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THE CHAUTAUQUA DRIVE SUCCESSFUL

The Reds and the Blues entered into their contest with zeal to see which side could sell the greatest number of season tickets to the chautauqua. They left the school building promptly at the dismissal of school and rushed to the business district. The latest reports show that the Blues have 142 credits, while the Reds have only 72.

The Chautauqua promises a delightful program, helpful in every way. It will be worth the money. A committee signed up to guarantee the entertainment.

Friday evening the committees worked the business district Saturday morning they operated in the residential section and Saturday afternoon on the business streets. They worked faithfully and are deserving of much credit. The season tickets are still on sale and it is hoped that a number more will be sold before the entertainment arrives.

The Chautauqua recently visited Slaton, Stamford, Anson and Midland, and from all these places the reports are fine. This entertainment must not be confused with former efforts of a similar nature. The lectures are especially good. Many of the lectures are worth the price of the season ticket.

Remember the date, Monday afternoon and night, Tuesday afternoon and night and Wednesday afternoon and night. Those who do not buy season tickets are urged to attend the performances any way.

BUYS MERKEL PROPERTY

South Dakota parties purchased the 600 acre farm of J. H. Couch this week, the deal approximately \$20,000. A. B. Rowley and A. C. Berry assisted the Merkel Realty Company in consummating the deal.

Another deal of considerable proportion was made to J. B. Toomey of New York. He purchased the corner across the street from Commercial Hotel and the corner west of the Collins House, four lots on the main business street a couple of blocks from the Farmers State Bank and a couple of blocks west of the school building, the combined deals amounting to about \$6000. This deal was made by the Merkel Realty Company.

A. Z. Baker of West Virginia purchased a residence on the north side of town and has gone after his family. They will return at once.

C. R. Scott of Wills Point, who purchased a 160 acre farm just west of Trent expects to move on the place by November 1.

Carl Douglas purchased the H. H. Tittle home and expects to move into town within a few weeks.

J. D. Porter who recently purchased the C. W. Harris place, expects to move to town within a few weeks.

Mrs. Matthews, who purchased the building north of the Baptist church moved in from Abilene the past week.

T. M. Wilson of Mart sold the Arthur Sears home this week. All the above deals were made by the Merkel Realty Company.

Cheapest coffee in town at A. L. Jobs Store. 3t2c

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

Fresh cake flour now at E. L. Rogers.

Have a competent mechanic at the Merkel Motor Company.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT INCREASED

The school enrollment in Merkel is now 450, and, according to Supt. Bruggess, it will exceed 700 when cotton picking gets a little further along. The total enrollment last year was 550. With everything in good shape, the school promises to exceed anything that has ever occurred in its history. Supt. Burgess and his corps of efficient teachers have everything straightened out in tip top shape.

The board met this week and decided to put on another teacher, and as the enrollment increases more will have to be added. One of the rooms has over sixty enrolled.

Supt. Burgess suggests that all those who wish to send beginners to school, do so at once, so that they may line up in classes in order to get the most good out of the work. By them starting in all along during the term necessitates the teachers starting new classes all along and greatly hamper the work.

Athletics are not being overlooked. At 4:30 P. M. Friday, the High School football team will play the Sweetwater High School team on the local ground. The local team has been hard at work, and if they do not win, the visitors will have to do some mighty good playing.

Owing to the necessity of increasing the salaries of the teachers at the beginning of the season and further that more teachers will have to be employed, the board appointed a committee to equalize the school taxes for the district. This matter will have to be given immediate attention in order for the rolls to be available this term.

The school spirit is fine. The pupils are co-operating splendidly with the faculty, discipline is above par and the entire work promises to develop in keeping with the desires of the patrons. No complaint has come from the school and everything is working in harmony.

Everybody's Music and Confectionery Store has received a modern fountain and fixtures, which are being installed with dispatch. When completed, this will be one of the finest drink stands in the city. The musical instruments will arrive within a few days, it is stated, when business will start in earnest. Howard and Walker, proprietors, propose to leave nothing unturned to equip the stand in the most modern manner.

Beasley & Warren have fitted up the corner store of the Beasley building into a swan automobile show room. They could not have found a more desirable location for the business in which they are engaged. Several cars have already arrived and are on display.

HOUSE WIRING RATES

On account of high cost of labor and material, after Oct. 1st. Electric house wiring will be \$3. per drop.

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

MERKEL POWER COMPANY

Notice To Public Spent through mistake a piece of French money equal to 5 Francs, equivalent to 98 cents American money. A dollar is at Hollands Drug Store to redeem it. 10t1p

Don't forget Rose and Buford at the old City Barber Shop.

Prices right at A. L. Jobs's on Kent St. 3t2c

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. In Belgium.



Hunger, disease and exposure were not all that Belgian children were subjected to, for enemy shells constantly dropped into what little of their country the invader did not hold. In this picture Red Cross nurses are seen taking some of the fifty babies from the American Red Cross nursery at La Panne into a bomb-proof structure as the Germans opened fire from the sea.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR RENT—5 room house, south side. See O. D. Asn, Kent St. 2t2p.

LOST—Childs sandal between Salt Branch and my home last Wednesday night. Leave with Mr. Hamblet at scales. T. J. R. Swafford, Phone 291. 10t1p

CAR OF COAL—I will have another car of coal in a few days T. J. R. Swafford, Phone 291 t2p

LOST—Mud chain for Ford car between Merkel and J. H. Couch farm southeast. W. O. Boney t2p

FOR SALE—320 acres of land, all tillable land, 75 acres in cultivation, well improved. A bargain for quick sale. See J. E. Boaz, Merkel, Texas. 10t3p.

For Sale Until Nov. 15th 87 acres best level farm land in Taylor country, four miles of Merkel, improved, house, good barn and storm cellar, well, wind mill, plenty water. Cotton making \$75.00 per acre. Price \$65. an acre and all royalty goes with place. Terms to be agreed upon Possession January 1st. A. D. Scott, Merkel, Texas Route 4. 10t3p.

FOUND—An Eastern Star pin at the Post Office. Finder may have same by calling at the Merkel Mail and paying for this adv

Fresh car Peace Maker flour G. M. Sharps.

COAL—Orders wanted. I will have car of coal about October 15. Call 291 or see T. J. R. Swafford. 19t4p

WANTED—Hands to haul 100 tons of cotton seed from Butman Gin to Blair and load back with coal to Gin. Sam Butman, Sr. 3t3p

LOST—Ladies blue serge coat between Nubia and Merkel. Return to Merkel Mail office and receive reward. 10t1p

Notice to Rural Patrons of the Post Office The postal regulations state that rural mail is only to be given out when it does not interfere with other work in the office, while our present rush is on it will be impossible for us to give out the mail at general delivery while we are busy waiting on the public or before the carriers have it put up. H. C. Williams P. M. 26t5

Notice to Everybody Concerned I am back at my same old stand, ready to buy your chickens, turkeys, eggs, butter, hides, sacks and rags. I will pay you the highest market price and will sell you apples, potatoes etc. as cheap as any one else. Come to see me. W. P. Duckett.

WANTED—100 chickens at once. S. K. Eckerd. 10t1c

THANKS THE PEOPLE I feel that I would be derelict in duty if I did not thank the people most graciously for the patronage accorded me during my brief business experience here in the drug business. Never have I found a people more gracious, and I sincerely trust that my successors will be accorded the same kindly treatment. Most cordially yours, G. P. Holland.

TO THE PUBLIC We take this opportunity to extend to you our greeting. We are druggists of years of experience and are here to stay. We appreciate the courteous treatment accorded our worthy predecessor and trust that we may merit the same kindly consideration. We believe we have a real business opportunity here and it is our desire to become a part of the city in every helpful respect.

Obediently yours, R. J. Lowry S. D. Gambel.

LATEST OIL NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Vague reports are in the air about the oil, but there is no definite news to give out. Interested parties confidently expect a good producer out of the Sears well. The operators are hunting a piece of the undergirmer, which is causing considerable delay.

Drilling is underway at the Bland well. The formation, looks good and the operators expect a good find in a short time.

The derrick is practically completed at the Trent well. Iron is on the ground and the drill will be ready for operation in a short time. Casing has been purchased in the East and will be shipped through in short order, leaving there within a few days.

We received a sample of apples from Hayden Turner this week, by his father, G. F. Turner. They were grown at Siloam Springs, Ark. When we tasted the fruit, we wondered if such deliciousness could come from that much abused State. No finer flavor could be found. Thank you, Mr. Turner, we appreciate you remembering us. They were indeed fine apples.

COTTON STILL ROLLING IN

As we go to press, the cotton receipts reported by J. G. Garrett, public weigher, amount to 5800 bales. The receipts were checked this week on account of the rain, but the gins are now running their limit. There is no doubt but that 20,000 bales will be received here this season.

SELLS DRUG STORE

G. P. Holland has sold his drug store to R. J. Lowry and S. D. Gambel and is will be operated as Lowry & Gambel. Mr. Holland has only been here a short time but has made many many friends who regret to see him sever his business relations. Messrs Lowry and Gambel are both registered pharmacists and know every detail of the drug business. Mr. Lowry was formerly in the drug business at Pecos and Mr. Gambel is from Fort Worth, having been head pharmacist for Renfro Drug Co. Both are young men of worthy ambition and full of energy. We predict for them a wonderful business career.

L. A. Arrington has accepted a position with the new firm. We are glad to know that he and his wife are to remain in Merkel.

Mr. Gambel formerly resided here.

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Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 9th day of October 1919. (Seal) W. O. Boney. Notary Public, Taylor, County. (My commission expires on June 1st. 1920.)

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

Fresh car Peace Maker flour G. M. Sharps.

MASSACRE WHITES PLAN OF NEGROS

Helena, Ark., Oct. 5.—Bands of negroes in Southern Phillips County, of which this city is the seat of government, had planned a general slaughter of white people in this locality tomorrow, according to members of the committee of seven appointed by civil authorities with the sanction of Governor Charles Brough who announced today that confessions made by some of the captured negroes and other information indicated a widespread plot.

According to these authorities the plot included a widespread uprising in the event certain demands were not met. With Oct. 6 set as the day for the uprising, negro prisoners are said to have confessed, each member of the organization at specified places was to pick a bale of cotton by that date, take the cotton to certain prominent land owners, plantation managers and merchants and "demand a settlement."

The confession, as announced, made it appear to the investigators that without further ado following this demand the blacks were to shoot down all whites in sight. A list of twenty-one names, admitted to represent the men to whom the demand would be presented, is in the hands of the investigating committee.

Killing of these twenty-one the prisoners said, was to be the signal for all members of the organization to attack the white population. An extensive courier system was explained in the evidence, providing for messengers known to the negroes as "Paul Reveres." These couriers had been duly appointed to ride into all parts of the territory, according to the testimony, and summon members to arms. The organization concerned was declared to be the local lodge of the Progressive Farmers and Household Union of America, confiscated literature of which designated Washington, D. C., as national headquarters, with State officers at Winchester, Ark.

Left For Texas

F. C. Sanders left last Tuesday for Texas to reside with his children who live in that state. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. H. T. Merritt, who has been with her father since before his wife died. Mr. Sanders has resided in Huntington over 40 years, and has been one of our very best citizens and leaves with the confidence and high esteem of every body. He is a devoted Christian man, loves his church and its services and the Baptist church here, of which he was one of the founders will miss him and his loyal, faithful attendance and earnest devotion. The prayers and best wishes of our people accompany him.—Huntington (Tenn.) Democrat.

Mr. Sanders is cordially welcomed as a citizen of Merkel. He resides with his daughter, Mrs. Merritt.

Lenine A Prisoner

London, Oct. 8.—Helsingfors dispatches state that Nikolai Lenins, the Russian Bolsheviki premier, has been placed under arrest at Moscow.

Lenine is said to have ordered the arrest of Leon Trotzky, the soviet war minister, but failed to secure this and instead was himself taken into custody.

Read our "Ad" in this issue and have the advantage of the service we are offering our customers. F. & M. National Bank.

CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

Just received car of Baker Boy flour. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF
CONDITION OF

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

As Reported September 12, 1919

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
	\$434,967.82

RAISE IN RATES

The City Council met Monday night for the regular routine of business. Salaries of the teamster and collector were raised. In order to provide funds to meet the needs the following raise in rates was necessary:

Water for gins where steam power is used, \$25 per month; gins using other than steam power, \$10 per month; barber shops, \$7.50 per month; garages, \$5.00 per month; drug stores and restaurants, \$2.50 per month. Civic service rates were raised on private residence to 50 cents per month and business houses to \$1.00 per month. Charges for removing dead animals from city limits: Horses, mules, cattle over 1 year old, \$6.00 each. Hogs calves and other small animals, \$2.50 each.

This service is absolutely necessary and some action had to be taken to retain help. If the civic service was allowed to go delinquent, disease might endanger the city. The health of the city must be maintained at any cost.

Read our "Ad" in this issue and have the advantage of the service we are offering our customers. F. & M. National Bank.

Mrs. V. B. Sublett left a few evenings ago, after an extended visit to relatives here and other points in this section, to join her husband at Cripple Creek, Col. The Merkel Mail follows them.

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

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Circulars free. All Druggists, 75c. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

W. O. Johnson of Mulberry Canyon was in town hunting cotton pickers this week. He has about fifteen bales already out and expects about five more for the first picking on sixty acres. He says he expects to make about 35 bales. He is feeling mighty optimistic over conditions. He is from Arkansas and says he is glad to use the word "from".

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

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

RHEUMATISM IS TORTURE
As Many Merkel Readers Know
Only too well

Many pains that pass as rheumatism are really due to weak kidneys—to the failure of the kidneys to drive off uric acid thoroughly. When you suffer achy, bad joints, backache, too, dizziness and some urinary disturbances, get Doan's Kidney Pills, the medicine that is publicly recommended by over 150,000 people in many different lands. Doan's Kidney Pills help weak kidneys to drive out uric acid, which is often the cause of the backache, rheumatism and lumbago. Merkel people have learned their worth. Read this Merkel resident's experience.

Mrs. Wm. OBriant, says: "I was troubled with rheumatic pains and had a steady ache in the small of my back. Nervous headaches bothered me and I was troubled with kidney weakness. I felt tired and drowsy most all the time. I got Doan's Kidney Pills at the Drug Store and took them. I am glad to say they gave me fine relief. Doan's regulated my kidneys and took the pains out of my back."

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

THE
**FARMERS & MERCHANTS
NATIONAL BANK**

The motto of this bank from the time it received its charter has been "SERVICE."

SERVICE in promptly caring for every detail of our customers' business.

SERVICE in always having plenty of funds to care for the legitimate business needs of our customers.

It costs money to offer the SERVICE always at the SERVICE of those who do business with us.

We want satisfied customers and we gladly meet the extra expense to have them.

To have the advantage of this SERVICE, open an account with us.

Thos. Johnson, Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

Rotan Cypert, who has been in Monette, Mo., over a year accepted a position with The Merkel Dry Goods Company and is now on the job. Mr. Cypert is an expert salesman of years of experience. His many friends here welcome him back. Mrs. Cypert will arrive within a few days.

Three good mares for sale See W. E. Lowe. 3t2c.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Decker of Portland Ore., visited Mrs. West Edwards the past week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charley Fryar of Abilene spent Sunday with Mrs. Fryar's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

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.

It's a Good Time to Buy

Goods are Going to be Scarce and High

BUY QUICKLY AND SAVE DOLLARS

Come See the Newest in

- Suits Skirts
- Waists Coats
- Hosiery Gloves
- Kid oots eads
- Handkerchiefs

Step in and see Our New

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

PRICES, STYLES AND QUALITIES ARE RIGHT

- Cotton Flannel
- Table Demask
- Ginghams Outings
- Kimona Silks & Crepes

- Men's Overalls
- Jumpers Gloves
- Ties Underwear
- Stetson Hats 7 to 7½

E SAVE YOU MONEY AND BREATH

Because we sell For Cash and at One Price

The Brown D. G. Co.

LOCAL NEWS

The Economy, Merkel's new dry goods store, is now located in its new place of business in the Beasley building. The proprietors are delighted with the prospects of a prosperous business this fall. A large force of clerks have been employed and all of them seem to be busy all the time.

Louis Rosenwasser leaves Saturday for Lockhart to superintend the shipping in of a large additional stock.

For deposit or cash bring all your cotton checks to the F.&M. National Bank

The Kings Daughters of the Methodist Sunday School met Tuesday, Oct. 7th at the home of Mrs. Tom Johnson with Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. L. P. Jones as hostesses. Business was transacted, then a social feature was rendered and enjoyed by all Refreshments were served.

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

Miss Nell Britain has accepted a position with the Merkel Dry Goods Company.

Constipation.

The beginning of almost every serious disorder is constipation. If you want to enjoy good health keep your bowels regular. This is best accomplished by proper diet and exercise, but sometimes a medicine is needed and when that is the case you will find Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent. They are mild and gentle in their action easy and pleasant to take. Give them a trial. They only cost a quarter.

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. 60c per bottle.

Resolutions on Death of Paul K. Cranford

At a stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M. held on the 4th day of October, A. D. 1919, the following resolutions were adopted.

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

We your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of brother P. K. Cranford, beg to submit the following.

Whereas, on the 7th day of September, A. D. 1919, it pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in his infinite wisdom to remove from among us our dear brother, P. K. Cranford and to transplant him as a member of that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides; Therefore, be it resolved by Merkel Lodge, A. F. and A. M. that in the death of our brother this lodge has lost a worthy member; one who lived and practiced the true principals of our order, and in his every day life was a living example of those great tenets, Faith, Hope and Charity; having faith in God, Hope in immortality and Charity toward all mankind; and while we drop a sympathetic tear for his bereaved ones, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and leave in his hands the soul of our deceased brother.

Be it further, resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy delivered to the family of our deceased brother and a copy handed the Merkel Mail for publication; and that the members of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

W. W. Wheeler
N. D. Cobb.
Walter Jackson.

For deposit or cash bring all your cotton checks to the F.&M. National Bank

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 50c.

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 we 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.

STATE PUBLIC HEALTH

In order that every possible contingency may be provided for in the event of a recurrence of influenza in epidemic form, I am now calling upon the medical profession for 100 volunteer physicians who are willing, in case the necessity arises, to serve as acting assistant surgeons of the United States Public Health Service, co-operating with the State Board of Health, at a salary of \$200, per month, \$4.00 per diem for subsistence, together with railroad fare.

It is the desire of the United States Public Health Service and the State Board of Health to enlist 100 physicians who are willing to go to any designated point in the State and do relief work during a possible epidemic of influenza and without any charges for their services other than that above indicated.

Physicians desiring to enlist in this volunteer corps may do so by filing their applications in writing with me. All applications received will be duly recorded and given careful consideration in the order in which they are received.

Very truly yours,
C. W. Goddard, M. D. State Health Officer.

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 ...

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

Indigestion, Biliousness, Constipation.

Chamberlain's Tablets have restored to health and happiness hundreds who were afflicted with indigestion, biliousness and constipation. If you are troubled in this way give them a trial. You are certain to be pleased for they will benefit you.

LUBE PETROLEUM CO.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE—ABILENE, TEXAS

Authorized Capital Stock \$100,000.00

Par Value of Shares \$1.00 Each. Fully Paid and Non-Assessable

An Un-Incorporated Joint Stock Association, Operated Under Articles of Association and Declaration of Trust. See the Application for Share at side of this Advertisement for Reference to Non-Personal Liability of Shareholders

Results; Not Promises

¶ If we were unscrupulous it would be easy to make extravagant promises of big profits: but such promises would be no more substantial than a mere vagary, a wild fancy or an idle dream. And if we make an honest prediction of profits, what care you for the prediction? It may please, but it will not satisfy. What concerns you are profits. Pretty stock certificates do not necessarily represent value, nor do they assure safety, conservative business methods or economical management. It is easy to tell what others have done but that is no proof of what we are going to do, and any estimate thereof at this time would be much like unto a guess.

¶ Of course we confidently hope for success or this company would not have been organized; and while we confess our ambition to success is great, our desire not to lose our shareholders' money is greater; we mean by this that of the two we would prefer not to succeed than to lose your money.

¶ We expect to drill our first well in what is known as the shallow oil field about 17 miles from Toyah in Reeves County, Texas, and are at this time offering for sale a limited amount of shares at \$1.00 per share. If you are willing to risk your money with us in an honest effort to get results, use the accompanying form of application.

OFFICERS

C. L. Hailey..... President
H. Manley..... Vice Pres.
W. T. Branch..... Sec.-Treas.
B. Tidwell..... Field Manager

DIRECTORS

C. L. Hailey W. T. Branch
W. L. Davis H. Manley
Geo. W. Brock
C. L. Hailey, General Attorney

APPLICATION FOR SHARES IN THE LUBE PETROLEUM COMPANY

Authorized Capital Stock \$100,000.00

Lube Petroleum Company,

Dear Sirs:

I hereby make application to purchase shares of the par value of \$1.00 each in the LUBE PETROLEUM COMPANY (a joint stock association having its principal office in Abilene, Texas, and operating under Articles of Association and Declaration of Trust dated September 12, 1919 which vest control of its affairs in a Board of Directors, pledge its assets in the hands of trustees for the payment of its liabilities and contain provisions for empowering its shareholders, officers, directors and trustees from personal liability), and agree to pay \$..... in cash for such shares, which are to be fully paid and non-assessable and Certificate therefor to be issued later.

All conditions binding upon the parties hereto are contained either in this application, said Articles of Association, said Declaration of Trust or said Certificate to be issued as aforesaid, which constitute all the terms, conditions and provisions of this contract of purchase. And it is agreed that no conditions, agreements or representations (oral or otherwise) not contained in this application or said Articles of Association or said Declaration of Trust or such Certificate form any part of such contract of purchase, and that no officer or agent of said Company has any authority to make any agreement, promise or representation not expressed in this application, said Articles of Association, said Declaration of Trust or such Certificate. If shares authorized for sale are oversubscribed said Company may reject this application on refunding the amount paid hereunder.

This day of 19.....
Address.....

MODERN MUSIC HOUSE

WE WILL HAVE OUR PLACE OF BUSINESS OPEN SATURDAY

Furniture and Fixtures

are installed and ready for service. Big supply of choice candies, fruits, cigars, tobacco, etc., opened up and ready for sale.

Music Dept. Complete

Tel-O-Tone phonographs, high grade line of pianos and player pianos, and big stock of standard phonograph records and sheet music.

Everybody's Confectionery and Music House

Lytton Howard and John L. Walker, Proprietors

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TELEPHONE No. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Merkel Texas as second class mail matter.

The day has dawned when the people of the great Merkel country are to be subjected to every scheme under the sun to be fleeced from their good coin. "Get rich quick" schemes in abundance will be pushed upon them. Thieves will circulate among them. Imposters will swarm here in numbers. This is the time to be level headed. Just the other day one of our good farmers paid a cotton picker with a check, and the picker came to town and increased this same check to over \$40 and cashed it. We offer the suggestion that our farmers pay strangers in cash. Watch your checks, unless you know to whom they are paid. Also remember that in Merkel there is a fund to take care of all worthy charity impostors in this line will feast upon your tender heartedness. If charity was so necessary, where were all these cripples and down and outs last year. If this country produced them, then it is prepared to take care of them. Even the givers abuse charity by giving to parties who are unworthy. Remember, fellow citizens, how you suffered during the drouth and don't let the smooth tongued blue sky fellows get your good money for nothing. Remember that few men obtain wealth with out working for it, and it behooves every one to lay by in store as he prospers against that day when a little money will mean the maintenance of his self respect and the protection of himself and loved ones against want.

Neuralgia of the face, shoulder, hands, or feet requires a powerful remedy that will penetrate the flesh. Ballard's Snow Liment possesses that power. Rubbed in where the pain is felt is all that is necessary to relieve suffering and restore normal conditions. Sold by Sande's Drug Store.

Little Hunter Child Dead
The little five year old child of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hunter and was buried Wednesday afternoon in Rose Hill cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. M. Murrell. This is a particularly sad affair, the little one being their only child and they just recently having arrived to assist in gathering the immense crop in this section. We greatly sympathize with the family in this hour if their bereavement.

Read our "Ad" in this issue and have the advantage of the service we are offering our customers. F. & M. National Bank. Just received car of Baker Motor Company. The mechanic at the Merkel Motor Company makes a specialty of repairing Fords, giving them preference over other makes.

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Encouraging Bolshevism

Everything that falsely encourages unrest also encourages bolshevism.

Misunderstanding of American industrial organization, and of its benefits to mankind, leads to unrest, dissatisfaction, and radicalism.

For example, the Federal Trade Commission tells the public that the large packers had an agreed price for lard substitute (made of cotton-seed oil).

It reproduces letters taken from the files of one of the packers, showing that such agreed price existed.

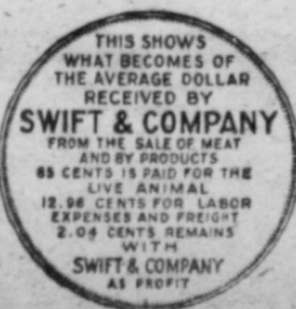
But it failed to mention that the agreed price was determined at the request of and in co-operation with the Food Administration!

Even the Department of Justice, in its unjust attempt to create prejudice against the packers, has made public these same letters, with no explanation.

How long must this kind of misrepresentation continue? In so far as it is believed, it not only breeds discontent, but results in injustice to our industry.

Let us send you a "Swift Dollar." It will interest you. Address Swift & Company, Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Ill.

Swift & Company, U.S.A.



CHURCH NEWS

At The Baptist Church
Every member is urged to be present at the Baptist church Sunday morning. Sunday School at the usual hour. There will likely be preaching. Conference will be held at the 11 o'clock hour for the purpose of electing a pastor. Usual services will be held during the week.

Presbyterian Church
Next Sunday will be Rally Day in our Sunday School and church. Make a special effort to come at 10 a.m. If you do not go to any other school or church you are cordially invited to come with us. There will be some extra features during the Sunday School hour. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8:30 p. m. Don't forget to come.

H. C. West, Supt
C. C. Dooley, pastor

Methodist Church Notice
We had a great day last Sunday both in Sunday School and church 195 present at Sunday School with \$23. collection a good congregation at the church service and \$450 subscribed on our Conference collection. The spirit of over the top is in the air. We are going over on all lines. Just one month until Conference. Get in the finish and lets make it the best year in the history of the Merkel church.

Sunday School promptly at 10. Literature for everybody. The subject for the morning hour will be "Using our Opportunities" Strangers, visitors, new comers, have a special invitation.

W. M. Murrell, Pastor

B. Y. P. U.
Subject, Deborah, The Patriotic Woman.
Leader, E. F. Nix.
Introduction, Walter Jackson.
Dark Days in Isreal, Miss Ola Sharp.
A woman to the Rescue Mrs. Ross Wheeler.
The Battle of the Plain, H. C. Lamar.
The Last of Siera, Clifford Rose.
The Song of Deborah, Mrs. W. Jackson.

We want to list your vacant lots, your houses, in fact whatever you have to sell. The Merkel Realty Company.

We are now ready to give first class mechanical service, having employed a competent mechanic. Merkel Motor Company.

Car flour, meal bran and shorts daily expected. Prices as low as the lowest. A. L. Joble. Stlc

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic
restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. Price 50c.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. At Saloniki.



The veritable mountains of relief supplies turned out by the millions of chapter workers during the war made the American Red Cross one of the biggest "manufacturing concerns" in the world, with great warehouse space at scores of strategic points all around the globe.

One of the biggest distribution centers was at Saloniki, Greece, and in this picture Bulgarian prisoners of war are seen there unloading a Red Cross cargo of 2,300 boxes from a French transport. At the right is seen one of the American Red Cross camions, fleets of which were used in rushing relief to points where the suffering was greatest.

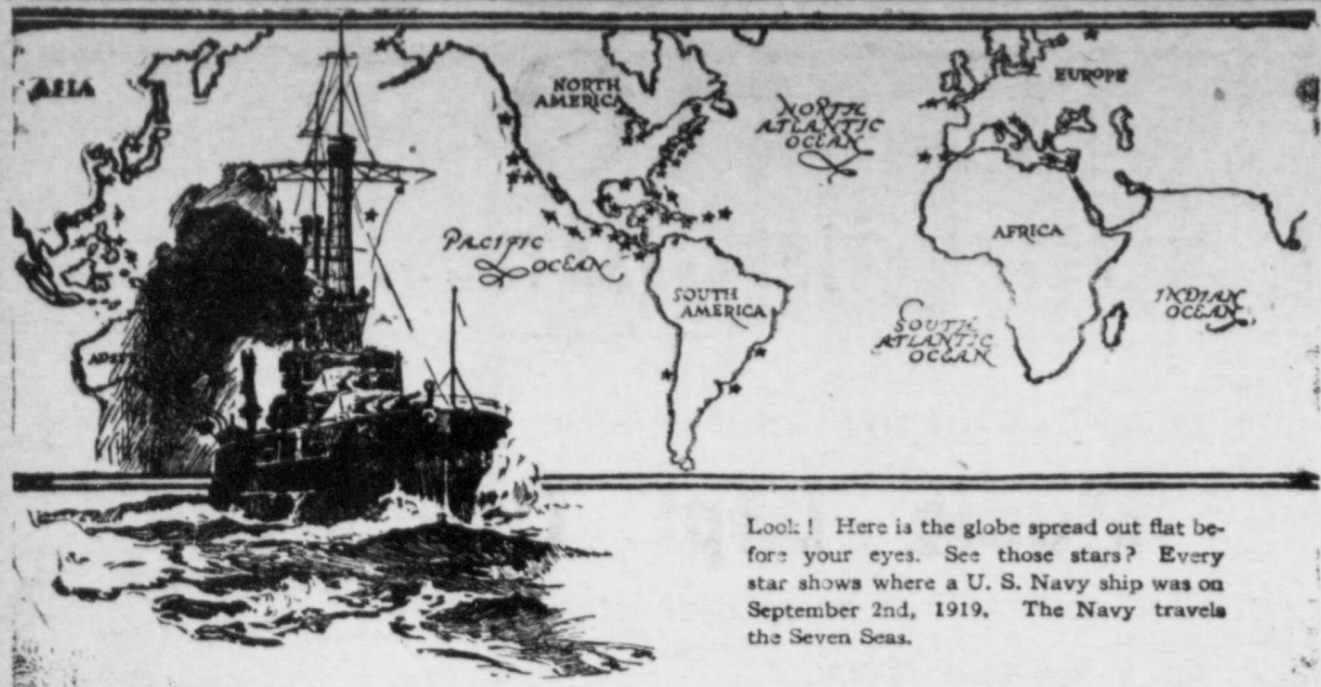
Card of Thanks
I take this occasion to thank my friends and neighbors for their kindness during the illness and at the death of my beloved husband. Their kindness has helped me greatly in my darkest hours. I wish, too, to thank those who contributed the beautiful flowers to cover the grave. May the immeasurable blessing of heaven ever abide upon each and every one of you.
Mrs. E. P. Beene.

Fresh car Peace Maker flour
G. M. Sharps.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured
by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.
We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Circulars free. All Druggists, Inc.
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Willis Art Gallery Sweetwater, Texas



Look! Here is the globe spread out flat before your eyes. See those stars? Every star shows where a U. S. Navy ship was on September 2nd, 1919. The Navy travels the Seven Seas.

Don't you want to see the World?

ROMANCE is calling to you! Strange and smiling foreign lands are beckoning to you. Shove off and see the world!

Learn to "parley-vo" in gay Patee. See the bull-fights in Panama. See surf-riding on the beach of Waikiki.

Learn the lure that comes with the swish and swirl of the good salt sea. Eat well—free; dress well—free; sleep clean—free; and look 'em all straight in the eye—British, French, Chinese, Japanese, Spaniards, Egyptians, Algerians and all manner of people.

Come! Be a real man of the world. See the world. See it with

the red-blooded, hard-working, hard-playing men of the U. S. Navy.

Pay begins the day you join. On board ship a man is always learning. Trade schools develop skill, industry and business ability. Thirty days care-free holiday each year with full pay. The food is good. First uniform outfit is furnished free. Promotion is unlimited for men of brains. You can enlist for two years and come out broader, stronger and abler.

Shove off—Join the U. S. Navy. If you're between 17 and 35 go to the nearest recruiting station for all the details. If you don't know where it is ask your postmaster.

Shove off! - Join the U. S. Navy

Health About Gone

Many thousands of women suffering from womanly trouble, have been benefited by the use of Cardui, the woman's tonic, according to letters we receive, similar to this one from Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, N. C. "I could not stand on my feet, and just suffered terribly," she says. "As my suffering was so great, and he had tried other remedies, Dr. _____ had us get Cardui. . . I began improving, and it cured me. I know, and my doctor knows, what Cardui did for me, for my nerves and health were about gone."

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

She writes further: "I am in splendid health . . . can do my work. I feel I owe it to Cardui, for I was in dreadful condition." If you are nervous, run-down and weak, or suffer from headache, backache, etc., every month, try Cardui. Thousands of women praise this medicine for the good it has done them, and many physicians who have used Cardui successfully with their women patients, for years, endorse this medicine. Think what it means to be in splendid health, like Mrs. Spell. Give Cardui a trial.

All Druggists

\$4,000.00 IS OFFERED TO SHEEP AND GOAT RAISERS

VARIOUS NATIONAL BREEDERS' ASSOCIATIONS OFFER MANY SPECIAL PREMIUMS

Sheep and Goat Raisers will be given a total of \$4,000.00 at the Victory Fair at Dallas in October. There are also numerous special premiums in this department, including those of Swift & Company, who offer \$125.00 to be divided between fine wool breeds and mutton breeds, and allowing \$25.00 for the Grand Champion wether in the Sweepstakes.

For the first time, this year, cash premiums are offered by the American Cotswold Registry Association for Leicester, Karakules, and Karalines.

There are still large areas in Texas suitable for sheep raising which these premiums are intended to encourage. When it is realized that the people of the United States consume an average of only six pounds of lamb, as against eighty pounds of pork, and seventy-seven pounds of beef, it will be obvious that a large opportunity exists for raising mutton and lamb, especially if the quality and flavor be improved. This, experts say, can be done by proper care and feeding.

The American Shropshire Registry Association, American Hampshire Sheep Association, American Oxford Down Record Association, American Angora Goat Breeders' Association, and J. V. Hardy, of Dallas, also offer special premiums.

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.

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

Next Sunday morning is shearing time at the Methodist church let all the sheep be present.

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Only well-known Business College in West Texas. Thousands of firms nearer our Employment Department than any other. Money-back contract guarantee position. Catalogue FREE.

Seed Oats For Sale
Winter oats, free from Johnson grass at 80 cents per bushel. T.L. Stevens, Rt. 1, Trent, Tex. 26t3p

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



The Pirate - CALUMET BAKING POWDER

"Sh! What would happen to me if I were your kid? Well, if you're not acquainted with Calumet Baking Powder you don't know what a good excuse I have. I Can't Help Helping Myself—they're so good! Good for me too, because Calumet Baking Powder is wholesome and easily digested. Millions of mothers use CALUMET BAKING POWDER because of its purity—because it always gives best results and is economical in cost and use. Calumet contains only such ingredients as have been approved officially by the U. S. Food Authorities. You save when you buy it. HIGHEST QUALITY AWARDS."



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In the Woodstock

You Will Find Every time-tested worth-while feature which you like in the machine you are used to, and you will also find the favorite features of the other standard makes which you wish your machine had. Yet in the Woodstock you will find this aggregation of high point features much improved and simplified, to fit the touch, the person, the mood, in a way that no other typewriter does—(The last operators say that.) Only a close-up view, an actual touch and trial of this excellent typewriter can convince. Investigate by all means—We are at your service. Let us show you how easy it is to try one to own one. Phone Central 5665; call up—call in—write.

Woodstock Typewriter Company Chicago

For Sale By MERKEL MAIL

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.



In the City Square of Treves, Germany, headquarters of the allied military forces, an ancient cross surmounted monument marks the city's center of traffic. For this reason American Red Cross officials converted it, as shown by this picture, into a directory of all Red Cross activities in the city.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

This remedy is intended especially for coughs, colds, whooping cough. From a small beginning its sale and use has extended to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. This alone is enough to convince one that it is a medicine of more than ordinary merit. Give it a trial and you will find this to be the case.



It is a powerful and scientific combination of sulphur and other healing agents for the relief and cure of diseases of the skin. It is especially effective in the ITCHING VARIETIES; giving instant relief from the itching and smarting sensations and by its germ-destroying properties it exterminates the microbe which is the cause of the eruption, thus curing the disease completely. Littell's Liquid Sulphur Compound is used in all cases of Eczema, Tetter, Barber's Itch, Psoriasis, Herpes, Rash, Oak and Ivy Poisoning, also for relieving the annoyance caused by chiggers and mosquito bites. In the treatment of ECZEMA—the most painful and obstinate of all skin diseases—it is one of the most successful remedies known. Small size 50 cents bottle. Large size \$1.00. JAMES F. BALLARD, Prop. St. Louis, MO.

VERY BEAUTIFUL DISPLAYS IN ART AND TEXTILE

THIS DEPARTMENT OF VICTORY FAIR AT DALLAS PROMISES SPLENDID EXHIBITS

The Art and Textile Departments will display perfectly beautiful exhibits at the Victory Fair at Dallas in October, according to report just made by the Superintendent, Mrs. Fannie T. Howard, to W. H. Stratton, Secretary State Fair of Texas.

Liberal cash premiums are offered and entries are coming in rapidly. The facilities for displaying these beautiful things have been improved. The textile and china cases repainted. The art cases newly decorated. Electric lights inside the show cases will display the exhibits to best advantage on dark or rainy days.

An entirely new feature this year will be the collection of war relics. The classification of Basketry offers good cash premiums.

The Culinary Department offers many cash premiums for breads, cakes, jellies and preserves, canned fruits and vegetables, candies, pickles and other delicacies. Competition is open to all amateurs.

The embroidery, lace work, knitting and crochet, quilts, plain and fancy sewing are open to the world. A special classification covers old ladies' work. In Decorative Art many cash premiums are offered for painted china, pottery, glass and metal. Classifications for both amateurs and professionals.

The following departments are open only to the school children of Texas and exhibits must have been produced by the boys and girls: General Display of Manual Art, Drawings, Decorative Art, Plain and Fancy Sewing Arts and Crafts, Fine Arts, and Domestic Science. Liberal cash premiums are offered.

All schools and teachers who have not yet reserved space, should do so at once. All entries in other departments should be made now. Write Mrs. Fannie T. Howard, Supt., care of State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Texas.

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

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott and Burneal left Thursday for the Dallas Fair. Mr. Scott will return Monday. Mrs. Scott and Burneal will likely remain a few days with Mrs. Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCreary at Arlington.

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

Many a lad is "sitting on the world" when the world slips from under him. Hang on to your seats with War Savings Stamps. They

Shorts and bran at G. M. Sharps.

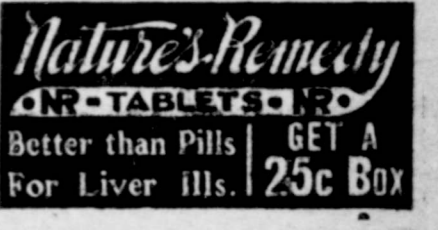
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One NR Tablet Each Night For A Week Will Correct Your Constipation and Make Constant Dosing Unnecessary. Try It.

Poor digestion and assimilation mean a poorly nourished body and low vitality. Poor elimination means clogged bowels, fermentation, putrefaction and the formation of poisonous gases which are absorbed by the blood and carried through the body. The result is weakness, headaches, dizziness, coated tongue, inactive liver, bilious attacks, loss of energy, nervousness, poor appetite, impoverished blood, sallow complexion, pimples, skin disease, and often times serious illness.

Ordinary laxatives, purges and cathartics—salts, oils, calomel and the like—may relieve for a few hours, but real, lasting benefit can only come through use of medicine that tones up and strengthens the digestive as well as the eliminative organs. Get a 25c box of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) and take one tablet each night for a week. Relief will follow the very first dose, but a few days will elapse before you feel and realize the fullest benefit. When you get straightened out and feel just right again you need not take medicine every day—an occasional NR Tablet will then keep your system in good condition and you will always feel your best. Remember, keeping well is easier and cheaper than getting well. Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) are sold, guaranteed and recommended by your druggist.

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COAL

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Earnest O. Stonecipher of Noodle received his discharge and returned home a few days ago. He served with the regulars under Pershing and was one of the first men over, leaving Fort Sam Houston on December 1, 1916. He belonged to the 97th Battalion engineers, but was transferred on June 15, 1918, to the field artillery. He was gassed, together with 80 others, and has been in the hospital for the past 18 months. He was in several of the fiercest battles of the war. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W.N. Stonecipher of Noodle.

An Agreeable Surprise

"About three years ago when I was suffering from a severe cold on my lungs and coughed most of the time night and day, I tried a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and was surprised at the promptness with which it gave me relief," writes Mrs. James Brown, Clark Mills, N. Y. Many another has been surprised and pleased with the prompt relief afforded by this remedy.

Arthur Thornton of Burkburnett was in Merkel Wednesday on business. He disposed of his business building on Front St., to south Texas parties.

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

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Gambill a fine 9-pound girl. Mother and baby are doing splendidly. The doctor is a little beside himself.

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 Store.

Just received car of Baker Boy flour. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

We are Piled to the Ceiling

With a splendid line of the best Staple Merchandise, bought at the right time and the right prices, and can sell you merchandise now for less than in 60 days from now, as the delivery on future merchandise is going to be bad. It will pay you to buy your fall bill at once, as many lines will be off the market and can not be bought later.

SEE OUR MERCHANDISE

MEN'S PANTS

Just received a shipment of men's pants in dress and work. It will pay you to look them over before buying elsewhere.

Gents' Furnishings

Our stock of gents' furnishings is full up, of good merchandise. See us.

HATS & CAPS

See our Hats and Caps. We have the best line of caps ever brought to Merkel. The styles are right, and the quality the best. See them when in the market for a cap.

GROCERIES

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.

WE BUY YOUR CREAM ON FRIDAYS

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.

FOOT REST

See our stock of Foot Rest Hosiery. It is the best on the market—for men, women and children.

See our school stockings. They are good and heavy for the boys and girls.

SHOES

We are sure right on the SHOES. They were bought early and at the right prices. But prices are advancing every day, the future buying will be much higher, buy now.

See our bargain counter for childrens cotton picking shoes. Choice for... \$1.00

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New Cars on Display

ESSEX QUALITY

There is a positive joy in driving an Essex; note how smoothly it responds to the touch of the driver; how noiselessly it glides over the highways and how pleasing to the eye is its structure.

It complies with the desire of the most critical, having speed without offering protest in sound of effort, a rigid frame, light weight and a powerful motor—all carefully balanced.

It is the new day type of car; of the class that produces pride of ownership that insures for it every care.

It meets every need of large, costly cars, possessing their qualities, yet moderately priced.

A new car, but one with a reputation growing so rapidly that 2500 Essex owners are added to the list each month.

Among its qualities may be mentioned its ease in steering, small gear shifting necessary on account of its power and ability to turn in a short radius.

Horse Power—N. A. C. C. rating, 18.2, actual, about 50.

The upholstery is of the choicest material, designed for comfort and durable.



CARS OF CLASS

The 4-Passenger Hudson Super-Six speedster is one of the most popular models of the day.

It is a beautiful, cozy car, richly finished in every detail.

It takes all roads smoothly, possessing that fine character of mechanical finish and perfection that eliminates annoying noise and possesses a charm that cheers.

The manufacturers are particularly proud of this car, feeling that for a car of beauty and utility combined it stands at the head of their list.

It is easy to drive, a palace on wheels, affording every comfort to its passengers.

Horse Power—N. A. C. C. rating, 29.4; actual, 76.

The Delco system is used in ignition and starting.

Tires—34x4 1/2, non-skid front and rear, mounted on new type solid rims with quick detachable lock ring. Goodyear all weather tread tires are used.

We are proud to announce that we now have a supply of the above cars on hand, ready for delivery, at our new depository in the Beasley building.
You have a cordial invitation to visit our display room and examine every feature of these modern cars before buying. We will take pleasure in going over every detail of the cars and thoroughly explain every feature to you.

Beasley & Warren, Props.

Corner Beasley Building

FOLLOW THE CROWDS

☞ From the minute we opened our doors last Monday morning we have literally been "swamped. We expected the bargains we had to offer would appeal to the people, but hardly could we anticipate the rush that followed.

☞ We are gratified and grateful for our portion of patronage and shall do our utmost to merit the confidence imposed in us. The bargains are not yet all gone; we are shipping most of our enormous new stock from Lockhart, the bulk of which will be on display here within a few days. Our goods are new; we have a big stock to turn and wish to assure the people of this section that we are here to share the benefits of early buying with them.

☞ We cordially invite you to visit our place of business. Come and look over our stock and be satisfied that we offer bargains that can not be duplicated.

☞ Follow the crowds and trade at

THE ECONOMY

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Colds Cause Grip and Influenza
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LOCAL NEWS

Mr. Nix has returned from New Mexico, where he has been in the employ of the government and has accepted a position as mechanic with the Merkel Motor Company. He has been operating a 150-h. p. tractor on the government highway.

For deposit or cash bring all your cotton checks to the F.&M. National Bank

Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong spent a few days the past week in Galveston, visiting their son, Frank, who is attending the medical school. The latter has been right sick for some days and is still ailing. Unless he improves rapidly he will likely return home in a few days to recuperate

Just received car of Baker Boy flour. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

Wormy children are unhappy, puny and sickly. They can't be otherwise while worms eat away their strength and vitality. A few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge performs a marvelous transformation. Cheerfulness, strength and the rosy bloom of health speedily return. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. B.

HOW IS THIS

Two and one half lots, four room house with bath and two porches, electric lights, cow lot and shed, grain bin, chicken house, water piped in house, nice yard fence. One block of P. O. All for \$2,000, \$1400 cash, balance good terms. S. K. Eckerd, Merkel Texas Box 54. 10t1c

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This remedy is intended especially for coughs, colds, whooping cough. From a small beginning its sale and use has extended to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. This alone is enough to convince one that it is a medicine of more than ordinary merit. Give it a trial and you will find this to be the case.

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Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

A Get Acquainted Meeting
The Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will entertain on next Friday night the entire membership of the church. If you live in Merkel or visiting in Merkel and are a Methodist, this means you. If you are a stranger in town and are a Methodist and you are not a member of the church, you are cordially invited to be present. A program will be rendered after which refreshments will be served and you will have the opportunity of meeting the strangers who are moving into our town and coming into our church and Sunday School. We want to meet and know you. Let us forget our cares for a little while and enjoy ourselves in God's house. Let our business men come. If you can only drop in for a little while be sure not to hesitate to come for that little while. Do not forget the date and hour, Friday Oct. 8:30.

The Woman's Missionary Society M. E. Church.

Baird-Meeks Wedding

Roy Baird of Loraine and Miss Ida Meeks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meeks of this city, were married Wednesday evening at the home of Rev. W. M. Murrell, the latter officiating. Only a few close friends of the couple were present. They left immediately for Loraine, where they will make their home.

Mr. Baird is a young business man of Loraine and comes highly recommended as a man of high character and worthy ambition. Mrs. Baird is one of Merkel's own girls, having a host of friends here whose best wishes follow her into her new home. She is loved for her genial disposition and her lovable character. We wish for them long years of prosperity and happiness.

A Chicken Fry

The Senior Class was entertained Friday night by Murphy Thomas, with a chicken fry. The crowd met at the home of Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson and hiked out to the Thomas pasture. It was not long until the camp fires were roaring and the chicken was "sizzling." Soon the bountiful supper was spread and all seemed to have reached the height of their ambitions. Before the supper was over every one had to acknowledge that Miss Smith was the champion chicken eater. At a late hour every one returned home tired, but happy.

Beasley-Hodge Wedding

Last Saturday afternoon T. Beasley, son of M. G. Beasley and Miss Mattie Hodge, daughter of Mrs. McDonald, both of Noodle, hied themselves away to Abilene and were married. They will reside in Merkel.

Mr. Beasley is a prosperous young business man, energetic and ambitious. Mrs. Beasley is a popular young lady and numbers her friends by the score. Both were reared in this community.

We wish for them a long, prosperous and happy life.

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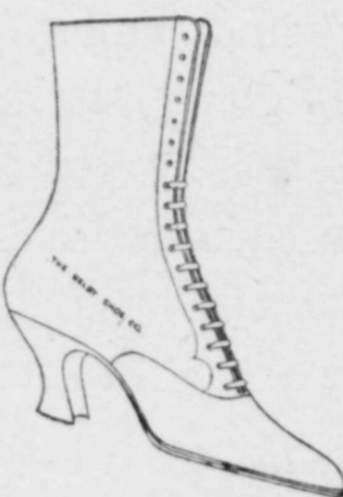
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AMERICAN SYNCOPATED ORCHESTRA OF NEW YORK

AGGREGATION OF "JAZZ JUGGLERS" SPECIAL MUSICAL ATTRACTION AT VICTORY FAIR AT DALLAS

The American Syncopated Orchestra of New York, one of the highest-priced and most unique musical organizations ever heard in this country, has been secured for special musical entertainments at the Victory Fair at Dallas in October. The concerts will be in the Coliseum.

After a great deal of time spent in correspondence and personal negotiations, Secretary W. H. Stratton of the State Fair of Texas, has at last succeeded in engaging this big stellar attraction for the Victory Fair this fall. At least two concerts will be given on dates to be selected.

Under the direction of Will Marion Cook, a musical wizard, this melodious aggregation of dark-skinned artists, gives a program that for uniqueness, variety and originality differs from that of any musical organization ever heard before.

Characteristic selections in instrumental ensemble, saxophone, trombone, French horns, trumpets, bassoons, banjos and mandolins, as well as vocal solos, a wonderful vocal quartette, plaintive "spirituals," negro songs, folk songs, and unbelievable, but nevertheless actual, Buddie Gilmore's drum solo are among the surprising novelties sprung at every performance.

Effects in both solo and ensemble work, heretofore deemed impossible or at least never heard before, are featured by the American Syncopated Orchestra of New York.

Their music is not all syncopated music, of course. Their "jazz" features, however, are brought in in unexpected moments and in unheard of ways. Their renditions are so natural and spontaneous, and the combination of instruments in their orchestra so unusual, and different from the regulation orchestra or military band, that entirely new effects are produced, tone colors not heard before.

After electrifying audiences in New York, Chicago, and other musical centers, the American Syncopated Orchestra is now touring Europe and the British Isles, but will return to the United States in time for their engagement at the Victory Fair in October.

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Swafford Infant Dead

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Swafford died at a sanitarium in Abilene Wednesday and was buried Thursday morning in Rose Hill cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. M. Murrell. Mrs. Swafford is getting along nicely, according to late reports. ...

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