



# THE MERKEL MAIL



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## ROADBUILDERS PLAN GIVEN IMPETUS

Mass Meeting Held Last Friday Night—Every Man Present Signs Petition.

Last Saturday night about 50 of the leading citizens of Merkel and nearby surrounding country met at the Commercial Club rooms to look into the matter of calling a bond election for the purpose of constructing the Texarkana-El Paso highway from Tye to the west part of the county.

T. A. Johnson acted as chairman, calling the meeting to order. After speaking briefly in favor of the proposition, he introduced the speaker of the evening, Judge Overshiner, who said in part:

"I have noticed that the people of this section have always lined up on all good propositions except on good roads. I have always believed that if the people here thoroughly understood the road proposition, they would build the roads. It takes hard surface roads to maintain the mode of traffic today. We do not advocate expensive roads. Engineers say that west of Abilene you have got the best gravel to be found anywhere, and all of it is on an average of a two-mile haul. We propose the construction of a 16-foot gravel roadway and on each side of it an 8-foot dirt road. Such a road will be passable 365 days in the year. Where pike roads have been built, you can never find a farmer that is opposed to them. To say that we don't stand for good roads is to say that we don't stand for progress. To get good roads we have got to spend some money. You have seen towns die because they did not have good roads, but you never saw one die because they had them. I do not ask any man to vote for a bond issue unless he thinks it a good thing. We can not build a gravel road around every farm. We have got to have a starting place.

"There is only one way to have roads and that is to convince the people of their value. Since we have organized the State Highway Commission, we have laid out about eight main highways. The roads are planned from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The states are co-operating to make the roads continuous. In order to have the State highway you have got to have the co-operation of the counties. Your federal government funds can not be expended upon anything but a State highway. This is Highway No. 1, which means that it will be the first to be completed.

"If you vote for \$20,000 bonds they can not run longer than 50 years. You must vote 5 per cent interest, which is \$1000 the first year, and this sum added to \$666 to be paid on the principal each year, would make a total of \$1666 the first year, with a decrease every year after. If you have a valuation of \$2,000,000, it will be 7 cents on the \$100 the first year, with a decrease every year afterwards. I don't think the tax will be over 5 cents on the \$100.

"This is a federal appropriation and can only be used on this road. It will have to be built under the supervision of the federal authorities. There is no room for graft. Your automobile tax money can only be spent on the upkeep of the State Highway after it is built according to specifications.

Mr. Johnson said: "The taxes for this precinct amount to about \$10,000 a year for road purposes. This entire amount will be released for use on other roads in the precinct."

The climax of the meeting was reached when T. J. Toombs arose and said he thought this the

most reasonable proposition he had ever seen. For the people to only raise \$20,000 federal aid and then be in position to obtain the automobile tax money for the upkeep of the road sounded mighty good to him. He said there is no doubt of the measure carrying if only the committee appointed would get out and see the people, explaining the proposition to them.

Three committees were appointed to circulate the petitions of which Messrs. Toombs and Rainbolt of Merkel and Scott of Trent are chairmen.

The schools in Merkel have been dismissing school on bad days at one o'clock. This is a wise measure and the officials in charge are to be complimented upon their wisdom. While the children are kept in over a long stretch of time, they get nearly as much instruction as on other days, and then are not subjected to the weather. As a result very little sickness has been reported on the part of the children. Often in wet or cold weather, an epidemic of colds, croup, etc., break into the schools, but the local schools have avoided this menace. These troubles are often contracted by exposure at recess by returning to the room with wet or cold feet, etc. The grades are being made, the school is well equipped, and is expecting 14½ units of credit in a short time.

### Big Rabbit Hunt.

A big rabbit hunt will be held at Smith next Tuesday, beginning at 9 o'clock. The rabbits will be sold and the proceeds will go to the Red Cross. Everybody is invited to attend.

### BRITTON ANNOUNCES FOR WEIGHER

W. R. Britton, who resides about five miles northeast of Merkel, has announced as a candidate for cotton weigher at Merkel. Mr. Britton has lived in this vicinity for over twelve years and has a large acquaintance all over this district. He is a Christian gentleman in whom chastened honor dwells. He says he is going into the race to win and before the day of election will endeavor to see personally every voter in this district. We bespeak for him due consideration on the part of the voters.

### J. L. MINGUS FOR COUNTY CLERK

The Merkel Mail is this week carrying the announcement of J. L. Mingus as a candidate for the office of County Clerk of Taylor County.

Mr. Mingus has been an Abilene citizen for fourteen years, during which time he has been so intimately connected with the larger business enterprises of the city that he is exceptionally well known. Prior to coming here he was for ten years engaged in county clerk work.

In Abilene, first with Morgan Weaver Company, later with Campbell's and for the past two years with Minter Dry Goods Company, Mr. Mingus has installed efficient bookkeeping system for above firms, a work that enables him to declare himself fully capable of systemizing and handling the job as county clerk here.

"I want to give the Taylor county people an administration they will long be proud of" said Mr. Mingus in making his announcement.

### SHORTHAND CLASS GOING

The shorthand class started off with much interest shown. The class will meet again next Monday afternoon at 4:30, and any one wishing to take will please meet with the class on next Monday.

Call at Merkel Mail office.

Fresh shipment typewriter ribbons just received at Merkel Mail office.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

All ads in this department will be 1 cent per word for each time

**STEAM VULCANIZING**—Modern equipment, experienced, work guaranteed. Location in building with Henry Rose. E. B. Robbins.

**FOR RENT**—Have two farms for rent to parties that can furnish themselves. S. F. Haynes.

**WANTED HANDS**—To pull cotton bolls. S. F. Haynes.

**FOR RENT**—Choice business building, 50x65 feet; rent reasonable, on best business street. Full details at Merkel Mail office.

**FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN**—5-room box and stripped house, each room 14x14. R. D. Tyler. tfe

**WANTED**—Second hand visible typewriter, Remington preferred. Write Mrs. R. D. Nelson, 72 Ave. A, Denton, Texas.

**Notice To Customers:** On and after this date we will sell feed for strictly cash, so please do not ask us to charge it.

In ordering feed over the phone for delivery, please have cash ready to pay delivery boy as these rules will be strictly adhered to without and exceptions whatever.

ANCHOR MERCANTILE CO.

**FOR RENT**—C. W. Young home, 8-room, near school building, all conveniences—also 31 acres will rent with place or separate. Roy Quattlebaum, Phone 411, Abilene, Tex. 184c

**NOTICE TO FORD OWNERS**—You will in the future find me at Merkel Motor Co., where I am prepared to do all kinds of Ford work. First door south of Star Store. Len Sublett. 19J4c.

**SERVICE**—Durham male at Southside Livery Barn. R. L. Bland.

**FOR SALE**—New wagon, new buggy, new set of leather harness, good gentle work horse, a dandy good mule and a lot of farming implements. Worth the money. Cash or good notes. E. D. Coats. 25tfc

**WANTED**—100 head of cattle to pasture, good shinary protection plenty of sage grass and fine water. Phone or write Joe Carter, Hawley, Texas. 25t2c.

I am now employed by The Merkel Motor Co., who are equipped to do all kinds of Ford work. Will also be glad to do electrical work on other makes of cars. Lin Sublett. 18t3c

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OUR RATES

For District offices	\$8.00
For County offices	8.00
For Precinct offices	6.00
For City offices	3.00
Subscription price, 1 year	1.00
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- For Clerk District Court  
J. N. Routh
- For County Clerk:  
H. Holland Teaff.  
Henry R. Hicks.  
J. D. Hilton  
J. L. Mingus
- For Sheriff:  
J. T. Dodson.  
John Bond.
- For County Treasurer:  
Austin Fitts.
- For Commissioner, Precinct 2:  
J. M. Toombs.  
T. R. Lassiter.  
Sam Butman, Jr.  
J. L. Banner.
- For Public Weigher at Merkel:  
J. M. Garrett.  
H. M. Mayfield.  
James Patterson, Jr.  
W. R. Britton

## HIGH SCHOOL IN THE FIRST CLASS

Merkel High School Reach Coveted Goal—Chief Supervisor McDonald Writes—14½ Units Possible.

In a letter received from J. F. McDonald, chief supervisor of Public Schools, Austin, says, the Merkel High School is placed in first-class and 14½ units are recommended. This is of the greatest encouragement to the faculty, to the student body and to the patrons. It is the goal that Superintendent Parker and his able corps of teachers have long desired. Truly the school is rapidly rising in efficiency. Other progressive moves are under way, and in another year or so no High School in Texas will rank above the Merkel High School. Every one should be proud of the work accomplished. This report is based upon the observation made by L. E. Dudley, visitor of public high schools, State Department of Education, a couple of weeks ago.

Mr. McDonald's letter to Superintendent Parker and J. S. Swann, chairman of the School Board, is as follows:

January, 21, 1918.—The Merkel high school has made substantial progress toward standardization during the present session. The tax rendition of the district has been raised, thereby assuring sufficient funds for a nine months public term, as well as for needed equipment. Adequate maps and charts for both elementary and high school have been provided; the laboratory has been equipped; new books have been added to the library and the library room supplied with suitable furniture a sanitary water system is being installed at a cost of approximately \$400; and facilities for all kinds of outdoor sports, usually participated in by high school students, have been secured.

The supervisor visited the school on the day following a six-inch snow and was pleased to learn that the attendance was not interfered with on that account.

As has been the case in many other schools this year, the draft has necessitated a change of teachers. A supply teacher was taking the place of the principal, and teaching science. A new principal was expected soon who

it is hoped, will be allowed to remain until the close of school.

Merkel possesses a school building that is a credit to the town. It needs, however, to be furnished with appropriate teachers' desks. Also departments of domestic science and art ought to be equipped as soon as possible.

**Recommendations:**  
1. That another teacher be employed to assist in the elementary school: fifty pupils in seventh grade are too many for one teacher.

2. That standard teacher's desks be purchased for each room in keeping with the building.

3. That additional supplementary English anthologies for the high school library be purchased. See Bulletin 55.

4. That the books suitable for each grade be placed in the respective rooms. Each room should have at hand a minimum of \$25 worth of well chosen books.

5. THAT THE SCHOOL BE RANKED AS AN UNCONDITIONAL HIGH SCHOOL OF THE FIRST CLASS.

6. THAT, CONDITIONED UPON THE WRITTEN WORK IN THE VARIOUS SUBJECTS TO BE SUBMITTED PROVING SATISFACTORY TO THE EXAMINERS, THE FOLLOWING UNITS OF AFFILIATION BE GRANTED:

ENGLISH	3
HISTORY	4
MATHEMATICS	3
LATIN	3
PHYSICS	1
PHYSIOGRAPHY	½

## UNLAWFUL TO HOARD SUPPLIES

People Who Sell and Those Who Buy Too Heavy Subject To Law Penalty

Houston, Texas, Jan. 19, 1918. TO WHOLESALE GROCERS: Your attention is called to the following rule covering the sale of flour:

"Flour in town and cities should be sold in eighth to quarter barrel quantities; in rural and farm communities in quarter to half barrel quantities."

"In spite of the fact that this rule has been effective since December 19, 1917, there are coming to me many reports where merchants are selling and people are buying in quantities sufficient to last two, three and four, and even up to eight months."

This is a direct violation of rule 8, page 17 of Rules and regulations which reads as follows: "No licensee manufacturing wheat or rye flour, or dealing in wheat or rye flour, shall sell or deliver any such flour to any person knowing that such sale or delivery will give a person a supply thereof in excess of his reasonable requirements for use or sale by him during the period of thirty days, next succeeding the delivery thereof."

Any violations of the above rule will come under Section 6 of the food law of August 10, 1917 as follows:

"That any person who willfully hoards any necessities shall upon conviction thereof be fined not exceeding \$5,000 or be imprisoned for not more than two years, or both. Necessaries shall be deemed to be hoarded within the meaning of this Act when either held, contracted for, or arranged for by any person in a quantity in excess of his reasonable requirements for use or consumption by himself and dependents for a reasonable time."

The above applies to the purchaser and to consumer. Penal Code of United States, Section 37.

"If two or more persons con-

spire either to commit any offense against the United States, or to defraud the United States in any manner or for any purpose, and one or more of such parties do any act to effect the object of conspiracy, each of the parties to such conspiracy shall be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned not more than two years, or both."

The above applies to the merchant who sells food commodities knowingly in excessive quantities.

It is the duty of every consumer who, unknowingly, has purchased an excessive supply of flour or any other commodity, to return all of said commodity, over and above his requirements of thirty (30) days, to the retailer from whom he purchased same.

The retailer must take his surplus back at the same price at which it was sold and re-distribute it according to the rules and regulations of the U. S. Food Administration, without any advance in price.

If any purchaser refuses to turn back his surplus, then the retailer should in form me and it will be my duty to see that the purchaser does turn back his surplus or be tried under the laws of the country. The entire force of the Department of Justice is available to the United States Food Administration requests.

As I have no way in which to reach all retailers throughout the state it is your duty to see that each and every customer on your books is furnished with a copy of this letter; also to keep your salesman well informed as to the rules and regulations, so that he in turn can be constantly impressing upon your retail trade the absolute necessity of observing the rules and regulations of the U. S. Food Administration. E. A. PENDEN, Federal Food Administrator for Texas.

## A BARGAIN GOOD ROAD AT ONE-HALF PRICE

Not Ordinary Kind—But A Real Macadamized Road—Apply To Uncle Sam.

Who among us ever saw such an offer? Not one, nor will we ever see it again if we fail to support the movement now before the people of this special district, out lined by the good road boosters of our locality. We know it is difficult for some folks especially those who look upon all bond issues as political graft, to make up their minds to fall in line with this movement. But we believe when they properly understand that they are only paying one-half and getting a bond issue, the proceeds of which will be disbursed under the supervision of the Federal government, they will feel more kindly toward this bond issue. We know it could not be a matter of taxation that would cause men to oppose it, for the rate of taxation to be applied to \$20,000, which is the amount asked for, would be so small a sum there could hardly be an objection. P. L. McClary

## THE WOODMEN PATRIOTIC

The Merkel Woodmen Lodge at a recent meeting voted to purchase war stamps to the amount of \$200. This is a splendid move in these calamitous war times. Gradually every surplus dollar is crawling out of its hole for investment in the grim business of carrying on the war.

## Success Of Italians

Rome, Jan. 29.—Italian troops made heavy attacks yesterday on the Northern front, breaking the enemy lines, the war office reports. The Italian and allied artillery dispersed the enemy reinforcements.

The Italians took more than 1,500 prisoners and twelve enemy airplanes were brought down.

Statement of Condition  
**The Farmers State Bank**  
 Merkel, Texas

At Close of Business Dec. 31, 1917

RESOURCES

Loans .....	\$241,224.22
Banking House.....	9,400.00
Furniture and Fixtures ..	3,950.00
Liberty Bonds and Thrift	
Stamps .....	2,817.11
Interest in Guar. Fund....	3,003.57
<b>CASH &amp; EXCHANGE.....</b>	<b>128,507.98</b>
Total .....	\$388,902.88

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock .....	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus Fund and Profits	
(Earned) .....	33,697.66
<b>DEPOSITS .....</b>	<b>320,205.22</b>
Total .....	\$388,902.88

The above statement is correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier.

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Texas is surely going dry. The end of social beer parties are in sight. Kentucky is fast losing her reputation, and to think that the climax threatens at a time when the drouth has played havoc in the West, limiting the supply of ready cash that otherwise might have provided for a year's supply.

The food laws are going to be enforced, and wise is the man whose sense of propriety and deeprooted loyalty dictates his compliance with their intent. Uncle Sam wants to feed the fighting strength of the allies with flour, and those of us who are not called upon to go ought to be satisfied with corn bread and water, if need be.

The road bond issue it taking well. Nearly every one is signing the petition. No one is asked to sign who will not support the measure. It appeals. No voter who has thought the matter over from a business standpoint, to our knowledge, has opposed it.

The recent fire that visited our town laid two nice buildings right in the heart of our little city in ruins. It was hoped that they would be rebuilt promptly, but time continues to move on, leaving the ashen heap to demar the beautiful semetery of our nicest business block.

Doubtless the owners of this site have received their insurance. Doubtless they have confidence in Merkel, else they would not have purchased the buildings in the first place. Now would it not be the nice thing, the right thing, the helpful thing to do to come forth and build

now and build better than before?

Surely this site will not be left to become an eyesore, suggesting to the world the lack of confidence in this thriving city. Had we not experienced a dry spell, the buildings would have been replaced at once. To rebuild now would help to liven up things, which is so much needed at a time like this.

Mrs. V. E. Browning and child have come to Merkel, to make their home with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Browning, her husband being with the army in France.

Wm. L. Diltz, Jr. and Luther Grimes of Merkel are back on duty with the Ambulance Company 360, having served several months in connection with the Special Board.

John R. Coomer, Battery C, 345 th Regiment Field Artillery, Camp Travis, Texas, was promoted from Lance Corporal to Corporal January 9, 1918. Corporal Coomer is from Merkel, Texas.

George A. Smith from Merkel was made a Corporal the same day. Corporal Smith is one of the players on Battery C's baseball team which has not been defeated this season.

E. P. Beene has just returned from a convention of several hundred salemen fo the Gulf Refining Company at the Rice Hotel at Houston. Mr. Beene reports a splendid trip. This is the first annual meeting the company has had for two years, on account of the war.

**\$100 Reward, \$100**

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

Dee Meeks and sister of Blair entered school here last Tuesday

Expecting car of war flour and feed. Bob Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Matthes, of Abilene, were visitors in Merkel Tuesday.

Car of bulk seed oats coming. See Bland and Jones.

Corporal Edgar A. Breeze, of Camp Bowie, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Jacob Foster, Rt. 1.

Expecting car of war flour and feed. Bob Martin.

Paul Turner, Frank O'Briant, Brit Baker, Corporal Edger Breezes, Jas Brown and Emmett Grimes were the soldier boys in town this week.

Car of bulk seed oats coming. See Bland and Jones.

Tom Blair, who has been in Alabama and notheast Texas for the past five months returned home last week.

FOR RENT—Cheap. Wagon Yard with water conveniences, good lots, Camp house, stable, Feed barn.—See A.C. Boney tfe

Winslow J. Beckham joined the medical navy and is now in Newport, R. I. He joined on January 3. After being gone 17 days he wrote his mother 18 letters, one telegram and a telephone message.

Several cars of frost bitten corn have been shipped from the North into Merkel the past fall, such a car having arrived the past week and was turned down by J. T. Browning.

**That Terrible Headache.**  
 Do you have periodic attacks of headache accompanied by sickness of the stomach or vomiting a sallow skin and dull eyes? If so, you can get quick relief by taking Chamberlain's Tablets as directed for biliousness, and you observe the directions with each package.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

Miss Ruby Jones is visiting relatives in Snyder.

Car of bulk seed oats coming. See Bland and Jones.

Mr. S. A. Coats reports most of his family having been sick the past week, but all improving now.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Yates, of Wichita Falls, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Yates parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Coats.

Corporal Will V. Brown of Camp Bowie has received information to the effect that he may soon expect to be promoted to sergeant.

Brit Baker, who has been visiting home folks returned to Camp Bowie Tuesday. Mr. Baker said his company is expecting to be called out any day.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cypert, of Baird, were visitors at the home of his parents, Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert last Saturday and Sunday.

Elder Cypert will preach on Sunday morning at 11 and Sunday night at 7, at the Christian Church.

Mrs. M. V. Mitchell, who has been visiting her daughter, and family, Mrs. McSpadden several months has returned to her home in Cisco.

**GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER**

has been a household remedy all over the civilized world for more than half a century for constipation, intestinal troubles, torpid liver and the generally depressed feeling that accompanies such disorders. It is a most valuable remedy for indigestion or nervous dyspepsia and liver trouble, bringing on headache, coming up of food, palpitation of heart, and many other symptoms. A few doses of August Flower will relieve you. It is a gentle laxative. Sold by Grimes Drug Store, 30 and 90 cent bottles.

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Effective February 1, 1918

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100 lbs. and less than 300 lbs. 50c per 100 lbs.  
300 lbs. and less than 900 lbs. 45c per 100 lbs.

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Less than 300 lbs without coupons 75c per 100 lbs.  
300 lbs. or more 40c per 100 lbs.  
All deliveries cash sales 3/4c per pound

NO SALES LESS THAN 10c

On account of the enormous advance in manufacturing—such as fuel, amonia, labor, etc., it is necessary to make this small advance. You will note that in most cases the advance is not more than 5c per 100 lbs., if use the coupons.

**MERKEL ICE COMPANY**

Phone 202 W. A. McSpadden, Mgr.

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Stock Selling at 10c a Share

\$20 buys 200 shares; \$50 buys 500 shares; \$100 buys 1000 shares. If desired, send 2c a share cash and 2c per share each month. Five per cent discount for all cash.

☐ Figure what it means if it advances to \$1.00 or \$10.00 as others have done.

☐ Our holdings are in Wyoming, Oklahoma, Kansas, Kentucky, Colorado, Texas, where wells produce as high as 10,000 barrels daily. One 100-barrel well will pay \$72,000.00 a year, which would enable us to pay 4 per cent a month dividends on stock issued, as 50 per cent of net profits are to be paid in dividends to stockholders.

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### Merkel Wins Over Abilene High

The Merkel High School Basketball team went to Abilene Friday, January 25th, to meet the Abilene High School Team for the first time this season. The game was played on the latter court with a final score of 42 to 22 in Merkel's favor. It was the first game the Merkel boys have played under their new coach, but he believes the county championship will be won by this team.

The line up for Merkel was: Hugh McRee, Captain and left forward; Willie Stephens, right forward; Alius Wilkins, Center; Russel Pike, Right guard; Doyel Garrett, Left guard; Minor Burns, Suf; Roy Holmes, Suf;

Abilene lineup was: Henry Hall, Capt. and left forward; Charles Bradshaw, right forward; Fred Harkrider, Center; Guy Ligon, Right guard; Maldo Schoettle, Left guard; Emmett Keeling, Richard Copeland, Lee Dodge, David Pordue, Roy Dodge, Subs.

Every patron and citizen of Merkel should be proud of the team, and it is hoped that when the score of this game is compared with the score of the last game played this season that this victory will appear small and in the commplace

### ANSWER THE CALL Merkel People Have Found That This Is Necessary

A cold, a strain a sudden wrench,  
A little cause may hurt the kidneys.

Spells of backache often follow,  
Or some irregularity of the urine.

A splendid remedy for such attacks.

A medicine that has satisfied thousands.

Is Doan's Kidney Pills.  
Thousands of people rely upon it.

Here is one case:  
C. E. Jordan, stock dealer, Winters, Texas says: "Several years ago I had kidney complaint and suffered a great deal with rheumatic pains. The kidney secretions passed irregularly. I heard about Dan's Kidney Pills and used them. Doan's gave satisfactory results and I am glad to recommend them."

Price 60¢, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Jordan had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo N. Y. Adv

### TO BUY SEED

The Commercial Club has appointed a committee to look after the purchase of seeds needed in this part of the country. As about 2500 bushels of cotton seed were found stored in Merkel, it was decided that it would be best not to order any more for the present. A party will be sent to the plains at once with a view to a purchase of a carred maize, one of fetereta and a large amount of cane seed.

It is urged that the farmers place their orders with the Commercial Club at once. Several orders came in the past week, but not enough to justify optimistic action on the part of the committee. Good grain seed are very scarce and if much time is required, orders may be mighty hard to fill. The Commercial Club is anxious to serve the farmers with good seed at cost, if they will only place their orders early.

### Reason Enthroned.

Because meats are so tasty they are consumed in great excess. This leads to stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. Revise your diet, let reason and not a pampered appetite control, then take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be well again. Try it.

Fred Harrel of Merkel has been promoted from 3rd class musician to 2nd class musician in the Ert F. A. Band. Fred plays alto in that organization.

He was a telegrapher in the employment of the Union Pacific Railroad at Omaha, Nebraska, before he joined the colors.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head  
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 30c.

### RED CROSS NIGHT SESSION

The ladies of the Red Cross have organized a night session for the ladies of the town who are deprived the opportunity of working at the Red Cross in the day. They will work two nights a week, Tuesday and Thursday nights, and all who can do so will meet at the Red Cross rooms on these nights from 6:30 to 10 o'clock. The women will still meet every afternoon as usual. A great work is being done by the Red Cross of our town, and all who can should put their shoulder to the wheel and do their bit for the boys who are serving our country.

A young man from the Camp said the Red Cross had been a great friend to the boys in providing covers for them. He said most of the boys had plenty of cover now since the Red Cross had supplied them with so many quilts.

### Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's.

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### League Program For February 3

Christian Duty and Privilege.  
Leader Miss Lorena Dry.

Song.  
Scripture, Ps. CXIX, 9—16,  
Loyce Dry.

Duet, Misses Dry and Thomas Prayer.

Benefit to Yourself, Burdon Smith.

Benefit to Others, Roy Tucker.

Song.  
Results of Bible Reading, Evelyn Hamm

Song.

### Indigestion.

Take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets as directed for indigestion, and you will soon forget about your stomach troubles. Try it.

Our Methodist folks expect a great day next Sunday. Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh of Abilene, our presiding Elder, will be present and fill the pulpit at 11 o'clock and at 7:15 A. M. also. He should have a large audience—and he will. Come; You; All of you.

Please let every Sunday School teacher, touch every one of their pupils between this notice and Saturday night—We desire your cooperation in this important matter—let us have a full school Sunday morning. Let all those who are expecting to be received into the Church be present Sunday morning.

You should see our splendid body of young people gather in their League Sundays at 4 p. m. They are a great force.

C. S. Cameron Pastor.  
Earnest Rodgers Supt.

### FAREWELL RECEPTION TO REV. OWEN AND FAMILY

A farewell reception was tendered Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Owen and family at the Baptist church last Monday evening. A large crowd was in attendance. The following program was rendered:

Prayer, Mr. Howard; selection by orchestra; duet, Misses Campbell and Thomas; "The Pastorless Church," E. N. Brown Piano solo, Miss Lula Sharp; vocal solo, Mrs. Lytton Howard; "Our Departing Pastor", Rev. Dodd; response, Rev. Owen; selection by orchestra; song by all, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

Following the program an informal reception was held, at the beginning of which Mr. Howard presented the retiring pastor with a check for \$25, donated from the congregation. Diplomas were given Mrs. Owen and Miss Callie Lou, who have completed a couple of books in the Sunday School study course.

Rev. Owen and family are leaving for his new field of endeavor at Petrolia. The best wishes and prayers of his congregation here go with them.

Mrs. J. T. Browning has returned home from an extended visit to Arkansas, where she visited her parents and attended the marriage of her sister.

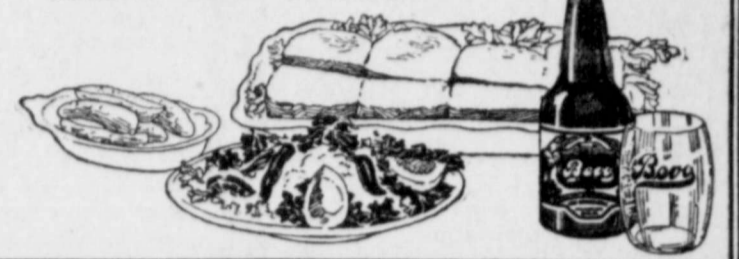
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Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

At The Methodist Parsonage.

Last Monday evening Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Cameron, entertained the official Board of the church and their wives with a few other members of the church, at the parsonage, "their home", in a social and business meeting.

The official board attended in full, not an absent member. Number of important questions in all departments concerning the upbuilding and progress of the church were discussed, especially public worship. The Sunday School and the pastors salary, the amount of salary to be paid having been delayed for various reasons until this meeting.

Mr. Rainbolt, the president of the board, presented these questions in a most pleasing and business like manner, asking each and every member to take part in the discussions, and it was unanimously agreed that a more harmonious meeting had not been held in many moons. That one of the notable things of the evening—harmony, unity of mind, heart and thought, "an altogether pull" for the progress of the church. To a listener it did a fellow good to hear these problems discussed in such a genial spirit.

The fixing of the amount of the preachers salary and the best methods for the paying of same was one of the most important to come before the board. There was no pulling back, no retrograding, no indication of reducing the salary of former years and of former pastors, that of \$500.00. All were optimistic "despite the fact of drouth conditions", for the future welfare and upbuilding of the church and expressing a hope that this year would be the most prosperous since its organization.

The preacher and chairman were well pleased at the progress being made for the support of the preacher and the taking care of the general expenses of the church.

Rev. Cameron has been here only a short time but has accomplished much in many ways and the church, under his leadership is awakening to its duty, and all are of one common mind and aim of success.

At the conclusion of the business session refreshments were served.

Those present "members of the board": Messrs Rainbolt, H. C. Williams, J. T. Browning, Dr. Armstrong, Mr. Dry, Seth Hamilton, T. G. Bragg, Joe Harris, John Bond, Mr. Cox, Mr. Hargroves and Mr. Tucker, Rev. C. S. Cameron, others C. E. Connor and J. J. Shelton, Mesdames, Rainbolt, Shelton, Connor, Bond Harris, Cox, Tucker, and Cameron.

We have no report from the ladies, as to the questions discussed, whether it was Church or state peace or was pro or anti, or woman suffrage or what but the gentlemen decided it was a success for each and all of them talked one and at the same time. Invite us again preacher. One Present.

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Miss Ruth Holoway entertained a number of friends at her home last Friday night. Forty-two and various other games were enjoyed. Many musical selections were gladly rendered by a number of the young ladies present. Refreshments of Cake and Chocolate were served to the following: Misses Maurine Cobb, Ina Faye Barbee, Eula Mae Ayers, Deei Sharp, Palace Meeks, Hettie Wills, Eura Allen, Lillie Ayers, and Ruth Holloway, Messrs Joe Holmes, Preston Guthery, Newton Cobb, Harry Merritt, T. B. Brown, Hollie Haynes

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#### A Correction.

In our last week's issue, in giving data relative to the tragic death of Mr. Hodges, we had his initials as C. G., when they should have been G. C. The information handed us was to the effect that he was a member of the Kale Methodist church, when in fact he was a member of the Hebron Baptist Church.

Mr. Hodge was married last May to Miss May Bush, of Avoca, who survives him.

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#### OBITUARY

Willie Leo Miller was born September 19, 1894, in Taylor County, Texas. Departed this life December 7, 1917. Age 23 years, 2 months and 18 days. He was the son of W. E. and Stella Miller. He was converted at the age of 18 and joined the Missionary Baptist Church. He was a devoted son and brother, a consistent Christian and a regular attendant at Sunday School. He enlisted in the Army September 20, 1917. He contracted pneumonia while in Camp Bowie at Ft. Worth, Texas, and died while there. Some of the last words he said to his mother before he left home were, "Mamma I shall be as near God there as here." He died with a prayer on his lips. He leaves a father, mother, sister and brothers, besides other relatives and friends to mourn his departure, but though we miss him he has gone on to a brighter land where tears and sorrows are no more. His grandmother, Sallie Reid.

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#### W. A. HALL

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and brethren of Merkel Lodge, No. 710, A. F. and A. M.

We your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of brother W. A. Hall, beg to submit the following:

Whereas, it has pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in his infinite wisdom to remove from among us our dear brother, W. A. Hall, and to transplant him as a member of that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides; Therefore, be it resolved by Merkel Lodge, A. F. and A. M. that in the death of our brother, this lodge has lost a worthy member; one who lived and practiced the true principles of our order, and in his every day life was a living example of those great tenets, Faith, Hope and Charity; having faith in God, Hope in immortality and Charity toward all man kind.

While we drop a sympathetic tear for his bereaved ones, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and leave in his hands the soul of our deceased brother. Be it Further, Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy delivered to the family of our deceased brother and a copy handed to the Merkel Mail, for publication; and that the members of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

#### Committee.

W. W. Wheeler  
N. D. Cobb  
R. M. Parker.

#### Getting Rid Of Colds

The easiest and quickest way to get rid of a cold is to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This preparation has been in use for many years and its value fully proven. No matter what remedy you use however, care must be taken not to contract a second cold before you have recovered from the first one, and there is serious danger of this. A man of middle age or older should go to bed and stay in bed, until fully recovered. It is better to stay in bed three days at the stark than three weeks later on.

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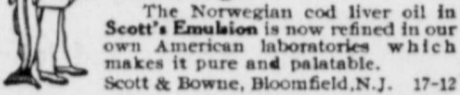
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#### UNION RIDGE

The warmer weather has given me a little more courage. I have thought for several days I would not be able to thaw my ink but am thankful to say it is in a fluid form once more.

Miss Floell Barnett has been out of school for several days keeping house while her mother is with sick relatives in Merkel.

Mr. Lester, of near Trent spent Saturday and Sunday with J. R. Pee. Mr. Pee came to this country in 1888 and Mr. Lester in 1889. They have known each other ever since they came.

Messrs Mason Pee and Judson McRee were in Abilene last Friday. They saw the Merkel Abilene and Simmons Howard Payne ball games while there.

Mr. Hubert Hains has been sick for several days with grip and a light attack of pneumonia.

Guy Ely entered school Monday morning. We are glad to have the older boys coming to school.

J. R. Pee was in bed Monday with a severe cold.

Messrs J. M. Dunn and D. I. Shelton were in Merkel Monday.

Ask W. A. Hains if he has enough maize seed to plant his crop.

Kenneth Pee delivered his beef cattle at a fair price Monday. Mr. Pee has been dealing very extensively in cattle for some time.

The Mother's Club met Friday afternoon, but on account of cold weather and sickness the attendance was small.

Bro. Carpenter the Methodist Pastor of Union Ridge, visited in the home of Mr. Arch Harris Friday night.

I am glad to say my wash boiler has returned after some days of absence.

Mrs. W. A. Harris has been suffering with a very severe cold for several days.

Two of H. C. Barnett's family were sick the latter part of last week.

Some of the visitors in Merkel Saturday were: D. I. Shelton, N. A. Armstrong, J. R. Pee, McRee and Judson, Mason, Cyrus Pee, W. A. Hains, Joe Douglas and Mr. Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Pike were on the sick list last week.

If I have failed to report the sickness of anyone it is because I failed to remember it when I was writing.

The Kale School would like to have a game with any school in class B. who think they have any chance of the county championship.

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- Beasley, Mrs. J. D.
- Beasley, R. J.
- Beasley, Mrs. R. J.
- Bonnie, J. S.
- Britain, E. E.
- Barnett, J. R.
- Barbee Miss Evelyn
- Bond, Mrs. J. S.
- Burns, Mrs. A. U.
- Burns, Minor
- Butler, Mrs. W. D.
- Boden, Mrs. O. B.
- Briggs, Mrs. J. W.
- Browning, A. C.
- Black, B. M.
- Cordell, E. H.
- Cogburn, W. D.
- Cobb, Miss Maurine.
- Collins, T. E.
- Collins, Mrs. T. E.
- Collins, R. H.
- Counts, R. E.
- Cranford, Dr. W. V.
- Cranford, Mrs. W. V.
- Clark, Arthur.
- Comegy, Bill.
- Campbell, Mrs. J. W. Rt. 5.
- Campbell, Mennie, Rt 5.
- Campbell, Addie. Rt 5.
- Caddock, Miss May. Rt. 5.
- Calvert, Mrs. W. C.
- Curtis, Miss Amanda.
- Costephens, Mrs. J. E.
- Cross, Mrs. T. L.
- Cypert, W. G.
- Cogburn, H. D.
- Cox, L. R.
- Coey, Draden.
- Coats, Vernon
- Collins, Mrs. J. A.
- Collins, J. A.
- Campbell H. E.
- Code, Guy.
- Childress, Jesse Wynne
- Campbell, W. A.
- Campbell, Mrs. W. A.
- Conner, Mrs. C. E.
- Conner, C. E.
- Conner, Mrs. R. E.
- Compton, T. F.
- Compton, Mrs. T. F.
- Cox, F. F.
- Cox, W. R.
- Cox, B. F.
- Coats, J. L.
- Campbell, J. W.
- Coats, Roy.
- Cox, G. W.
- Coats, Sidney.
- Coats, D.
- Coats, Mrs. D.
- Campbell, J. B.
- Campbell Mrs. J. B.
- Counts, Joel
- Cox, Roy
- Cole, G. L.
- Cran, Geo.
- Collins, Miss Sadie
- Cade L. R.
- Collins, Jno.
- Counts, Mrs. R. E.
- Campbell, M. E.
- Curb, Mrs. J. R.
- Curb, Sallie.
- Cox, Jake
- Cox, Mrs. Jake
- Cox, Mrs. M. J.
- Comegy, Claude
- Cade, Mrs. L. R.
- Cox, W. T.
- Childress, J. W.
- Ceausseaux, Mrs. Hannie
- Campbell, Miss Ruby
- Costephens, J. E.
- Cypert, Miss Artie
- Cox, L. W.
- Cox, Mrs. L. W.
- To be continued next week.

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#### MULBERRY

Ethel Bird is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin and children spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Billingsley.

Dr. Armstrong was called Monday night to attend Mr. Will Elkins who, is right sick at this writing.

Miss Clara Daniel recieved on the 24th a letter which was mailed in France on Christmas day—it having been on the road one month, lacking one day.

Hamilton Chanck who, has been sick is improving.

Some of the men went wolf hunting one day last week. It was said however, that no wolf found it out.

Miss Intha Bird of Abilene spent several days with her brothers, J. H. and W. T. Bird.

Mrs. Aron Horton and Mrs. Will Moore visited their mother, Mrs. Martin of Tye, who is sick.

We fear the recent rainless months of perpetual sunshine has made us overly fastidious for we thought the stickey mud puddles made by the recent snows extremely disagreeable.

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