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DESTRUCTION OF PROPER-
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Abilene, Tex., May, 5-
Merkel Mail, Merkel, Texas:

| plaints about small boys depredating on property in Merkel, and it seems that whenever a house becomes vacant the boys look upon it as a playhouse and proceed to take possession, often tearing down the doors, breaking the locks, breaking out glass and destroying everything in general. I do not believe most of the boys realize the seriousness of their acts, but do these things in a spirit of fun and adventure, but the damage is done. and should be stopped. Little things grow into big things and boys grow into men, so if the boys violate the law in this manner while they are small, when they get older they are likely to do bigger things and get into more serious trouile. The grownuns owe it to the boys to endec: $\mathbf{v}$ or to :iop this practice, and they owe it to the owners of the proparty. And to the boys I will say that unless you stop this we will have to bring you down to Court and see if we can't find a strong. er way to deal with you, which I trust will not be necessary. Your very truly <br> W. E. Martin, County Attorney. |
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'SINCE 1904"
J. P. Sharp, who has been in
Eastland for some time, has re-

Remember the 10th and sav your discount by paying you Electric
Mrs. W. J. Largent and baby are spending a few weeks with the former's parents at Plain
Car oats. Expected
train. G. M. Sharp.
Miss Levie Tittle has accepted a position with the Merkel Dry Goods Company
Every sack of Marechal Neil flour guaranteed, or your money back. Bob Martin Grocery Company.
J. T. Anderson, father of R. O was out on an oil prospecting
trip the past week, to Burkbul
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Mr and Mrs. Snowfrots, Eas land and Mr. and Mr,
ton and son visited
J. B. Bell this week.
Get your shoes shined at Th ties offered for ladies and yentle

Mr. Kelley, brother of E. W Kelley, is visiting the latter. He
has just returned from service Dwarf and standard maize seed at G. M. Harps.
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## LOCAL NEWS

Sunday wiht home folks.
Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

Miss Lura Adkisson, who has been in Dallas several months, has returned home.
Come to Rogers for your grores and fresh vegetables. Miss Olive Teaff, who is attend ing Simmons College, visited omefolks Sunday. Marchal Neil fllur is the best. Try a sack Bob Martin's Grocery ompany
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anhandle is visiting her ser
Tonhandle is visiting her sister,
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Peace Maker flour is the best.
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Miss Ruth Vaughn of Sim-
mons College spent the week end with Nisses Nell and Lucy Tracy
I have a few copies of "Our customers who have soldier boys dobe before they are gone. A. L.

Miss Jessle Mae Cox of Abi-

Try a can of our Seal bran ot Chase and Sanborn coffee. Bob Nartin's Grocery
While out pienicing the other
evening. Ruth Dawg vening, Ruth Dawson had the

We have plenty of John Deere and two rows. Crown Hardware
and Mr. and Mrs. L. B Scott and little son, Burneal, visited in Abi lene Sunday, and in the after-
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Fresh bulk peanut oil at G M


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Methodist Church Notice Sunday School last Sunday the best attendance of the year. We are going to have to fix a new goal. We will soon have our new song books and the order has
been made for cur new piano. We been made for cur new piano. We
raised $\$ 200$ in seven minutes to raised $\$ 200$ in seven minutes to
make our first payment on the piano. That's going some. 9:45 next Sunday morning. will observe Mother's Day Le every one wear a red flower your mother is living, a white
one if she is dead. At the evening hour the subject will be " N Man's Land," what it is, wher it is, and how to keep off of it.
Next Wednesday night instead of the regular prayer service, D
Miller, our Presiding Elder, will oreach at $8: 45$. Please take not ce and hear him.
W M. Murrell, pastor,

At The Baptist Church The high tides of last Sunday
were good for all the workers to experience. 219 reported for Sun ran to $\$ 34.78$. The offering was pecial cause appealing to the membership. nd will be observed in a fitting way at the morning hour. Lov-
ing invitation is given the mothto attend, and also the moth trs of the babies on the Cradle
Roll. Room at the front will be At the evening hour, 8:45, the pastor will preach on the
theme. How The Bible Classifies Ien.
Juniors will meet at 3 in the fternoon at the church and the Sunbeams at the same hour at
he Annex. Let Juniors and Sunbeams see how good a record on attendance that they can make.
The B. Y. P U. will go to the Cross Roads school house for program at $4: 30$. This place is ocated about four miles east and three miles south of Merkel, and
s otherwise known as the Teaff is otherwise known as the Teaff
school house
Things are very hopeful and Things are very hopeful and
verybody seems to be in good spirits over the prospects, both
spiritually and materially. For il the blessings, let us thank God and take courage Everybody is invited to all ou meetings.
E. E. Dawson, pastor Walter Jackson, Supt.
B. Y P. U. Program MAY 11 B. Y P. U. Program nallowing program will be rendered by the B. Y. P. U. at
Cross Roads, south of Tye Sunday afternoon at $4: 30$. Those making the visit will meet at the Baptist Church promptly at 4 : Subject, The Final Test o
Christian Living. Christian Living

## Song. Prayer

Quartet
Scripture Lesson.
Introduction, by Roy Miller Which Way Are You Going L. B. Scott..
Duet, Miss Campbell and Mrs. cott
Daniel and Lot as Examples Christian Boden
Rather than Passive, Miss Edna
Solo, Miss Althea Boden.
Poem, Three Gates of Gold by Miss Lucy Tracy.
Object Sermon,
Rev. E. E Object
Dawson.
Quartet
Poem, Sighs and Smiles, Miss Song,
ADAIR TO HOLD A MEETIN HERE
Lockett Adair, a well-know evated for a meeting of two closing July 27. A number of individuals of the town who feel
keenly the need of spiritual uplift are the responsible parties behind the meeting, and give fraternal invitation to all the
people of the community at large to give the enterprise their hearty sympathy and support. Perwithout constraints or entangle- week
moters. Everybody is invited nobody will be coerced or brow eat. I will be for everybody
A SCOUT A WINNER
The Treasury Department o
the United States governmen
has awarded a merit to one
the local Boy Scouts, and the
medal will be pinned on him by the Scoutmaster at the morning Baptist Church.Who is he? Well you will see him Sunday morn-
 wear a medal of this sort that the government bestows on a individual who has made him self especially useful to the gov ernment in its plans and pro
grams. The local Troop is proud of this honor, and it wil give Scouting a new hold on the - CANYON NEWS

veather. Crops are doing nicel
restling with the weeds an
Trass. young people have had great time going to school, sing
ings and parties, but they are and dance to the tune of the hoo
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Sunday school at to organize a it nothing happens and want all bill preasent. Rev. A. Matthews Let every one come and be a help. We ought to be busy in the Lord's work, for the fields a
already white unto harvest.
There was a large crowd
Uncle Dan Matthews Sunda
Those present were M. A. Matt
wife, Mr. and Mrs. J P Ric and daughter, Mr. and Mrs

CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT
A change in management has taken place in The Merkel Lum
ber Company, whereby E. W Kelly has resigned the management to accept a position with at Cisco. He is succeeded by Ed . Mr. Kelly is a very capabl and efficient lumber man and a good citizen and we regret to re-
cord his leaving He will take up his new duties on the 15 th, and his new duties on the will follow in a short time
Mr. Schrum comes highly re
ommended. He and Mrs. Schum are doing light housekeeping. They are given a cordial

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ely satisfied.Ask Your Druggist - ${ }^{9 \mathrm{My6m}}$ FOR SALE-A good jersey milk

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some first class building matericontained in a three-room ouse.

John Dudley has received his discharge from the service and eturned home He saw service France.
Mrs. Emma Powers of Abi ne visited her sister, Mrs. E L. stes fast
L. A. Freeman of Fort Worth visited
week.

# Called her famliy TO HER BEDSI 

## Si: Years Ago, Thinking She Might Die, Says Texas Lady, Bu

 She lo a Well, Strong Woman and Praises Cardici Far Her Recovery.

The morning after the day before.

## DO YOU KNOW

War Savings Stamps pay er cent compound quarterly? That War Savings Stamps cost $\$ 4.15$ in April and one cent
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## W.O. BON年,



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| Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor |
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| A Delightful Social | A Delightful social

A delightful social was held on
the lawn of the Baptist church
last Friday night by the mem-
bers of the Philathea and Khaki
cerses classes and the B. Y. P. U. There was a large attendance. After
the rendition of a spicy program. those present resorted to the out was served.Following this feaure, various games were played
Those present seemed delighted vith the evenings entertainment
and diversion and it is purposed to repeat the adventure at early date.



Hamill-Boney Wedding
The marriage of Miss Ca Boney and Percy Hamill, which took place yesterday afternoon at 10 o'clock at the home of the
bride's mother, Mrs. W. O Boney was very impressive in the emnization, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. P. Gillian
in the presence of relatives and a few intimate friends.
The beauty of the a home was enhanced by baskets of pink roses and ferms, the open
ing between dining room and parlor being
ceremony was performed.
Just preceding the ceremony,
Miss Ethel Hamill's sweet voice
was again heard in "Elyseum". was again heard in "Elyseum". Mrs. E. L. Hawkins, the bridal ceded by little Misses Sylvia and
Carmen Boney, nieces of the bride, carrying pink ribbons High School team in a game o
which formed an aisle from the
taseball last Saturday aftermoon The beautiful bride wore a
handsome blue tailored suit, hat
and accessories in harmony, and
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