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## PROF. R. M. PARKER HAS RESIGNED U. S. FLYERS HELD FOR \$15,000 RANSOM

Almost as a bolt out of a clear sky came the resignation of Prof. R. M. Parker as superintendent of schools in Merkel. He has been elected to a similar position with the public schools of Polytechnic Heights, a suburb of Fort Worth, at a large increase in salary and a much broader opportunity. Mr. Parker's wonderful success as a school man here and at other places led to his selection over a large number of applications for the position in Texas and we congratulate him upon the tender of the position and also congratulate the board there upon their wise selection of a school head.

Under the superintendency of Mr. Parker, the Merkel public schools has won a high degree in affiliation with the State University and has come to be reckoned as one of the leading schools of the State. He worked many times under great odds, but always with that high purpose in mind of a school of the highest possible degree in efficiency. Already people from other sections are moving to Merkel in order to secure the advantages of the school system. To Mr. Parker's firmness in discipline and to his high ideals, we are greatly indebted for our good school system and his going is a distinct loss to Merkel. Mr. Parker left Sunday night for his new field of endeavor.

### R. F. Burgess Elected.

We are particularly fortunate in being able to secure the services of R. F. Burgess as superintendent. He was formerly principal here and greatly endeared himself to the school patrons. He is a young man of marked ability, and has fought so faithfully to complete his education, that he is this summer winning his degree from the State University. He can not arrive here until the latter part of the month.

### Returns From Market

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg returned from the Eastern Markets Tuesday. They bought liberally and succeeded in securing a full line. Merchandise is very scarce. Mr. Bragg says the crops out here are far ahead of the crops in Central Texas.

### Former Cases Reviewed.

Late last month Philip Thompson, 14-year-old son of John W. Thompson, an American citizen, was kidnapped from his father's ranch thirty miles from Mexico City and held for \$1,500 ransom. Acting on the advice of the Mexican government and with the acquiescence of the American state department, the boy's father paid the ransom. The Mexican foreign office agreed to refund the amount of the ransom, but no information has been received here as to whether this agreement was carried out. Several days later Lawrence L. Shipley, an American citizen was captured by Mexican bandits near Fresnillo. A ransom was demanded in this case also and the state department recommended that it be paid, it being set forth that failure to make the payment would endanger Shipley's life. Ten days ago the department was informed that Shipley had been released, but the dispatch did not state whether the ransom was paid.

Mr. W. W. Bain of Dorchester and Edward McCrary of Arlington left Monday after a week's visit in the home of Mr and Mrs L. B. Scott.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

Marfa, Aug. 17.—Letters, purporting to be from Lieutenants Paul H. Davis and Harold G. Peterson, American army aviators, missing since last Sunday were received here today at military headquarters. The letters stated the aviators were being held by bandits for \$15,000 ransom somewhere in Mexico, and were threatened with death unless the ransom was paid, according to the letters.

The demand for the ransom was received here tonight and a report made at once to Major General Dickman, commander of the southern department. An unconfirmed report was also received held at a point close to the American border, and that Chico Cano, a famous bandit of the Big Bend, Ojinaga district, was the leader of the bandit band holding the aviators.

According to the demand received here today, the ransom must be paid tomorrow, no time being stated in the message. It is to be delivered in gold to an American supposed to be an agent of the bandits at Candelaria, Texas, on the Rio Grande border, sixty miles south of Valentine, Texas.

### Will Pay Ransom.

El Paso, Aug. 17.—In an official statement issued at military headquarters here tonight and signed by Brigadier General James B. Erwin, district commander, it was announced that Major L. A. Walton, commander of the aero unit at Fort Bliss had received a message from Lieutenants Paul H. Davis and Harold G. Peterson stating that they had been captured by Mexicans and were being held for \$15,000 ransom, which must be paid by Aug. 18, according to the message.

Arrangements were being made here tonight to obtain \$15,000 gold coin and to send it to Marfa early tomorrow for the payment of the ransom as it is feared they will be killed by the bandits unless the ransom is paid before tomorrow night.

### Aviators Rescued.

Marfa, Texas Aug. 19.—Lieut. Peterson and Davis, American army aviators held captive over a week by Mexican bandits who demanded \$15,000 ransom, were rescued today by Captain Matlock of the Eighth Cavalry and are safe in American territory.

Matlock brought back half of the ransom money. He said that after Peterson was released, Davis was brought forward by the bandits. He mounted Matlock's horse the bandits demanded the remainder of the ransom, and Matlock and Davis answered by riding rapidly away.

Peterson crossed the border at 1:15 this morning and Captain Matlock brought Davis back forty-five minutes later.

Captain Matlock said the bandits were well mounted. The Americans once tried to escape but were threatened with death and did not renew the attempt. Various plans for obtaining the ransom were discussed by the bandits. It was finally agreed that an American army officer should be sent from the American side upon signals from the bandits. At the same time the bandit agent was to start from the Mexican side. They were to meet and exchange prisoners and money. Matlock's ruse by which he saved half the ransom was contrived on the spur of the moment after he had escorted Peterson across the border. When bandits called upon them to halt they rode away Matlock said but "I said go to h—I" and crossed.

Samuel J. Peterson, father of

### LET'S BELONG

If you like the old town best,  
Tell 'em so.  
If you'd have her lead the rest,  
Help her grow.  
When there's anything to do  
Let the fellows count on you  
You'll feel bully when it's thro'  
Don't you know.  
  
If you want to make a hit,  
Get a name.  
If the other fellow's it,  
Who's to blame?  
Spend your money in the town  
Where you pull the shekels down  
Give the mail order concern a frown—  
That's the game.  
If you're used to giving knocks,  
Change your style.  
Throw bouquets instead of rocks  
For a while.  
Let the other fellow roast,  
Shun him as you would a ghost  
Meet his hammer with a boost  
And a smile.  
  
When a stranger from afar  
Comes along  
Tell him who and what we are—  
Make it strong.  
Needn't flatter, never bluff,  
Tell the truth, for that's enough.  
Join the boosters—they're the stuff  
Let's Belong.

—Exchange.

Lieut. Peterson, was overjoyed when informed today of the safe return of his son to the American side.

"I consider the army acted promptly and did everything in their power to help us," he said. "My wife, two daughters and myself will get the first rest in 40 hours."

### Pursuing Bandits

Candelaria, Texas, Aug. 19.—Troops of the Eighth Cavalry crossed the Mexican border at 6:40 today in pursuit of the bandits who held Aviators Peterson and Davis for ransom.

Peterson and Davis accompanied the troops as guides. Aviators are co-operating with the Cavalry, flying over the Ojinaga district.

Austin, Aug. 19.—Governor Hobby today instructed the national guard to prepare for emergency service on the border.

Washington, Aug. 19.—An American expedition into Mexico

after the bandits who held the American aviators is being conducted with the full knowledge of the Washington authorities, who had been withholding announcement of the government's policy until the two Americans were safe.

Secretary Baker announced that the troops went over under specific instructions from the war department.

This is the second expedition of its kind since Pershing's pursuit of Villa. The other expedition was that into Juarez during the recent fighting.

In a diplomatic aspect the expedition is on a hot trail and does not assume the character of an act of war as the sole purpose under international law is not to invade the sovereignty of Mexico or attack its government but to punish or exterminate the bandits who held the two American aviators for ransom.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

**FOUND**—Medical department insignia Owner may obtain same at Merkel Mail office by payment of this notice.

**WANTED**—Man with family to do farm and ranch work. Attractive proposition to the right party.—J. T. Warren 15t2c

**LOST**—Oakland Six Auto crank around block of Woodrum Garage. Please leave with Merkel Mail. L. C. Dubree, Merkel, Tex.

**FOR SALE**—5 young work mules, at my place. C. E. Jacobs. tfe

**HELP WANTED**—To gather crop. Good house, water and wood. Every thing handy W. E. Petty, Route 4, Merkel Tex. tf

**WANTED**—At once a large family to gather maize and pick a hundred acres of good cotton. House, wood and water furnished. I also have farms for rent.

**Maize Heads Wanted**  
Will pay highest price for maize heads. Davis Beasley

**Grapes, Grapes, Grapes**  
Have lots of grapes now for sale. State Center Nurseries, Clyde, Texas. 22t2c.

**WANTED HELP**—Have plenty cotton to pick early. Good house and plenty of water. John Hughes, Blair, Texas. 15t2p.

**FOR SALE**—100 wheat sacks at \$12.50 for the lot or any number at 15 cents each. Dr Miller.

**FOR SALE**—Few Brown Leg-horn cockrels, choice \$1.00. See Rufus L. Adcock. 15t2c

### NOTICE

I have several thousand feet of second hand lumber for sale cheap. Also windows and doors and frames for same. Call 63 or see Brooks Browning. 1tf

**WANTED TO BUY**—A few young mules. Also some good cane and maize for sale. See or phone J. H. Craig, Route 3, Merkel. 22t2p.

**FOR SALE**—Good horse, also Remington typewriter. Phone 234. 22t2p.

**FOR SALE**—A thirty gallon, heavy guage oil tank, good as new, at a bargain. E. E. Dawson.

Fresh eggs wanted at the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

## MATERIAL FOR BUT-MAN WELL ARRIVES

We are at sea. Signs are out at the Sears well forbidding visitors. There is still a strong flow of salt water with evidence of a considerable quantity of gas. The promoters are jubilant and say they are bound to strike oil at a greater depth and indicate that no time will be lost in going on down. The derrick was pulled in a few days ago and had to be repaired, which took several days.

Reports from the Bland well indicate that they are down several hundred feet. They have been delayed far more than was expected.

The most assuring news of the week is the fact that equipment and casing have been hauled out for the Butman well, about 12 miles south of Merkel. The Sinclair people are behind this enterprise and promise to push development. The derrick builders are looked for every day. They have ample equipment for a first class rig and are anxious to get down to active drilling.

Leases are holding a steady price. A few sales were recorded this week.

No new developments are reported from the Trent neighborhood. The promoters claim that in due time active drilling will start. The derrick has not been rebuilt.

### New Milliner Arrives

Miss Miriam Mitchell of Greenville, milliner for the Merkel Dry Goods Company, arrived several days ago and is now busily engaged in showing her select stock of choice millinery. Miss Mitchell has had quite a good deal of experience and comes highly recommended.

### 75-Million Campaign Association Organization.

Rev. E. E. Dawson, Director of Publicity in the Fifth District for the Baptist 75-Million Campaign, announces the following organization for the Sweetwater Association, which comprises Taylor, Nolan, and Mitchell counties: Organizer, Rev. J.M. Haygood, Sweetwater; Director of Publicity, Rev. E. T. Miller, Abilene. It is the duty of these two to organize each church of the Association for the Campaign and see that constant publicity is given the movement, both through the newspapers and through other means dealing directly with the churches.

Enthusiasm for the Campaign is gaining momentum every day as the people of the Baptist denomination become better acquainted with it. The utmost loyalty of every Baptist is being stirred by the size of the Texas quota of the 75 millions, which is sixteen million dollars for the five years. No other denomination has ever undertaken such a gigantic task as this, and the very heroism of it stirs the best blood of the Baptist heart.

The Baptist are greatly indebted in this Campaign to the Methodist and Presbyterian for the benefits of their experiences in their Centenary and New Era movements, respectively, which were such great successes. Those denominations broke the ground in the big movements, and have graciously shared the results of their experience with Baptist leaders. By reason of this experience, Baptist can get their movement under way much quicker, and consummate it with far less expense.

Judge Hamilton of Austin spent a couple of days in Merkel on business this week.

Fresh eggs wanted at the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

## BIG GENERAL RAIN SAVES LATE CROPS

After several days of extremely hot weather, which was beginning to do noticeable damage to the cotton, it began raining Wednesday morning and rained slowly until 1.18 inches had fallen in Merkel. The rain seems to be general, and the action on the cotton crop was immediate. Practically a month of dry weather afforded opportunity to save most of the grain, but there is enough grain still in the shock to keep all the trashers busy for another week or ten days. All old feedstuff is made and needed no rain, but the rain will help the young stuff.

It was predicted that if the hot weather remained unchanged for another week, we would not make a quarter of bale of cotton to the acre. It would be useless now to place a prediction. The possibilities are for the fullest production. The hot weather has kept the insects out of the cotton. We have heard little or no complaint about the boll worms. It is thought that now they are not to be feared. There is plenty of time for a top crop to form.

No order could have been made for the seasons to have been better for West Texas. The grain is practically saved, the feedstuff is made and now the cotton seems assured. The farmers are crying for help and good wages are offered. The Great Merkel Country will be rolling high this year. Some of our people are going to make so much money that they can not help feeling "stuck up." We are sorry for the fellows who couldn't stick it through and hunted holes in other sections last year.

### OPENING OF SCHOOL POSTPONED TO 15th.

It is the opinion of some of the members of the School Board that the opening of school will be postponed until September 15. Even should the board desire to open sooner, the free text books are not all in, which would call for a postponement of the opening date. Some suggestions have been made to open a month later, but it seems that the majority insists upon opening at the usual time, holding to the belief that a few weeks will not help much in gathering the crops and that all the cotton will not be picked before the 1st of January, so they think best to go ahead.

### Parent-Teachers Meet.

The Parent-Teachers Association met at the Presbyterian church at 4 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Will Hutcherson, president.

It was decided to serve dinner in Merkel Saturday, the proceeds to go to the building of walks about the school building. Quite a nice sum has already been raised and it is hoped to have the walks completed by the opening of the school term.

Miss Nell Tracy was elected press reporter.

Mrs. J. T. Browning resigned as vice president and J. C. Baker was elected to fill the place.

Another meeting will be held between now and the time that school opens. It is planned to have a welcome social for the teachers.

Miss Floyse Boyd who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott will leave Friday morning for her home at Arlington

Fresh eggs wanted at the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

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Merkel, Texas

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**Teachers Elected to Fill Vacancies**

At a meeting of the School Board a few evening ago, Miss Nell Tracy was elected teacher of History in the High School, and Miss Wilma Garrett teacher of the Fifth grade. The former is a graduate of Simmons and is well equipped and highly recommended for the position to which she was elected. The latter taught several weeks last year in the absence of other teachers, proving here ability. She has also taught at other places. We believe the Board is acting wisely in the selection of home girls. Some criticism has arisen in the past to the effect that home girls were not as good disciplinarians, but as a number of the home girls have been elected this year, they will have ample opportunity to prove there is nothing to this charge.

In every home where there is a baby there should also be a bottle of Mc.GEE'S BABY ELIXIR. It may be needed at any time to correct sour stomach, win colic, diarrhoea or summer complaint. It is a wholesome remedy, contains no opium, morphine or injurious drug of any kind. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

**Mr. Hamilton Injured**

J. O. Hamilton was rather painfully injured a few mornings when he was accidentally struck by a truck on the streets of Merkel. He was knocked to the ground and skinned and bruised considerably, though no bones were broken.

**\$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 Druggist. 75c.

**CARD OF THANKS**

In behalf of Mrs. Alice Rose and family and Mrs. Mollie Harper and family we wish to assure you that they appreciate more than words can tell the kind assistance in any way at the funeral of their loved one, A. Q. Harper.

May God's richest blessings rest upon each and every one of you.

H. M. Rose  
A. C. Rose

**An Old Fault Finder**

An irritable and fault finding disposition is often caused by indigestion. A man with good digestion and bowels that act regularly is usually good natured. When troubled with indigestion or constipation take Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels.

**Woman Aattacked and Killed By A Man Cow**

McKinney, Aug. 18.—Mrs. G. C. Rankin, living seven miles northeast of this city, was attacked by a cow Saturday and received fatal injuries before her husband, who was also attacked, could beat the infuriated animal away. The dead woman is survived by her husband and several children.

**A TEXAS WONDER**

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive, Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

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- BOYS and GIRLS may obtain one of those War Relics by Earning and Saving money and buying at least One War Savings Stamp.
- ADULTS may obtain one of these Souvenirs by saving and buying Three or more War Savings Stamps.
- War Savings Stamps already bought will not be counted toward getting the Granade—only those War Savings Stamps bought from now on.
- These unique "Weapons of Peace" will soon be ready for distribution. Those who earn them FIRST will get them. The number is Limited.
- For information call at

Farmers and Merchants National Bank

**LOCAL NEWS**

Evelyn Johnson of Baird is spending the week with Miss Vera Jinkens.

Fresh honey at G. M. Sharp's Grocery Company.

Capt. B. B. Brown and wife spent a few days this week with his father, Q. Brown and family.

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moore of Gomez, are making their home with Q. Brown and family at present.

**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.

W. L. Baker of Fort Worth spent the past Saturday and Sunday with his brother, G. L. Baker, and family.

Cracked wheat for chick feed at G. M. Sharps.

Mr. J.E. and Bob Westbrooks, Arthur Campbell, W A. Wright, Chas Wright and John Franks, all of Deport were in Merkel last week prospecting.

**A Traveling Man's Experience.**

You may learn something from the following by W. H. Ireland, a traveling salesman of Louisville, Ky., "In the summer of 1888 I had a severa attack of cholera morbus. I gave the hotel porter fifty cents and told him to buy me a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy and to take no substitute. I took a double dose of it according to the directions and went to sleep. At five o'clock and took a train for my next stopping place a well man."

**MARTIN'S SCREW WORM KILLER**

Kills Worms, keeps off flies, heals wounds. 6 oz bottle 35cts. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Your Druggist 9My6m

**Here Men and Women!!**

Your September buying will be at lowest prices that you are likely to see for a year at least, and perhaps for two.

**Your September Buying**  
**BE SURE TO BUY** Shirts, Overalls, Pants, Jumpers, Domestic, Percale, Outings, Underwear, Wool Dress Goods, Shoes, Hosiery, etc.

Don't let any one fool you

**The Brown D. G. Co.**

**LOCAL NEWS**

Mr. Arthur Nobles of Deport came out Saturday and purchased a farm in the Merkel country.

White Swann syrup at G. M. Sharp's Grocery Store

Mr. Bob Westbrook of Deport was in Merkel last week and we understand is negotiating for a farm near Merkel.

Place your orders now for maize knives \$1.00. Supply limited. Bob Martin's Grocery Company.

Mr. adn Mrs. J.J. H. Rollins of Deport spent severad days in Merkel seeing after their farming interests and prospecting.

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

G. D. Bryant returned a few days ago from Winters, where he has been for the past three months.

I have a nice variety of second hand furniture on hand. If you want to buy or exchange, see me. J. T Darsey.

B. T. Cole and family of Phoenix, Ariz., moved to Trent this week. He has been in Arizona two years.

Surgeons agree that in cases of cuts, burns, bruises and wounds the first treatment is most important. When an efficient antiseptic is applied promptly, there is no danger of infection and the wound begins to heal at once. For use on man or beast, Borozone is the Ideal Antisetpic and Healing Agent. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

**GET MORE EGGS**

Feed Martin's Egg Producer Your money back "in egg or in cash". It starts baby chicks right and keeps 'em healthy. Ask Sanders Drug Store. 9My6m

**TO LEADERS ON OZARK TRAILS**

Monte Ne, Ark., August 9.—The Ozark Trails annual convention will meet at Roswell, New Mexico, October 1, 2, 3, and there are a number of things in connection with it that I want to advise you of and secure the interest and co-operation of our great organization. Numbering them I am calling your attention to each important branch of the subject as follows: Those who can appoint delegates to the convention are: Governors, Mayors, County Commissioners, County Judges (each of whom are ex-officio delegates) Commercial Bodies, Automobile Clubs, and Rotary Clubs. If you belong to either of the above organizations you will please take an active interest in seeing that this is done they notified of their appointment, their names furnished to your local newspaper and a list sent to this office. Members of our Association are ex-officio delegates without appointment.

The Convention will elect a President and each of our states a Vice President of the ensuing year. It will fix the place where our next annual convention will be held. It will give each of our routes a hearing, especially one speaker selected by the delegates from each route or divisions of a route, as to its status, advantages, etc. Prospective routes shown on our last map will be judged, in part, by the interest shown, at this time, for affiliation with us. New prospective routes wishing our assistance in promotion and future adoption may be heard. Information as to road building, up-to-date, will be a feature of the Convention. A number of applications for changes in our routes, growing out of inattention and neglect in making a proper road, may come before the Convention.

A special feature of this convention will be Relay Runs will be published about September 1. One will start on the Mississippi river coming west via Springfield, Joplin, Miami, Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Chickasha, with all branch lines joining in. Another will start at Las Vegas traveling east and south to Roswell, via Santa Rosa, Tucumcari, Clovis, and Portales. Another, forming at Abilene Texas, and traveling north, via Anson Stamford, Haskell, Seymour, Wichita Falls, Vernon, Quanah, Paducah, Matador, Floydada, Lockney and Plainview. Another starting at El Paso, traveling north and east, via Alamogordo and Tularosa. All arriving in Roswell the evening of September 30. All coming from the east and off the Abilene-Seymour line, will be scheduled to arrive in Plainview the evening of September 29, and finish the run, together, to Roswell September 30. A special program is being prepared by Plainview that will make our stop there memorable.

**What Is A Relay Run?**

As many places as possible will show the interest in this great road movement, that is daily giving them desired publicity and business, by sending in one or more delegates and at least one car through to the Convention, leaving on schedule time and joining the Caravan of cars that will increase in number as the trip proceeds. Additional to the number of persons going in these through cars, all others wishing to go, holding appointments as delegates and members of their families accompanying them, will be given seats in automobiles (no cost of transportation) that will be run by our members and committees for distances varying from 50 to 100 miles, transferring their passengers to like cars that makes the next Relay Run—and thus on to Roswell.

Each run will be well organized so as to proceed like clock work with a "trouble car" in attendance from place to place. A meeting, with public speaking, will be scheduled in each town passed through, by the different Relay Runs—thus giving the benefit of a fine road meeting and entertainment in some 200 towns the Relay Runs will pass through during the six days preceding the big event at Roswell. The cars carrying our

speakers of the west. We expect one to be with us from the National Highway Department at Washington—with a view to information obtained in routing a National Highway across the continent. While those in each Relay to keep the meetings going properly, will be scattered out during the day, they will all come together at the night stops. Each night there will be a meeting, music and speaking and we expect to arrange for a number of balls, en route, for entertainment at the night stops, all of which will be announced in the Itinerary and schedule to be printed about September 1. At night stops, on the one Sunday the Relay Runs will be on the road, sermons will be requested from local ministers on the subject of roads; and we will seek opportunity for any ministers in our party to be invited to speak from the pulpit. By this method and program the Roswell convention will result in innumerable meetings, preceding the big Convention in that Western City. County Commissioners, County Judges and all other road officers, having in charge road construction, cannot afford, if conscientiously impressed with their duties, to fail to take advantage of this trip. While, en route, they will see how roads are being made—width of crown, drainage, graveling and other hard-surfacing, length and style of culverts and many other things that can only be learned by observation and experience. At the Convention, and, en route, they will meet men of their kind, have opportunity to discuss with each other each phase of the subject, and hear men of experience in construction and maintenance of roads. Men having this duty and responsibility should feel the importance of taking advantage of this opportunity. If necessary, each county can afford to pay part or all of their expense to secure the information this trip will give. Tulsa, Oklahoma, sent its road officers east to obtain

less information than this trip will give. Each town and county that is daily being benefited by our marks and literature, drawing travel, business and money to it and securing great publicity that would not otherwise be received, owes it to our organization to send one or more cars through to the Convention and to give every possible support to the Relay Runs—thus encouraging and increasing the business and conveniences, in the future, that comes to each over the Ozark Trails. The distance from St. Louis to Roswell is 1,140 miles. From Hannibal and Memphis about the same distance. From Springfield to Roswell, 888 miles. Miami to Roswell, 772 miles. From Tulsa, 670 miles. From Oklahoma City, 544 miles. From Chickasha 497 miles. From Lawton, 445 miles. From Altus, 380 miles. From Plainview to Roswell, 200 miles, and this last run will be made in one day on a smooth plains road with only two stops. Before reaching Plainview the daily runs will be about 125 miles with eight to ten meetings each day. From Las Vegas to Roswell 280 miles. From Tucumcari to Roswell, 140 miles. J. W. Corn, of Tucumcari, our Vice President for New Mexico, is organizing this Run. From Abilene, Texas, to Plainview, from which point the last day's run will be made, the distance is 387 miles. From Seymour to Plainview, 270 miles. From Wichita Falls to Plainview, 220 miles. Judge E. M. Overshiner, of Abilene, Route President, and G. B. Morris, of Seymour, our Vice President of Texas, will have charge of this run. From El Paso to Roswell is 214 miles. Alamogordo to Roswell is 128 miles. Tularosa to Roswell, 113 miles. The Itinerary of all Relay Runs will be announced the first week in September. Information Wanted The home office wants to

hear from each town by the 30th. inst., August, earlier preferred. How many cars from your own will, probably join the Relay Run to go through to Roswell? How many cars can you furnish to carry delegates to the next important stop beyond you transferring them to cars at that point? What will be your local arrangement for a meeting at your place on the arrival of the Relay Run? Should we select your place for a noon stop or an all night stop, how many people can you take care of? What will be the rates at you different hotels—say whether American or European? Price of meals? We will much prefer regular meals and want to know in advance the prices, with names of houses. There will be too much waiting and delay at the noon meal and supper and breakfast, if the usual restaurant and hotel delay is encountered. Meetings at noon and night and a prompt start in the morning will require meals on the table or quickly served. If necessary, hotels and rooming houses filled with your citizens open their residences to take care of delegates and those accompanying them. Have you a brass band and will it be out to play at your meeting. Can you take music with your delegation through to Roswell or furnish any other form of entertainment, such as a male quartet, to go the trip. Have you a popular and entertaining speaker who will make the trip and speak at Relay meetings? It is important that your county commissioners and county judges go with us, you will see them, and in your reply you will give us their names and addresses. Other than those going through in their own cars, how many will, probably, go from your town seats being furnished them. All towns sending delegates will be extended the privilege of distributing, en route, advertising matter relating to their respective localities and speakers may indulge all they wish in this respect—this is to get what ben-

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When you go to buy any thing, it pays to buy the best. This will apply to paint as well as anything else.

Sherwin-Williams paint is guaranteed to cover more space to the gallon, and stay on longer than any other paint.

A coat of good paint on your house, barn, wagon, buggy and farm implements will be worth ten times the cost of the paint. We have the kind most suitable for the job.

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We again advise you to buy your Furniture now, as any one familiar with the market conditions is bound to admit that prices are going higher.

**Barrow Furniture Co.**

fit you can for your section and to have the different counties and states we are linking up, better known to each other and better acquainted. Towns far west are invited to send some one to join our Relay Run beginning in the east, to come through with it, exercising the same privilege.

For the occasion of this Run see that your dirt roads are well dragged and on gravel roads that all chug holes are filled. Get your road in good shape.

Asking an early reply; extending to each my personal best wishes and cordially inviting all our members and friends to join in making this a memorable occasion in the history of good roads promotion, I am,  
W. H. HARVEY, President.

**A Great Remedy**

The merits of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy are well known and appreciated, but there is occasionally a man who had no acquaintance with them and should read the following by F. H. Dear, a hotel man at Dupuyer, Mont. "Four years ago I used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy with such wonderful results that I have since recommended it to my friends."

**SALE OF FOOD**

Definite instruction has been received at the local Post Office concerning the sale of government food stuff which begins at Fort Sam Houston this week. Any one wishing to obtain definite information and look over a price list can do so by calling at the Post Office or by interviewing Mayor J. J. Stallings.

**No Worms in a Healthy Child**

All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

**TYPEWRITER CHEAP**

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Sealed Tight Kept Right

**The Flavor Lasts**





# MILLINERY ANNOUNCEMENT

- ☐ Our stock of Millinery is now arriving daily by every express and already we are making one of the most wonderful showings of Millinery ever displayed in Merkel.
- ☐ We are especially featuring the Gold Medal line of hats and you will always find them in the lead in style, workmanship and materials. Remember when buying Millinery from us that we have all new, up-to-date goods to show you, as our stock is entirely new.
- ☐ Miss Mitchell of Greenville, has arrived and has full charge of this department and will take great pleasure in seeing that your every want is taken care of.
- ☐ We hope to be in our new building by Sept. 10th, where we will be in better position to serve the people than ever before.

## Merkel Dry Goods Co.

THE BIG CASH STORE

### The Merkel Mail

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Part of the army is on another outing in Mexico. Just how much fun they will have is to be determined by whether they catch the bandits.

Many people were greatly disappointed in Congressman Blanton's failure to speak in Merkel the past week. Urgent duties in Washington is the reason he was detained. We hope to see him here at an early date.

Congress is investigating the high cost of shoes. We advise our friends, however, not to wait until they make a report before they buy their shoes, as they might not look comely going barefooted.

About the time some of our high sounding politicians are questioned about the label of their democracy they rush to the flag of "Jeffersonian democracy." If old Jefferson knew the crowd that was his pretended followers, he doubtless would turn over in his grave.

John Bond is short of boarders. If there is any one about Merkel who has been mean

enough to board with Jno. Bond they would greatly accommodate him by showing up and engaging a room before the rush is on. There is not a single county prisoner in the bastille just now.

Sanders Bros. are making as much headway on gravelling the highway through Merkel as their limited teams will permit. It will not be long before we will have a mighty fine road. Sanders Bros. certainly know their business and when the work is finished we predict it will be finished right.

The house passed the repeal of the day light saving law over the President's veto by a vote of 223 to 101. In this Congress did wisely. The President could have avoided this veto, but it seemed that certain influential interests caused him to oppose the repeal. It was all right as a war measure but is mighty hard on a fellow when he wants to sleep a little later each morning.

When we hear a man talking about voting away the incorporation of the city, we are led to wonder why he fixed his habitat inside the limits anyway. Why don't he move across the line. There are many splendid men who will give liberally to a charitable purpose, but when it comes to sharing justly the community interests, even at small cost, they go up in the air and talk with no reason at all.

The catalog houses are sending out their junk, big catalogs with pretty pictures. We ask our catalog friends to be kind enough at least to look through the local stores before ordering. It puzzles us much sometimes to understand why some people are so profoundly friendly to a cat house and so confoundedly hostile to a local firm, when nine times out of ten the local house treats them squarer and fairer.

Prevailing feed prices are entirely inadequate to warrant the sale thereof. Our advice is to save all the feed that it is possible to save and market as little as possible. The time will come when it will be worth the money and the only way to make it worth while is to properly preserve it. The country will be stocked with hogs and cattle and if the prices remain low, feed the stuff and market fine, fat animals. Our farmers will be profited little if at this time they sacrifice their feed stuff.

There are many people who contend that the Democratic party needs cleaning up, but

they can not understand how it can be done by the fellows who met in Fort Worth the other day. Many of the people believe that the very men who met in Fort Worth are responsible for every ill that has befallen the party. Therefore the logical conclusion is to let them form another party, eliminate themselves from the Democratic party and the party will be cleaned and purified. Even if the Bailey and Ferguson crowds gather strength, the indications are that they can never become congenial bedfellows, and so two weak efforts will be made to right alleged party wrongs. Out of it all we freely predict that the great Democratic party of Texas will emerge glorious and triumphant.

Time is but one succession of change. Each individual is but an integral part of the whole. Daily we meet friends, only when the bonds are closest are they cut assunder. Some go

out to enrich and beautify the world, while others bid that long adieu in a better land to receive us one by one as we, too, join the innumerable caravan. There are men we have stood shoulder to shoulder in the world's work, who are moving away to apply their talents in other parts. Our hearts are grieved at their going. We have understood each other; they have helped shape our ideals; they are a part of us and we a part of them. We are profoundly thankful that their lives have crossed with ours. They have helped us, and if we have helped them, we are glad. Separation does not break friendship. Though miles may intervene, even at the shrine of memory there lives the intertwining recollection of the joys that were. Years nor distance can eliminate the happiness that is past, and when time ends in eternity, we may know that again we shall gather in sweet converse unmindful of the close of day and unafraid of further separation.

It seems that Congress is about to knock out the President's daylight.

Cotton picking is considered a serious problem by many. There is talk of different prices, and the attitude of some of the people is to bid against his neighbor. Prices will be high, but there is no use being foolish about the matter. Why not set \$1.50 per hundred for the season. Remember when some of our people went down east last year they picked cotton for 50 and 75 cents a hundred. If East Texas help can not be secured, it is likely that Mexican help can be had.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head  
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E.W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

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PRACTICAL  
*Business College*  
ABILENE, TEXAS  
Only well-known Business College in West Texas. Thousands of firms nearer our Employment Department than any other. Money-back contract guarantees position. Catalogue FREE.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Hancock have adopted a fine baby boy, about four months old. They have named him Jerry Gene. They are as proud of it as if it had always been their own. They are to be commended for their deed. The world would be a better place to live in if more childless homes would follow this young couple's example, and adopt a baby, thus bringing untold happiness to their home.

### LOOK OUT FOR THE CARS

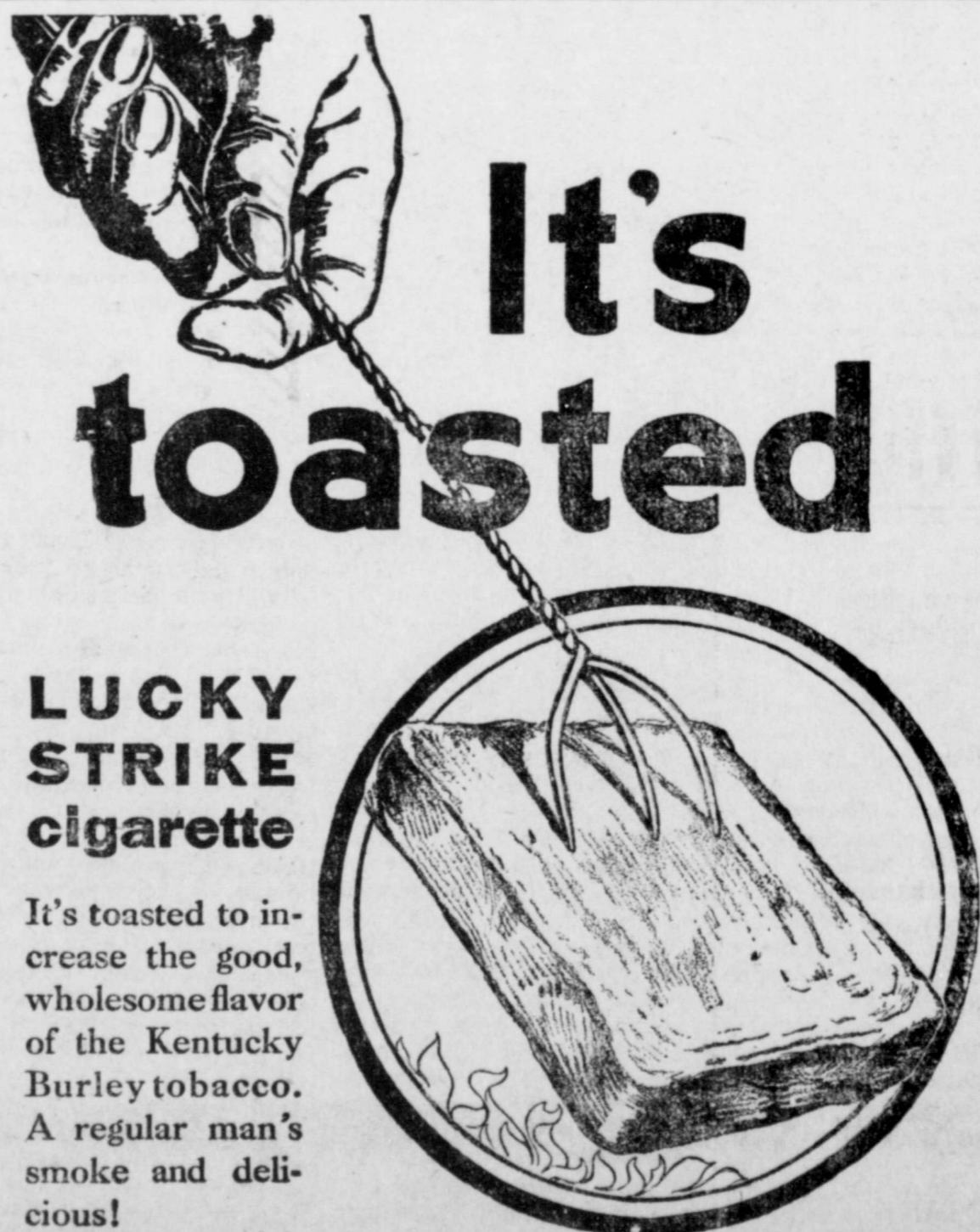
DO YOU know of anyone who is old enough to read, who has not seen that sign at a railroad crossing?

If everyone has seen it at some time or other, then why doesn't the railroad let the sign rot away? Why does the railroad company continue to keep those signs at every crossing? Maybe you think, Mr. Merchant, "Most everybody knows my store, I don't have to advertise." Your store and your goods need more advertising than the railroads need to do to warn people to "Look Out for the Cars." Nothing is ever completed in the advertising world.

The Department Stores are a very good example—they are continually advertising—and they are continually doing a good business.

If it pays to run a few ads 'round about Christmas time, it certainly will pay you to run advertisements about all the time.

It's just business, that's all, to  
**ADVERTISE IN THIS PAPER**



**LUCKY STRIKE**  
cigarette

It's toasted to increase the good, wholesome flavor of the Kentucky Burley tobacco. A regular man's smoke and delicious!

Guaranteed by  
*The American Tobacco Co.*

### If You Want

**R E S U L T S**

YOU can get them by advertising in this paper. It reaches the best class of people in this community.

Use this paper if you want some of their business.

**Use This Paper**

**CHURCH NEWS**

**Methodist Church Notice.**

On last Sunday morning my congregation very kindly voted me a months vacation. So I am spending this week at Trent helping Bro. Johnson in a meeting which will close Sunday night. Then the first of next week Mrs. Murrell and I will start to Tennessee and be gone until about the 18th or 20 th of Sept. There will be no prayer meeting during this time. Wallace Bragg will be in charge of the Sunday School, and I bespeak for him the hearty cooperation of the entire church. The Sunday School hour has been changed from 9:45 to 10 o'clock. Again let me thank the Church for your exceeding kindness to me and praying God's blessings upon everyone of you.

I am yours to serve,  
W. M. Murrell, Pastor

**At The Baptist Church**

All our services at regular hours next Sunday. Sunday school and preaching ten to twelve sharp. B. Y. P. U. at six. Evening worship service at nine. The activities of the week at their regular hours. Everybody invited to attend any one or every one of our services. Let all Baptist remember that this is Information Month and the first effort of the 75-Million Campaign is to get our Baptist papers into every home. Let's get in on this schedule and keep step with the mighty army.

E. E. Dawson, Pastor.  
Walter Jackson, Supt.

**B. Y. P. U. Program Aug. 24**  
Subject, Second Coming of Christ.

Leader, E. F. Nix.  
Song.  
Prayer.

Introduction, E. F. Nix.  
Scripture Reading Matt. 24:  
Roxie Sharp

What is Meant by the Second Coming Miss Willie Swann.  
What is Christ Coming For Mrs. Ross Wheeler.

Piano Solo, Miss Lula Belle Sharp.  
When is Christ Coming, Annie Mae Swann.

The Manner of the Second Coming and Conclusion, Virgie Mayfield.  
Song, 298.

**Baptist Ladies Meeting**

The following program will be rendered by Circle C. at the Baptist church, Tuesday afternoon, August 26.

Song, "The Great Physician."  
Prayer.  
Scripture, Matt. 10:1; Luke-10: 9, Mrs. H. T. Merritt.  
Beginnings, Prov. 1-7, Mrs. Meeks.

Present Conditions Prov. 8-13, Mrs. Swann.  
Spiritual Value Prov. 14, Miss Ola Sharp.

S.B.C. Medical Missions. Porv.

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<b>FOOT REST</b> Stockings for boys, misses and children are the best for all.	<b>FOOT REST</b> Hosiery for ladies. None better See ours	<b>FOOT REST</b> Socks for men are the best. Try your next pair.
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**They will be worth money to you**

<b>New Gingham</b> Cheaper now than later. New Goods of all kind arriving daily.	<b>SHOES</b> The house to buy your shoes. We have them for less. See our bargain counter	<b>Groceries</b> We have groceries for less. We do not charge delivery prices. See us for your duck.
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## The STAR STORE

The Oldest Store in Merkel



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

**Birthday and Farewell Dinner**

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collins served dinner in honor of the birthdays of Mr. Collins and his brother, F. M. Collins, the former being 66 on Monday and the latter being 63 on Sunday. The latter is here on a visit from Pulaski, Tenn. The dinner was also in honor of R. M. Parker just previous to his departure for his new field of endeavor and to Rev. E. E. Dawson, who is soon to remove to Coleman.

The dinner was spread fit for a king, arranged and prepared as only Mrs. Collins can arrange such an affair. Walter Jackson acted as master of ceremony, short talks were made by Prof. Parker and Rev. Dawson, and then the guests drank to the health of the honorees.

The old Tennessee friends who partook of the hospitality of the occasion were as follows:

T. N. Kelso and family Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell, Andrew and Tom Douglas, J. A. Collins of Abilene, and Grady Collins. Others present were Earl Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson, Rev. and Mrs. Dawson and children, Mildred and Joe.

It was indeed a most enjoyable affair. The guests wished the brothers many happy birthdays.

**A Masquerade Party.**

Complimenting their sister, Miss Floyse Boyd of Arlington, Mr and Mrs. Burl Scott entertained with a masquerade party Friday evening from nine to twelve. The lawn was beautifully lighted with Japanese lanterns and it was there the guests found partners for a dozen sets of progressive conversation, the subjects being given in neatly printed folders. From a prettily decorated booth delicious punch was served throughout the evening by little Miss Carolyn Mahaffey and Fanny Mildred Rister, each costumed like a little fairy. Music was furnished by the Victrola, played by Edward McCrary of Arlington, brother of the hostess. Many beautiful costumes were worn and the evening was one of pleasure for about thirty-five guests. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus, Judge and Mrs. W. P. Mahaffey, Miss Ethel Scott of Abilene, Misses Mae Burket, of Abilene, Mary Reed, Mammie Rister, Zoe West, Jess Sutphen, Jessie Mae Cox of Abilene, Mitchell and Pauline Mahaffey, Jewell McCarty, Geneva Brown, Mesdames Henry West, James West, C. L. Cash, Wedemeyer, Ergeal Meadows, and Messrs D. Grimes, Wallace Bragg, Booth Warren, Choc Jones, John West, W. L. Diltz, A. D. Boggs, Davis Jones, DeVerle Johnson, Frank Armstrong, Tom Allday, W. W. Bain of Dorchester, and the host and hostess and honoree.

I have a nice variety of second hand furniture on hand. If you want to buy or exchange, see me. J. T. Darsey.

**You Do More Work.**

You are more ambitious and you get more enjoyment out of everything when your blood is in good condition. Impurities in the blood have a very depressing effect on the system, causing weakness, laziness, nervousness and sickness. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value.

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC is not a patent medicine, it is simply IRON and QUININE suspended in Syrup. So pleasant even children like it. The blood needs Quinine to Purify it and IRON to Enrich it. These reliable tonic properties never fail to drive out impurities in the blood. The Strength-Creating Power of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC has made it the favorite tonic in thousands of homes. More than thirty-five years ago, folks would ride a long distance to get GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC when a member of their family had Malaria or needed a body-building, strength-giving tonic. The formula is just the same today, and you can get it from any drug store. 60c per bottle.

**ALL WORN OUT**

Does morning find you with a lame, stiff and aching back? Are you tired all the time—find work a burden? Have you suspected your kidneys? Merkel people endorse Doan's Kidney Pills. You can rely on their statements.

Mrs. J. M. Dry, gave the following statement April 17, 1915: "I simply got down with my back and when I stooped over it was hard for me to straighten up again. Dizzy spells came on me and I felt worn out, all the time and depressed. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills recommended so I decided to try them. After I had used Doan's a short time the pains in my back left me and the dizziness was gone as well. My kidneys were strengthened and I haven't needed a kidney medicine since."

On May 5, 1919, Mrs. Dry added: "Doan's Kidney Pills gave me wonderful relief when I needed something to tone up my kidneys. I have the same faith in them as when I recommended them in 1915."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Dry had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. G. W. Feidler and daughter, Helen, of Denison are visiting Mrs. Feidler's sister, Mrs. J. J. Stallings

Mrs. T. M. Smith and girls, Mildred and Ora have gone to Stanton to visit W. D. Smith and family about ten days.

**FARMS WANTED**

We want more farm listings. Have a call now for a small farm. Also list your large places and ranches with us. We can sell them. That is our business. Make the best price you can and stand by it. If you want to leave the country, we will try to let you take the value of your farm with you. List now. Merkel Realty Co.

### For Weak Women

In use for over 40 years! Thousands of voluntary letters from women, telling of the good Cardui has done them. This is the best proof of the value of Cardui. It proves that Cardui is a good medicine for women.

There are no harmful or habit-forming drugs in Cardui. It is composed only of mild, medicinal ingredients, with no bad after-effects.

**TAKE**

## CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

You can rely on Cardui. Surely it will do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women! It should help. "I was taken sick, seemed to be . . ." writes Mrs. Mary E. Veste, of Madison Heights, Va. "I got down so weak, could hardly walk . . . just staggered around. . . I read of Cardui, and after taking one bottle, or before taking quite all, I felt much better. I took 3 or 4 bottles at that time, and was able to do my work. I take it in the spring when run-down. I had no appetite, and I commenced eating. It is the best tonic I ever saw." Try Cardui.

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15-20, Mrs. Causseaux.  
Advantages, Prov. 21, Miss Ida Meeks.  
The Call, Prov. 22, Mrs. G. M. Sharp.  
Prayer.  
Song, "I Gave My Life For Thee."

**Sunday School Attendance**

The Sunday schools of Merkel fell off in attendance last Sunday, probably due to the extreme hot weather and further that many people are away visiting. It is noted that the Sunday schools of Abilene picked up a little.

We believe a little effort on the part of the schools here will eclipse in attendance the schools

there even if the population in Abilene is many times that of Merkel.  
Baptist 201.  
Methodist 140.  
Presbyterian 65

**Epworth League To Meet At Compere Sunday**

Leader, League President.  
Song.  
Song by League, Brighten the Corner Where You Are.  
Prayer.  
Subject, What Does Loyalty do to Our Church And Country, Church Loyal to Our Country Vida McNeess.  
Duet, Bessie Tucker and Annie Mae Costephens.  
Loyalty to Christ and Loyalty to Country, Ralph Henson.  
Loyalty May Call for the Supreme Sacrifice, Agnes Rister.  
Quartett, Henson, Pee, Barnett and Conner.  
Heroism at the Sinking of the Maine, Jerome Hutcheson.  
Why Not an Epworth League At Compere, Open Discussion.  
Song, Benediction by Superintendent of Compere Sunday School.  
Exery Leaguer who can go be at the Methodist Church promptly at 3 o'clock. Bring your car and carry some one who is desirous of becoming better acquainted with their neighbors.

Let this meeting at Compere be a Get-To-Gether occasion.  
Wallace Bragg, President

Frank E. Smith has just graduated at the University of Texas and returned home. He will practice law in Merkel. He will be connected with Judge Cobb at the Merkel Lumber Company. Mr. Smith is a young man of ambition and we bespeak for him a career in his chosen profession. Previous to his graduation, Mr. Smith spent a couple of years in the army, holding commission as active captain in the field artillery.

Miss Macie Graves of Fort Worth is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stallings

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L. D. LEVY, Local Mgr.

**Ford**  
THE UNIVERSAL CAR

When you want your Ford car repaired, insist always upon getting the genuine Ford Parts, made by the Ford Motor Company, in order to insure reliable quality. There are "spurious," "counterfeit," "imitation" parts made by outside concerns who have no regard for quality in material, so insist on your Garage or Repair Man furnishing you the genuine Ford Parts. All reliable garages may now buy the genuine Ford Parts from us—so there's no excuse for any one using the "bogus" parts. To be sure, bring your car to us for repairs or replacements.

**Merkel Motor Co.**

**WHEN HENS EAT EGGS**

Egg eating sometimes becomes a serious vice, fowls becoming fond of eggs when they have learned to eat them, and it often spreads from fowl to fowl. It usually begins through accident by eggs being broken or frozen. Be careful to see that this does not happen. See that the nests are properly supplied with straw or other nesting material and have them darkened, so that if an egg is accidentally broken the fowls will not be likely to discover it. Supply plenty of lime in the form of oyster shells, bone, or similar substances to insure a firm shell. As soon as it is discovered that a fowl has formed the habit, the fowl should be removed, in order to prevent the spread of the vice. Once formed, it is difficult to eradicate, and the safest remedy is the death penalty.

Fowls sometimes pluck feathers from themselves and from each other, which is often caused by too close confinement, by the presence of insect pests, or by improper feeding. When some of the fowls of a flock have formed the habit slightly, a wide range with a change of

diet, including a plentiful supply of animal feed, and freedom from insect pests, will usually correct the evil. Above all, see that the fowls have plenty of inducement to exercise. If the habit becomes well formed it is very troublesome and may necessitate the killing of some of the fowls in order to stop it.

If your child is pale and sickly, picks at the nose, starts in the sleep and grinds the teeth while sleeping, it is a sure sign of worms. A remedy for these parasites will be found in WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It not only clears out the worms, but it restores health and cheerfulness. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

**Prolific Bearers.**

G. F. Holland has a bean vine of the corn field variety that is 20 feet long and he has to climb a ladder to gather beans. The vine is a fine producer. He planted one seed of Sudan, which has been cut 5 times. The last time it had 746 stalks and the next time he cuts it he expects to get over 1000.

**Farm Loans  
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Farm Insurance**

Our farm land loan facilities are the very best. On good land we can handle your loans quickly.

We have just made arrangements to take on a line of insurance covering farm buildings. We can write you a policy and deliver it immediately. Protect your property against fire.

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FOR SALE**

Expert Repair Work and Tube Vulcanizing

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**MEXICO WILL EXHIBIT  
AT THE VICTORY FAIR**

INVITATION EXTENDED BY DIRECTORS THRU CONSUL FLORES ACCEPTED BY PRES. CARRANZA.

The Republic of Mexico, for the first time in history, will make an official Government exhibition at the Victory Fair.

Mexican Consul Flores, of Ft. Worth and Dallas and W. H. Stratton, Secretary State Fair of Texas, originated the idea. Signor Albino R. Nuncio, of the Mexican Industrial, Commercial & Labor Department, made a trip all the way from the City of Mexico to Dallas, a few days ago to complete arrangements. Signor Nuncio is an expert in preparing displays for exhibitions. He had charge of the Mexican Government's exhibition at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, N. Y. and at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco, California.

The display at the Victory Fair will consist of agricultural, industrial, official, and artistic exhibits. Pottery, Indian Blankets and wicker-ware are among the commodities, in many different sizes, color combinations and unique designs that are made by the Mexicans and the Indians of Mexico, that will be shown.

The Dallas Trade Trippers, who visited Mexico recently, inspected the national museum of commercial and industrial arts. They are filled with admiration for the many interesting and handsome articles they saw there. Many of these, together with a famous Mexican art loan collection, it is planned, will be shown at the Victory Fair at Dallas in October.

One, or more, of their excellent Police, or Army Bands, may come. Secretary Stratton has sent a special request of this nature to President Carranza.

Twenty thousand square feet of floor space have been set aside for the Mexican Government exhibition. Advances have been received that thousands of representative Mexicans will attend the Fair. At this time an immense amount of business can be transacted between Mexicans and Texans and many cordial personal friendships will then be made.

**HORACE GOLDIN, MAGICIAN  
STAR FOR VICTORY FAIR**

WITH COMPANY OF ORIENTAL MYSTICS WILL MYSTIFY COLISEUM AUDIENCES.



Horace Goldin, Master-Magician, Illusionist, and Inventor of Legerdemain, with his company of Oriental Mystics, will be a star coliseum attraction at the Victory Fair at Dallas in October.

Goldin presents some of the most mystifying spectacular illusions ever seen anywhere. He himself is a "whole show of whirlwind magic."

A beautiful maiden walks through a big plate glass mirror—Goldin disappears from a wicker basket suspended from an airplane—a dainty damsel appears to be torn to shreds by a raging tiger, only to walk forth presently unharmed. Goldin climbs a rope dangling from nowhere, until he disappears into—nowhere. These, and many other tricks which appear to defy all the laws of nature and of mechanics, will be presented by Goldin, the Royal Russian Magician & Company.

**GIANT SEARCHLIGHTS WILL  
ILLUMINATE VICTORY FAIR**

THREE HIGH POWERED LIGHTS MADE FOR RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT SECURED.

Three immense electric Searchlights, that will prove a revelation in illuminating possibilities, have been secured for the Victory Fair. These were obtained through the co-operation of J. F. Strickland, President, and J. W. Carpenter, Vice President, Dallas Light & Power Company.

The combined strength of these searchlights is 5,500,000 candlepower. They were procured in Chicago where they were originally made for the Russian Government prior to the revolution in that country, but were never shipped there. The additional light will be found a great convenience and protection to the visitors. Light is emblematic of progress and knowledge and these giant searchlights will be especially appropriate for the Victory Fair at Dallas in October.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Miss Maurine Angus is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Angus at Fort Worth. Chase and Sanborn high grade coffee at Bob Martin's Grocery.

Rotan Cypert of Monette, Mo., is visiting his parents, Elder and Mrs. Cypert.

Screen against the flies. We have the wire. Crown Hardware Company.

G. W. Ely of Sweetwater visited relatives in Merkel this week.

Guaranteed corn and wart remedy at A. L. Jobs.

W. D. Swann of Tyler spent the past week with his brother, J. S. Swann and family.

Fresh cake flour now at E. L. Rogers.

Miss Madeline Hunt and Mary Comegys left Wednesday for a few days visit to relatives in Dallas.

Old friends we can now furnish you with fresh cake flour. E. L. Rogers.

Miss Annie Swann of Tyler is visiting her cousin, J. S. Swann and family.

Marechal Neil flour, the best on the market, at Bob Martin's Grocery Company.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp and several members of the family and Miss Deci Sharp are spending the week at Stephenville. They made the trip in their car.

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Mr. Dick Williams and R. T. Pence came in Tuesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams and family a few weeks. Mr Pence joins his wife and children who have been visiting here some weeks.

Car of fresh Peace Maker flour at G.M. Sharps.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shelton left Wednesday for Waco where they will spend about 10 days visiting relatives.

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

Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards and children of Midland are visiting Mr. Edward's mother, Mrs. West Edwards.

Screen against the flies. We have the wire. Crown Hardware Company.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Klingman and children of Dallas visited friends in Merkel Tuesday.

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### TRENT NEWS

Maize heading is the occupation of the day. The farmers say they will make more feed this year than they have for years.

Royce Dowdy has gone to Crowell to sing for a meeting. He was accompanied by his sister, Gertrude.

Misses Jewell and Vera Young of Duncan Okla., are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Lee Pribble.

Allen Berchitt and family of Breckenridge visited his sister, Mrs. J. W. Dowdy a few days last week.

Mrs. Bonnie Church of Sherman, Mrs. Walter Massey of Pilot Point and Miss Myrtle Sipes of Ranger are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Sipes.

Mrs. Dr. Dingle of Rockford, Ill., is visiting relatives of this place.

Gilbert McLauchin of Baird spent Monday and Tuesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. McLauchin.

Dan Rawlings has opened up a restaurant at this place. Mrs. Ed. Burks of Whitesboro is visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Massey have moved back to Trent. They will all return sooner or later.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Winn visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Wichita Falls visited their parents here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith have returned home after a weeks visit to relatives at Stanton.

Mr. Charlie Smith of Wichita Falls is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tid Smith.

Jim Armour of San Antonio is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Armour of this place.

Mrs. John Howell happened to a very painful accident Tuesday afternoon, while helping her husband fix the wind mill, the pipe slipped and caught three of her fingers crushing them. . . . Mrs. E. Howell returned home

Tuesday after visiting her daughter, Mrs. Tom Winters of Fort Worth.

Misses Maggie and Ruth Wheeler attended singing at this place Sunday afternoon.

Lee Eason of Kale attended singing here Sunday afternoon.

Miss Alva Le Estep is visiting friends in Goldwaite.

Miss Maye Robinson from Simmons College spent Sunday with home folks. . .

### NEWSPAPERS BOUGHT AND PERSONS HIRED TO ASSASSINATE LEAGUE

Washington, Aug. 13.—Representative Heflin, Alabama, charged in the house today that German money and munition manufacturer's money is back of the propaganda to defeat the league of nations.

Mr. Heflin declared "money by the thousands is being ex-

pendent and newspapers purchased to poison public minds and persons had been hired to assassinate the league.

"Are German agents in this country now to succeed in doing what they were unable to do in time of war?" asked Heflin.

"They were here blowing up munition plants, murdering war workers and trying to destroy the power of the government. They did not succeed. They are here now. Every German treacherous sheet that assailed President Wilson during the war and assailed our government during the war, is fighting the league of nations. Every one of these agents are howling and barking upon the trail of this league and hounding it to death. Germany is doing all in her power to defeat and destroy it."

Shorts and Bran at G M. Sharps.

### FREE PROOF TO YOU

Not One Penny Will Rich-Tone Cost You if it doesn't prove of genuine Worth in your Case

You are to be the Judge—try this famous tonic—if it doesn't bring to you new energy a splendid appetite, restful sleep, peaceful and quiet nerves—if it doesn't destroy that tired feeling and build you up then Rich-Tone will be free to you, it will not cost you anything—NOT ONE PENNY.

YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF to try this marvelous remedy. You OWE IT TO YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS to be strong well happy bright of eye brisk of step ruddy of cheek able to go about your work with a smile on your lips.

On each bottle is plainly printed, "Money cheerfully refunded if not entirely satisfactory, and your own local druggist will let you try Rich-Tone on this money-back guarantee.

One user says, "I was run down after a bad case of "flu." Was in bed four months and under the care of five doctors had nervous prostration and could not sleep and ate very little. I got a bottle of your wonderful tonic Rich-Tone and am now eating three times a day and I sure sleep sound I can't say enough for your wonderful tonic Rich-Tone. It is worth its weight in gold It has saved me \$50 or \$60 as I was going to Mineral Wells, but I do not need to go now—thanks to Rich-Tone."

Rich-Tone makes more red corpuscles enriching and purifying the blood It contains all of the elements that are needed most in maintaining strength and vigor. Rich-Tone rests the tired nerves—restores appetite induces healthful sleep—it gives you all those things which mean energy and wellbeing. Get a bottle today on our money-back guarantee. Sold locally by Sanders Drug Store. 187c.

CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

### NEW RESTAURANT FOR MERKEL

J. F. Holloway is opening up a restaurant by side of the Pate Barber Shop. He hopes to have everything in readiness to open by September 1.

Mr. Holloway is an energetic young fellow, and we predict success for his efforts.

### Colds Cause Grip and Influenza

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

If you sit in a cool draft when you are heated and get a stiff neck or lame back, you will be looking for something that will ease the pain. Fix your mind on BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT and don't be talked out of it because it is the best pain relieving liniment you can get any where. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Flour, bran and shorts at Bob Martin's Grocery Co.

## You Just Try NR For That Indigestion

Get your organs of digestion, assimilation and elimination working in harmony and watch your trouble disappear. NR does it or money back.

### One Day's Test Proves NR Best

The stomach only partly digests the food we eat. The process is finished in the intestines, where the food is mixed with bile from the liver.

It must be plain to any sensible person who realizes this, that the stomach, liver and bowels must work in harmony if digestive troubles are to be avoided or overcome. This fact also explains why sufferers from indigestion, also suffer more or less from headaches, biliousness and constipation.

If you are one of the many unfortunate persons who cannot eat without suffering afterward, if you are constipated, have bilious spells, headaches, coated tongue, bad breath, variable appetite, are nervous, losing energy and feel your health slipping away, take this advice and get a box of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) right today and start taking it. Give it a trial for a week or two

and just see how much better you feel. See how quickly your sluggish bowels will become as regular as clock work, how your coated tongue clears up and your good, old-time appetite returns. See how splendidly your food will digest and how your energy, "pep" and "ginger" revive. Just try it.

You take no risk whatever for Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) is only 25c a box, enough to last twenty-five days, and it must help and benefit you to your entire satisfaction, or money returned.

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Merkel, Texas

## LOCAL NEWS

C. T. Mershon and family left Thursday in their car for a visit to relatives at Pecos.

Prices right on all goods at A. L. Jobes

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Calloway of Texarkana spent the past week with Mr. Calloway's mother, Mrs. W. C. Calloway.

List your property with the Merkel Realty Company, if you want it sold.

Miss Genevieve and Q. Rust are visiting friends in Merkel. The latter recently secured his discharge from the navy.

Bring your clothes here to be cleaned and pressed. Will give you quick and good service. Mrs. C. L. Cash. Phone 180

Miss Mamie Ellis left Thursday morning for Abilene on a visit to her brother and sister.

Dr. M. E. Campbell of Abilene, a Specialist eye, ear, nose and throat. Glasses correctly fitted. Will be at Merkel Saturday Aug. 30. Office. Dr. M. Armstrong. 15t3c.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. O'Brien left Saturday for Glen Rose. Mr. O'Brien returned leaving Mrs. O'Brien there for a short time. She has been in bad health for some time and thinks the water there will greatly help her.

Fresh eggs wanted at the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Mrs. Chas. C. Rogers and daughter, Annie Laura, of Sweet water, and Miss Virginia Griggs of Temple are spending the week with Judge and Mrs. Mahaffey.

Have a car of Mitchell wide tire wagons at Crown Hardware Company.

H. L. Waters and family of Cleburne are visiting his sister, Mrs. G. L. Baker and family. He reports crops generally good in his country.

Have a car of Mitchell wide tire wagons at Crown Hardware Company.

Miss Mamie Rister left Sunday for El Paso where she is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. J. Shaffer and brother, Polk Rister and family. Little Fannie Mildred Rister, who has been visiting relatives here for some time accompanied her.

Mrs. P. F. Powell, nee Bertye Diltz, who has been visiting her parents for some time, returned to her home at Van Horn by way of Manitou, Col., where she joined her husband. They will make their home in Bakersfield, Cal. Her marriage was kept a profound secret, it having occurred in February 8. She thought best to keep her marriage a secret until she had her visit out on account of her mother's health.

### KILL THE BLUE BUGS

And all Blood Sucking Insects by feeding Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Sanders Drug Store. 9My6m

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## NEW FALL MERCHANDISE DAILY



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Ask to see the beautiful new stoles in many different styles received this week.

We were fortunate in having booked a greater portion of our fall merchandise early which gives us some advantage of the daily increasing high prices.

Watch this space for lower prices on new fall merchandise

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THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bullock on August 9, a fine 7-pound girl. The baby has been named Laurel Georgene. Mr. Bullock of Clovis, N. M., came in a few days ago, but is returning to that city Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Price of New Mexico are spending a few weeks with Mrs. Price's sister, Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt and family.

Pat Jones returned Tuesday from a trip to Magdalena, N.M.

A C McGee and wife are visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stallings

J. S. Swann visited Mule Shoe, in the Panhandle, this week on business.

### GET MORE EGGS

Feed Martin's Egg Producer Your money back "in egg or in cash". It starts baby chicks right and keeps 'em healthy. Ask Sanders Drug Store. 9My6m

## EVERY NIGHT IN THE WEEK

Beginning some time in September (exact date announced later) we will operate a show at the Cozy Theatre every night in the week. We have arranged for two Serials, one Special Feature and three Variety programs for each week, with a few light Operas and popular Road Shows during the winter, and intend to give our patrons the same service and quality shows we were giving when local conditions compelled a partial shut down two years ago this month.

Beginning at the same time, the Cozy Studio will be open every day in the week. We still know how to make good photographs, and invite you wait if you intend having anything in this line done in the near future.

Local conditions for the past two years have been such that we could not operate—except at a loss, we therefore very reluctantly shut down temporarily, and appreciate the spirit in which the people of Merkel and the Merkel country accepted the situation.

Sincerely H. F. GROENE

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### The Merkel Mail

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**Fine Tomatoes**  
Miss Clara Moore was kind enough to send us a sample of tomatoes she had grown. One of the tomato vines has produced 13 already ripe and has a number green tomatoes. The tomatoes are practically free of seed, of a fine flavor and very large. The sample sent us was perfectly formed and weighed 3/4 of a pound.

Holland, Nim and Willie and Misses Selina, Olive and O. Teaff, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Dee Jones left Tuesday for Roswell New Mexico, in cars, for a few days visit to the home of the latter.

The Sears-Rose building will be ready for occupation by September 1. The work is being pushed as rapidly as Contractor McClary and his efficient force can do the work. Carpenters are scarce in Merkel. Several additional men could be used to good advantage.

Henry and Obe Baker came in Tuesday morning to spend a few days with their brother, J. C. Baker and family. They left Thursday morning for their home in Mineral Wells.

Miss Ruby Campbell left this Thursday morning for Colorado where she will spend the weekend with friends.

**A. Q. Harper Dead**  
The funeral cortege of A. Q. Harper arrived on No. 23, Monday evening from Fort Worth. Mr. Harper died at noon Sunday. The funeral was held from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Alice Rose, at 9 o'clock, Tuesday morning. Rev. E. E. Dawson conducted the services. Burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery. Mr. Harper resided in Munday and recently went to Fort Worth where he underwent an operation from which he never recovered. He was born in Iowa but has resided in Texas for 50 years. He was 62 years of age. He is survived by his widow and one daughter Mrs. Pearl Stevens of Munday and by two brothers and two sisters besides Mrs. Rose. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens were here; also Mrs. Sidney Kiker of Dublin and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander of Munday.

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### RAINFALL IN MERKEL FOR THE PAST YEAR

January, snow, .....	.63 inches.
February, rain, .....	.16 inches.
March, rain, .....	.56 inches.
April, rain, .....	.66 inches.
May, rain, .....	3.12 inches.
June, rain, .....	2.67 inches.
July, rain, .....	.39 inches.
August, rain, .....	1.92 inches.
September, rain, .....	.64 inches.
October, rain, .....	3.90 inches.
November, snow and rain, .....	1.25 inches.
December rain, .....	2.98 inches.
January rain, .....	2.49 inches.
February rain, .....	.44 inches.
March rain, .....	2.25 inches.
April rain, .....	3.01 inches.
May rain, .....	5.51 inches.
June rain, .....	3.62 inches.
July rain, .....	2.48 inches.
Total for 1918 .....	18.88 inches.
Total for 1917 .....	8.09 inches.
Total for 1916 .....	15.17 inches.
Total for 1915 .....	13.74 inches.

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