

G. S. Gray of Cherokee, San Saba county, was very busy Saturday meeting friends here and attending to business matters in connection with property he has on Salt Branch. Mr. W. W. Outlaw is in charge of the Gray farm.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. H. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

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Merkel Camp No. 719 meets second and fourth Friday nights of each month.

T. F. Compton, C. C. S. Hamilton, Clerk

T. & P. Time Table

EASTBOUND Sunshine Special . . . . . 8:44 a.m. No. 4 . . . . . 9:54 a.m. No. 6 . . . . . 10:18 p.m. WESTBOUND Sunshine Special . . . . . 8:22 p.m. No. 3 . . . . . 6:08 p.m. No. 5 . . . . . 5:55 a.m.



A TON OR TWO

of real family coal. It's for the furnace or the kitchen range or the fire place or the parlor stove. It burns equally well no matter where you use it. When you pay for a ton of coal here you get 2000 pounds of all coal.

Warren Brothers

Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mill's, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Thedford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.

If you suffer from any of these complaints, try Black-Draught. It is a medicine of known merit. Seventy-five years of splendid success proves its value. Good for young and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25 cents.

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Call us, we'll come and get your Laundry; we'll deliver it; we'll take every precaution and give excellent service in all orders of cleaning, alteration and pressing entrusted to us.

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Lax-Fos, A Mild, Effective Laxative & Liver Tonic Does Not Grip or Disturb the Stomach. In addition to other properties, Lax-Fos contains Cascara in acceptable form, a stimulating Laxative and Tonic. Lax-Fos acts effectively and does not grip or disturb stomach. At the same time, it aids digestion, arouses the liver and secretions and restores the healthy functions. 50c. Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.



# YOUR LAST CHANCE TO BUY MERCHANDISE AT THE OLD 10-CENT COTTON PRICES

Our early contracts and large purchases still enable us to sell you goods much below the market values today. Owing to our great volume of business we are enabled to buy our goods in quantity shipments direct from the mills in case lots, and by so doing we still own goods and are selling them to our customers much lower than we can make repurchases today. Last month was the largest month's sales we have ever experienced since we entered business, and in order to keep November up to the high level in sales we are going to make a continuance of the old prices. **No goods sold to Merchants at These Prices**, as they are strictly for the benefit of our customers. We could job many articles throughout our house today for more money than we are asking for them, but we expect to continue in business and are making every effort possible to meet the requirements of our customers with the goods and the prices. Our stock of woolen and cotton dress goods, flannels, outings, cotton checks, cheviots, gingham, calicoes, percales, domestics, blankets, ladies ready-to-wear, shoes, boots, clothing, etc., is complete, and a large and varied assortment to choose from

## BIG VALUES IN OUR CLOTHING DEPARTMENT

We have a limited amount of odds and ends in men's clothing that we are offering much below the wholesale market on them today. Only one or two suits of a kind, and in order to clean them up are offering the entire lot of them at a 25 per cent reduction.

\$20.00 values, in blues, browns, grays and mixtures, in serges, worsteds and cassimeres only.....**\$15.00**

\$15.00 values in blues, grays, browns and mixtures in serges, worsteds and cassimeres only.....**\$11.25**

\$12.50 values in blues, grays, browns and mixtures in serges, worsteds and cassimeres only.....**\$9.37**

Big line of the best assortment of boys high grade clothing ever brought to Merkel in values ranging from

**\$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.50, \$7.50**  
**\$8.50 and up to \$11.00**

## OUR SHOE DEPARTMENT

Full line of everything in mens, womens, boys, girls and childrens shoes at practically no advance whatever. These values represent early buying and we are lucky in having the largest line of shoes ever displayed in the city.

## GROCERIES, GRAIN AND FEED

Full line groceries, grain, hay, cow feed, corn, corn chops and bran at Prevailing Prices

Let us figure with you on your winter wants in this line, as we can save you money by early buying, as all these goods are bound to advance daily

## HARDWARE

Big line of hardware, implements, buggies, wagons, stoves, ranges, etc.

## EXCEPTIONAL VALUES IN OUR STAPLE DEPARTMENT

Good heavy grade fleeced outings in dark and light colors plaids, checks and stripes, your choice per yard only...**10c**

Good heavy grade sea island brown domestic 36 inches wide at per yard only.....**8 1/2c**

Best grades gingham in solid colors, plaids, checks and stripes, absolutely fast colors, at per yard only.....**10c**

Good grade 36 inch brown domestic at per yard only.....**6c**

Good grade 36-in. percales in dark and light colors at per yard only.....**10c**

Good grade calicoes in dark and light colors per yard...**5c**

Good heavy grade brown cotton flannel, full width goods at per yard only.....**10c**

Good grade cotton checks for quilt linings, 30 yds...**\$1.00**

Best grade full width 10-4 bleached sheeting at per yard only.....**30c**

Best grade full width 9-4 bleached sheeting at per yard only.....**28c**

Good heavy full width woolnap blankets in dark and light color plaids, per pair only.....**\$2.50**

Big stock of cotton blankets, all weights and sizes, ranging in price from 75c to.....**\$1.50**

Also big line of woolen blankets from \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00 and up to.....**\$8.50**

## REMEMBER NOV. 6 TO 11 INCLUSIVE---MAJESTIC RANGE DEMONSTRATION DAYS

A special salesman from the Great Majestic Factory will be here to explain the superiority of the Great Leading Majestic Range Special days for the children and ladies provided for and a present for all the children on this day. Also nice serviceable souvenirs for the ladies who call in person on Tuesday the 7th. Light Crust Flour Biscuits and Chase and Banbourn Coffee served free throughout the week

# Anchor Mercantile Company

## DISTRESSING RHEUMATISM

How many people, crippled and lame from rheumatism, owe their condition to neglected or incorrect treatment!

It is the exact combination of pure Norwegian Cod Liver Oil with glycerine and hypophosphites as contained in

## SCOTT'S EMULSION



that has made Scott's famous for relieving rheumatism when other treatments have utterly failed.

If you are a rheumatism sufferer, or feel its first symptoms, start on Scott's Emulsion at once. IT MAY BE EXACTLY WHAT YOU NEED.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

J. H. McCartney of Tye was here Saturday with two loads of bulk oats for sale. We did not get the figures but suppose he could have drove home a new automobile with the proceeds of the sale had he wanted to.

Have your friends and neighbors help your child get one of the life-sized dolls at Behrens-McMillen's. Ask them to go in every day and register her name. They won't have to buy any goods, just tell them to register.

J. C. Mason was a visitor from Friday till Monday in Dallas.

Get your feed from Allen & Jones at the Boyce Bldg.

### Cotton Seed For Sale

I have ordered two cars of fine Mebane Triumph cotton seed from Lockhart for planting. Give me your orders. J. C. Mason. 3t2pd.

### Farm Loans

If you want money on your land or to buy a farm it will be to your interest to see me. I represent the best people doing business in Texas. Ask the banks or any farmer. No commissions or fees. Lowest rate of interest. Jno. G. Jackson, Abilene. 3tf

Mrs. J. W. Jennings of Abilene is spending this week with relatives in Merkel.

C. B. Bynum, formerly of the Abilene country, was here Wednesday, but returned to his home as he could not find a rent house. Mr. Bynum hoped to make Merkel his home and will yet if desirable property can be found.

Don't buy anything, just come in and register for your favorite child. Help her win a beautiful doll at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company.

Miss Emma Mae Mashburn of Woodroof's millinery department has been very sick for the past week at the home of her sister Mrs. M. L. Estes in north Merkel. She is reported to be improved at present.

Register your little girl's name early at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co. and then help her get one of the big life-sized dolls.

Mrs. F. E. Smith spent Wednesday in Abilene.

Remember the Millinery Department when visiting the Comegy Sale Saturday, Nov. 4th.

Mrs. Cora Davis of the Parten millinery department was a visitor in Dallas over Sunday.

### No Hunting Here

This is to notify all parties that no hunting will be permitted on my premises. John Sears. 27tf

Family Dr. says:  
Eat Our pure  
Candies.



BUY "YOUR" CANDIES.  
WHY?

1. BECAUSE WE PUT ONLY "PURE" CANDY IN OUR STORE.
2. WE KEEP IT IN GOOD "CONDITION".
3. WE SELL IT FAST AND HAVE IT COMING "FRESH".
4. OUR PURE CANDY IS PURE FOOD; AND,
5. BECAUSE YOU LOVE IT--AND SO DO YOUR FRIENDS. YOU CAN "RELY" ON OUR CANDY.

GRIMES DRUG STORE

Zeb V. Moore still holds the center of the stage for high-priced cotton sales. Even the Joe Higgins thought he was going some when he closed out a bale and the seed at \$169, the lint bringing \$131.66 and the seed \$37.34.

Try a \$1.00 bucket of the celebrated Wamba coffee at G. M. Sharps

Dr. W. B. Foster spent last Sunday and Monday making a first visit to the great Texas Fair.

Half a gallon Good Luck Baking Powder for two bits at E. L. Rogers

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Woodroof, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Duff, their children and Miss Ruby Smith were a motor party to Sweetwater last Sunday.

See James West for good pigs at \$3 each. tf

## ITCH

"Hunt's Cure" is absolutely guaranteed to cure Itch, Scema, Ringworm, Tetter, or any skin disease; or purchase price cheerfully refunded. Sold for 50c the box and guaranteed locally by



## 5TH SUNDAY MEETING

Trent Has Three Days' Session With Good Attendance

### NEW SCHOOL ON WHITE FLAT

Modern Structure to Open Nov. 6 With Three Teachers Employed. Is a Credit to the Instigators

Trent, Texas, Oct. 31st.—The Sweetwater Baptist Association held their fifth Sunday meeting from Friday night over Sunday. Revs. W. T. Hamor, Fry, Millard Jenkins, Burkett and many others from nearby towns were here. The attendance was good and many visitors were present. Preaching was held twice daily up to and including Sunday night and all enjoyed the occasion greatly. Much good was accomplished, the weather being perfect.

Messrs. J. K. P. Winn, J. D. Southworth and W. A. Kerr left last week in an auto for the plains on a prospecting trip.

E. J. Sellers located his immigrant car Monday. He has bought land near Spur and will make that his future home.

D. F. Owens loaded out last week for Stanton. He has bought land further west.

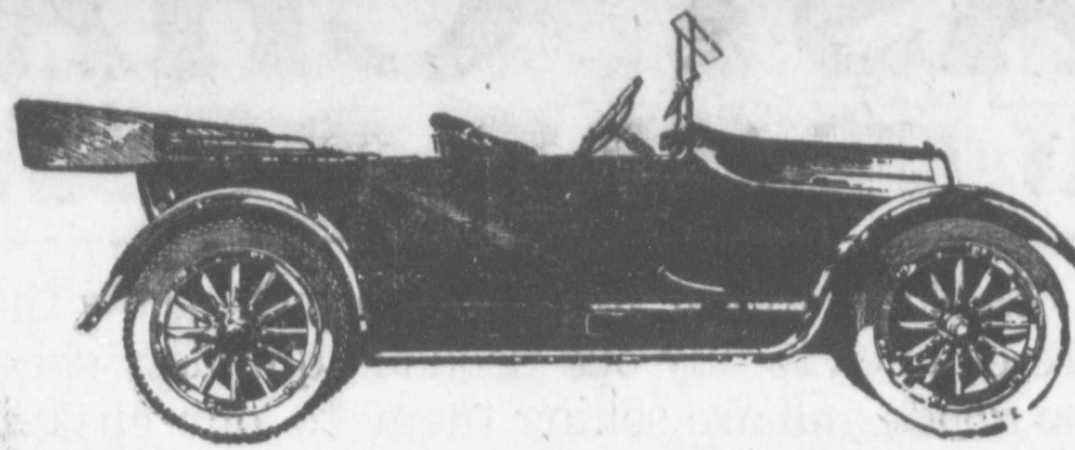
Messrs. J. R. Lawler, E. Howell, W. L. Boyd, and Ed Bowers left Monday for Lamesa, Brownfield and other western points on a prospecting trip. They went in Mr. Lawler's car.

Miss Hattie Winn was taken violently ill Sunday night and was carried to a sanitarium in Abilene Monday where she was operated on for appendicitis. She was accompanied by Dr. Watkins and wife, Mrs. J. A. Brown and daughter, who report her doing nicely.

Mrs. Twyman Collins of Merkel visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Leamon here a few days the past week.

Ed Massey made a business and pleasure trip to Dallas last week.

The new brick school building on White Flat, three and one-half miles west of Trent is nearing completion and is one of the finest specimens of a school building to be found in the county anywhere, being modern in every way and would be a credit to any city. Three teachers have been employed and school starts Nov. 6th. Too much credit cannot be given those who were instrumental in working so hard for it.



31½  
Horsepower  
New Series  
**Overland**  
Model 75 B  
\$635  
Roadster \$620  
F. O. Toledo

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They like its power—it's the world's most powerful low priced car.

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But its roomy seats, deep upholstery and easy riding cantilever springs—

These things make it so amazingly comfortable that people can hardly believe their senses.

You wouldn't think that a small, light, economical, low priced car *could* be so comfortable.

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## OUR MISTAKE

Two weeks ago Messrs. Sharp & Haynes, tailors, and representatives of the Sweetwater Laundry, gave us an ad for the Mail in which their phone number should appear. We came very near getting the ad right and set the phone number 148 when they gave it to us as 184.

As soon as the paper came out S. & H. called our attention to the bust, and we promised to right the wrong in last week's paper. Subscription business was so good we forgot all about Sharp & Haynes' ad, and let it run again with the wrong telephone number of 148 showing therein. The Mail has advanced to \$1.50 now and we are not so busy, and take time to rectify this double mistake, and ask readers to take notice of the fact that the above firm's telephone number is 184.

### Advertised Letters.

Hunt, Bob.  
Purdum, T. J.  
Roads, Lillian.  
Walker, C.  
Wright, Miss Florence.

Mares, Francisco.  
Mares, Esteben.  
Ponce, Cleto.  
Reyes, Isabel.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Nov. 8th, 1916.  
H. C. Williams, P. M.  
Merkel, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Jackson of Abilene visited friends and relatives here Sunday.

H. Peterson, son and wife from Panola county are here visiting their parents.

Mr. Thos. L. Stevens returned from a visit to his mother in Hunt county Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan have moved to town from their place three miles north, in order to send their children to school. Mr. Duncan, or "Dunk" as he is more commonly known, will keep the road hot from here to the old place during the winter months and will batch when occasion demands.

Thos. Causseaux will move from here to Melrose, N. M., at a very early date for his new home.

C. T. Beckham arrived safely home last week from an extended visit in Oklahoma and other parts. On return he came by Dallas to see the fair.

15c to 50c values special Saturday only 10c at J. A. Ducketts

### In Memory of Mr. Roach

Notice was given last week of the death of Geo. W. Roach, the result of injuries sustained when his wagon was struck by the east bound "Sunshine Special" on Thursday. He died on the same day, October 26. He was born in Georgia, February 5, 1853, thus having attained an age of more than 63 years.

Mr. Roach was married to Mahaley Abercrombie Nov. 24, 1881. He leaves his companion and four children: Messrs. S. K. Roach of Groom, Carson county, Texas, G. W. Roach Jr. of Pampa, Gray county, Texas, and I. A. Roach of Abilene, Texas, and Miss Mayner Roach of this city. He has one brother and three sisters: Mr. W. H. Roach of this city, Mrs. Jas. Smith and Mrs. Jno. Smith, both of Rising Star and Mrs. Mary Bollard of May, Texas. All of these attended the funeral, also a nephew, Walter Smith, and a niece, Mrs. Ben Laudseth, both of Rising Star, and another nephew, R. D. Allen of this city, were present, also the wife and baby of G. W. Roach Jr. were present. The funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. Hubert E. Bullock, and the body was laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery at a late hour Friday, having awaited the arrival of relatives. In spite of the late hour the funeral was well attended and the floral offering was profuse which evidenced the high regard in which the deceased was held by the community.

Mr. Roach came to Texas in 1881, living first in McClelland county, then in other places, but for several years had been a citizen of Taylor county and resided near Abilene. He moved to Merkel less than a year ago, but was among us long enough that we realize we have lost a splendid citizen, a good man. His family and other relatives have the sincere sympathy of the entire community. The deceased professed christianity, and we "sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."

Hubert E. Bullock.

### Feed Stuffs on Hand

You will find us stocked with all sorts of feed stuffs at all times if it can be had. We are expecting a car of ear corn now. Anchor Mercantile Co.

Have you seen the big values at J. A. Ducketts on sale Saturday for only 10c

## New Skirts FOR LADIES AND MISSES

We have something very new and nifty to offer you this week in ladies and misses skirts. We have them in blue and black serges, poplins, plaids and stripes, all excellent values, for

\$4 \$5 \$6.50 \$8.50



## Ladies Suits

Another big shipment came in this week, a beautiful line of serges, poplins, diagonals and basket weaves; all popular priced.

\$15.00 \$16.50 \$18.50 and up

## Mid-Season MILLINERY

Our millinery department presents this week something new in Mid-Season Hats. **BUY NOW** while you have a big assortment to select from.

## Hart Schaffner & Marx SUITS FOR MEN

We still have a well selected line of these popular suits for men. We have the suit you want at the price you want. Dress up now

\$18.50 - \$25.00

## OVERCOATS

It will soon be overcoat time. We have a nice assortment in all the leading models, popular priced

\$12.50, \$15.00 AND UP

## WOODROOFS

## FIVE A.M. AND THE FIRE IS-OUT



### Wow! Cold as the Dickens!

Why do you put up with such a nuisance? You don't have to if you furnish your house with a

## Cole's Original Hot Blast

You build only one fire each winter. It is never out from fall till spring.

You get up and dress in rooms warmed with fuel put in the night before. This is not possible with other stoves. Burns anything—soft coal, hard coal or wood.

Come in and see this great fire keeper and fuel saver.

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