

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## BUILD NEW MODERN EDIFICE

Baptists Preparing to Erect a Forty Thousand Dollar Church Very Soon

## BE MODERNLY EQUIPPED

Selected Committees Appointed - Plans Being Arranged to start Work Without Delay

Sunday was a great day for the Merkel Baptist church. The building program was launched with the erection of a \$40,000 edifice. Before the day closed that amount was in sight. It is a great forward step for the congregation, for the town or the community. The church is sadly in need of a modern building. Arrangements have been made to sell the site of the old parsonage and the present parsonage. The Walton property, directly across the street from the Methodist church has been purchased. The building will be located around and remodeled parsonage and a modern edifice will grace the corner. Large and active building committee has been appointed. Plans will be drawn at once and contracts let. It is hoped to have the building completed in six or eight months. The site will be adequate for forty and surrounding country will be one of the most desirable buildings in the city. It is a matter of civic pride to the nation and to the city at large.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor, is leading the prospects, and lacking in a proper amount of enthusiasm for the completion of the project. The building will have full and a basement, commodious and convenient hall with abundance of room for Sunday school of a 1000 pupils.

It was thought that work can be completed within the next thirty days as most of the subscribers are spot cash. The plans are now busy and to have their part of the completed within a few days.

## EL RED CROSS MET ELECTED OFFICERS

Local Red Cross members met at the School House on last Friday afternoon and elected following officers for the year:

H. F. Groene, Chairman; A. McSpadden, Secretary; Frank McFarland, Treasurer; The Red Cross funds total \$478.15, were turned over to the newly elected officers.

## Day With The Baptist Day School at 10. a. m.

Sunday school is vitally important in the new building. Only thing between us and a Double A-1 standard is lack of proper equipment. Attendance was 197 last week. Let's make it 225 this week.

Meeting by the pastor both morning and evening.

Subject, "The Building of the Tabernacle."

Subject, "Is My Life Worth Living?"

At 5 p. m. Juniors at 7 p. m.

Meeting Monday at 7 p. m.

Meeting at the church at 2:30 p. m.

Meeting on Wednesday at 7 p. m.

At 7 p. m. Parrack, pastor

## RURAL SCHOOLS JOIN LEAGUE

The University Inter-scholastic League is very desirous that every school in Taylor County enroll in the league this year. Special attention is called to the fact that a separate contest for rural schools ONLY is provided for this year in declamation, debate, essay writing, and extempore speaking. In this way rural schools will compete in these contests only with schools that are not in incorporated towns and that have fewer than four teachers.

If you can have from your school a single entry in any athletic or literary event, you cannot afford to stay out of the county contest. It will mean more to the school moral of the community than any other one thing you can do. Your public cannot take part in any of these events unless your school is regularly enrolled in the League. Enroll NOW.

The Taylor County meet will be held in Abilene on March 26 and 27. There will be contests in debate, tennis, spelling, declamation, essay writing, extempore speaking, basketball, and track and field events such as high jump, pole vault, races, and so on. Join the League at once and you will receive rules governing these contests, and other information that will help you put this over in your school. The membership fee for schools having fewer than four teachers is \$1.00. Send this fee with your name, the school's name, and your address to the County Director General at Merkel or to Dr. E. D. Snurter, University Station, Austin, Texas.

All teachers are especially requested to familiarize themselves and their pupils with all the rules of eligibility for the contests as well as the rules governing each event in which they have a pupil entering. In this way practically all the disputes will be avoided, as most of these arise because of failure to have become familiar with the rules. All teachers will be expected to co-operate with the various directors in seeing that the eligibility rules are complied with to the letter.

The basketball schedule for the county was arranged by P. E. Shotwell, County Athletic Director, in conference with the various county schools that responded to his call. If you are not on this schedule, write Mr. Shotwell at Abilene before you play a game which you intend to count in contending for the county championship. Then be prompt in reporting the result of each game to him.

Taylor County should be among those counties that have a 100 per cent membership in the League. You will later wish that you had joined the league and had been at the county contest. Come in at once while yet you have time to prepare for the county meet on March 26-27th.

Respectfully,  
Roger A. Burgess,  
Director General for Taylor County, Merkel, Texas.

## A Daily Newspaper.

Place your subscription at this office for the Abilene Morning Reporter, a daily newspaper devoted to the advancement of this section of Texas.

We have an attractive Clubbing Offer on the Abilene Morning Reporter and The Merkel Mail.

Geo. E. Collins and Miss Larson of Abilene, Texas, were married at the home of Rev. I. L. Parrack on Wednesday afternoon. They left immediately for Trent to spend at few days.

## WELL TO BE DRILLED NEAR TRENT

Tayco Oil and Gas Company will Start Operations on this Well as soon As Possible

## DERRICK ALREADY COMPLETE

Sears Flowing Oil Daily Has Proven There is Considerable Oil Through out This Territory

According to authentic reports there is going to be something really doing in the development for oil in what is now becoming known more widely each day as the Merkel field, and that within a very short time.

Among the strong companies to begin operation in this section at once is the Tayco Oil & Gas Company of Morgantown, W. Va., and which company is composed of business men, coal men, oil men, bankers and lawyers. This company has a tract of several hundred acres at Trent, a few miles west of Merkel lying between the T. & P. and the Sante Fe railroads. They have had the derrick completed for some time and have only been waiting for casing and other material, which they now feel sure will be on hand within a very short time.

The Sears well seven and a half miles north has proven that oil is here, but as the well is flowing some oil every day from the sand which was found at 2490 feet and is coming between the casing, no one knows just what the production would be if only a shot was placed, although some experienced oil men are of the opinion that it would easily make around 500 barrels and which has been the case with many wells in the Ranger field where only a small showing was first found. But like the Ranger field, it is believed that the big oil sand is to be found at about 3200 feet in the Cisco formation and with the Tayco Oil & Gas Company test on the J. R. Joyce tract. The Security Banking & Investment Company, R. L. Bland; the Alcester Oil Company of South Dakota, W. M. Hutchins; Security Banking & Investment Company, John Sears; in Jones County, will give this immediate Merkel territory a thorough test.

The Sun and other large Companies have extensive holdings around these tests, and it is beginning to be narrated about now that the oil people are expecting this to be the next big deal in Texas.

C. H. Brock, who is an experienced oil operator, and large stock holder and Director in the Tayco Oil & Gas Company, has been here several days awaiting the arrival of material, and states that Stephen Davis, of Morgantown, W. Va., general manager of this company is expected here within a few days to start operations. It is expected that all the material will be on hand so as not to delay operations. Owing to the fact that this company's holdings run right up to both the T. & P. and Sante Fe railroads, they can easily put in leading tracks and ship oil by tank cars until pipe line connections could be made. There is also a refinery going in at Abilene, all of which makes this company's holdings very valuable.

At Trent Sunday I will preach at Trent on next Sunday at 11 o'clock and at 3:30. All are invited to come.  
W. G. Cypert

Miss Marie Bullock of Portales, N. M., is visiting Miss Wilma Garrett.

## FARMERS WANTED TO PLANT WHEAT

They Are Assured the Price will be the best in a number of years

## BIG SPRING CROP ASSURED

Abilene Chamber of Commerce to Aid Farmers in Putting in Wheat Crop For This Spring

Abilene Jan. 20.—With the winter wheat acreage reduction of 25 per cent confronting the nation, the almost complete abandonment of the spring wheat industry in West Texas and the Panhandle this early in the year, and the prospects of the price of the grain reaching unheard-of prices this fall, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce today sent out a call to all farmers in West Texas to plant Spring Wheat under the assurance that these seasons are propitious and the price of the commodity will be the best in a number of years.

One advantage of planting Spring wheat, it was pointed out, was that it carries much less risk than winter wheat. Spring wheat failure does not mean that the land will be unproductive during the year, for if it should fail, another crop may be grown upon the land before the year, the organization believes, will be around \$3 a bushel.

It is pointed out that West Texas this season has suffered moisture the store on the earth to make almost sure of the crop.

It is pointed out that West Texas this season has sufficient moisture stored in the earth to make almost sure the production of a large amount of Spring wheat. The Panhandle and West Texas have planted but little wheat and the outlook for anything like as fair a crop as that of 1919 is far-fetched. But with Spring wheat planted it is expected that some of the loss may be recouped.

The Abilene Chamber of Commerce and business interests have tendered their aid to the farmers in putting in a large Spring crop. They will secure the wheat for planting and lend banking support for the securing of it where such is needed. Farmers are taking to the proposition, since they understand that the present prospects are very good for a large production of wheat.

## Methodist Church Notice

Sunday School promptly at 10 o'clock. We hope to have 200 present and fix a new goal next Sunday morning with your help we can do this. Will you help? Boys bring your daddy next Sunday and see how he would look in Sunday school. Get him to tell you how he used to do it. Preaching at 11 A. M. Subject, "The Blessing of Church Membership." Remember next Sunday is membership day. Bring your letter, if you have no letter bring yourself and we will take your word for it. Line up with the church for the best years work of your life, we need you and you need the church to help you solve the problems of life.

At 7 o'clock we will have a song service for 30 minutes preaching at 7:30. Come and worship with us.

J. F. Johnson of Chattanooga, Tennessee visited his brother, G. N. Johnson and family a few days the past week.

Mrs. Geo. N. Bullock and daughter, Laurel Georgene, of Clovis, N. M., is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Garrett.

## SOUTH DAKOTA PEOPLE TO DRILL

The following from Mr. A. P. Johnson, President of the Farmers & Merchants Oil Company, of Alcester, South Dakota, is self explanatory, and will be interesting to the many who are interested in the many oil tests to be and now being made in this section.

Alcester, S. D. Jan. 1, 1920. The Merkel Mail, Merkel, Texas Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find check for \$1.00 which pays for your paper for one year.

I notice from a few copies that I have received that you publish the latest news from the Sears and the bland wells, which is quite interesting to me together with a number of my friends and neighbors who have invested in oil land around Merkel and near the wells. From all reports the outlook is good and we await with intense interest the report that these wells have been brought in.

Within a very short time the work will begin on the "Union County" well and as soon as the derrick can be built and the machinery got in place the work will be pushed with all possible speed. We look for the Merkel field to become one of the largest and best producing fields in the country.

Yours very truly,  
A. P. Johnson.

Miss Willie Swann, milliner at Woodroof-Braggs Dry Goods Store, left Wednesday night for Dallas, where she will enter the work rooms in Higgenbotham's millinery department, for a week. She will view all the new shapes, styles, and creations in that line and will be amply prepared to reproduce anything in the way of millinery.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

(By Christine Collins)

There was a "Scream" of an entertainment in the study Hall Friday caused by the unexpected release of three nice from Kenneth Sharp's pocket. Hazel Harkrider was Star performer, but the other girls were close in pursuit in the displaying of their dramatic accomplishments.

The explanation of all those mysterious class meetings, the Juniors have been having came this morning with an invitation to the Seniors to an entertainment, Friday night. We'll say that this did much to dispell any well grounded resentment we may feel to you Juniors, but the punishment we intend to inflict on those snobish airs is only deferred.

Basket Ball season is open for good now, and all we lack is a little outside influence. We have the "pep" and "enthusiasm" here in school. Everybody give the boys a hand and help us put it over for fair this season. Remember the rep we made last year? We want to hold that—it's the one athletic reputation we hold for the M. H. S.

"Hobo Day" was quite a novelty as well as a diversion, although we girls were not allowed to take part this year, we witnessed some of the bumpings and we can only say that we wish woman had gotten her rights before we finished school so that we might have taken part in some of the democracies that go on up here.

Examinations are being endured all around us. The Seniors are indeed perturbed. They realize from the looks of their geometry grades that they gave the New Year's dinner to the boys. Mr. Burgess has had to forego the

## RENT PROFITEERS TO BE CHECKED UP

Profiteer Landlords will be Held to the Straight and Narrow From now on

## INCOME EXPERTS AT WORK

Revenge is Sweet to the Tenant Who had to Dig Deep into his Earnings for the Past Year

WASHINGTON Jan. 19.—Through the collection of tax on 1919 incomes the first step which will be taken tomorrow the government will wage war on profiteering landlords with "sweet revenge" in prospect for the tenant who has had to dig deep into his earnings to pay high rental in 1919. The first intimation of this new aspect came tonight in an announcement by Daniel C. Roper, commissioner of the bureau of internal revenue that forms for making income tax returns which will be in the hands of all internal revenue collectors and ready for distribution tomorrow will contain a section providing that tenants shall include in the statement the amount of rent paid and to whom it was paid. This information will be turned over to the department of justice to be used in its high collection of living campaign.

"The tenants are doing a driving and hiding the whey," Mr. Roper said. "Profiteer landlords will be held to the straight and narrow path in the payment of their income taxes. Revenge is sweet to the tenant who had to dig deep into his earnings to pay a high rental in 1919. Gathering his family around the table he takes his scratchy pen with the last drop of ink in the bottle informs the commissioner of internal revenue, that Bill Brown, of the Hallroom apartments paid to John Smith 13 profiteer avenue, \$1,200 for his three-room flat in 1919."

exhilarating effects and is his same old self again.

There is entirely too much "sparking" going on up here boys—or lack of it one. The girls are inattentive and recite with the expression of a sleep walker on their face. Think this over boys—you don't want to hurt our school do you?

The members of the Senior class dramatically charmed are working on a play which they are supposed to put on during the "holidays".

Alas Juniors we are certainly disappointed in you. To think that the little novelty which we attempted to start last Friday could not be carried on by you. The "inmates" and a few visitors enjoyed the following numbers:

Talk, by Mr. Cary, and we want to say right here that it was splendid of him to make that flowery talk to the Seniors, but they've certainly been intolerable since.

Piano Solo by Lorena Frazier and we always enjoy Lorena's Solos. Reading by Julia McDonald, we didn't know Julia but she does. Sextete by Doris Garrett, Chesker Hutchens, Deci Sharp, Annie May Costephens, Julia McDonald and Christine Collins which was considered wonderful in it's and last but certainly appreciated as a piano duet. Annie May Costephens and Julia McDonald.

The talk by Rev. Merrill Monday morning was an inspiration to us all although he possessed an undeniable insight into the School boys most foolish impressions. These intentions were once revealed.

STATEMENT  
**Farmers State Bank**  
MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business Dec, 31, 1919

RESOURCES

Commercial Paper.....	\$246,800.00
Other Loans.....	200,943.07—\$447,746.07
U. S. Certificates of Deposit.....	25,000.00
Banking House.....	7,850.00
Other Real Estate.....	706.16
Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,500.00
Stocks, Stamps and Liberty Bonds.....	7,163.67
Interest in Guaranty Fund.....	3,445.73
<b>CASH AND EXCHANGE.....</b>	<b>\$460,200.20</b>
Bills of Ex.—Cotton.....	282,075.45—742,275.65
	\$1,238,687.28

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus funds, earned.....	35,000.00
Dividends unpaid.....	10,500.00
Reserved for taxes.....	1,438.67
<b>DEPOSITS.....</b>	<b>1,156,748.61</b>
	\$1,238,687.28

The above statement is correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

OFFICERS

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T. J. Toombs.....	R. O. Anderson.....	

THE GROWTH OF A BUSINESS

hinges largely upon the quality of service rendered customers. This Bank has many advantages to offer to its customers. Its established policy, which has never changed in the slightest degree, is to place the best interest of its customers ahead of every other consideration.

GUARANTY FUND BANK

COMPERE NEWS

We learn that during the absence of the correspondent the readers of the Merkel Mail have been unable to find the items of this community.

On account of so much rainy weather the people of this section of the state have not completed their last years task of cotton picking.

Two of the Lucas children are reported on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Jerden was carried over to Abilene this week for an operation.

Mr. Allred and son Charlie have just returned from an extended visit to Mississippi, where they visited the former's mother.

Our school is progressing nicely under the able management and supervision of Prof. Moore and Dewey Ramsey.

There was no Sunday school Sunday on account of the bad weather.

The farmers while not yet begun farming very much, are preparing to get busy. They are happy over the fine season in the ground, and feel confident that they have great prospects for another good crop.

L. V. Bayless spent Sunday and Monday with her chum, Thelma Merritt.

Mrs. Harris is here for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. D. W. Ashley.

Ethel Touchstone visited home folks last week.

A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, diabetes, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25. Small bottle is two month's treatment, and often perfects a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive, Street, St. Louis Mo., Sold by druggists.

The Arcade gives service.

REPORT CARDS -PARENTS

On next Wednesday, January 28th, all pupils of the Merkel Public School will present report cards to their parents, which will be a report on the work of the pupil for the last six weeks. As has been stated before, a grade of 75 is required as a passing grade on each subject, and the pupils general average, which can be easily seen on the report card, must be 85 per cent.

With this card the current term of school is one-half over. It behooves all parents who desire that their children be promoted next spring to see to it at once that the child presents to them a card showing a passing grade. The percentage of failures in the high school department so far this year is far too great. Is your child one among those who are failing in one or more subjects? If so, now is the time to wake up to the seriousness of the situation before it is too late. The young must have pleasures and diversions from their work more than do the older, but with either old or young the indulgence in recreations to the neglect of the duties of life should not become their business. Too many high school pupils are allowed to adopt and practice the motto: "Not to allow business to interfere with their pleasures."

Parents will also do much to co-operate with the teachers in preventing truancy or "hooky" by being just as prompt as possible in sending a written excuse right back by the child on his return to school. If possible, this should be sent to the teacher the first morning the child returns to school after having been absent or tardy. A school can not be had without your co-operation. For the sake of the future of your child, you can afford to do nothing less than co-operate to the fullest extent possible.

Roger A Burgess

Cotton seed meal at G M Sharps

CONDENSED STATEMENT

**Farmers & Merchants**  
**NATIONAL BANK**

MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business December 31, 1919

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand.....	\$468,269.05
Cotton Loans.....	90,541.51
Stock in Federal Reserve.....	1,500.00
Other Real Estate.....	10,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,500.00
United States Securities.....	25,441.49
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund.....	312.50
<b>CASH AND IN BANKS.....</b>	<b>433,363.69</b>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,024,928.24</b>

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	48,396.59
Circulation.....	6,250.00
<b>DEPOSITS.....</b>	<b>945,281.65</b>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,024,928.24</b>

I certify the above statement is correct.

L. R. Thompson, Active Vice President

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren, President	G. F. West, Vice President	
L. R. Thompson, Vice President		
J. T. Warren	C. P. Warren	Henry James
G. F. West	L. R. Thompson	

CHILDEN NO EXCEPTION

Merkel as elsewhere Youth and age Suffer Alike from Kidney Weakness

your child weak, frail and... control over the kidneys'... kidney weakness is a serious...

Profit by Merkel experiences Use Doan's Kidney Pills Endorsed by Merkel parents. Read this Merkel mother's endorsement.

Mrs Percy Jones, says: "Some time ago I gave Doan's Kidney Pills to my little boy who was troubled a great deal from kidney weakness. He had suffered that way from the time he was very young. Nights he was bothered a whole lot because the kidneys acted too freely. He soon became sallow and then I got Doan's Kidney Pills at Grimes Drug Store and since he used them I am glad to say he has gotten good relief. He has a better color and general health. Doan's Kidney Pills are fine for children."

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

MEAT MARKET NOTICE

We take great pleasure in announcing to our friends and the public in general, that we have leased the W H Laney Meat Market and will appreciate a share of your business. We extend to furnish you the BEST meat to be had in everything a First Class Meat Market. We will also buy your hogs and cattle, and pay you the market will afford.

PATTERSON BROS.

The Farmers & Merchant National Bank have applied for permission to increase their capital from \$25000. to \$50000.

**EXTRA VALUES**

We are making reductions on all Men's and Boy's Suits. These Suits are all Wool and we have any Color and Style you may want both for young and old.

**Ladies Coats and Suits**

LADIES! Don't forget we are making reductions on all ladies Coats and Suits. We have a large stock to select from, any material you may wish.

We can save you money because we buy our goods for cash and sell for cash

One Price to All

**The Brown Dry Goods Co.**

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

I am preparing to take of your building needs, plenty of first class carpet. Come and see me and figure your work. Estimates P. L. McClary Contractor Phone 19.

No Great Act of Heroism quire.

If some great act of heroism was necessary to protect a child from croup, no mother would hesitate to protect her offspring, but when it is only necessary to keep at hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and give it as soon as the first indications of croup appears, there are those who neglect it. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is within reach of all and is promptly effectual.

Notice to Car Owners:

Protect your automobile from freezing and making it start on cold mornings by an electric device. Call at office of Merkel Power Company, see it.

C. & C. Market, Phone No. 10 for your meat. It will be delivered to your home. See my advertisement paper.

See our Pathe Phonograph, Indestructible Records. I & Gamble's

You are invited to become members in the fine service offered by the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been used by catarrh sufferers for the past five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Catarrh Medicine acts thru the mucous surfaces, expelling the poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will get great improvement in your health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, etc.

# New Spring Suits

We take pleasure in announcing the arrival of a beautiful and complete line of

## Ladies Spring Suits

in Tricotine and French Serges

in the very latest and newest styles. Also new line of Spring

## Coats, Dresses and Waists

New goods are arriving every day, and we will make specially reduced prices to those who come first

# The Economy Store

### MERKEL AS A MARKETING CENTER—FRUIT GROWING TRUCK FARMING AND POULTRY

By R. Kenneth Evans)  
Cotton, Cattle, Sheep,  
Feterita, Maize, Chickens,  
Cattle, Hogs Greater re-

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There is little truck farming  
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better this is going to be a rath-  
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The general opportunities are  
excellent for most any line of

business as the town takes on  
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Right now practically every line  
is well taken care of but more  
business must come or the pres-  
ent ones enlarge their stocks to  
a greater degree than has been  
anticipated only a few months  
ago.

Merkel as a marketing center,  
is destined to grow far beyond  
the expectation of conservatves

one hears of Merkel while travel-  
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she was a metropolis, rather  
than a small town of some twen-  
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are coming her way and people  
are going to start that way.

More industries are to come;  
the trade territory is going to be  
enlarged from time to time.  
More different crops are going to  
be raised and marketed the gen-

eral opportunities in all alluring  
and glittering.

Come in and talk it over with  
the Officers of the Farmers and  
Merchants National Bank. They  
will be glad to get better acquaint-  
ed with you.

Buy your Tanlac at Lowry &  
Gambel, Drug Store.

Merkel Mail Subscription to Ad-  
vance February 1.

In his issue of December 19  
Mr. Jackson announced that the  
Subscription price of the Merke  
Mail would advance on January  
1st to \$1.50 per year, but upon  
finding that we have sufficient  
print paper for about two more  
issues, we have decided to post-  
pone making the subscription ad-  
vance until February one, and  
any one desiring to renew for on-  
e or two years can do so before  
February 1st, at \$1.00 per year.

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has advanced one hundred per  
cent during the last thirty days.  
We expect to make the Mail a  
first class news paper, one which  
the citizenship of Merkel will be  
proud to refer to as their home  
paper, and in order to do this  
must keep up with the advances  
which every business concern in  
the land is experiencing today.

### The Best Cough Medicine

When a druggist finds that  
his customers all speak well of a  
certain preparation, he forms a  
good opinion of it and when in  
need of such a medicine is almost  
certain to use it himself and in  
his family This is why so many  
druggists use and recommend  
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.  
J. B. Jones, a well known drug-  
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of the St. Louis Dispatch, speak-  
ing of the former Socialist who  
are Hog Creek land owners, says:  
"More than 100 of these men wh  
only a year ago were preaching  
Socialism and struggling to make  
both ends meet are now million-  
aires; several of them are worth  
n actual cash ten to twenty-five  
million each, all made out of oil  
leases and petroleum production.  
Another five hundred Socialists  
of Eastland county are well  
along toward the million mark".  
Tom Hicky was for many years  
he editor of the Rebel the Social  
t newspaper mouthpiece of the  
southwest. This Joe Mulhatton,  
orrespondent of the Post-Dis-  
atch, says: "Hicky has risen  
rom almost poverty to be amil-  
ionaire in the last eight months.  
No one hears him talking Social-  
ism any more." Then the tax as-  
essors of Eastland and Steph-  
ns counties should get busy. If  
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licky has been a Socialist  
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ire class. He has  
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Ready for occupation. 70 acres  
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proof oats, that tested 33 pounds  
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ence. Will require the same. I  
have worked land in the West.  
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gold broach, set with small  
cameo. Finder return to mail of-  
fice and received reward.  
Mrs. J H Craig. 23t1p

LOST—Between Salt Branch  
and Merkel a light gray coat,  
with brown collar and cuffs.  
Finder please return to Mail of-  
fice or phone. Mrs. W M Hays,  
9043F13. 23t1p

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daily paper because of inability  
to get print paper and will here-  
after appear as a weekly paper  
on Sunday morning. The Gazette  
is one of the oldest papers in  
Grayson County. This reminds  
Editor Perkins of the McKinney  
Courier Gazette "That news-  
paper publisher has a great on  
his shoulders now as a result of  
the extreme shortage of print  
paper, which when can be secure  
at all is 300 to 400 percent high-  
er than only a few months ago,  
as well as other material which  
the printer uses in proportion.  
There are strenuous times ahead  
for the printer and publisher".—  
Fort Worth Record.

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fer to is the brand that has re-  
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one system in the world t  
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woman in the land as it is to  
millionaire. When we get so  
can distinguish between  
ology and Christianity we  
have made a big step."—  
Press Comment in Fort W  
Record

"Religion is getting to be a  
business proposition," says the  
Olney Enterprise, which drew  
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Henry McCarthy of the Albany

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The State Of Texas To all persons interested in the estate of Eugene R. Strickland, Deceased. You are hereby notified that Mrs. Sarah B. Strickland, has filed in the County Court of Taylor County, an application for the probate of the last Will and Testament of said Eugene R. Strickland, Deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in February A. D. 1920, the same being the 16th day of February, A. D. 1920 at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof of this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at Office in Abilene, this the 20th day of January 1920.

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I understand the shares are fully paid.	
I will find \$..... as full payment on this purchase. I understand the shares are fully paid.	
I will participate proportionately in all profits of the company.	
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Earl Williams

IN

"Cupid Forecloses"

ALSO

2-Reel Vitagraph Comedy

Thursday, January 29

Gladys Brockwell

IN

"Chasing Rainbows"

ALSO

2-Reel Sunshine Comedy

**COMING**

Friday, Jan. 30th

**HELEN HOLMES**

In The

"Fatal Fortune"

We now have a good supply of  
Refined Oil and Gasoline.  
We have quite a few cars of  
coal now in transit and sincerely  
hope that we will soon be able  
to give better service.  
H. M. Rose & Son.

C. & C. Market, Phone No. 25,  
for your meat. It will be delivered  
to your home. See my adv in this  
paper.

Tanlac for sale at Lowry &  
Gambel's.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To the Sheriff or any Constable  
of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, to  
cause to be published once a  
week, for ten days, exclusive of  
the first day of publication, be-  
fore the return day hereof, in  
some newspaper of general cir-  
culation published in said coun-  
ty, which has been continuously  
and regularly published in said  
county for a period of not less  
than one year; the following  
notice:

**The State Of Texas**

To all persons interested in the  
estate of Eugene R. Strickland,  
Deceased. You are hereby noti-  
fied that Mrs. Sarah B. Strick-  
land, has filed in the County  
Court of Taylor County, an ap-  
plication for the probate of the  
last Will and Testament of said  
Eugene R. Strickland, Deceas-  
ed, filed with said application,  
and for Letters Testamentary,  
which will be heard at the next  
term of said Court, commenc-  
ing on the Third Monday in  
February A. D. 1920, the same  
being the 16th day of February,  
A. D. 1920 at the Court House  
thereof, in Abilene, at which  
time all persons interested in  
said Estate may appear and con-  
test said application, should  
they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you  
before said Court on the said  
first day of the next term there-  
of this Writ, with your return  
thereon, showing how you have  
executed the same.

Given under my hand and the  
Seal of said Court, at Office in  
Abilene, this the 20th day of  
January 1920.

Fannie Tippet, Clerk, Coun-  
ty Court, Taylor County, Texas.

**EGGS--EGGS--EGGS--EGGS**  
Condimental tonic produces  
eggs. It takes the place of the  
green stuff, chickens gets in the  
spring time.

Money refunded if you do not  
get more eggs in 30 days.  
For Sale by W P Duckett Only.

C. & C. Market, Phone No. 25,  
for your meat. It will be delivered  
to your home. See my adv in this  
paper.

**Colds Cause Grip and Influenza**

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

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To all persons interes-  
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You are hereby no-  
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executed the same.

Given under my hand and the  
Seal of said Court, at Abilene,  
this the 16th day of January,  
1920.

Fannie Tippet, Clerk,  
County Court, Taylor  
County, Texas.

Mrs. Bruce Phenix  
Bruce, Jr., left Wed-  
nesday, Texas, where  
she will visit her sister, Mrs. S.  
er an extended visit  
with her mother and sister, M.  
Campbell and Miss Rub-

You are invited to bec-  
ome members in the fine service of  
the Farmers and Merchants  
National Bank.

See our Pathe  
Indestructible Records  
& Gamble's

Little Miss E. Lois E  
Abilene is visiting litt  
Ruby Fay Golladay f  
days this week.

**We Have a Good  
SUPPLY**

Of Refined Oil and Gasoline.

Our coal is now coming in.  
We are adding one more  
Truck to our equipment  
and sincerely hope that we  
will soon be able to give bet-  
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**H. M. ROSE  
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**DOCTOR PUE  
Massage Treatment**

Scientific Dieting

Over City Barber Shop

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IN STOCK READY FOR DELIVERY**

☛ We are agents for the above  
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WIRE, PHONE or WRITE

**S. S. S. MOTOR COMPANY**

County Agents Abilene, Texas.  
Beasley Bros., Local Agts.

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At the New Stand

Is well prepared to give the public their wants in

### Bakery Goods

Watch our show cases for

Xmas Candies, Nuts, Fruits, Etc., Etc.

Fresh Home-Made Candies

**N. Hancock, Proprietor**

## IF IT'S FURNITURE

Our stock is an exposition of the best at reasonable prices—Furniture you will be proud of in the home.

Paints Picture Framing Wall Paper  
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**The Barrow Furniture Company**  
of Merkel, Texas

A. T. SHEPPARD, Local General Mgr.

## MERKEL MOTOR COMPN'Y

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**Authorized Ford Agents**

For Ford Cars and Ford Parts

**Better Let us Book You for that Ford Now**

Fordson Truck — Fordson Tractor  
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**The Store with a Conscience**

**The Big General Store of Merkel**

☞ The store that has been here and been ☞  
☞ the friend of all thru prosperity or ad- ☞  
☞ versity for twenty-one years. ☞

**Come in when you need anything in our line**

## THE STAR STORE

G. E. COMEGYS, Proprietor

—If you are Contemplating the Purchase of—

**Lumber, Builders' Hardware, Brick  
Sand, Gravel, Nails—anything  
in our line—may be we**

would both make money if you would talk it over with  
— U S —

**Merkel Lumber Company**

Owned and operated by Wm. P. Carey Co., not Inc.  
N. D. COBB, Manager

## FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Established in 1904

Put it in a National Bank

(The Only Guaranty Fund Bank in Merkel)  
ALWAYS ABLE & WILLING to HELP the FARMER

**The Farmers State Bank**

Capital Stock \$35,000.00

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Managed by men you know and have confidence  
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J. S. Swann, President R. O. Anderson, Cashier  
Jno. Sears, Vice Pres. F. Y. Gaither, Asst. Cash  
Sam Swann, Asst. Cashier

## THE ECONOMY STORE

(By R. Kenneth Evans)

One of the new businesses of the city is the Economy store, in the Beasley building, three doors from the Post Office. Just a few months ago Mr. E. Siegel saw the great opportunity of starting a strictly cash store in Merkel, and from the first until the present time the wisdom of his choice has been proven.

The owners of the store are E. Siegel and Company; this firm has stores at Lockhart and Yorktown, managed by his wife and father.

The big feature of this store is ladies and men's ready-to-wear, and it is the least, or rather the pride of Mr. Siegel that during the past month he has sold more ready-to-wear than all of the stores of Merkel combined, which is saying a good deal.

The Economy store is not a pretentious affair, as Mr Siegel says: "We have not the fine fixtures and the wonderful equipment, and the store finery of other stores, but you know these folks have to charge for that—and the customer pays the bill. We cut all of that out and in these days of soaring prices its value the public wants as we see it, and we are giving that. We not only cut out all the extras in finery in this line, but we have the cash and carry plan—no charges and no deliveries; and did you ever stop to realize that these are great expenses—and does not come out of the buyer's profits of the business; no, sire; the buyer pays the bill. So we believe the public will continue the Cash and carry plan as outlined by the government during the days when everybody was asked to practice the exteremest thrift, and we are prepared to take care of these thrifty people on this plan."

Not only M. Siegel, but his sales people are anxious to please, but are courteous, and Mr. Siegel is becoming a valuable business to the town of Merkel.

Stetson hats were hard to get in Merkel before the Economy store opened for business; but now Mr. Siegel has a good stock for those who want this famous brand.

Along the shoe lines the Economy handles the Hannan, the Crescent and the Bostonian for men, there are mighty few other brands of shoes that can beat these makes; in the line of young men's clothes in the stock are the Society and the every ready.

While the features of this store are mens and ladies ready to wear, all the essentials of dress and wear are found in the stock; also trunks and suit cases and boys and children's clothes, full line of men's shirts; work clothes.

So here is a new business for Merkel that is rapidly being identified for the betterment and growth of the city; that the people have welcomed this business is shown by the constantly increasing trade from time to time; the people of his community have realized the value of saving in the cash and carry plan and have welcomed this new cash store—The Economy.

Maybe you have not yet visited this store; if not, next time you are in town or up town, go in and look the stock over—give it the "once over" anyway; it may save you quite a bit of money from time to time.

It's just what your Druggist Or

## LOWRY & GA

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We are just adding to our line Pat

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## DO IT ELECTRICAL

If you are not, talk it over  
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**Honest Merchandise with all the sting of H. C. L. taken out**

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If it's real honest-to-goodnes goods you want, come in. You'll be surprised at our values

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Rural orders appreciated and promptly filled by Lowry & Gambel.

Dr. Johnson, Dentist has offices with Dr M. Armstrong.

Put your funds in a National Bank.

Cow Feed at G. M. Sharps.

Collins House Dining Room To Open February 1st.

We understand that on February 1st, the dining room of the Collins House will again be open to the general public, under the management of Mrs. W. T. Walker and her sister, Mrs. Lucy Greer. We understand these ladies are now conducting a private boarding house, and that they are experienced and capable hotel people, having had considerable experience in the business. Infact, those who know them say they are known for giving the very highest class service when it comes to serving the best to be had in the eating line.

Mrs. J A Collins will have nothing to do whatever with the dining room service, but will continue to devote her time to taking care of her large rooming patronage.

G W Johnson left Sunday for Wichita Falls, where he visited his son, Frank, and spent some time viewing the oil field. From there he went to Fort Worth on business and while there he was entertained by his son. The absence of Mr. Johnson from the city of Merkel accounts for the beautiful warm weather: he have enjoyed the past few days, but

on his return home Tuesday afternoon, he brought with him a norther and a heavy sleet and rain storm. So now we have him to thank for the weather we are enjoying at present.

He report a delightful trip, but stated that Merkel was good enough for him.

**The Presbyterian Auxiliary.**  
The Presbyterian Auxiliary had its regular meeting on Monday afternoon with Mrs. Geo Houghton.

The Mission and Bible study are both very interested, more ladies should be interested in them. The Home Mission work will be discussed next meeting.

We want every one who will to have something ready for our Spring Bazar, which will be the 12 and 13th of March.

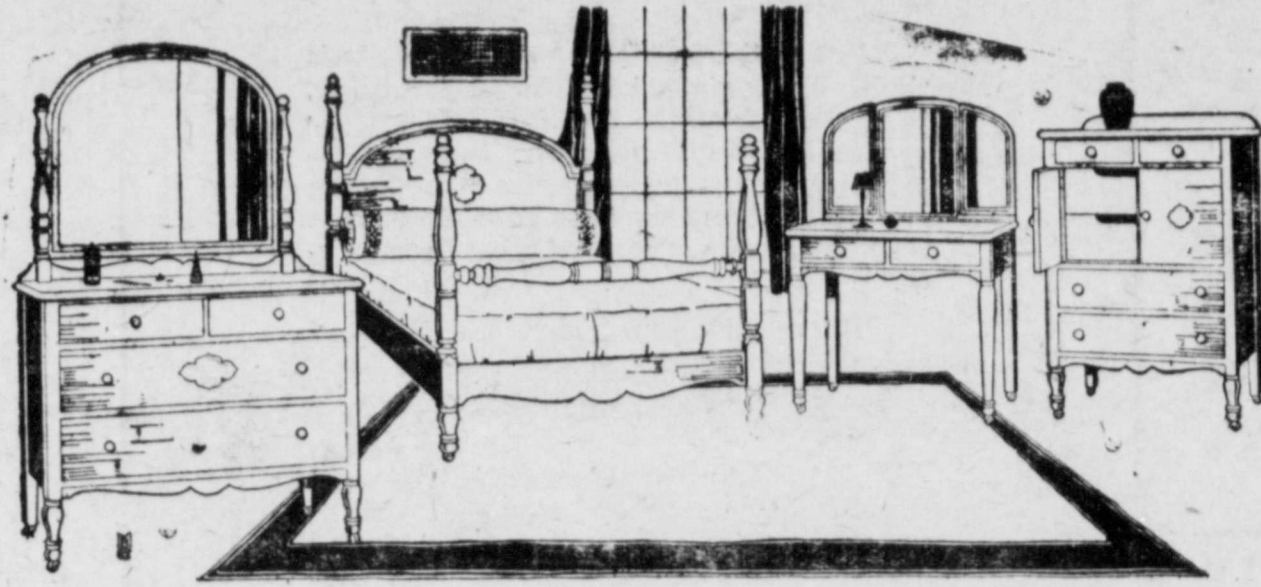
After adjournment a few minutes were spent socially, during which refreshments were served by the hostess, who wa assisted by Mr. Garrion, whom we were glad to have visit us. Our next meeting will be with Mrs. C H Jones at Mrs. Rister's residence

Charming new blouses of georgette. The Star Store.

Rural orders appreciated and promptly filled by Lowry & Gambel.

Bungalow aprons in attractive styles at The Star Store. Best eats at the Arcade.

## Special Prices on Furniture for one Week



For one week—Beginning Saturday, January 24, and Ending Saturday, January 31

We will make the following prices on Bed Room and Dining Room Suits

One 5-piece suit in Old Ivory consisting of one Princess Dresser, one Chiffonier, one Bed and two Chairs. This suit is well worth the price we have it marked, \$140.00. If sold this week it goes at.....\$110.00

We have a number of 10-piece Dining Room Suits in all finishes that were bought before the last advance and are cheap at \$200.00. In order to make room for more goods in transit we are making a special price this week of only.....\$165.00

The above prices are just a sample of what we will do on all suits we now have in stock. We have some twenty-five or thirty to select from and can make it to your interest if you are interested in anything in the furniture line. We will be glad for you to pay us a visit this week and let us show you one of the most complete stocks of Furniture ever shown in Merkel, at prices you can not get elsewhere.

- We can now supply you with linoleum in any width. Big shipment just arrived.
- Our Wall Paper and Paint stock is complete.
- We can make your home look new, both inside and out side.

# Barrow Furniture Co.

Preaching ... night. Sunday School at Public cordially invited, sers always welcome. At the morning servimanse finance committ make a report. There are many things before us near future, and we all get our working clothes sure to come next Sunday C. C. Dooley, p

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcer are made subject to the of the Democratic Prima July, 1920. District Offices ..... County Offices ..... Precinct Offices .....

For County Judge: W B. Oliver.  
For County Clerk: (Miss) Fannie  
For Tax Collector: D. T. Harkrid J. N. Routh.  
County Commissioner. S. A. (Sid) C  
Tax Assessor: Mrs Florence  
County Treasurer: Austin Fitts.

### FROSTPROOF CABBAGE PLANTS FOR SALE

Cabbage plants postp \$2.50 per 1000. Cabbage express collect, \$2.00 per 1 Ask price large quantity, al rieties. Georgia-Texas Plant Compa Dallas, Texas.

Tanlac for sale at Lowr Gambel's ,

Well, "hello" to everybody just wanted to let you know t the Quick Service Mattress Fory is now ready to make y old beds over. We will be for just a few days. Call 189 and let us tell you about Quick Service Mattress Fac. in Merkel Texas. ....

We now have a supply of Furniture Proof Casings, are guaranteed to run se thousand miles without a puture. Frank McFarland Gar

## Mem Theatre

The House of Good Pictures

Open with but one purpose, that is to give the people of Merkel entertainment every day with the highest quality of pictures.

rogram for Week Beginning Friday, Jan. 23

Y— Rupert Julian in "The Firefingers" A universal special feature in six acts, also a good Comedy.

AY— Hoot Gibson in "The Jay Bird". A western drama. Also Anna Little in "The Western Hero", and a Comedy.

DAY— House Peters in "You Never Know Your Luck". A delightful Comedy drama and a Mutual Strand Comedy.

DAY— Sessue Hayakawa in "The Torig Man". A thrilling story of chinatown, Guaranteed the best picture the Jap has ever yet played in.

WEDNESDAY— "Sound and Gagged", final Episode, don't miss it. Also Neal Hart in a thrilling western Spauonths Vaudeville.

ter in "Eyes of Julia Deet" by at her best. Also a deedy.

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BEST FOR HOME SHINES  
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THE BIG VALUE PACKAGES  
PASTES AND LIQUIDS For Black, Tan, Or Blood, Dark Brown and White Shoes  
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flavors like the pyramids of Egypt? Because they are long-lasting.

And WRIGLEY'S is a beneficial as well as long-lasting treat.

It helps appetite and digestion, keeps teeth clean and breath sweet, allays thirst.

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