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WINS ALL-TEXAS HIGHWAY---DELEGATES PUT UP FIGHT---MERKEL GOOD SHOWING

The Bankhead Highway Convention voted overwhelmingly for an All-Texas Route. The fight was long and furious. Oklahoma, while in the minority, fought valiantly. The delegates from that state conceived the idea of a scenic highway, agreeing to the Texas route as well. The plan worked for awhile, but finally it dawned upon the Texas delegates that such a move would be a virtual surrender, so they caucused, got together and came back and won. The final vote was about 700 against 300 for the Oklahoma route.

Merkel did herself proud. Her delegates had 16 votes, more than any other county in West Texas, except Taylor. Abilene had 56 votes. In comparison Merkel showed more enthusiasm than Abilene.

And it was a red hot committee that represented Merkel. C. Mason, H. L. Bland, T. R. Assiter and H. C. Williams represented Merkel. They all admit they had a fight, but with glorious results.

There is no telling what the Bankhead Route will mean to West Texas. Millions of dollars have been appropriated by the Federal government, and it is not only possible, but probable that a cement highway may be built clear through to El Paso.

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Report from the Bankhead Highway Committee:

We your committee left Merkel on Tuesday the 15th for Mineral Wells to represent Merkel in the Bankhead Highway convention. We arrived there about 7 p. m. on Wednesday morning. The war was on until we adjourned Friday night at midnight, sine die. Now if any one thinks that much of being posted. After caucusing every morning and evening, marshalling our forces for the final combat, which came to a climax Friday night, we won out over Oklahoma more than two to one, and adopted the all Texas Route from Texarkana to El Paso by way of Dallas, Fort Worth, Weatherford, Mineral Wells, Abilene, MERKEL, Sweet water, Big Springs, Midland, Sierra Blanco and El Paso. This is the route recommended by the pathfinders sent out by the government and to have done anything else would have been equal to giving away to Oklahoma what Texas was justly entitled to, and had won it at every point of the compass. In fact it would have shown a lack of appreciation for the great highway, given us by path finding committee, not as any preference for any individual or country, but it was found to be the most feasible route, less expense to the Federal government to build and maintain the year around, the various counties in the State had voted bonds for the purpose of constructing and maintaining State highway, which was a great inducement to the Federal government to select the all Texas route, and now the people can rest assured that this Great Bankhead National Highway will be built and Merkel will be right on that highway that reaches from Washington, D. C., to Los Angeles, Cal., and kept up under the supervision of the Federal Government so that it can be traveled all the year around, rain or shine.

We wish to say that, in our opinion, this is one of the greatest advertisements and assets to Texas and Taylor County they has ever been able to secure. All the travel from Washington to

Los Angeles will pass right by our gates, and if we don't profit by that, it is our fault. Some ask how long it will be before this road will be built. We can only say that Uncle Sam moves in mysterious ways his wonders to perform, so we are not prepared to say, but have been informed that it contemplates an early construction as possible, and when completed, it will be one step forward towards developing this country, and no country was ever known to take a backward step on road building. The next step will be for more good regular network of good roads. Civilization, education and Christianity go hand in hand with good roads. The more enlightened a country becomes, the better highways they build. Of course some will oppose National Highways. In fact somebody opposes every enterprise that savers of progress, so if we have any of that kind of citizenship in this community, we wish to say that a distinguished gentleman from Arkansas said at the convention the other day, that Arkansas furnished Texas with a great deal of her citizenship on account of having a crippled sheriff.

Your Committee.

Sensational Ball Game

The Oil Sluggers met and went down in defeat before the High School Team in a fast game of baseball Tuesday afternoon. The score resulted in 6 to 3. The High School boys say that they do not expect to allow the Sluggers to have another inning at any game in the future. The Sluggers tried out some new men and say that when they get in trim the School Team will not be in it. Several innings were played without a score by either side.

H. L. Johnson played first base for the Sluggers. No balls went by him, though we don't know whether he caught them or not. He also proved fine at the bat. Hobson Robson won fame as a pitcher for the Sluggers. The school boys were in good trim. Willie Stevens put the Sluggers out of business by his pitching. Russell Pike pitched part of the time and his work was of high order.

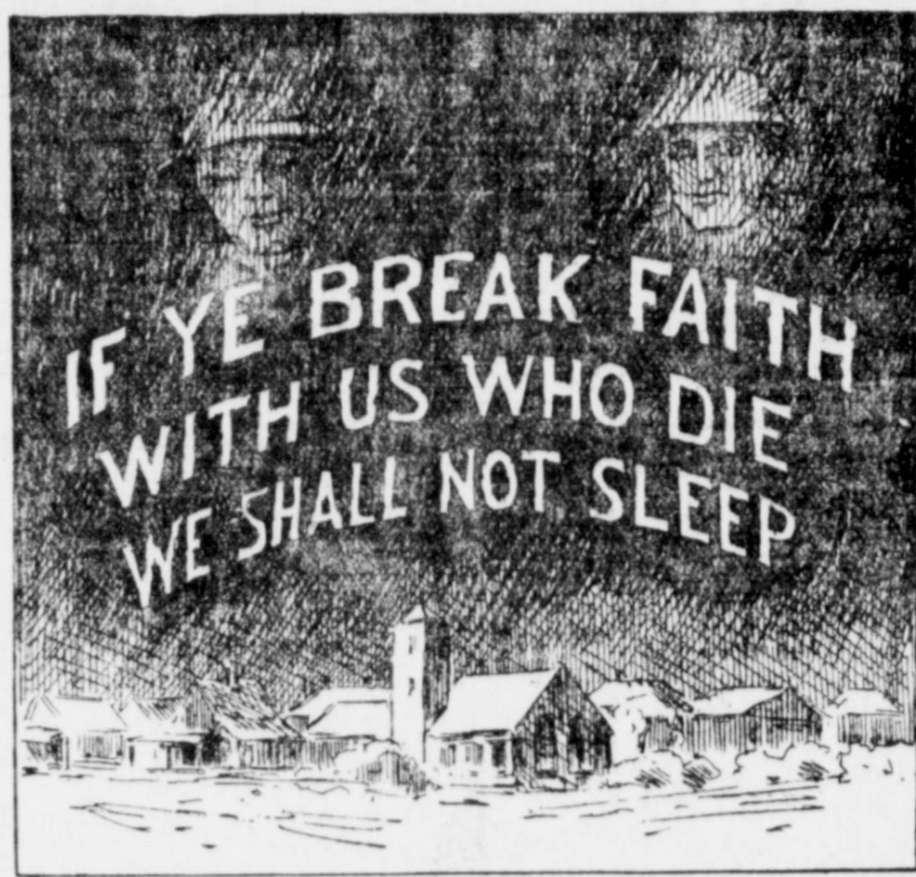
RECEIVES CROIX DE GUERE

Private Leslie B. Wells of the 142 Infantry received recognition for heroic and valorous service to the French government for brave conduct in time of stress by being decorated with the French Croix de Guerre, on March 20. Mr. Wells is the son of Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Wells of Mullberry. A number of other members of the 142nd received similar honors at the same time. The ceremony was impressive. The simple ribbon with the cross of the Republic of France and the star symbolizing their ascendancy among men as heroes caused a thrill of pride to stir the hearts of the entire battalions that turned out to honor their comrades. Their reward was that of recognition of heroism and in the future the day of this recognition by an allied government will stand out as the bright star in a firmament of war recollections.

THE FEDERAL LAND BANK

Wants you to make your application for a loan now and have it ready by the time your note is due this fall. All delay in getting a loan is your fault. The Land Bank was set up for your benefit and not to make money. It is your friend then why not use it? See W.W. Wheeler. 1844c

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.



DISTRICT CONTEST HELD

The District School Contest was held in Abilene the past week. Merkel won out in spelling the winner being Opal Patterson, aged twelve years, and in the fifth grade. Through the long stress to which she was subjected she was cool and deliberate and without a single hesitation spelled until there was none but her left standing. She has brought honor to the Merkel Public school and the best wishes of every citizen will follow her to Austin and trusts that she will win in the State contest next week.

For a while it seemed that the two best spellers would be from Merkel. Miss Vivian Hutcheson stood until the ranks had been thinned to four. Both of these girls have won enviable reputations as spellers and we believe they would make a team against any two from anywhere.

Merkel stood high in athletics for a time it seemed that the local team would bear off the basketball honors, but in the final game they went down before the onslaught of Carbon.

Many local parties attended the exercises.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

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

J. C. Marlow and little son of Seymour was in Merkel this week assisting his mother, Mrs. M. Marlow, in closing out her affairs here. Mrs. Marlow sold one of her houses to Mr. and Mrs. N. Hancock, who will make their home there, and the other house to parties in Ranger. The deals were made by the Merkel Realty Company.

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

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

Mrs. R. M. Parker is visiting her daughter at Bonham.

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

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

Hendricks-Bell Wedding

Friends of J. F. Hendricks and Miss Lucile Bell were greatly surprised when they learned of their marriage at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. D. McDonald Wednesday evening. Only a few neighbors witnessed the ceremony. Rev. McDonald performed the ceremony.

Mr. Hendricks is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Hendricks and was practically reared in this section. He is a popular and industrious young man, full of worthy ambition. He has been in the flying service of the army, returning recently.

Mrs. Hendricks is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell, is a popular young lady.

We offer our congratulations to the young couple and wish for them a full share of prosperity and happiness.

H. C. Williams returned a few days since from a trip to Mineral Wells, where he went in the interest of his health. He says the short stay benefitted him considerably. While there he was a booster for the Bankhead Highway through Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Martin have sold their home on Oak Street to C. E. May of Ranger for his mother and family. Mrs. May, her daughter and son have moved in. Mr. Martin purchased the residence occupied by Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Sheppard and owned by A. C. Rose, where he has moved. Mr. Sheppard moved to the Woodrum house. Both deals were made by the Merkel Realty Company.

C. E. Cordill of Bryson, Texas, sends in his renewal to the Mail, and states that crops are fine there, and lots of grain was sowed. Plenty of grass and lots of hogs and cattle of all kinds.

He sent his best wishes for a good crop in Taylor County this year.

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grafford left Thursday for San Benito, where they expect to remain for the summer.

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

GOOD GEOLOGICAL REPORT---NEW BOILER FOR SEARS WELL---OTHER DEVELOPMENT

LIGHT PLANT BURNED

The burning of the light plant at Abilene the past week has not only inconvenienced the patrons of the city, but of Merkel as well. It came pretty near putting the Merkel Mail out of business. The reason for a four-page issue this week is because we could not operate our machinery.

Through the courtesy of the company, we were furnished power Wednesday, for which we are profoundly grateful. In a marvelous manner the company has assembled units from different points and full service is promised at once.

NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

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

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

Plenty of shorts and bran at G M Sharp's

Misses Alice Burns and Alice Yates are able to be back at their post of duty after suffering a slight attack of ptomaine poison at the home of Mr and Mrs. J. N. Teaff. They were right sick Monday night, but were able to return to school on Wednesday.

Laundry agent at Pate's Barber Shop.

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

Bring your eggs to W. P. Duckett and get 30¢ a dozen.. W. P. Duckett. 17f

Surgeons agree that in case of Cuts, Burns, Bruises and Wounds, the first treatment is most important. When an efficient antiseptic is applied promptly, here is no danger of infection and the wound begins to heal at once. For use on man or beast, Borozone is the ideal antiseptic and healing agent. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

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

Big Farm Deal

This week a deal was closed between Mr. Watson of Hunt County and R. A. Ensminger of Dora, whereby the former purchased the farm of the latter for a consideration of \$22,400. This is one of the biggest deals pulled off in this section for some time. Mr. Watson is highly pleased with his prospects. Mr. Ensminger will remain on the place the balance of this year. The deal was made by the Merkel Realty Company.

How is Your Complexion

A woman should grow more beautiful as she grows older and she will with due regard to bath, diet and exercise, and by keeping her liver and bowels in good working order. If you are haggard and yellow, your eyes losing their lustre and whites becoming yellowish, your flesh flabby, it may be due to indigestion or to a sluggish liver. Chamberlain's Tablets correct these disorders.

Come to Rogers for your groceries and fresh vegetables.

The Security Banking & Investment Company received a large boiler, which was hauled out to the Sears well Wednesday. The boiler previously used there was of insufficient capacity to do the drilling. This one will be installed at once, when it is expected the outfit will be strictly modern, and it is thought that the bit will cut quickly to the required depth. The Permian formation was passed at 470 feet, just as the geologist predicted, and every indication so far is in favor of big production.

No further word has been received from Mr. Sarter as to the Trent Block, though he is looked for on every train. It was only a few days ago that he wired that he would be on hand in ample time.

Details are being worked out for the Middle Block. It is now thought that work will be started on the derrick in another week or so. The company is figuring with a contractor.

No word is to be given out on the South Block, though we are authorized to say that the next day or two may bring developments.

Those interested in the Toombs Block are very optimistic. They claim that everything possible is being done to start drilling right on schedule time.

Leasing has been very quiet in this vicinity the past week.

Mr. H. L. Johnson

Merkel, Texas.
My Dear Sir—Mr. E. H. Devore, one of the best known geologists in the country who has been successful in 85 per cent of his locations, states that he has located several oil fields with no better showing than is made in Taylor county by the natural gas seepages from below. He says that is almost a guarantee that oil exists in quantities at a reasonable depth below. Such surface showings having developed oil in paying quantities at other places and are the best evidence of oil below until the same is determined by development.

He made the statement concerning another portion of our country, but it applies to our locations, for we have the same seepages here. Every day brings us news that confirms our faith that we will open a big oil field.

Sincerely yours

H. L. Houghton.

PRINCIPAL ELECTED

At a called meeting of the School Board, J. C. Baker of Canyon was elected Principal for the ensuing year.

Mr. Baker formerly lived here and has many friends who welcome his return to this city. For the past several years he has been teaching in the West Texas State Normal College at Canyon, and his experience amply qualifies him for the task of principal. He comes highly recommended by the faculty of the Normal, and with their regrets to give him up.

The board is to be congratulated upon securing his services. The teaching line-up so far is ideal, and within the next few days every vacancy will likely be supplied.

When you want flour try the American Beauty. Crown Hardware Company.

If you know how to save join a War Savings Society and help somebody else learn.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR SALE—Tomato and cabbage plants. See W.P. Duckett.

FOR SALE—Tomato and cabbage plants, one-half cent each. C. L. McNeas. 1tc

FOR SALE—Nice young mare. Phone 291. T. J. L. Swafford. 2tp

FOR SALE—Tomato plants. Phone 234. .25t2c

Car of oats and corn just received at G. M. Sharp's Grocery.

WANTED—Single hand to do ranch work. Good pay. Tom Largent. 1tf

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

LOST—Gulf Refinery Co. delivery book, leather back, checks and some stamps. E P Beene.

Let me do your screen work and patch that leaky roof. See John McClary Phone 9012F21 21t8

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We dislike to speak so often about wrong social conditions in our beloved little city, but our conscience will not permit us to remain silent when evil is abroad. We called attention to girls hanging about the depot to meet the trains and we note that the practice has diminished in a highly gratifying manner. We see the hand and advice of some parents at work, and dozens and dozens of parents have come to us and thanked us for calling attention to the matter. Those who still meet the trains without business are of such a type that they care not for any form of criticism.

During the past two or three weeks several little love-sick couples have been making a practice of hanging around the Southside Christian church and the Presbyterian church. Now some of these little fellows ought to be under the watchcare of their mothers. No good can come of little boys and girls from twelve to fifteen years of age, hanging around and in churches and doing their courting. Yes, they are being talked about. Predictions of the worst kind are being made about them. These children are from good homes and their parents would

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You must have Health, Strength and Endurance to fight Colds, Grip and Influenza.

When your blood is not in a healthy condition and does not circulate properly, your system is unable to withstand the Winter cold.

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC Fortifies the System Against Colds, Grip and Influenza by Purifying and Enriching the Blood.

It contains the well-known tonic properties of Quinine and Iron in a form acceptable to the most delicate stomach, and is pleasant to take. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

want to fight any one if they even intimated that their children were doing wrong. Now some of these children do not live more than forty miles from the churches named.

It might be some food for thought if we state statistics made by reformers show that only a small percent of girls go wrong after they reach their teens. Nearly every case that has been followed up shows that wrong-doing starts back at from eight to twelve. There would be very little trouble with girls if mothers only knew where their girls were at all times between the ages of eight and sixteen. How many people would consider it a kindness if told of some of the things that is common talk about town, done by their boys and girls?

The Merkel Power Company and the Merkel Ice Company has written to each doctor in Merkel, advising them that they will be glad to furnish free service to any sick person in need who is not able. This act on the part of these public service corporations is highly commendable. They are glad to render this service, and those in need are made welcome to the privilege.

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

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Mrs. J. J. McCowan of Marchal, Texas, is visiting her brother J. W. Moore and family.

Rub the joints with Ballard's Snow Liniment to relieve rheumatism. It penetrates the flesh to the bone conveying its soothing and restorative influence to the spot where the pain exists. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

C. B. Brown of Breckenridge visited his brother G. B. Brown Saturday and Sunday.

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

Jas. Huber, capitalist of Oklahoma City, Okla., was in Merkel this week looking over the oil situation. He is a brother of one of the promoters. Before leaving he placed his subscription with the Merkel Mail.

Bad breath, bitter taste, dizziness and a general 'no account' feeling is a sure sign of a torpid liver. Herbine is the medicine needed. It makes the liver active, vitalizes the blood, regulates the bowels and restores a fine feeling of energy and cheerfulness. Sold by Sanders Drug Store

Jack For Service
Will stand my jack, John S. Fee of \$15.00 when colt is dropped I will use every precaution to avoid accident, but will not be responsible for accidents.—J. N. Teaff 214c

Bree ler's Notice.
Bay draft stallion at my barn two miles east of Comper. Price \$15.00 for season, \$3.00 cash. A. B. Cranston, Merkel, Route 1. 1814p

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LOCAL NEWS

J. S. Swann has just returned from Dallas.

Dwarf and standard maize seed at G. M. Sharps.

Grandma Weatherby of Shiloh has been on the sick list the past few days.

Marchal Neil flour is the best. Try a sack Bob Martin's Grocery Company.

Miss Amy Gunn of San Antonio is visiting her mother, Mrs. Causseaux

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

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

Mrs. Richards Scott and children are visiting her mother Mrs. Causseaux.

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

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Crowley of Denison are the guests of the family of Mr and Mrs. J. H. Craig for a few weeks.

How Diphtheria is Contracted.

One often hears the expression, "My child caught a severe cold which developed into diphtheria," when the truth was that the cold had simply left the little one particularly susceptible to the wandering diphtheria germ. If your child has a cold when diphtheria is prevalent you should take him out of school and keep him off the street until fully recovered, as there is a hundred times more danger of his taking diphtheria when he has a cold. When Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given it quickly cures the cold and lessens the danger of diphtheria or any other germ disease being contracted

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The Flavor Lasts

Little Hutchins Child Dead
The little two-year old child of Mr and Ms. Hutchins and grandchild of Mr and Mrs. H.R. Hicks died at the home of the parents near Sweetwater last Tuesday of scarlet fever. Burial took place at White Church cemetery Wednesday, the services being conducted by Rev. O. B. Tatum.

The little girl came and won a place in the hearts of the parents and loved ones, and then passed on to that home not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

We drop a tear of sorrow beside those bowed down in grief.



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CHURCH NEWS

At The Church of Christ

We had a fair attendance at church Sunday, both at the Sunday school and communion services. About the usual number out for the bible study. The little folks are doing their part in the bible study work, but the older folks could make a better showing. Come out, folks, and let us make these services more interesting from time to time.

Mrs. Rice's class reports a reading of 50 chapters for the past week. That is coming on toward a good interest in bible reading.

Next Sunday bible study at 10 o'clock and communion services at 11. Let every one who will come, and let me urge that we have a full attendance of the membership. We appreciate your presence at every service we have. Come if you can at all.

O. J. Adcock.

B. Y. P. U. Training School at Abilene April 27-May 2

There will be held at the First Baptist church, Abilene, a B. Y. P. U. Training School beginning April 27 and continuing through May 2.

On Sunday afternoon, April 27, at 3:30 o'clock, there will be a Get-Together-Rally Meeting to

THIS IS CERTAIN

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Mrs. W. C. Shaw, 773 Locust St., Abilene, Tex says: My back was so lame I could hardly get up in the morning and my kidneys acted irregularly. This trouble had bothered me for years. I finally got Doan's Kidney Pills and they quickly cured me. One box was all I needed and I felt better in every way.

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on hand. Cakes, pies, doughnuts, muffins and all good things to eat must be dressed up in their best taste and looks.

Then, too, her reputation as a cook must be upheld—and she "stakes" it on Calumet every time. She knows it will not disappoint her.

Order a can and have the "company" kind of bakings every day.

Calumet contains only such ingredients as have been approved officially by the U. S. Food Authorities.

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HIGHEST QUALITY

lay plans for the week. If you can come to but one of these meetings be sure to come to this rally meeting.

The first lesson will be on Monday evening at 6:15. It is expected of every worker and those interested in Christian service of any kind to be present at some of these meetings. Every one is cordially invited.

Delegates or representatives from other churches or cities will please write the corresponding secretary, Miss Marie Dowley, or president, Miss Margaret Goodnight, so that places for entertainment may be arranged for.

Methodist Church Notice.

We reached the goal and went over the top last Sunday at the Sunday school hour. Our goal was 200, but we had 271. It was a great Easter services and it ought to inspire our people to come to Sunday School regularly. What are you going to do about it? You know now you can come, your children know you can come, your neighbors know you can come and your pastor knows you can come; in fact everybody knows you can come, and folks will think you are just sorry if you don't come. What about next Sunday? Come on, Let's go over the top again.

Preaching at 11 o'clock. Subject Christian Victory. Evening service at 8:45 government time.

Our District Conference will meet at Ovalo on Wednesday, April 30, at 8:00 and continue on through the week. Let everybody go that can and especially the officials of the church.

W. M. Murrell, Pastor.

"Nervous Breakdown!"

When your nerves fail your whole body suffers—headaches, stomach disorders, sleepless nights, make you miserable indeed. The experience of Mrs. H. G. Redman, of New Haven, Conn., is an example. Read what she says:

"For months I suffered from extreme nervousness. My nerves were completely unstrung and I suffered distressing pains across stomach and chest. Doing light housework left me completely fatigued, and loss of sleep made nights long and tiresome. I began taking DR. MILES' NERVINE and the first night slept soundly. I continued using the medicine and soon all the unpleasant symptoms were gone."

Thousands of sufferers from nervous disorders have found relief in DR. MILES' NERVINE. This wonderful nerve soother is non-alcoholic and contains no harmful or habit-forming drug. Your druggist can tell you of its merits and effectiveness. Keep a bottle always on hand.

SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS (N-6)

DR. MILES' NERVINE



Grover Tiner of Shiloh, who has been attending school at Simmons College in Abilene for several months, was operated on for appendicitis at the sanitarium in Abilene last week. He is getting along splendidly, according to late reports.

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

Cane seed at G. M. Sharps.

Epworth League Program April 27

Subject: "Christianity and the Toilers of America."

Leader—Roy Moore.

Scripture, Matt. ix, 35-38.

Lord's prayer in unison.

Song.

Scripture References: Ex. xxi, 26-7; Matt. xii, 12; Isa. iii, 13-15—Mabel Toombs.

Instrumental Solo—Rosa Laney
Address, "The Toilers of America"—Pearl Thornton.

Why we should attend the League Conference at Ovalo May 2—Rev. W. M. Murrell.

"The Work of our Women"—Evelyn Barbee.

Plans for going to Ovalo. Benediction.

Are You Happy?

To be happy you must be well. If you are frequently troubled with constipation and indigestion you cannot be altogether happy. Take Chamberlain's Tablets to correct these disorders. They are prompt and effectual, easy and pleasant to take.

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JACK FOR SERVICE

My jacks are making the season at my barn, at \$12.50 when colt is dropped. Will be careful to avoid accident, but will not be responsible should any occur. J. W. Teaff. 25t2.

Life Was a Misery

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes:

"From the time I entered into womanhood . . . I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

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"I took four bottles," Mrs. Jones goes on to say, "and was not only greatly relieved, but can truthfully say that I have not a pain. . ."

"It has now been two years since I took Cardui, and I am still in good health. . . I would advise any woman or girl to use Cardui who is a sufferer from any female trouble."

If you suffer pain caused from womanly trouble, or if you feel the need of a good strengthening tonic to build up your run-down system, take the advice of Mrs. Jones. Try Cardui. It helped her. We believe it will help you.

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☐ Celebrate Peace! Have your home wired for Electric Service this Spring—and really begin to live!

Electrify Your Home

☐ Let the magic of electricity radiate cheer and brightness and enhance the real joy of living.

☐ Have plenty of Convenience Outlets. They will greatly lessen the work of homemaking and give you a home which saves you miles of steps, hours of effort, loads of responsibility and real dollars of expense. Have them in the bedroom for the warming pad, bed lamp, curling iron, etc.; in the dining room for the toaster, percolator, etc.; in the kitchen for the iron, washer—and throughout the house for the electric cleaner—

☐ Have us help you select your fixtures and plan your outlets. We are lighting specialists and our advice and suggestions are gratis. Just phone 202 and our man will call at once.

☐ Now is the time to have your home wired or to order new fixtures before the Spring wiring rush.

MERKEL POWER CO.

LOCAL NEWS

Kaffir seed at G. M. Sharps.

Miss Virginia Swafford of Dallas is visiting homefolks for several weeks.

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

Mrs. Geo. Brown is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. L. Brittain, in New Decatur, Ala., where she will remain for several weeks.

Marchal Neil flour is the best. Try a sack Bob Martin's Grocery Company.

H. E. Voiland and Elmer O. Day, Sioux City, Ia., and Herman Heeron, Chatsworth, Ia., and C. T. Mauller of Ranger, capitalist, were in Merkel this week inspecting the oil prospects. They were delighted and enthusiastic over the outlook.

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

J. M. Johnson, manufacturer and financier of Sioux City, Ia., and father of H. L., of pie eating fame, spent the past week in Merkel. He is very favorably impressed with the oil prospects of this section.

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

Fresh bulk peanut oil at G M Sharp's

Ross J. Ream, attorney, Kansas City, Mo., was a visitor in Merkel this week. He is interested in the oil proposition of this section and has made several visits to this place.

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

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

COMPERE NEWS

The farmers are now busy about planting their crops. We trust it will not be long until the boys and girls cannot say, I have nothing to do.

The wheat and oats are doing nicely.

The health of the community is good at this time.

Mrs. Jim Johnson and son of Ovalo, visited her parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Buzbee last week.

Rev. Buzbee's brother of Maytown, whom he had not seen in thirty years visited him last week.

Gene Spurgin has returned from Ranger.

Vernie Meritt returned from Ranger Saturday night. He was accompanied by Garrett Hass.

There was a singing at the home of Mr and Mrs. Childress Sunday night a week ago. A good crowd was present and everybody reported a nice time.

Fannie Childress and Minnie Buzbee spent the day with Bess Tucker last Thursday.

Thelma Meritt has been visiting Margie Sherrell in Merkel this week.

Rev. Calloway filled his appointment here Sunday afternoon. He delivered a very interesting sermon.

Rev. Pope of Anson preached here Sunday morning and afternoon.

The Easter egg hunt at Mr J. Henry's was enjoyed by a large crowd.

The singing at Mr Ed. Spurgin's Sunday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Card of Thanks

As it is impossible to speak to our many friends personally, we take this method of thanking each and every one for their help and kindness during the illness and death of our husband and father. May God's blessings rest upon each and every one of you.

Mrs. Maggie Wills
Mrs. Mary Johnson.
Mrs. Rosa McClean.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 60c.

Among the fifty certificates of membership in the W. S. S. Thousand Dollar Savings Club, sent out Wednesday, April 16 by Frank M. Smith, Federal District of War Loans, was one to Miss Florence Hall of Merkel, Texas.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic

restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. Price 60c.

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

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

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

J. T. Anderson of California is visiting his son, R. O. for a few weeks. Mr. Anderson was one of the first settlers in Taylor county, coming here before Abilene was thought of and several years before the T. & P. was built. He is delighted with California.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

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

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

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

Mayor Stallings has been a mighty busy man for the past day or two. We inquired why he was so busy. He stated that he was washing dishes, cleaning house and yard. Further inquiry brought forth the fact that Mrs. Stallings was expected home any day and he decided it was best to be prepared.

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

Kaffir seed at G. M. Sharps.



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J. A. Wills Dead

Last Thursday death claimed J. A. Wills, at the age of 84. He was born April 8, 1835, in Tenn. Burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery Friday, the funeral being conducted by Revs. W. M. Murrell and W. G. Cypert.

Mr. Wills was an honored gentleman, counting his friends by the score. He has been a member of the Methodist church for 75 years. This is an enviable record, made by extremely few people.

He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. W. O. Johnson and Mrs. Rosa McClean. Attending the funeral were two of his stepchildren, Lem and Miss Mary Dudley. The former just returned from oversea service and the latter resides in Fort Worth. Another stepson, John Dudley, is reported to have just landed in America.

He is gone, but his influence will live after him. The glory of years were upon him. We sympathize with the bereaved in this hour of their sadness.

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