

THE MERKEL MAIL



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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1919

BIG. SHOWING OF OIL

8 PAGES

Cotton is the order of the day. As we go to press the cotton receipts in Merkel is nearing the 2500 bale mark. A thousand bal- amsburg, Kansas has been electes have been brought in since ed an Active Vice-President of Saturday. We predict a crop of The Farmers & Merchants Natover 15,000 bales. The farmers ional Bank of this place. Cashier are feeling fine. Several have Thos. Johnson, in commenting shown us checks this week run- upon the matter said: Yes, Mr. ning over \$200 a bale. Cotton is Thompson has been elected running between 33 and 35 cents | Active Vice-President of our ina pound. With the assurance of a stitution and has assumed his fifteen thousand bale crop, and duties. He is a man of considermore if we have a late frost, able wealth and wide experience, there certainly ought to be some especially in country banking, money in West Texas, especially such as is carried on here. He in Merkel, at the close of the sea comes to us highly recommended

enough feed for two years. Very able addition to our official family the price is very low. We esti- Mr. Thompson has already mate that fully \$100,000 worth moved to Merkel and this will be of feedstuff will go to waste in his future home. the Merkel country. Every hand The F. & M. National Bank has is being used that can be secured had such a remarkable growth in Clerkhire is almost out of the recent months that another ac- a number of big concerns negoquestion. Cotton pickers are very tive official will enable us to hand body is working overtime.

that added thousands to the and financial backing of a line of money here than any two cotton have all of our friends, customgrops ever raised before. A num- ers and the public generally call much as 200 barrels per day. Joe B. Spencer of Overton, Tex ber of the boys are already pick- at the bank and meet Mr. Thomping out the kind of a car they son and we feel sure they will be termine the quantity. As oil was aunt, Mrs. J. G Broughton will buy. If this prosperity rack- pleased with his genial personalet keeps up, some of the fellows ity. No other change was made expected, it is believed that a big will be negotiating for flying in the official line up. machines.

Rain in Merkel Country

one been that the rains of the This company was organized in ing of oil will be found at 200 Sunday with homefolks. past week have excited less in-- February and has enjoyed a rehave the record. They are a ed at \$250,000, about \$200,000 of great help to late feed and the which has been taken. Holdings second growth of cane, but are a of the company are increasing in detriment to cotton. However, value daily. It has been the policy placing the rig on the ground tolittle damage has been done cot- of the company to keep their ton, as we have had no downpour, holdings until the field in which pursued with due dilligence. C.H. The farmers should feel very they were located reached the thankful for this, for all over the height of development. A few

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 12th day of Sept., 1919, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and pub-Hisned at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 26th day First State Bank, Trent, Texas Loans, real estate...

Overdrafts	***
Bonds and Stocks and W.S. Stamps.	4,719.52
Real Estate (banking house)	8,000.00
Other Real Estate	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,750.00
Due from other Banks and Bankers,	
subject to check, net	···· 42,095.01
Cash Items	7,041.44
Currency	20,613.00
Specie	2,059.23
Int. and Asst. Dep.Guaranty Fund Other Resources	3,494.89
Bills of ExCotton	27,318.77
Total	\$434,967,82
LIABILITIES	
apital Stock paid in	\$35,000.00
surplus Fund	30,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	3,738.27
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, pet.	
Individual Deposits sub. to check	321,399.91
Time Certificates of Deposit	11,095 68
Cashier's checks	3,217.46
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	
Total	\$434,967.82
State of Texas, County of Taylor:	

We, J. S. Swann, as president, and R. O. derson, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do the best of our knowledge and belief. J. S. Swann, president.

R. O. Anderson, cashler Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th lay of Sept. A. D. 1919. W.O. Boney (SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas

Correct-Attest:

Active Vice President is Elect-

At F. & M. National Bank

Mr. L. R. Thompson of Williboth as a banker and a citizen

tofore and service will be the

CONFIDENCE IN MERKEL

The Pocahontas Leasing & Royalty Company, of Dallas represented by D. L. Irvin, vice presented by D. L. Irvin, vice president, and E. D. Coats, is showing its confidence in Merkel's cil field by investing extensively. oil field by investing extensively when the casing is placed. This best prices. J. T. Darsey. in leases. The company has about well is 2100 feet. Geologists who So intensely busy has every ing the amount considerably. terest than usual. We do not even markable growth, being capitaliz country great floods are reported sales has enabled the company to here several days and are doing pay a 10 per cent dividend, which everything within their power will be sent to stockholdres with- to obtain casing, which is a in a few days.

No. 354

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of

7,500.00 Texas, on the 26th day of Sept., 1919. Loans and dis., personal or collateral...\$67,318.54 class farm consisting of 100 or

Overdraite	199.10
Honds and S ocks	19,700.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	9,916.53
Due from other banks and	
banker subject to ck. bet	
Cash items	49,84
1 Corrency	7,511.00
Specie.	881 34
Int. and Assessment Depts' Gty. Fund	1,234.38
Other Resources	7,775.50
Total	131,984.49
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	10,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, net	16,592 66
Individual Deposits Sub. to Check 8	7,947.79
Time Certificates of Deposit	125 00
Cashiers checks	2,319.04
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	5,000.00
Total	131,984.49
State of Towns County of Towless	

State of Texas, County of Taylor: Adrian as cashier of said bank, each of us, do emnly swear that the above statement is true solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief. J. T. Warren, President,

L. E. Adrian, Cashier. day of Sept. A. D., 1919.

(SEAL) Thos. Johnson Notary Public Taylor County, Texas. Directors

Interest Still Centers Around Sears Well=-Casing for Bland Well Ar= rives -- Rig Being Placed at Trent Immediate Drill-

ing--Butman to Re-Drilling sume

Interest in the oil sphere has They are building one of the best been a little quieter this week, rigs in the country. They are to show them to her friends and The free text books were isthough leases are stiff. Several very enthusiastic over the out- patrons. She is an artist of great sued by Mr. Miller, assisted by a deals have been made and the look, but are reticent in regard ability, capable of passing pudge- few senior girls, with no confu-Most of the farmers have and we feel that he will be a valuway. In the process of undergram good find will be relishing news. way. In the process of underream good find will be relishing news is selecting the line with care. was expected. Students are comenough feed for two years. Very able addition to our official family ing at the Sears well, oil flowed enough in the end, rather than to like with and to the community in general. In the sears well, oil flowed enough in the end, rather than to like with and to the community in general. In the sears well, oil flowed enough in the end, rather than to like with and to the community in general. In the sears well, oil flowed enough in the end, rather than to like with and to the community in general. In the sears well, oil flowed enough in the end, rather than to like with and to the community in general. In the sears well, oil flowed enough in the end, rather than to like with a search wit with a search with a search with a search with a search with a so freely that the baler came up hold out splendid inducements the Merkel Dry Goods Company and are co-operating splendidly half full of oil each time. Oil men now and drill a dry hole. They are for the present. He will employ a in making the new system a succlaim that the field is proven, pleased with their location, which capable person to represent him. cess. Supt. Burgess asks that all whether or not a big producer is is the same that has been made Mr. Walker is an old hand at the parents co-operate in seeing that found at this well. There are now for several months .. Butman Well tiating for acreage on which to The Sinclair people have been short and a hand can not be se- le all business matters more ex- drill. Mr. Houghton is of the held up for some time from lack

cured for love nor money. Every peditiously, if possible, than here opinion that a large number of of equipment. To hold their leaswells will be drilling in a short es, it is alleged, they had to bor-The grain crop put nearly motto. Mr. Thompson is not only not for sale. A mile away it is order to start drilling. It is start. everybody on easy street. Then an experienced and able banker not for sale. A mile away it is order to start drilling. It is statcame the leasing proposition that himself, but he has the moral likely be a few days before any equipment on the way and that likely be a few days before any equipment on the way and that wealth of the country, and now a Kansas City financiers of great definite information can be given they will resume activity withcotton crop that will bring more wealth. We shall be pleased to out. Experts say that the well, if out further delay. shot, would produce easily as

> However, there is no way to de- as, is visiting at the home of his struck at a shallower depth than

Mrs. Orr, who has been visitger flow will be found lower down ing her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar, returned to her home. At last the casing arrived for Mrs. M. S. White and baby of

4000 acres already and is increas from the well believe that a show Agnes Lassiter of Abilene spent Mrs. M. L. Powers and Miss

> Miss Inez Scott is visiting her The Brock Oil & Gas Company aunt, Mrs. C. L. Cach.

of Morgantown, W. Va., has taken over the Trent Block and is day. Drilling operations will be

Brock and Virgel A. Brown, mem bers of the company, have been Guy and Will Winsett of Tenessee, who have been visiting relatives here several days, left or home the past week. scarce article at the present time

or in the vicinity.

feet deeper.

Bland Well

Trent Well

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

at the close of business on the 12th day of Sept. FOR SALE-5 young work mul- COAL-Orders wanted. I will Loans and Dis., personal or collateral \$307,475.96 paper printed and published at Merkel, state of es, at my place. C. E. Jacobs. tfc have car of coal about October 15.

> Texas Route 1 19t2p. timore.

> > 26t2p

for four, and keep bed rooms, starting October 1st. Good home and good wages for right party. Mrs. J. A. Collins, Collins House.

FOR RENT-5 room house, close in water and lights. J.R. Baze. tf once.

LEASE FOR SALE-40 acres in Jones County vicinity of Sears Well at \$20. dollars per acre, We, J.T Warren as president, and L. E. located Northwest corner of the League 360 Goliad School Land. Write or wire W. F. MacDermott, 1401 Cosden Building Tul-

> sa Oklahoma. HELP WANTED

right party. Woodrum Hotel tf

WANTED-Middle age lady between Merkel and the Warren

Notice to the Public

agon-sheets away from Burtoningo Lumber Company a day or so ago, please return same at 26t1pAdv.

otice to Rural Patrons of the Post Office

The postal regulations state hat rural mail is only to be givn out when it does not interfere ith other work in the office, hile our present rush is on it rill be impossible for us to give ut the mail at general delivery hile we are busy waiting on the Wanted at once a woman to do public or before the carriers have house work. Good wages to the it put up. H. C. Williams P. M.

and are expected daily.Mrs. How- this opening. Mr. Baker has the struments and will be delighted work is already well under way. success for their undertaking.

here. They have rooms with Mrs will start their children just as able pharmacist.

Bring your maize heads to Blair. I can pay the market price. John S. Hughes, Blair.

Fresh honey at G. M. Sharp's busiest men in town.

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.

Approximately four hundred "Everybody's" Music House students were enrolled in the and Confectionery, owned by Merkel Public School on Monday, L. B. Howard and Jack Walker, September 15, according to a is getting ready for business. A statement from Supt. R. A. modern fountain has been order- Burgess. All seemed eager for ed and is expected every day. A work and were soon classified full line of confectionery goods and satisfied, and everything will be handled, Several pianos, is promising for a good year. talking machines and other mus- Never did all settle down to ical instruments and a big line of work sooner and everything sheet music has been purchased move off more smoothly than at

and will have charge of the in- high school well organized and

confectionery business. With the those books are cared for as relineup, we can but predict great quired by the new free text-book law.

Though the enrollment is good, Mr. R. J. Lowery of Pecos has there are many still helping to accepted a position with Sanders gather Merkel's bumper crop. It there may be no difficulty in the late ones making their grades.

> Homer Easterwood has accepted a position with the Farmers State Bank and is now one of the

Mrs. Crawford, who has been very ill at the home of T. Smith is much improved.

NO. 7481

Report of the Condition of

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on Sept. 12, 1919

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts.....\$284,274.49 Notes and Bills Rediscounted Overdrafts, secured, None: Unsecured None. Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value) ____6,250.00 Pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value) ___ 3,500.00 Pledged as collat. for State or other dep. or bills payable 10,000.00 Owned and unpledged.... American Beauty flour and War Saving Cert. and Thrift Stamps actually owned.... meal are the best and are for Securities other than U. S. bonds (not inc. stocks) owned unpledged__ Furniture and Fixtures Real estate owned other than banking house _____ Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks..... 115,884.09 Net amounts due from banks, bankers and trust companies..... Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 16) ___ Total of Items 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17.....\$124,251.78

6,367,69 Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items_____ 4,435,97 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U.S. Treasurer Interest earned but not collected-approximate-on Notes and Bills Receivable not past due.... LIABILITIES

WANTED TO RENT—A first Call 291 or see T. J. R. Swafford. Capital stock paid in \$25,000.00 19t4p | Surplus Fund _______ 25,000.00 Undivided profits\$14,172.64 1,752.30 200 acres. First class references WANTED—Family to pick cot-153.16 furnished. J. H. Frizzell. Merkel ton. Can furnish house. Jack Lat-Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate) Circulating notes outstanding LOST-New wagon double tree Net amounts due to banks, bankers, and trust companies (other than included in Items 29 or 30) with-out children to do cooking School. Homer Patterson. tlc. Cashiers checks on own bank outstanding 6,472.33 Total of items 30, 31, 32 and 33.....\$11,900.92

Demand Deposits subject to Reserve: Individual deposits subject to check _____ 320,794.62 Will the parties who took the Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days...... 11,850.00 Total demand deposits subject to Reserve, Items 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39_____\$332,644.62 Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed) Postal savings deposits Total of time dep. sub- to Res., Items 40, 41, 42 and 43 \$5,533,03

Bills payable, other than with Federal Reserve Bank, including all obligations representing money borrowed, other than rediscounts 10,000.00 Liabilities for rediscounts, including those with Federal Reserve Bank (see Item 1d

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS: I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. THOS, JOHNSON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of Sept., 1919. J. T. HOWARD, Notary Public.

Correct-Attest:-J. T. WARREN G. F. WEST. HENRY JAMES

Directors

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

FARMERS STATE

MERKEL, TEXAS

As Reported September 12, I919

RESOURCES

Loans	\$314,975.96
Bonds, Stocks, W. S. S.	4,719.52
Banking House	8,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,750.00
Other Real Estate	900.00
Cash and Exchange	99,127.45
Interest Guaranty Fund	3,494.89
	434,967.82

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	33,738.27
Bills Payable	30,516.50
Deposits	335,713.05
S	434,967.82

Mrs. E. E. Patterson. Dead

nesday that Mrs. E. E. Patterson of the Canyon was dead. She had been in ill health a long time The funeral was held Thursday a long time and has a host of at Abilene, friends to mourn her departure. The consolidation of the two and a large family.

the loved ones and friends in this Nothing to approach this gigannour of their bereavement.

for publication last week.

Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

HOUSE WIRING RATES

On account of high cost of labor and material, after Oct. 1st.

All orders given up to October 1st. will still be \$2.50 per drop. Yours truly MERKEL POWER COMPANY

Claude Cash left Sunday after-100n for Comanche, where he will of gorgeously costumed characspend the winter with his grand-ters and beautiful horse take parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cash.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo,
Lucas County, ss.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he
is senior partner of the firm of F. J.
Cheney & Co., doing business in the City
of Toledo, County and State aforesaid,
and that said firm will pay the sum of
ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each
and every case of Catarrh that cannot be

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

A. W. GLEASON, (Seal)

Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

SELLS FLOTO SUPER CIRCUS

Word reached Merkel Wed- Mammoth Shows are Now Combined and Announce Exhibition at Early Date

The West's biggest amusement afternoon, burial taking place in institution Sells Floto Super Rose Hill cemetery. Mrs. Patter- Combined, is to exhibit afterson has resided in this country noon and night Thursday, Oct. 2

She is survived by her husband biggest Western Shows in one colossal size, constitutes the a-We greatly sympathize with musement surpise of the country tic, new circus has ever before This article reached us to late toured America. It has ben formed by merging the pick and the crea mof all that was biggest and Swellings of the flesh caused best in two famous shows. It by inflamation, cold, fractures of would be folly to attempt to enuthe bone, toothache, neuralgia or merate its many wonders. Some rheumatism can be relieved by idea of the enormous scale upon applying Ballard's Snow Lini- which features are presented ment. It should be well rubbed in maybe had when it is stated that over the part affected. Its great a quarter of a million pounds of healing and penetrating power elephants take part in a single eases the pain, reduces swelling act. In other words, twice as and restores natural conditions. many of the big-earned giants than have ever before been seen in one main-tent exhibition. All else to be seen in porportion. The arenic stars embrace all the world's formost circus perform-ers. There are three hours of nov Electric house wiring will be \$3. elties and big sensational acts. The menagerie is far and away the most colossal ever traveled. The great tournament, Birth of the Rainbow," opens the main tent program, is the most magnificent thing in pageantry yet produced in America. Hundreds upon hundreds

> When the bowles feel uncomfortable and you miss the exhilarating feeling that always follows a copious morning operation, a dose of Herbine will set you right in a couple of hours. If taken at bedtime you get its bene ficial effect after breakfast next day. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

part in it. The morning street

parade at 11 a.m. is the longest

and most brilliant ever given any

where. It is a stupendous, supercircus that baffles description.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

THE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business September 12, 1919

RESOURCES

Loans	\$263,133.62
U. S. Bonds and Other Securities	11,552.34
Unearned Interest	260.07
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,500.00
Other Real Estate	5,000.00
U. S. Cert. of Ind.	10,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
CASH AND EXCHANGE	171,490.14

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LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	39,775.16
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	10,000.00
Due Federal Reserve Bank	35,661.94
DEPOSITS	350,161.57
Total	\$466.848.67

Modestly we recognize the responsibility that comes with leadership in the Banking business in this community.

This has not been a spasmodic attainment, but has obtained throughout all the years.

Read and compare the above statement.

Your business appreciated. Service the best. "SINCE 1904"

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.

In every home where there are children there should be a bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge. It destroys worms and acts as a tonic in the debilitated system. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

W. M. Hope of Winters dropped off Saturday on a trip from El. Paso to his home. Mr. Hope formerly resided here and has a number of friends in this section.

For deposit or cash bring all your cotton and other checks to F. & .M. National Bank. 26t2c

Perry Cole has accepted a posi tion as bookkeeper with F. P. Hamm. He and his family have moved to Merkel.

For the stomach and bowel disorders of babies McGee's Baby Elixir is a remedy of genuine merit It acts quickly, is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.



A TEXAS WONDER The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolv es gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheum tism 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 seldo mfails 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.

Many New Goods This Fall

LADIES!

Come see the newest in

Skirts Suits Waists Coats Hosiery Gloves Kid Boots Outings Underwear Beads Handkerchiefs

MEN! Step in and see our new

Hats Ties Sox Belts Pants Shoes Cuff and Collar Buttons Caps Shirts Silk Collars

PRICES, STYLES AND QUALITIES ARE RIGHT

Cotton Flannel Table Demask Towels, Crash Ginghams Silks & Crepes Kimona Silks & Crepes Men's Overalls Jumpers Underwear Gloves, Etc. Stetson Hats 7 to 71/2

We save you money and breath-because we sell For Cash and at One Price

The Brown D. G. Co.

\$466,848.67

Walton Strickland of Walnut Springs has accepted a position with the Barrow Furniture Company. His family will arrive here about October 1. He comes highly recommended as an able furniture man.

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

Miss Ruth Boden has accepted a position as saleslady with The Merkel Dry Goods Company.

Our Tellers are always supplied with plenty of change. A pleasure to supply you. F. & M. National Bank.

Mrs. Duncan Briggs and baby returned Wednesday from a two months visit to Greenville, Dallas and Waurika.

Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days

"LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially-prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly but should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It Stimulates and Regulates. Very Pleasant to Take. 66c

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Dr. Browning of Waurika returned home several days ago from a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning.

Quick, intelligent and accurate service in all departments, looked after personally by trained officials. F. & M. National Bank.

Chamberlain's Colic, Diarrhoe Remedy in Michigan.

Mrs. A. H. Hall, Caseville, Mich., says, "I wish to thank you for your grand good medicine, Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. We are never without it in the house, and I am sure it saved our baby's life this summer."

Mrs. Mary Carrington, Caseville, Mich., says, "I have used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy for years and it has always given prompt relief."

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Alma Wells, who spent last week with Miss Mamie Rister, left Sunday evening for her home in Brownwood.

For deposit or cash bring all your cotton and other checks to F. & .M. National Bank. 26t2c

Iris McClary underwent an operation at a sanitarium in Abilene Sunday evening for appendicitis. The operation was a success and she is getting along splendidly.

Change for cotton picking and other labor pay rolls cheerfully furnished at F. & M. National Bank. 26t2c

W. L. McClesky of Ranger visi ted at the home of Dr. and Mrs. N. J. Smith several days the past week. The first well brought in at Ranger was on his father's place. Mr. McCleskey is highly pleased with the oil prospects here. He is likely to return here within a few days.

Surgeons agree that in case 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 Antiseptic and Healing Agent. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

For Weak Women

Managarian (*)

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

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 rundown. I had no appetite, and I commenced eating. It is the best tonic I ever saw." Try Cardui.

All Druggists

Capt. and Mrs. Oliver are movg to Texarkana, having sold ieir beautiful home on Oak street. We regret that Capt. and Mrs. Oliver are to leave Merkel, but wish them well in their new

MARTIN'S STOCK DIP

A better dip for less money. Martin's Sure Cure Roup Remedy, Martin's Lice Powder and all Martin's Remedies are absolutely guaranteed by Sanders Drug

FLOOR COVERING

We have one of the best assortments of Rugs to be found any place, and can save you from 10 to 20 per cent over the present price. We bought our Rug stock early and are giving our customers the advantage of the saving we made. You had better come and get your rugs now while our stock is complete and you can get just what you want.

LINOLEUM

Our Linoleum stock is running low but we still have a number of patterns to select from. We would advise you to buy your Linoleum now for two reasons-First, we will have to get more for the next shipment; second, right now is the best time to lay linoleum. You will find that you get better service out of the linoleum laid now than you will to wait till cold weather.

FURNITURE

• Our Furniture stock is very low at present, but he have several cars already in transit, and within the next ten days we expect to have one of the most complete stocks of up-to-date furniture ever shown in Merkel. Give us a chance at your furniture wants and we will save you some money.

Barrow Furniture Co.

afternoon. A very impirtant busi

present at the next meeting. If

Parents- Teachers' Association Our Tellers are always supplibank on second page of this pa-

WRGLEYS

c a package before the war

a package during the war

a package

THE FLAVOR LASTS SO DOES THE PRICE!



WASHING

Be independent of your washwoman. Let us see you an Electric Washing Machine, long easy terms. With our electric machine you can do your own washing in two hours and with but little trouble and labor. Let us explain ... MERKEL POWER CO ...

Miss Belle Shuff of Mulberry Canyon visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Strickland Saturday and Sunday.

NATURE'S WARNING

Merkel People Recognize and Heed It.

Kidney ills come mysteriously. But nature generally warns

Notice the kidney secretions. See if the color is unhealthy-If there are settlings and sediment,

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Doan's have done great work in Merkel.

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Miss Elsie Sharp left Monday for Abilene, where she entered the Christian College.

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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.

Mrs. R. B. Norman of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs S. P. Mayberry, Saturday and Sunday.

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Just What She Needed "I used a bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets some time ago and they proved to be just what I

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J. T. Tucker of Peacos, an old timer with 40 years experience in the Merkel country is visiting relatives and friends.

Change for cotton picking and other labor pay rolls cheerfully furnished at F. & M. National Bank.

Sie Hamm of Ranger spent the past week with homefolks.

Despondency

Sufferers from indigestion are apt to become discouraged and feel that complete recovery is not to be noped for. No one could make a greater mistake. Hundreds have been permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and can now eat anything that they crave. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its func tions naturally. If you have not ried them do so at once.

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ements on the school ground, the night of Sept. 20, 1919. The Every member is urged to be mother and baby are doing nicely

you are not a member come and Mrs. H. E. Boden and sons, join the association and help a J. B. Ceicel, and Clifton of Dallas are visiting her mother, Mrs. Ada Walker. Mrs. Boden came The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head by Fort Worth and visited her

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OCTOBER 2



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Ladies Aid Society Social.

Circle A of the Baptist Ladies Aid Society was entertained last Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. L.B. Scott. The lesson was conducted by Mrs. Warren. After a very interesting meeting and a short business session, a social hour was held. Quite a number were present.

Refreshments were served.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with worms have an un-healthy 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, in prove the digestion, and act as a General Strength-ening 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.

We are expecting car of flour meal and shorts any day. G. M. Sharp.

Wins Five Dollars

Wallace Bragg won the five dollars offered for the naming of "Everybody's" Music House and Coonfectionery. He didn't tell us what he did with the money.

We are expecting car of flour meal and shorts any day. G. M. Sharp.

auley where he will make his Trent. home. He has been living with his son, W. M., in French Pasture for several weeks.

Change for cotton picking and other labor pay rolls cheerfully furnished at F. & M. National University. 26t2c Bank.

Seed Oats For Sale

Winter oats, free from johnson grass at 80 cents per bushel. T.L. Stevens, Rt. 1, Trent, Tex. 26t3p

Barney Garrett left Monday for Austin, where he enters his senior year in the State University. He expects to finish his law course by January 1.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Westphal Sharps. of Oklahoma City are the guests of Miss Jess Sutphen.

Quay Hamblett has returned from Dallas, after an absence of several months, and has entered school.

Ted Lamar of Mingus is visiting homefolks for a few days.

Tom Brown and J. T. Browning have engaged in the leasing business, the former being active ly engaged in the work, while as yet, the latter is busily engaged in the operation if his gin. They kel Realty Company. have offices with Geo. Boyce

We want to buy your maize heads. Pay market price. M. G. Stocc and Bro. Trent Tex. 29t5.

Roy Baird of Fort Worth visit ed friends here this week.

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Mrs. Knox is spending a few Jim Jones is leaving for Mac-days with her son and family at world" when the world slips from

> Fresh cake flour now at E. L. stick. Rogers.

Claude Riney left Tuesday morning for Austin to enter the

Buy your groceries and grain

Mrs. Elmer Lowe spent Satur-

loan on that farm you had better

White Swann syrup at G. M.

ing his mother, who is very low.

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A dollar does not look any bigger on pay day than Walter John son's fast ball, but the day before pay day it is an axe handle and a half across. Save when you won't miss the money. Buy W.S.S.

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FEW ASK FOR CHANGES

Majority Feel That President's Guldance Should Be Held-He Regards Pact As Sure to Come Soon.

(By Mt. Clemens News Bureau)

Aboard President Wilson's Special Train-From the Capital at Washington to the far Pacific coast the President of the United States has journeyed on the most unusual expedition ever undertaken by a chief executive of the nation

To discuss national questions, many presidents have toured the land; but Mr. Wilson is laying before America a question which affects the whole world-the question of whether or not we are to join in the League of Nations; whether we are to forget our former isolation and share with the other peoples of the earth the respons sibilities of maintaining civilization and preventing, as he says we can do, future warfare.

Between the capital and the coast the president made fifteen speeches and half a dozen brief talks. All of 100,000 fellow citizens listened to him. Several millions had the chance to see im, and apparently everyone wanted to see him, from those who thronged the streets of the cities and towns where he stopped, to those who came to the railside or stood at little flag stations in remote places, knowing their only reward could be a fleeting glimpse and a wave of the hand.

He has met and talked to all types of citizens-to men big in the business, financial and professional worlds, to farmers and mechanical workers, to Indians and cowboys and foreignborn herders and rangers, to soldiers and to mothers who lost soldier-sons in the late war.

What do they all tell him? unaniously they say they want peace definitely settled, they want no more wars, they want the League of Nations, and most of the American people, it may be fairly said tell the President they want the League just as it is, without the reservations or amendments which certain senators have insisted upon. The majority of citizens say to those who interview nem on this tour:

Woodrow Wilson guided us rightly efore and during the war with Germany. We entered that war, everythe league can do that. We want to do that, so let us keep on trusting him and get the league into operation as

soon as possible. Forget politics." Most Americans encountered on the tour have forgotten politics Repub lican Governors and Mayors have in troduced the President to his audience; the Major part of the local committees which have met him have been Republicans. They have all said: "We are nothing but Americans, Mr.

President. Mr. Wilson's arguments for the league, briefly summarized, are those: There can be no peace, either now or in the future, without it. There can only be a regrouping of nations and a new "Balance of Power," which is certain to lead to war. There can be no war in the future, with the league in existence, because no single nation would defy the united rest of mankind, and if it did, it could be

boycott, and without the use of arms. There can be no reduction in the cost of living until the league is established, for nations will not go ahead with peace time production until they know that peace is definitely assured and that production of war material is no longer necessary.

brought to terms by an economic

There can be wonderful prosperity, with the league in existence, for relations of labor and capital all over the world will be made closer and more friendly, and the worker will receive a fairer share of what he produces.

These declaration of the president, logically and eloquently put, have left his hearers thinking and thinking deeply. And then Mr. Wilson has pointed out, the people themselves, as differentiated from senators and politicians, seem to want just what the president wants, which is America for leadership.

Quite as unusual as the purpose of the cross country tour is the manner in which it is being carried out and the completeness of the arrangements on the nine car train which is bearing the party.

At the rear is the private car Mayflower, occupied by the President and Mrs. Wilson. Next is a compartment car for the secretary Tumulty, Ad. miral Grayson, Mr. Wilson's Physician, four stenographers, the chief executive clerk and seven secret service men. Byond are three compartment cars which house twenty-one correspondents, five movie men, and a telegraphic and a railroad expert. Then there is a dinner, a club car, and two baggage cars, one of them converted into a business office. The train was exactly on time at every stop between Washington and the

"THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS"

Wednesday. October 1st

Pastoral simplicity of the kind that approaches grandeur is the inspiring theme in the picturization of "THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS," the photoplay which will be seen at The Cozy Theater Wednesday, October 1st. The rugged honesty and worth of the men that lead simple lives inthe sequestered Ozarks are graphically depicted. These men, tall and upstanding, are the same type as the sturdy fine trees that reach up towards the stars from the eternal hills; the same type of men who landed upon Plymouth Rock and laid the foundation for this land of ours. In this great photo-play are shown these truly American people, living today as their forefathers did; men of giant strength and the kindness of children. The people in this play really live their lives. There is no sham, no affection They love, hate, have their being all unconscious of the fact that they are protraying the great drama of life. The scenic background for this great drama is supplied from a region rich in nature's beauties and a part of the country which has been seldom photographed. The play consists of ten reels with special musical interpretations.

Prices 25 cents and 55 cents including war tax. Continuous show from 4:30 to 11.

STOPS ICE DELIVERIES

On account of being unable to get labor, we will not make any more Ice Deliveries after Saturday, September 27th.

We will keep a man at Ice house as long as it will pay, but then it ceases to pay we will shut it up. We can not blame men for ot accepting a short job, as our ice job would be for the season is about over, when they can secure a five or six months job.

We have offered \$120.00 per month for ice deliverymen, and could not get them at that.

This is a case of which we could not help ourselves.

We also appreicate the fact that our ice service has not been what it ought to have been all this summer. On account of labor, we did not pay high wages all summer, but we paid more than the service we got out of them.

To those that go to the Ice house for ice, the man in charge will have instructions to not let any ice out without either coupons or money. Those that have coupons left on hand at end of season or when you choose we will redeem them, paying your money back.

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We have now on display the most complete line of smart Coat Suits ever shown in Merkel. Suits that are individual in design and fashioned of the seasons most popular cloths, such as broadloth, velour, silvertone, tricotine, poret twill, serges and poplins, in all the new fall colors.

Priced from

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New Silk Petticoats in jersey, satin and fancy figured taffetas, in all the popular wanted colors. Priced at _________\$5.95 to \$12.50

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A suit for the youth that will meet the requirements of the first pair of long trousers. Strictly high class tailoring and the very latest style developments. Just like big brother wears. 30 to 36______\$25 to \$40.00

Buy Blankets, Outings, Flannels, Ginghams and Cotton Staple Goods Now

The limited amount of the above only makes early buying the wise thing to do, as prices will be no cheaper later and goods will be unobtainable for late fall delivery.

72x82 Nashua cotton blankets in white & gray mixed \$7.53
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Best grade 10-4 bleached sheeting, per yard 70c
Best grade 9-4 bleached sheeting, price per yard 65c
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Best grade heavy brown cotton flannel. price per yard 25c
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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT

Last week I called your attention to the probability of a recurrence of influenza this fall and winter and stated that in the past the death rate grew larger with each recurrence. You were advised to get busy preparing yourselves and your town in anticipation of a recurrence. Since that time reports have reached this Department of cases of influenza in three widely separated sections of the State.

While there are many things that have always acted as leading factors in promoting public health work, tthe dominating im pulse should be the desire to prevent sickness, suffering and death, a love for one's fellow man and the desire to do everything possible to add to his comfort and welfare. Civic and personal pride follows closely as a factor promoting public health, for a desire to have the cleanest house and the cleanest town should be the pride of every one.

I am now calling upon yo uto set aside one day this week as "clean up and organization day." Do not stop until you have organized your forces and given your town a thorough cleaning. After a thorough clean up, let us have for our motto "No more trash littered back yards, streets or alleys. No more vacant lots overgrown with weeds and grass. No more pools of stagnant water."

I am asking that all Health Boards call a meeting this week and invite the School Board. The Commercial Clubs, The Civic Clubs, The Parent Teachers Asso ciation, The Physicians and Nurs es, and all other organizations interested in problems of health, be invited to participate and at the meeting organize forces, perfect plans for a present clean up, and provide for follow up workers and emergency demands that may arise.

In anticipation of an epidemic of influenza or one of any other nature, organize your forces, enroll your workers and have every thing ready to meet an emergency at a moment's notice.

That old cry of "the town is broke, we have no funds", can no longer be tolerated, especially sinnce the work necessary entails no heavy expense, and promises attending business college in Abi so much in return.

Public Opinion is the one influence that knows no restraint, Don't forget Rose and Buford reasonable. J. T. Darsey. that puts into practice that old at the old City Barber Shop. adage "Where there is a will, and you can and in the name of interest and humanity, you should do it.

It is your duty to do so, and your towns will be healthier and more attractive by your having done so, and your consciences will me clear by having done your duty toward yourself and your fellow man.

C. W. GODDARD, M. D. Seate Health Officer.

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The best advertisement any merchant can have is a satisfied customer. No greater recommendation can be given an article than the following by E. B. Milburn, Prop., Guion Drug Store, Guion Ark. "We have sold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for years and have always found that it gives perfect satisfaction

Willie and Nolan Helton and George Brown of Pulaski, Tenn., friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collins, are trying the west. They have accepted positions on the farm, and if they like the country, may make this their permanent home.

For deposit or cash bring all your cotton and other checks to F. & .M. National Bank. 26t2c

All those who gave orders to Waren Bros. for coal, please place order again with me. A few orders have been misplaced and I do not wish to discommode any one. Clifford Rose. 26t2c

C. B. Brown and family of Breckenridge visited G. B. Brown and family Sunday.

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A full line of groceries carried in the rear of our building, and we always save you money on your groceries. We deliver nothing and give you that part of the TOWNS EXPENSE. See us for your next bill of groceries. We carry the best.

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Ask for register tickets with your purchases. They entitle you to purchase a \$14.00 10-piece 20-year guaranteed Aluminum Utensils for \$7.95. See them on display in our store.

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Miss Oralie Sandusky left Mon some time in Merkel this week there is a wey." It is now up to Miss Callie Lou Owen of Pe- day morning for Abilene where He is preparing to move back to you to create that sentiment, trolia spend the past week with she enters Christian College. his farm south of town

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ORGANIZED ON SAME PLAN AS HOG CREEK CO. HOG CREEK OIL; WHICH HAS REFUSED OF-FER OF \$8,000,000 IS SUCCESSSFUL "WILDCAT"

Waxahachie, Texas, Aug. 2.—The directors of the Hog Creek Oil Company held a meeting at Midlothian yesterday afternoon and rejected a bid of \$8,000,000 for the sale of the company's holding in Desdem field. Many bids were filed with the directors, but the identity of the highest bidder was not disclosed.

The meeting attracted prominent oil men from many sections of the country. It was said that representatives of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, the Sinclair-Gulf Company and other large companies were

Had the directors accepted the bid of \$8,000,000 for the property the deal would have been one of the larges on record in the history of the oil industry in Texas. The shares were issued in the sum of \$100 each. and if the deal had gone through the holder of each share would have received \$13,333,33. Most of the stock is owned by the business men of Midlothian and farmers of that vicinity. Several shares are held by Waxahachie business men.-From the Evening Journal of Aug.-2, 1919.

The Pocahontas differs from the Hog Creek Co. in that it owns more acreage and the same is more widely scattered. Our opportunities are therefore greater.

EIGHTY COMPANIES IN BURKBURNETT DIVI-DEND PAYERS

Dividend Checks Amount to Almost Twice Total Capitalization

VAN CLEAVE OIL CO. LEADS THE FIELD Burk-Waggoner and Fowler Farm Companies Not Included in the Eighty

Wichita Falls, Texas, June 11.—Eighty oil companies operating in the Burkburnett field have paid dividends aggregating \$7,613,800, according to figures compiled by Everett Hughes, compiler and publisher of the Burkburnett and Wichita Falls Oil Development Guide.

The capitalization of the 80 companies included in this list aggregated \$4,334,000 making the average per cent dividend paid approximately 175 per cent. Very few of these companies are more than eight months old

Burk-Waggoner Oil Association capitalization, \$60,000; total dividend paid, \$2,000.000.

Fowler Farm Oil Company, capitalized \$12,000; per cent paid, 11,458 1-3; total dividend paid, \$1,375,000 STOCK WILL SELL AT PAR VALUE FEW DAYS

Our stock will sell at par value a few days only. By reason of the rapid advance in the value of our leases, and the almost certainty of our securing production of oil in large quantities in the near future through our fifty-fifty drilling contracts, and the certainty of several of the many deep test wells coming in around where our many thousand acres are scattered, which will mean the enhancement in value of our leases many hundred times their original cost, wise investors will not hesitate in placing their subscription while our stock may be had at par value of \$10 per share.

NO DRILLING-NO DRY HOLES

It's not the purpose of the Company to use any part of the Company's funds for drilling purposes; therefore you will never be advised that a dry hole has been struck, the consequences of which would mean the loss of your investment. To be plain we wish to state our purpose again, we propose to buy oil and gas leases, and royalties, to sell same at a good profit. We also propose to retain for the Company in the sale of leases one-sixteenth interest and let the other fellow spend his money digging a hole in the ground and let big companies drill out our leases on the 50-50 basis. If they strike oil we gain thereby at no cost to the Company.

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See E. D. COATS, Lease Agent, or D. L. IRWIN for the next few days

Mrs. D. L. Irvin of Dallas spent several days in Merkel this week with her husband, who is heavily interested in the oil

Dont wait till it is freezing to bring in your winter clothing, but bring them now and be ready for the norther. Mrs. Cash.

Mrs J. R. Lamar returned after spending a while visiting her daughters at Putnam and Baird. | 57

American Beauty flour and meal are the best and are for sale by Crown Hardware Com-

Mrs. J. E. Adkisson and daugh ters, Misses Lura and Stacy left Wednesday for San Antonio, where they will join Dr. Adkis-

We are expecting car of flour meal and shorts any day. G. M.

Mr and Mrs. Perminter were called to Bonham the past week on account of the death of Mr. Perminter's sister.

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CHURCH NEWS

At The Baptist Church

Sunday. Let every member be in early. his or her place as it is not very encouraging to a visiting preachmember should feel it his duty Out Her Hands in Vain? to God and the Church to be Leader, Agnes Rister. present at every service. Let's Scripture, Ps. 68:18-25 Acts fill the house Sunday and give a 8:26-40. hearty welcome to the stranger within our gate.

Sunday is Promotion Day in er. the Sunday School and it is urged | The Bigness of Africa and Our

PRESTRIPTIONS

that every teacher and pupil of Task, Lorena Dry. the school be present so all the Song. school can be automatically pro- The Founding of Our Mission, moted. We are counting on you Chester Hutcheson. There will be regular services teachers to be right in your place

er to see so many absent. Now is League Program Sunday Sept 28 the time most of all when every Subject, Shall Africa Stretch

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Song. League Benediction.

B. Y. P. U. Program Subject, Social Problems in

the States.

Leader, Ruth Boden. The Problem of Illiteracy and Its Attendant Evils, Roxie Sharp

The Problem of the Juvenile ncorrigible, Yates Brown.

Duett, Misses Ruby Campbell

and Lula Belle Sharp...... The Problem of The Mentally Deficient, Willie Swann.

Duet.Mrs Ergeal Meador and Yates Brown. The Problem of Divorce, Annie

Maye Swann. The Problem of Child Labor, Virgil Mayfield.

Methodist Church News

Sunday School promptly at 10, Please be on time. Preaching at 11. Subject "The Unseen Forces" Services at the evening hour at 8:30. Our town is fast filling up with strangers and we give you a hearty invitation to come and worship with us, if you are here promoting an oil company we would be glad to have you, if you are here picking cotton or doing any other kind of labor we will be glad to have you in our congregation. You need the churches influence and the church needs DRAUGHON'S you. While our town is receiving a wonderful financial blessing lets not forget the source from which the blessing comes. We hope to see you at Sunday School and Church Sunday.

W. M. Murrell, Pastor.

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Reception For Teachers

Welcome reception for the Howard, J. C. Baker and R. J. sale by Crown Hardware Com- teachers was given at the taber- Miller. nacle on Thursday night, Sept 12 An appeal for new members The following program was well was made by the president of the rendered:

Response, Supt. R. A. Burgess Piano Solo, Ona Faye Bland. Reading, Louise Warren.

Vocal Solo, Mrs. L. B. Howard Reading, Lucy Tracy. Ukalele Quartet, Louise War-

ren, Ona Faye Bland, Hazel Hark rider and Lola Armstrong. Quartet, Wilma Garrett, Mrs.

Parent-Teachers Association and Opening Address, Mr. Frank several names were added to the

Sanders-Alexander Wedding .Judge Wheeler is getting quite a reputation with cupid of late. Last Saturday night he performed the marriage ceremony for llie Sanders and Mrs. Virgie Alexander. The marriage was uite a surprise to friends of the contracting parties. Mr. Sanders has carried the mail out of Merkel for a number of years, and is alleged to have been present at the marriage of his wife to Mr. Alexander. Mrs. Sanders is the daughter of W. H. Prince of Shi loh. These people are worthy of the high esteem in which they are held and have a host of friends who wish them long years of blissful happiness.

Walked-Spears Wedding

Sunday September the seventh promptly at 12 o'clock, Miss Bula Walker and Mr. W. E. Spears were quietly married in the Court House at Fort Worth.

Mrs. Spears is the daughter of Mrs. Ada Walker of this city and resided her until about one year ago, when she went to Ft. Worth She has many friends here having graduated at Merkel High School in 1918.

Mr. Spears is a well known business man of Fort Worth and they will probably make their home there.

Hill-Schoonover Wedding

Judge Wheeler has simply ruin ed his reputation. He preformed a like ceremony only a few evenings ago. We bet he has put his sign in opposition to the reverands about here. His latest experience came Thursday afternoon, when he spoke the words that made Jettie Hill of Abilene and Miss Ella Schoonover of Ranger man and wife. They left for Abilene immediately, where they will make their home in fu-

Higgins-Allen Wedding

Last Sunday afternoon Miss Margaret Fay Allen of the Salt Branch neighborhood was married to Mr. Charlie Higgins, Rev. W. M. Murrell performing the ceremony.

Both parties are well known in Merkel and surrounding country. Mrs. Higgins is an attractive young lady of pleasing disposition and popular. Mr. Higgins is a young man of worthy ambition high character and full of pluck and energy.

We wish for them many years. of happy wedded life.

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