

CLOSING EXERCISES MERKEL SCHOOLS

The closing exercises of the Merkel Public school will not be as long this year as usual, but we hope to make them better than ever. The little folks will give a short program at the school building on Tuesday afternoon, May 25th, beginning at 1:45. All the parents and friends of these little folks are invited to come. The grades are very much in need of some new Victrola records. To raise a little money for this purpose a small charge of ten cents will be made for this program.

On Wednesday evening, May 26th, beginning promptly at 8:30 o'clock, the music and expression pupils of Miss Perry and Miss Jackson will give their annual recital at the Cozy Theatre. An admission charge of 60 cents, including war tax, will be made for this program, the proceeds of which will be given to the school library.

On Thursday evening, May 27th, at eight-thirty o'clock the seventh grade will give their graduation exercises. Unless announced to the contrary, this program will be given at the High School Auditorium. There will be no admission for this program, but owing to limited size of the auditorium and the weakening of the floor by the recent fire, no one will be admitted except by ticket given you by some member of the seventh grade. Tickets will be as many as can be seated in the Auditorium. It is to be deplored that we do not have a meeting place that would accommodate all that might come.

On Friday evening, May 28th at eight-thirty o'clock the curtain will rise at the Cozy theatre for the first act of the Senior Class play for this year. This is a heavy four-act play entitled "The Daughter of the Desert" and under the direction of Mr. Reinhart promises to be one of the best plays ever given here by local talent. For this there will be an admission charge of 80 cents, the proceeds to be donated to the High School Library. This charge will include the war tax of ten per cent.

On Sunday evening, May 30, the commencement sermon will be preached at the Methodist church by Rev. J. W. Hunt, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church at Abilene. This program will begin as the others, promptly at 8:30. Those who are given tickets for the reserved seats are urged to arrive before eight-thirty. The seats cannot be reserved after that time.

The graduation exercises of the Senior Class of the High School at the Methodist church on Monday evening, May 31st, will conclude the closing exercises of the school. This, too, will begin at 8:30. Again here we urge those holding reserve seat tickets given them by the Seniors to be certain to arrive before 8:30, if they expect the seats to be kept for them.

The program for this exercise follows:—

1. Barcarolle.....Offenbach Senior Class
2. Salutatory.....Julia McDonald
3. Faust Fantasie....Farvarger Lorena Frazier
4. Graduation Address...Rev. W. P. Gerhardt, Rector Church of the Heavenly Rest (Episcopal) of Abilene.
5. Twinkling Star.....Bohm Annie Mae Costephens
6. Delivery of Diplomas.
7. Valedictory....Agnes Rister
8. Voices of the Wood...Rubenstein Senior Class.

Miss Clara Moore has returned from Mineral Wells where she had been for several days.

THE TRENT BANK

In our item last week commenting on the splendid showings by the two Merkel Banks, as shown by their statements published therein, a part of the item was left off, and which was a like compliment to the Bank at Trent, which for a town of that size is far above the average. It bespeaks that that institution is in capable and efficient hands, is located in a prosperous and well to do community.

TRENT SCHOOL TO CLOSE TERM 28TH

The past record of Trent in having one of the best schools in the county has been kept up to the same standard and this term will see one of the most successful terms in the history of the Trent Independent school District.

May 28th will mark the close of this term and to Superintendent Odor and all the teachers is due a great portion of the credit for the admirable record. Close cooperation on the part of the parents has been of much benefit and already the school Board and Equalization Board is working on the financial future of the school for the next term. In order for the same high standard to be maintained it will be necessary for more funds to be raised and this work is now being planned through the equalization board.

J. C. Miller splendid barber at the Rose Barber Shop has our thanks for a subscription to the Mail which he sends to his father, at Malakoff, Texas.

CHAMBER OF COM. HOLDS MEETING

At the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on last Friday night there was but a small number in attendance, possibly owing to the weather, which was some what damp and rainy, but there was never the less, a fine meeting of the organization.

The new-president and secretary, Messrs L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, and Lytton Howard, respectively were present, and started the business of the meeting off with a year, which demonstrated beyond a doubt that they expect to make this splendid and much needed organization hum with real business ability.

The Chamber of Commerce has leased the building directly in front of the post office, and from now on, any one having business with same can find the secretary in full charge and ready to serve in anything that is for the upbuilding of our city and community.

ABILENE B. Y. P. U. COMING SUNDAY

At the Baptist Church in this city next Sunday evening the two B. Y. P. U. organizations of the First Baptist Church, at Abilene will have charge of the services at that hour; rendering a program which is sure to be both interesting and helpful to all present on that occasion.

We are requested to state that everyone is invited and urged to be present who can.

RECITAL

BY

Music and Expression Departments

WEDNESDAY EVENING MAY 26
8.30 O'CLOCK

COZY THEATRE

Admission 50 Cents

BENEFIT SCHOOL LIBRARY

Programme

1. Morn Rise.....Czibulka Music Class
2. The Little Gossips.....Ella Wheeler Wilcox Marjorie Bland, Flora Frances Anderson, Elizabeth Harkrider, Tommie Durham, Agnes Sanders, Helen Booth, Thelma Jones, Mildred Hamm, Leona Rose Selma Jones.
3. Over the Top.....Rolfe Marie Pue
4. Jolly Jingles.....Fearis Flora Frances Anderson, Mary Comegys
5. Member.....Werner Marjorie Bland
6. Debutante.....Piner Maurine Angus
7. (a) Sextette from Lucia DeLammerenoor.....Leschetizky (b) Prelude.....Rachniouff Nell Holloway
8. The Famine.....Longfellow Iris McClary, Ruth Wells, Chester Hutcheson
9. Under the Orange Blossoms.....Englemann Evelyn Woodroof, Melba West
10. Here's to Spring.....Bohm Ona Faye Rose
11. Red Fan.....Brown Hattie Proctor
12. La Carillon.....Ringuet Alva Wheeler, Lilly Pratt Sears
13. Silver Spray.....Drumbeller Melba West
14. Uncle Pete and The Trolley Car.....Neal Mary Eula Sears
15. Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland.....Senior girls of Expression Class
16. Lustpire Overture.....Keller-Bella Mary and Hattie Proctor
17. Blushing Rose.....Fearis Lucile Guitar, Hazel Lee Rainbolt
18. An Old Sweetheart of Mine.....James Whitcomb Riley Lorena Dry
19. Grande Polka De Concert.....Bartlett Lillian Craig, Lorena Frazier
20. Royal Bumper Degree.....Watkins Dorothy Sanders
21. Military March.....Englemann Evelyn Curb, Dorris Pike
22. Courting Under Difficulties.....Thorpe L. T. Toombs
23. On The Judgment Day.....Cooke Anna Lou Russell
24. Night in Spain.....Schumann Senior girls of Music Class
25. Dot Good for Nodding Dog.....Brooks Lola Dennis
26. Pilgrim Scene.....Senior girls of Music Class

MERKEL POSTOFFICE TAKES AN ADVANCE

As a demonstration of the prosperous condition of the Merkel country, the salary of the postmaster has been raised from \$1,700 to \$1,900, and Miss Williams, the courteous and splendid acting postmistress, informs us that the sales of the office the past year just liked a little of being sufficient to make the office first class, and in which event the postmaster's salary would be \$2,000.

MARRIED HERE

In his usual appropriate and pleasing manner, Rev. Ira L. Parrack spoke the solemn words which bound in holy wedlock Mr. V. W. Lepard and Miss Maggie Wheeler, at the Baptist parsonage on last Thursday afternoon, May 13.

The groom is a prominent and substantial young farmer residing in the Noodle community, while the Bride is the daughter of Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler of Merkel. Both are among our best young people, and we join a host of friends in attending congratulations and good wishes for a long happy and prosperous journey through life.

REV. PARRACK TO PREACH SERMON

Arrangements have been made by the Trent School with Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Merkel Baptist Church, whereby the latter will preach the commencement exercises for that school on next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

We congratulate the Superintendent and faculty upon their selection of Bro. Parrack, whose remarks upon this occasion will no doubt be beneficial and uplifting to the young men and young lady graduates.

PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary Society of the Presbyterian church met with Mrs. L. D. Leavy on last Monday afternoon. There were fourteen members present and one visitor. Among the business matters was decided by the ladies to have an open meeting at the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening May 23rd. All members are requested to be present.

After the business hour a social time was spent and delicious refreshments were served. Next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock the Society will meet at Mrs. Witcher.

ANOTHER MARRIAGE

Rev. Dooley, pastor of the Presbyterian church, on last Sunday morning, May 16, at the Presbyterian Manse, very appropriately pronounced the words that made man and wife, Mr. E. H. Thompson, of Stevenville, Texas, and Mrs. Bersha Barker, of the Salt Branch community.

The happy couple will make their home in the Salt Branch community. We extend congratulations.

DALLAS TRADE EX- CURSIONISTS HERE

The trade excursion of Dallas Chamber of Commerce, composed of representatives from the wholesale and manufacturing enterprises of the commercial and financial center of this state, composed of more than 150 representatives, visited Merkel Tuesday morning, while on their trip over the western part of the state. Immediately after the trains arrival here the visitors, headed by a fine band, paraded through the business section and back near the station, where L. R. Thompson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of that organization and the city of Merkel, delivered an address of welcome to the distinguished guests. And to say that Mr. Thompson in his remarks of well chosen words made a lasting and good impression for Merkel upon the visitors, may be judged by the many kind words spoken by them to each other, complimenting his address as "the best yet" on their trip.

PARENT-TEACHERS ELECT OFFICERS

At the school auditorium on last Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock, there was a regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association of Merkel, which was attended by quite a number of ladies and (3) three men.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was the principle business of the afternoon, which resulted in the re-election of Mrs. Hutchenson, as President, Mrs. Dr. Pue, Vice-President, and Rev. Parrack Secretary and Treasurer.

The President, vice-president and others of the organization have been very diligent and untiring in their efforts to assist the school work in Merkel during the year just ending and the president stated after having that position almost, if not entirely forced upon her again, that while she felt that the responsibility should have gone to another for next year, she would not be counted a slacker, but would do her best to keep the work going the best she could, even through the summer months, having the regular monthly meetings.

And just here let us say to the patrons of the Merkel school, there is not a one but who desires to see our school become of the first class, and yet, there is not one out of a dozen who attends any of the meetings of this organization, which has for its purpose the building up of a cooperative spirit between the teachers, patrons and pupils, and which must exist if our school is to be what you would like it to be. So if you are not a member join, now, and get behind these ladies and men who head this organization for a still better school next year.

TAYCO OIL AND GAS COMPANY AT TRENT

Tuesday morning at ten o'clock the first machinery for the Tayco Oil & Gas Company's J. R. Joyce No.1, on land now owned by C. R. Tittle, began moving to the location.

Mr. Tittle signed confirmation of the lease on his land Monday afternoon, thereby allowing the work to start. This confirmation along with others is being held by the First State Bank of Trent pending the spudding in of the well, which according to this most recent agreement must be done by or before July 1st.

C. H. Brock, superintendent for the Tayco Oil and Gas Company has been at Trent for the past ten days getting matters under way and winding up some legal matters that had not been previously corrected. The Company has rented office space and store room at Trent for their needs and expect to be actively at work several days before the time specified to spud in.

One car of twenty inch casing arrived at Trent some time ago. Saturday afternoon a car of steel cable arrived, this lot being divided into two strings of drill and sand rope of lengths of 4,500 feet each and in addition one spool of casing cable. With this came other accessories, the entire lot being new material. One other car is in transit out of Fort Worth containing boiler, engine, water pump, two inch line pipe and connections. The string of drilling tools left Butler Pa., on the 20th day of April and should be on the ground within the next ten of fifteen days.

Mr. Brock states that he is buying new machinery throughout and is preparing to drill to a depth of 4,500 feet if need be. The contract however only calls for 3000 feet and if no pay is struck at this depth a move will then be taken to interest one of the Standard subsidiaries who has considerable acreage in the Trent country, in a matter of defraying a proportionate part of the cost to put the well down an additional 1,500 feet.

MERKEL DEFEATS BAIRD SIX TO FIVE

In one of the fastest, most evenly matched and most interesting games ever played in this city the Merkel ball team defeated the Baird boys last Tuesday evening by a score of five to six.

The game ran along with the visitors one score in the lead up to the first half of the ninth inning, when Norman pitcher for the home team, had a finger crippled, and Robertson, was placed in the box, shutting out Baird the first half of the ninth, leaving the score five and four in favor of the visitors. In the last half of the ninth the first two batters for the home team struck out, leaving Robertson, the next batter up, to turn the tide in their favor, when he hit a home run, evening up the score. The next man up making an out causing the game to run twelve innings before either side made a score, which happened when Holmes made a hit for first base, Arrington followed with a good hit to right field bringing in Holmes which ended the game in favor of Merkel.

Our boys were high in their praise of the visitors, saying they have the fastest and best team they have met this season. The visiting team's pitcher, they say was a strong one indeed.

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THE REAL BANK

Is the spirit that animates the Institution

Financial resources, building, fixtures, equipment — all these things — are, after all, the mere tools with which the bank works.

A real understanding of the customer's need; an earnest desire to cooperate with him in every legitimate way; a realization of public responsibility — these constitute the BANK. Everything else is secondary.

The spirit that animates this bank is the ground upon which we invite your account.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

T. J. TOOMBS President
 JOHN SEARS Vice President
 R. L. BLAND Vice President
 R. O. ANDERSON Cashier
 F. Y. GAITHER Asst. Cashier

Statement at Close of Business May 4, 1920

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$ 625,250.04
Banking House	7,850.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,200.00
U.S. Liberty Bonds & W.S.S.	6,459.55
Interest Guaranty Fund	4,068.79
CASH & EXCHANGE	407,080.97
Total	\$1,055,909.35
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	50,000.00
Undivided Profits	21,303.08
DEPOSITS	934,606.27
Total	\$1,055,909.35

YOUR LIBERTY BOND

The United States Government borrowed money from you to finance the war. You hold the Government's promise to pay you back. This promise is called a Liberty Bond or Victory Note. On this Bond is stated the conditions under which the Government borrowed the money from you.

For Instance: If you hold a Bond of the Third Liberty Loan, it states that on April 15th of each year until maturity, you will receive interest on the amount you paid for the Bond. Other issues bear other rates of interest and other maturity dates, all of which are clearly stated on the Bond.

Now, if you keep your Bond until the date when the Government pays you in full for it, you do not need to worry if, in the meantime, the price is low one day or high the next. You and Uncle Sam are living up to your agreement with each other, and neither will lose by it.

On the other hand, if you sell your Liberty Bond now, you will find that the man you sell to will not give you a dollar for every dollar you paid for it. The price has been brought down because so many people are offering to sell their Bonds. If the market is flooded with tomatoes you can buy them cheap, but if everyone is clamoring for tomatoes and there are but few to be had, the price goes up. The same is true of Liberty Bonds. Short-sighted people are dumping them on the market, and wise ones are buying them.

The best advice that can be given to the owner of a Liberty Bond is this: Hold the bond you bought during the war; it is as safe and sound as the United States Government itself.

Buy as many more at the present low rate as you can afford. If you hold them to maturity, you are bound to make the difference between what they sell at now and their face value. You will also receive good inter-

est on your investment.

Hold on to your Liberty Bond and buy more.

NOTICE

To the members of the progressive Mutual Life Insurance Association of Merkel:

Now is the time to pay your dues, and if you will stay with me we will soon have a little Insurance Association in Merkel which we will all be proud of. We have a small bank account in the name of our Association and it is growing, slow but sure. And to you old members who dropped out when the funds gave out, I will say that, if you will come back I will pledge you my word that the Association will be run according to the by-laws of the organization, and when we have a member to die we will have the money in the bank to pay the claim at once. \$2.00 will place each of you in good standing again, and pay your dues to December 1st.

This is the cheapest Insurance in the world, and is second to none when run right, and that is the way it is going to be run while I have charge of it. The books are open for your inspection at all times. It is yours I am only looking after it for you.

Would like to have several live solicitors for awhile. Come in, let's talk it over together. Let's make it go, we need it.

Respectfully,

E. D. Coats. 1t

Your Prescriptions will be filled accurately and by registered Druggists at the Merkel Drug Company. tf

Try a sack of Marechal Neal Flower. None better, Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf

Mrs. R. E. Counts has Tomato Plants for sale at ten cents per dozen. 7t3c

We serve Ice Cream every day at the sanitary self serving store. tf



Condensed Statement at Close of Business May 4, 1920

RESOURCES

Loans—Time and demand	\$467,147.53
Loans—Cotton	12,214.88
Stock in Federal Res. Bank	1,950.00
United States Securities	19,774.04
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Five per cent Redemp. Fund	312.50
Cash on hand and in Banks	258,357.99
Total	\$764,256.94

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	32,272.62
Circulation	6,250.00
DEPOSITS	675,734.32
Total	\$764,256.94

Every dollar of deposits shown in this statement represents the earnings and accumulations of local people.



THE HOPE OF THE NATION

The reason many young men who have a college education have so often sought a business or professional career in the city is the belief that the farm does not offer as great opportunity for talent and education as the occupations they selected. For men with little education and limited capital, they are willing to admit that farming is worthy Education and ambition, they believe, require other occupations.

The mistake is largely in the estimate placed upon service. The salaried man in the city and the professional man place a high value upon their services to society and a correspondingly low value upon the services of the man that uses his muscles as well as his brains in farming. Services at the bar, to the ill patient, in the school room, are magnified and dignified at the expense of plowing, sowing, reaping and making it possible for men and women to serve society in the occupations. The fault is that the man that produces his food is less worthy and less appreciated than the man that lives from the product of the soil, but largely from the misfortunes of those who cannot sell their products for what they are worth.

The idea that farming is not for the talented, the educated and the refined is largely responsible for the crowded condition of business and professions. It is impressing city people who left the farm years ago of the mistake and the dangers that beset our nation from overcrowding in cities, causing underproduction of life's necessities. Today education, industrious, ambitious young men are choosing farming as their life work, buying homes and entering upon the fundamental occupation. There are numerous examples of their achievements. They are the salt of the earth and the hope of American citizenship.— Farm & Ranch.

Your Inspection -- Asked --

We are glad to get you posted, as our merchandise will stand the test of comparison with any that is on sale in any state of this nation.

See our men's all-wool pants at
\$7.90 \$9.60 \$11.50 \$14

Ladies dress blouses, all colors. Prices are \$1.00 to \$4.00 cheaper than have been. You will say so when you examine them

Our Silks are Less Priced than any you will find. Every day our customers tell us that we are 50c to \$1.00 yard cheaper than any they have seen.

Good yard-wide Brown Domestic 28c Bed-wide sheeting at 79 to 95c yard

Mens Overalls and Jumpers \$2.50 each. Same brand that the makers are asking us \$2.75 each at the factory

We will do you good

The Brown Dry Goods Co.

STRIVING TO BE OWNERS

There are many things in common with man. They are sensitive to climatic conditions and while more or less tolerant of adverse conditions they are to some extent exacting as to soil, moisture, cold and heat. They unfold their leaves in obedience to the stimulus of the first warm days of spring, set fruit in the due process of growth and continue development till autumn ripens the fruit, acorns, sarmars, berries, drupes, or whatever form the seeds may take.

Slowly but surely does the acorn reproduce the oak, and there is no better example of persistence of nature's provisions for reproducing her species.

The lesson for us is persistence, "here a little, there a little," line upon line, precept upon precept.

It takes an enormous amount of work to build up a home and considerable expense. Buying the land, as expensive as it may be, and as long as it may take one to pay for it, is merely the beginning. One must labor, save sacrifice and manage to own a home free of debt. But it is worth all it cost and more. The pleasure, the satisfaction, the comfort and the influence of a home-owner is worth so much to the family, the community, the state and the nation that every farmer who rents land should strive to be an owner.— Farm & Ranch.

One tube free with each Auto casing sold this month. Firestone, Pennsylvania, Keen-Kutter West Company. 14t8

Everything for the comfort and convenience of our patrons at Rose's Barber Shop. tf

COLORITE—Makes old hats new. Merkel Drug Co. tf

Buy Cracklins at Patterson Bros. Meat Market and make your own soap. tf

This Store Strives Daily To

PRESENT THE BEST VALUES OBTAINABLE AND TO OFFER THE UTMOST SERVICE AND SATISFACTION TO ITS PATRONS

But there are certain events, and the May sales are listed with them, scheduled throughout the year when we concentrate our efforts and offer merchandise from all over the country at prices considerably below that justified by the existing market conditions.



We are in the midst of these sales now. From day to day the fires are being kindled anew. Come again if you were here yesterday or today, if you were not here, gather your friends about you and you all come. Every article here is a money saver.

Every article in the store marked in plain figures.

We will deduct 20 per cent from the regular price

THE ECONOMY

Where you Economize

Three doors from the Postoffice

With the great season in the ground as a result of six inches or rain fall within one week, the farmers of this country will soon be found busy planting their crops, and next fall they will reap the harvest. And it seems now that the prospects are very flattering.

A great season is to be found throughout all the west. And with a few showers of rain at the proper time, a great harvest of fine crops are almost sure to be gathered this fall.

Fresh Cream Meal at G. M. Sharp's.

DEPORTATION LAW SIGNED BY WILSON

Washington, May 11.—President Wilson toaday signed a bill amending the deportation law so as to make possible the deportation of Germans and other aliens who were interned during the war as enemy aliens.

Both aliens convicted of violating war emergency laws and those merely held on presidential warrants of arrest would be subject to deportation on the order of the secretary of labor after hearings. Aliens so deported would forever be barred from readmission to the United states. Enactment of this law was asked of congress by Attorney General Palmer a year ago.

Banks are usually very cautious in purchasing securities of any kind. It is a good thing for the individual to exercise the same caution. The Farmers & Merchants National Bank is prepared to render assistance in determining values of property situated outside of this territory and to offer the customers of the bank its facilities for gaining this information.

Try a sack of Marechal Neal Flour. None better. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

Read the Merkel Mal

NOODLE NEWS

The young people enjoyed a singing at Mr. Jim Boyd's last Sunday night.

Mrs. and Mr. Ratcliff visited Mr. and Mrs. Roundtree last Sunday evening.

The school closed Thursday night with a program, but the crowd was very small on account of the rain Thursday afternoon.

The farmers are all rejoicing over the good rain that has fallen the last few days.

The Sunday school is progressing nicely at the Methodist church. Everyone is invited to come out at 10 o'clock every Sunday morning.

The young people enjoyed a party at G. C. Ely's Saturday night.

The people of Horn will have a childrens day the fifth Sunday in this month.

NOTICE

The family shoe shop can save you money on your shoe repairing. On Front street, one door east of Merkel Garage in Rear of the Daniel's Confectionary. Leroy Ware, Prop.

Mrs. R. E. Counts has Tomato Plants for sale at ten ctns per dozen.

Read the Merkel Mal

Have You Had the Opportunity to Receive

A Profit on what Groceries you Buy?

You now have an opportunity to receive a profit on what Groceries you buy and on what you get your neighbors and friends to buy from us.

We have reserved 40 shares of our capital Stock to dispose of to our customers at \$50 per share, in order that our customers may share in the profits of our growing business.

BUT YOU WILL HAVE TO ACT QUICK

For Saturday night we are going to advance the price of these shares to \$52.50 and maybe to \$55.00 for each share calls for all profits made to date.

Come in and talk it over with us

Capital Stock \$5,000.00 Par Value \$50

W. E. Duckett, Manager.

IF IT IS SOMETHING GOOD TO EAT WE HAVE IT

Sanitary Self Serving Store

PAY CASH & PAY LESS

MERKEL, TEXAS

Operating under articles of agreement and Declaration of Trust

E. B. RODDEN

H. GRIER

MILL WORK

GLASS AND PUTTY
We Sell it and Put it In

We will sell you a
Complete House Bill
Let us figure with you

Merkel Manufacturing Co.
2 1/2 Blocks west of Postoffice

WE'LL BE GLAD To See You

At our store whether you come in to buy or just to look around a bit. If you want to bake bread that is light enough to fly almost, buy cake flour at \$3.35 per 48 pound sack.

Little Bobby Coffee at .25 per pound.
Compounds at \$2.35 per 8 pound buckets.
Cottolene at \$2.50 per 8 pound bucket.
Bacon at .28 per pound.
D. S. Meat at .25 per pound.

We buy for cash and sell for cash that is why our prices are lower.

Pay Cash and Save

WE WANT YOUR BUTTER AND EGGS

CAMPBELL'S CASH GROCERY

In Boyce Building

PATHE PHONOGRAPHS



We have a good line of
Pathe Phonographs

Also Pathe Indestructable
Records

Each record guaranteed to
play 1,000 tunes without
changing needle.

Come in and see them.

MERKEL DRUG CO.

LOCAL NEWS

Some good planting cotton seed for sale at \$1.50 per bushel. See S. F. Haynes, Merkel. 1tp

Our Prescription department is complete. Merkel Drug Co. tf

J. T. Caswell of Georgetown, was a guest at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Ira L. Parrack Wednesday night, while enroute to the plains to visit relatives. Mr. Caswell in an Uncle of Mrs. Parrack

Wagon, Team and harness for sale. Will sell any part. See W. E. Lowe, Merkel, Texas. 1t

One tube free with each Auto casing sold this month. Firestone, Pennsylvania, Keen-Kutter West Company. 14t3

Mrs. S. L. S. Swafford of Big Springs, was here this week visiting friends and relatives.

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Joe Huber of Oklahoma City, has been here several days this week looking after lease holdings and other oil interests.

L. E. Stone, manager of the Southwestern Telephone Company for this city, with his family visited relatives at Desdemona last week. Mr. Stone reports great deal of activity going on there in oil development.

FOR RENT

Dr. Rust Home place. See J. J. Armour, Trent, Texas. 4t2p

B. A. Garrett and wife came in the first of the week for a few days visit with home folks and Mr. Garrett is on the Dallas firm, left in Dallas where he meeting of the association.

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Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into womanhood I looked with dread one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down in, until life to me was misery. I would think could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"I took four bottles," Mrs. Jones goes on to say, "and was not only greatly relieved, but can truthfully say that I have not a pain. . . . It has now been two years since I took Cardui, and I am still in good health. . . . I would advise any woman or girl to use Cardui who is a sufferer from any female trouble."

If you suffer pain caused from womanly trouble, or if you feel the need of a good strengthening tonic to build up your run-down system, take the advice of Mrs. Jones. Try Cardui. It helped her. We believe it will help you.

All Druggists

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Beginning
Saturday
May 15



Ending
Saturday
May 22

VERY SPECIAL BARGAINS IN Ready-to-Wear and Millinery

For one week only you can buy a suit, dress, skirt, georgette blouse, organdy or voile blouse, middy blouse, Gingham dress, kimona and silk petticoat at a Discount of 10 per cent

Our reputation for bargains in our Millinery Department means more to us than price. Be sure and see our "many specials" for this one week. Every hat reduced

Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Company

The Place Most People Trade

Wagon, Team and harness for sale. Will sell any part. See W. E. Lowe, Merkel, Texas. 1t

FOR SALE—Ford Touring car, in A-1 condition. See W. S. J. Brown, at Brown Dry Goods Company. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. Perminto are to leave today for Big Springs where they will spend some time looking after some business interests there.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Comegys are in Dallas this week, where the latter is receiving medical attention. The Mail joins their host of friends in the hopes that she may receive immediate and permanent relief.

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Wagon, Team and harness for sale. Will sell any part. See W. E. Lowe, Merkel, Texas. 1t

Read the Merkel Mail

S. D. Martin splendid citizen residing on route four northeast of Merkel, was in the city Wednesday and stated that great rains had fallen in his section of the country. He was very optimistic over the crop outlook for this year. He said that there would be some wheat and oats grown in his community, notwithstanding the fact

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EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Sunday, May 16, 1920.

Subject, The Christian's ideal Leader Mr. Carey.

Silent prayer.

Song.

Scripture lesson, Colossians 3:1-4, Phillipians 3:8-10 by leader: The Christians Ideals: (a) Mr. John McDonald. (b) Agnes Rister.

The Spirit bears witness to Jesus—Charlie Belle Thomas.

The Doctrine of the Spirit for Christian Practice—Frank Counts.

Announcements.

Special Music—Lorena Frazier.

Song.

Song.

League Benediction.

F. M. Franklin formerly a splendid citizen of Merkel, but now a citizen of Big Springs, was here this week mixing with old friends and his brother-in-law, J. A. Patterson. He and Mr. Patterson came to this country 33 years ago, when the country was very thinly settled, and have therefore witnessed the great development of the frontier and great empire, West Texas.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements are made subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July, 1920.

District Offices \$15.00
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For District Judge, 42nd Judicial District:

E. M. Overshiner
W. R. Ely, of Baird.

District Clerk:

James W. Mayfield
J. Knox Fuller

For Sheriff:

John Bond (re-election)

For County Judge:

W. E. Martin
J. W. Moffett
D. G. Hill

For County Attorney:

Carlos D. Speck,
Mrs. Florence Vance
Roy Parmely

County Treasurer:

Austin Fitts.

For County Clerk:

(Miss) Fannie Tippet

For Tax Collector:

D. T. Harkrider
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GOLAN NEWS

A good rain fell in some sections of the country Sunday afternoon but it was light in this immediate vicinity.

Mrs. G. M. Byron and Mrs. J. F. Cox are on the sick list this week. Mrs. A. J. Cook is not improving very fast. Grandpa Rollins is also extremely ill at this writing.

Sunday school was well attended at Golan Sunday.

Eugene Williams and Miss Edna Cox visited the latter's sister Mrs. Earnest McCright and husband Sunday.

Misses Edith Thompson and Ester Herron were guests of Miss Vida Williams Sunday.

Val Byron and Miss Dixie Duncan visited Miss Elvina Hudspeth Sunday.

Misses Edith Hudspeth and Bettie Byron were guests of Miss Lettie Duncan Sunday.

Ben Douglas and Miss Pauline Byron motored to Sylvester Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cox and family spent Sunday with their son Chester Cox and family.

Elvin Herron and sister Miss Beulah were guests of Willard Thompson and sister Sunday.

Milton Montgomery and family visited at Sylvester Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ollie Skidmore and family spent Sunday with the former's brother Marvin Douglas and family.

Chester Duncan and sisters, Misses Dixie and Lettie, very charmingly entertained a large crowd of their friends with an ice cream supper Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mitchell visited the latter's brother, Chester Cox and family Sunday.

A large crowd of young people enjoyed a singing at the home of Miss Birdie Jeffrey Sunday afternoon. Chrysanthemum.

THE B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

The B. Y. P. U. will have charge of the service hour at the Baptist church in this city next Sunday evening. Beginning at 8 o'clock all the service will be in charge of the young people, and an interesting program is being planned. Come and hear what the young people have in store for you and see what course they are taking to better fit themselves for God's service.

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There are many small towns in the states of the Southwest. Some of them are growing very rapidly, some of them very little. A few may become cities of considerable importance, but most of them will remain small or large towns. All of them will depend more or less upon the agricultural wealth produced and the service the business men of the town render agriculture.

Our towns in the Southwest are centers of rural population. They are essentially rural because the town is a clearing house for rural people. Its primary purpose should be to afford a market for farm products and enable farmers to convert their crops, produce and livestock into cash to buy their necessities from the business men of the town. This is not all. The town is the center of social, religious and educational activities and as such must provide for adequate schools, good churches and such meetings as benefit the people.

A town that measures up to its obligation must have energetic, public-spirited, progressive business men. There is room for every few "retired" farmers or "retired" business men. Town and country must work for prosperity and every individual strive to render service to his patrons.

The town's interest commercial, industrial, educational, social and religious, is almost identical with that of the farmer. There can be no prosperous town without prosperous farmers. There can be no prosperous farming without markets and the services of business men in towns.—Farm & Ranch.

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BULLETIN ISSUED BY UNIVERSITY TRACES GEOLOGICAL FORMATIONS IN WEST TEXAS OIL DISTRICT

Austin, Texas, May 17.—Accurate definition of the West Central Texas oil field and its identification with the geological formation known as the Marathon Fold, is to be found in a new bulletin No. 1847, just issued by the Bureau of Economic Geology and Technology, University of Texas, Austin, under direction of Dr. J. A. Udden, director.

Information in the bulletin is the result of observations and investigations by Dr. J. A. Beed and R. A. Liddle, members of the staff of Dr. J. A. Udden. There is included in the bulletin a large scale map of Texas showing the limits and extent of the Marathon Fold extending in a northerly direction from the Marathon Mountains, across the State to the Red River.

The document is of special moment in that it identifies oil production in that portion of West-Central Texas with the Marathon Fold and indicates no line of demarcation between the influence of the Marathon Mountains and the Wichita Mountain in Southern Oklahoma, which seems to be primary to what Messrs. Beede and Liddle have mentioned as the Red River uplift.

Zone of Varying Width

The fold throws an irregular, roof-like structure of great extent across some 25 counties in that part of the State, and it is delineated as a zone of varying width embracing the choicest areas of probable oil-producing territory between the Bend Arch which springs out of the Llano-Burnet uplift and extends through to Eastland-Stevens-Young Counties area, and what is known as the Llano-Estacado Syncline, which has regional em placement upon the Staked Plains.

The immediate importance of this structural picture is apparent to the entire fraternity of the Mid-Continent district, which has been diligently seeking the regional alignment of the oil-bearing formations along the great transcontinental series between the Oklahoma and Red River production and the Tampico district of Mexico. Its area as demarked recalls Dana's text book statement of a defined highfolded zone extending north through the Diablo plateau to the Glass Mountains and from there northeastward to Coke County, and to Red River. Indeed the section of the Woodward and Greer formations of Western Oklahoma and the eastern Panhandle of Texas is startlingly similar to the Coke County section and there is a strong probability that the Whitehorse sandstone is unconformable with the underlying shales. The length of the outcrop of this unconformity in the main part of the State would be about 700 miles, not counting the sinuities.

Fisher County as Seat

Selecting Fisher County as the seat of original investigation Hill explored virtually the entire trend of surface evidence of the disturbance from Foard County on the north to Coke on the south. The Hill report has been the subject of wide study and discussion by independent geologists and in a large measure it has been verified and confirmed. The present drilling of some 50 wells in Fisher, Jones, Nolan, Scurry, Stonewall, Haskell, King, Knox and Foard Counties is testimony to the animus of confidence felt by the oil fraternity in that report.

In nearly all of these counties oil or gas is found in upper sand. That these formations lie upon higher subsurface levels than would be possible if no folded zone existed, all geologists and the drillers exploiting the region agree. A majority of the tests in that zone have been favorable, though none have yet reached the deeper strata. It is significant that nearly all of them are being drilled with cable tools and by operators that have ample finances to carry the holes to any practicable depth.

Extent of Outcrop

If the corroboration theory of these staff geologists is correct the strike of the outcrop extend

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The Marathon fold is geologically more complicated than the Bend, the report says, but is very similar. On the latter there are "noses" while on the former there are terraces.

The Sheffield Terrace is the largest in the extreme southwest region extending 15 miles into Crockett County and is approximately 12 miles wide.

"From the standpoint of the oil operator, it is worthy of note that the rather complicated conditions of this structure are likely to be repeated, and other different structures are likely to occur beneath any slight structure or area of flattened dip throughout the whole of West and northwest Texas, where the Double Mountain beds of the Permian are found," says the report.

Position in Foard County
"In Foard County the carboniferous is known to be at least 500 feet above its normal undisputed position.

"Much detailed work, both surface and subsurface, is needed to study more in detail the nature of the Marathon Fold," concluded the University bulletin. "Especially is such needed

between the Sheffield Terrace and the disturbance in Coke County, and along the probable position of the fold between Coke and Foard Counties. There is no known reason why commercial deposits of petroleum should not be found along the Marathon Fold under conditions similar to those existing along the Bend Arch, if reservoirs are present."

The late Sigler well in Wilbarger County, the continued flow of 44 gravity oil from the 2,485-foot level between the 8 and 10-inch casing in the Sears test on the Fisher-Jones County line, the good gas pressure of the Kouri No. 1, in Haskell County and the numerous showings of oil in many of the tests in adjacent areas to the alignment of the Marathon Fold as mapped by Beede and Liddle, appear to fully verify their report, though their manuscript was not released until January of this year, and all of the above well results have happened since then.—Texas Oil Ledger.

Banks are usually very cautious in purchasing securities of any kind. It is a good thing for the individual to exercise the same caution. The Farmers & Merchants National Bank is prepared to render assistance in determining values of property situated outside of this territory and to offer the customers of the bank its facilities for gaining this information.

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If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

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TO OUR PATRONS

We wish to call your attention to the extreme shortage of the news print paper situation, as well as that of job stock and other printing material. News print has been increasing in price every week since the first of January, and during the last week has jumped from \$10.50 per hundred, the highest ever known in the United States to double that amount. And should it remain at that price it will be impossible for small newspapers to exist, unless they raise the price of subscription and advertising much higher than is now being charged. We are going to try to stem the tide, for a while, and see if there is not some reduction, and in which event there is none, we will be forced to ask our patrons to back us up in the advance which we will be forced to make or go out of business.

Our job stock is very incomplete, not having a single white standard envelope on hand, and the whole-sale houses in this state claim not to have any on hand. We will therefore ask that you kindly be patient with us should we be unable to fill your orders as promptly as usual.

There being what seems to be a nation wide slump in many commodities it may be possible that the print paper situation will do likewise and become more plentiful also.

NO MAGIC WAY OUT

Governor Coolidge of Massachusetts, who on more than one occasion has shown himself to be a man of common sense, has the following to say about the present situation in the country and the way out:

"We are paying the expenses

of the war. We are paying them by taxation. Not the rich alone pay, but the cost is borne by the general public.

"We tax transportation, but those that use it pay for it. We tax the makers of cloth, and those that wear the cloth have to pay.

"There is not a magic remedy. We have got to take hold and work out our salvation.

"It is impossible for us to be placed in the same condition we were in before the war, so far as food, clothing and shelter are concerned because they are not in existence.

"Wages make no difference if things are not in existence and cannot be bought.

"So we will have to save our wages. We must subsequently invest it in increasing the productive capacity of the nation. It is a long, slow, laborious process, but is one which American people can accomplish and will accomplish.

"The Government ought to refrain from entering on enterprises. The Government has to raise wages of its employees the same as others, and its expenses are much larger than before the war. But we can reverse the form we were under a year ago in trying to provide work for the worker and work that needs to be done. Instead of finding jobs for men, let us find men for jobs.

"Our ability to get quickly from here to Worcester is the result of people saving their money and building a railroad. The ability to buy cheap cloth and cheap shoes is the result of saving money and investing in cloth and shoe factories."

There isn't anything to appeal to the imagination about Governor Coolidge's picture of the Situation. But it is a true picture and the country must come to a realization of its thuth. It ought to be said that it applies quite as much to the business man as to the man who works for a salary or for wages. And emphasis should be placed on the motive for investment which Governor Coolidge cites. "We will have to save our wages," he says. And then he adds: "We must subsequently invest in increasing the productive capacity of the Nation." That is the dominant motive of all safe investment. The prospect of profit is based upon the intention and ability to serve society. Rainbow chasing, putting money in wild schemes with "millions in them" becoming a willing victim of a frenzied desire to get rich in a hurry—none of this is "investing," and none of it helps the situation. Saving money for such a purpose is not saving it at all. It is the worst kind of extravagance, for it is throwing the money away. It is bad enough when the inexperienced salaried man indulges in such expensive experiments. When the business man risks his credit in such escapades, and expects to be "accommodated" just the same as in his legitimate business pursuits, it is worse. Real conservation and the elimination of extravagant practices from business are badly needed. The whole country must quit thinking in the big figures born of wartime inflation.—Star-Telegram.

MRS. SCOTT ENTERTAINS WITH 6 O'CLOCK DINNER

On Wednesday evening Mrs. L. B. Scott entertained with a six o'clock dinner in honor of her sister, Miss Floyce Boyd, of Arlington, the living room and dining room were beautifully decorated in pink Dorothy Perkins roses, this color scheme being carried out through the entire dinner. Music was enjoyed in the living room until the guests were invited into the dining room where a beautifully appointed four course dinner was served. Between courses contests and other amusements were enjoyed. The dinner was followed by a theatre party. Those present were: Misses Floyce Boyd of Arlington, Jess Sutphen, Zoe West, Edith Eakman, Mary Reid and Gladys Wright of Bellevue.

I. N. (Nat) Anderson, who for a year or two has been with the Farmers State Bank of Merkel, has resigned his position with this institution and will accept a similar position with the new Guaranty State Bank of Abilene, and of which Mr. Sam Swann, also formerly with the above bank of this city, is cashier.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Sunday, May 23, 1920.
Subject: "Will a man rob God?"
Scripture.
Leader—Willie Stevens.
1. Will a man rob God? (Mat. 3:7-10) by Leader.
2. Blessings of recognizing God's ownership through the tithe (Mal 3:11-12) by Mary. Eula Sears.
3. The first tither (Gen. 14:17-24) by Vivian Hutchenson.
4. Systematic giving (Eon. 16:1-3) by Wrenn Durham.
5. Acceptable gifts (Gen. 4:3-8; Lev. 22:17-25) by Mr. N. Hancock.
6. Benefits to the poor and Rich to tithe—Lorena Dry.
7. The necessity of Systematic giving—Murphy Thomas.
8. Freewill offerings are over and above one's tithe—Wallace Bragg.
Special Music by Annie May Costephens.

On May 2, 1920 the young people's class of the Presbyterian Church met at the usual Sunday School hour in a short business session. The purpose of this session was to appoint an Auto soliciting committee and to begin class organization.

The Class elected Mr. James West as Chairman. Nominations were then in order for the different offices of whom the following were elected: President, Chas. Tucker; Vice President, R. L. Bland; Secretary and Treasurer, Eunice Russell. A Committee was appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws and select Class names from which the class name should be chosen. Other committees, namely Social, Devotional and Missionary and look out were appointed.

The New Era Bible Class was chosen as the name.

This class is hoping for great spiritual success and desires that all members of the old Prothens or Business Men's class to come join our class. There is something for every member to do if they will do it. Let us all work together for the good of all.

MERKEL DEFEATS BAIRD SCORE SIX TO FIVE

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MERKEL	AB	R	H	E
Boone, 3b	6	1	0	1
Stevens, ss	6	0	2	1
Howard, 1b	6	1	2	0
Cook, c	5	1	1	0
Harris, 2b	6	0	0	1
Holmes J., lf	6	1	1	0
Holmes R., rf	6	2	0	0
Arrington, cf	6	0	2	0
Norman, p	4	0	3	0
Robertson, p	2	1	1	0
Totals	53	6	12	3

BAIRD	AB	R	H	E
Normon, 2b	6	0	0	0
Wrister, ss	5	1	0	2
Jones, lf	5	1	1	0
Allphin, rf	4	1	0	0
Hall, cf	5	1	1	0
Trieves, 3b	4	1	1	2
Mahan, c	5	0	1	0
Ray, p	4	0	0	0
Clancy, 1b	2	0	0	0
Totals	40	5	4	4

Batteries: Baird; Ray, Mahan, Merkel; Norman, Robinson, Cook.
Struck out by Ray 11; By Norman 7; by Robinson 5.
Hit by pitched balls, Baird 2; Merkel 1.
Two base hits Baird Jones; Merkel Stevens, Howard. Three base hits, Baird Trieves. Merkel none. Home Runs Baird none; Merkel Robinson.

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We are forced to make a ruling to our advertisers with regards to the time or receiving advertisements for publication each week. We make it a rule to print our paper each Thursday afternoon or night, and it is absolutely impossible for us in one day to set all the advertisements, make up the paper and do the many other things connected with the publication of a weekly newspaper and we therefore wish to state that copy for advertising will not be accepted later than 12 o'clock on Wednesday for publication that week.

This does not mean that we do not want your advertising, or that we do not appreciate same, but we just must have a set time as to how late copy for advertisements may be handed in, so that we may be able to get the paper out on time.

We trust that you will cooperate with us in this matter, and when you fail do not feel offended at us when we are unable to publish advertising received after Wednesday noon.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Womens Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Geo. Brown, Monday, May 24. The following program will be rendered:—

Hymn.
Roll Call—Missionary items.
Devotional—Mrs. H. C. Williams
Prayer Mrs. C. B. Smith.
Hymn.
Facts on Japan—Mrs. William Smith.
Prayer—Mrs. Murrell.
Song—Mesdames Sanders and Patterson.
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Mrs. J. A. Giles, and her many friends will be glad to learn her and her family's return to this city. Mr. Earthman expect to farm near town for this year.

T. T. Earthman and wife of Bisbee, Arizona, came in recently and expect to make Merkel their future home. Mrs. Earthman is the daughter of Mr. and

H. W. McSpadden of Lubbock, was here first of the week for a visit to his brother, W. A. McSpadden, the ever popular manager for the Merkel Power Company.

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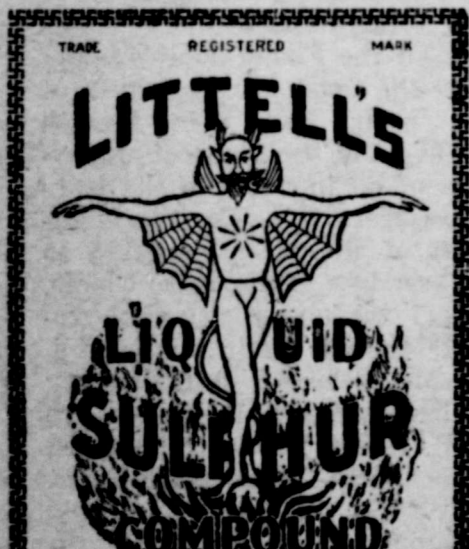
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It is a powerful and scientific combination of sulphur and other healing agents for the relief and cure of diseases of the skin. It is especially effective in the ITCHING VARIETIES; giving instant relief from the itching and smarting sensations and by its germ-destroying properties it exterminates the microbe which is the cause of the eruption, thus curing the disease completely.

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= IMPLEMENTS =

We will have by the last of this week another shipment of John Deere Implements, consisting of Single-row Planters, Single-row Cultivators, Double-row Cultivators, Double-row Planters. To those who want a John Deere implement for the present season and haven't yet bought, will do well to call in at once and look them over and buy at once, as we will not likely have any more of some of the implements here listed this season.

HARDWARE

We carry a large line of hardware, wagons, buggies and the following makes of windmills: Eclipse. Also the Star in the wood mills, and we carry the Star also the Demster in the steel mill.

GROCERIES

We have a full and complete line Groceries and if already a customer of ours we take this means of thanking you, and if not a customer we take this means of inviting you to become a customer.

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FOR SALE—About 60 bushels of good cotton planting seed. See me at Shiloh. Price \$2.00 per bushel. Sam Grayson. 14t4p

FOR SALE—My Merkel home Price \$5000. Cost of improvements. Write Dr. O. F. McMaster Port Lavaca, Texas. 13tf

FOR SALE—One horse buggy and harness. See W. P. Duckett at store. tf

WANTED—Plain and fancy sewing. Mrs. W. C. Callaway, Edwards street, north of the business part of the city. 21t2p

FOR SALE—One Mare and Colt one three year old Horse fat and ready for the collar. See T. C. Allen, five miles northeast of Merkel or R. D. Allen, Abilene, Texas. 21t2p

LOST—Merscham Pipe in case, on road between Merkel and Stith. Finder leave with B. H. Hollingsworth at Woodrum Hotel and receive reward. 1tp

FOR SALE—Ford Touring car, in A-1 condition. See W. S. J. Brown, at Brown Dry Goods Company. 1t

FOR SALE—Ford Touring car, in A-1 condition. See W. S. J. Brown, at Brown Dry Goods Company. 1t

STRAYED—From Slaughter Pen, about ten days ago, one red, Muley cow. Branded L on loin. Any one giving us information leading to recovery of this animal will be rewarded Patterson Bros. 1t

FOR SALE—Three 3-year old horses. Also three brood mares Authur Cranston, 4 miles northeast of Stith. 21t2p

FOR SALE—Three or four counter Showcases. Sanders Drug Store. tf

COTTON SEED—100 bushels of Mebane Cotton seed for sale. Arthur Cranston, 4 miles northeast of Stith. 21t2p

HAY—Car Alfalfa shipped last Monday, expect it today. Better get what you want off the car. It will all be gone and you'll think I never have any hay. T. J. R. Swafford, phone 291 1t

FOR SALE—A few of the Warren stock of Pigs. See J.T. Coats one and a half miles east of Merkel. 21t2p

FOR SALE—Cotton seed of the Mebane variety. See Dr. N. J. Smith. 1t

W. O. Johnson of Mulberry Canyon, was in the city first of the week and stated that the recent rains were the finest he ever saw fall at this time of the year in this country. He was very optimistic over the splendid crop prospects.

Clifford Rose and Frank Counts are seeing the sights in California.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School day, better known as "Children's day" will be observed at the Methodist Church next Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour. Everybody is invited to be present and especially the parents of the primary department of the Sunday school as many of the numbers are by the little folks in this department.

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.

PREACHING NORTH SIDE

Bro. M. L. Vaughn, of Abilene will preach for us Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Everybody invited to come and help us to enjoy these services Sunday.

We are still working on the fifth Sunday program. Be sure that you come to that meeting. Preaching begins Friday night before the fifth Sunday and will run over Sunday.

COLORITE—Makes old hats new. Merkel Drug Co. tf

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES (Doyle Garrett)

The proposition that puzzled the students Monday morning was "where did Mr. Burgess and Mr. Carey get their rose?"

The last lap of this years race is near at hand and the Seniors are just realizing the true meaning of their motto, "We finish to begin." We hope that the other students will take this for their motto for it certainly has a true significance.

The Senior play is coming on fine and we are sure we can give the people something that will surely satisfy them.

Chester: "I don't intend to marry until I am thirty."

Charlie: "I don't intend to be thirty until I am married."

Preston took a certain girl home the other night and the next day he was asking her brother this: "Do you peep through the key hole when I am sitting there with your sister?"

Small brother: "Sometimes when mother ain't there."

Chester was learning to dance and the first night he danced he happened to make the remark: "My!" Exclaimed Chester "this floor is awfully slippery, it is hard to keep on your feet."

"Oh" replied his fair partner, "you were really trying to keep on my feet, I thought it was purely accidental."

This issue will end the High School Notes and I am sure I am speaking the Senior Class sentiments when I say, we hope the readers have enjoyed the articles put in every week by us. We have tried to put in something interesting and if we have failed it is not because we did not try.

Bro. Parrack conducted the chapel exercises for us Monday morning and gave us an inspiring talk. We thank the preachers and the business men for giving us their time and letting us have the benefit of their experiences and learning.

COZY THEATRE

SPECIAL MATINEE SATURDAY 2:00 TO 5:30 P. M.

Friday, May 21

A Big Variety Show

Including

Franklin Farnum Tom Mix Johnny Dooley

Monday, May 24

Invisible Hand No. 10 Great Gamble No. 10

ALSO

Big "V" Comedy

Wednesday, May 26

IN THE AIRDOME

Jack Pickford Johnny Ray

in

"Bill Apperson's Boy"

in

"Fathers Close Shave"

Saturday May 22

Albert Ray and Elinor Fair

IN

"The Tin Pan Alley"

Rainbow Comedy

Mutt and Jeff

Tuesday, May 25

Vivian Martin

IN

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Thursday, May 27

Wallace Reid

IN

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NUBIA ITEMS

At last we have had a glorious rain. Everything is smiling and happy. All blue looks and long faces have disappeared. We hope to stay.

We are sorry to note that Miss Vernie Turner who has been sick so long is not much better.

A good many folks from this community went to Blair Sunday to the dinner all day and singing on the ground.

All the young people reported a nice time at the party at Mr. and Mrs. Wood Turner's Saturday night.

Miss Ruby Neill spent the day with Miss Gary McClean Sunday.

School closed at I. X. L. last week, but they will have their program Friday night May 14.

We are very sorry to note that Miss Ila Mae Anderson had the misfortune to get her leg broken Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cox are the proud parents of a new baby boy Mr. and Mrs. Reaves of Gorman are visiting at Mr. Harrison's.

There will be preaching at Nubia Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melton spent the day at Mr. Dee Moore Sunday.

KILL THE BLUE BUGS

And all kinds of Blood sucking insects, by feeding Martins Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Sanders Drug Store. Feb 6t26

BLAIR NEWS

Last Sunday the all day singing at Blair represented by this and surrounding communities, there was dinner for all and some to spare.

Mr. Carl Hughes and wife spent Monday night with her mother.

Miss Mary Campbell spent Sunday night with Miss Mae



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and Bonnie Melton.

Mr. Charlie Hugher and family spent Sunday night with Mr. John S. Hughes and family.

Mrs. Gladys Cross has been visiting her mother and family the past week.

Blair gave an entertainment Friday night all report a nice time.

The farmers are all smiles over the rain Sunday and Monday nights.

Miss Alma Cox gave an ice cream supper Saturday night and all report a fine time.

Blair boys and White Church plaked base ball Friday evening. White Church won.

Miss Bonnie Melton and Miss Nina Provine spent Sunday

with Miss Inez Walker.

Miss Bonnie Melton spent Tuesday at Blair school.

Mrs. David Cox and family spent Sunday with Mr. Charlie Hughes and family.

Little Dot.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS

In order to insure their items appearing every week we would like for our correspondents to send their news each week so as to reach us by Tuesday night if possible.

To do this will assist us in getting our paper out on time and in better condition.

Fresh Barbecue each day at Patterson Bros. Meat Market. tf

"SWIPPED"

The war department does well to pay tribute to the 45,000 mules that helped win the war. Those that survived deserve an extra bundle of oats now and

then, for every one of them is engaged in useful industry and is not kicking.

His Pledge

Barney Finnegan was often

urged to sign the pledge, but without avail. One day a few friends read to him an account of a man who had become so thoroughly saturated with alcohol that on attempting to blow out a candle his breath ignited and he was instantly blown to atoms.

Barney's face showed mingled horror and contrition and his friends were delighted to see that the long-desired moment of repentance was at hand.

"Boys!" he cried, "I'll never die that death anyhow. Hear me, boys. I Barney Finnegan, knowing my great weakness, hereby give my word of honor that, so long as I live, no matter what happens, I will never blow out a candle."

His Favorite Game

A dusky doughboy, regretting audibly the impersonal character of being shelled from a distance, said to his officer:

"If they only used razors, only razors, man, all you white folks wouldn't have to do nothin' but keep books."

The Value of Words

"You use some rather long words in your speeches."

"Yes," replied Senator Sorghum, "long words may sometimes cause people to look into the dictionary instead of into the merits of a weak argument."

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.

We have just received a nice line of genuine Cut Glass. Merkel Drug Company. tf.

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- that you will work in comfort because practically all of the heat goes right into the cooking operations and the temperature of the kitchen is not increased.

Surely these reasons entitle us to call the HUGHES efficient.

Let us give you a copy of "How to Modernize" and tell you more about the HUGHES Electric Range.

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High Cost of Living is Coming Down---It Has Struck Merkel

We propose to sell you any item in the house at not over 15 per cent profit to us. This means that our books and invoices are open for your inspection and satisfaction; that we will sell you any item in the store at the ridiculously low margin of 15 per cent profit to us. In this we join the great movement to bring the high cost of living down to a solid level.

THE ECONOMY

Where you Economize

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KNOW THE PLANTS

The plants themselves tell us much that is of interest to successful farming. They may not be infallible guides, but their records of information are always worth considering when

we are seeking definite data to deal with plants.

When you noticed the dogwood in bloom you may have had a desire to leave the field and go fishing. But you doubtless decided that fishing could wait, as the corn must be planted. Trans-

planting of tomatoes, sweetpotatoes and other tender plants were also set when the soil temperature seemed to be suitable as determined largely by the foliage on trees and the germination and growth of certain plants in the field and pastures.

The time to cut alfalfa is determined by the little sprouts making a start for the new growth and by the first blossoms on the alfalfa. The time to cut oats may be understood by the ripeness of the kernels, by the color of the panicles and by blades of the oat plants. Corn for the silo and sorghum for hay and for syrup are harvested from data the plants give as to ripeness and maturity.

We must know the plants we cultivate and be able to note the seasonal influence upon them. There is no better guide to the seasons than the plants, and wise are farmers who know them.—Farm & Ranch.

A Smile or Two

"I want some powder."
"Mennen's?"
"No, vimmen's."
"Scented?"
"No I will take it wit' me."

For Sale or Trade

Buick roadster in first class condition. See Geo. Ferrier or Merkel Garage. 1tp

NOTICE

The Family Shoe Shop can save you money on your shoe repairing. Now located on Front street, two doors west of Boyce Building. tf

One tube free with each Auto casing sold this month. Firestone, Pennsylvania, Keen-Kutter West Company. 14t3

The Farmers and Merchants National bank is prepared to offer every accommodation consistent with safe, conservative banking.

TYE ITEMS

We have had some rains lately. The farmers are anxious to get to planting their crops now as they haven't got to plant anything yet.

Mrs. E. W. Dinwiddie who has been at Dallas for some time has returned home.

Mrs. Mack Herod has been sick several days but is improving now.

Little Nita Grace Hinds is ill at this writing.

Miss Elnora Trice and Mr. Julius Wilkerson were united in marriage at Abilene Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Bro. Clark of Abilene will preach at the school house two Sundays out of each month. There will be a singing at the close of each service.

Delila and Johnnie Hinds are still going to school at Abilene they report 2 more weeks of school.

Jesse Jowers says he could hardly live since school is out. He would get so lonesome if he didn't get to go to Abilene every Sunday to help Ervin Court.

Mrs. Bryan Thomas will give Bettie Alexander a birthday party Saturday night the 29th of May. Everyone is invited to attend. We don't imagine Bettie would care if they would bring a birthday present along. Romeo.

COTTON SEED

I have about one hundred bushels of the Tom Johnson Cotton Seed for sale. See or phone Joe Higgins, Merkel, Route 1. Also have a good milk cow for sale. Three to select from. 14t2p

One tube free with each Auto casing sold this month. Firestone, Pennsylvania, Keen-Kutter West Company. 14t3

Bring your buckets and get fresh Barbecue at Patterson Bros. Meat Market. tf

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.

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LOCAL NEWS

Miss Fannye Pearl Moore is at home for a few days.

Fresh car of Peacemaker Flour at G. M. Sharp's. tf

G. H. McDonald of Noodle aspect to soon move into the residence purchased from Bud Sears

For dress making and Alterations see Mrs. J. C. Crouch. 1tp

W. A. Farris purchased the residence on Oak street formerly owned by O. B. Boden.

Fresh Barbecue each day at Patterson Bros. Meat Market. tf

Mrs. Bostick, Mrs. John Morgan and son Edmond of Tennessee are visiting the family of L. E. Sanders.

Our Prescription department is complete. Merkel Drug Co. tf

John McClary has moved into the residence on Front street, which he recently purchased from I. D. Simpson.

O. S. Burkett and wife of Abilene, were here yesterday as guests of Mr. and L. B. Howard.

I. D. Simpson has moved into the residence recently purchased from Q. Brown in the west part of town.

Rose's Barber Shop, the cleanest, coolest place in town to get your barber work. Try it and see. tf

Mrs. G. B. Lassiter and children of Bagwell, Texas, are visiting at the home of Commissioner and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

W. A. McSpadden and E. E. Leslie purchased the business building opposite the post office from Dr. M. Armstrong.

H. D. Simpson, and family, who have been residing in the San Benito country, have moved back to this section. Mr. Simpson purchased the residence of Rev. J. B. Parrack, near the school building.

Mrs. Jessie Berry of Detroit, Texas is visiting at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holmes.

W. G. Cooper, prominent and well-to-do real estate dealer of Atlanta, Ga., with Col. J. H. Andrews, also of that city, arrived in Merkel first of the week, with the view of looking over the oil situation in the Merkel country.

J. M. Middleton and wife of Bell County, were here this week visiting at the home of their son, B. P. Middleton.

Owen Ellis, who spent several weeks vacation recuperating his health which had failed some what, is again at his post of duty with the Farmers State Bank of this city.

Sam Grayson one of the well to do and excellent citizens of the Shiloh community, was here first of the week, getting ready to start the planters for another fine crop. And by the way we have promised ourselves a visit out his way about the time you thump 'em and they sound kinda dead you know.

Mrs. M. V. Mitchell who has been here for some time visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, left last Friday for her home at Cisco.

J. C. Mason one of Merkel's best fixed, and most popular citizens is being urged by his friends to enter the race for County Judge of Taylor county. And while Mr. Mason has declined to enter the race, his friends say they do not intend to let him off. Should he decide to enter the race and be elected Taylor County would have a most excellent Judge.

Mrs. N. J. Daniels, of Union City Tennessee, is here for an extended visit to her niece, Mrs. T. J. Toombs. Mrs. Daniels is 78 years of age, is hale and hearty, and bears the distinction of 108 children, grand children, and great grand children all told. She is also proud of the fact ninety of these children are yet living. She made the trip from Tennessee by herself.



Beginning
Saturday
May 22.

Ending
Saturday
May 29

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PRESBYTERIAN NOTES

On account of the prevailing weather last Sunday, we were unable to reach our goal. However, we shall endeavor to reach one hundred of over in attendance next Sunday. So come to services next Sunday, use the Auto Committee if you have no other way to come; but, at any rate, come to services.

Rev. S. R. Standifer, who was once our pastor, occupied the pulpit on last Sunday. His able and timely sermon came as a refreshing rain to our souls.

There will be preaching Sunday morning by the pastor. The Sunday night service will be conducted by the ladies' Auxiliary. No pains will be spared to make their program inspirational and entertaining. Let us urge you to be present on this occasion and give the ladies a full house.

Let us stress again the need of your presence at the Wednesday evening services. It is our desire to make these services of benefit to us during our coming revival. And may we mention in passing the Friday evening choir practice? Come help us sing.

Keep in mind our revival services which begin on Sunday May 30. We want the attendance, the cooperation and the prayers of every christian in Merkel.

Once more; be with us next Sunday that our attendance may go over the top; and that you may take the Sunday with

you through the week, and sweeten with it all the other days. Press Reporter.

Irvin Cobb states that a marshal was taking a couple of darkies to the Federal prison at Atlanta. The prisoners came from different localities and were strangers to each other. When

they got settled on the train one asked: "How long did de judge send you down fu?" "Three yeahs; how long you going' down fur?" "F'um now on."

Frank L. Rhoden of Council Bluff and Omaha, Nebraska, is here looking over the oil situation.

NUBIA NEWS

Mr. Jim Blackburn, we are sorry to note is on the sick list. Mrs. Sam Patton has been right sick but is reported better. Miss Ila Mae Anderson is doing nicely with her broken leg. Mr. and Mrs. Watt Blair spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Cargill Sunday.

Mr. Buster Moran has returned after a visit to Wolf City. Mr. and Mrs. Bob McLean spent Sunday at Mr. W. O. Johnson's.

Miss Gary and Mr. Dewel McLean Miss Lola and Mr. Levi Harrison visited Miss Ruby Neill Sunday.

Mr. Bedford Neill and Mr. Harrison motored to Trent Monday.

I. X. L. and White Church played ball Tuesday evening. The game ended 23 to 19 in favor of I. X. L.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair and Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore spent Sunday at Mr. Craw's.

Mr. Wood Turner and family spent the day at Mr. Latimer's Monday.

Miss Lucille Boyd who has been visiting Mr. Reynolds and family has returned to her home near Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman spent the day at Mr. Latimer's Sunday.

Shorts and Brand at G. M. Sharp's. tf

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Precinct Offices \$8.00

For District Judge, 42nd Judicial District:

E. M. Overshiner
W. R. Ely, of Baird.

District Clerk:

James W. Mayfield
J. Knox Fuller

For Sheriff:

John Bond (re-election)

For County Judge:

W. E. Martin
J. W. Moffett

D. G. Hill

For County Attorney:

Carlos D. Speck,

For County Tax Assessor:

Mrs. Florence Vance
Roy Parmelly

County Treasurer:

Austin Fitts.

For County Clerk:

(Miss) Fannie Tippet

For Tax Collector:

D. T. Harkrider
J. N. Routh.

County Commissioner of Prec. 2

S. A. (Sid) Coats.
W. H. Frazier

County School Superintendent.

John F. Odor.
John R. Hutto

For Public Weigher:

J. M. Garrett

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTICE

Sunday school 10 a. m. with organized classes for all. Come and take part in one of the 23 A1 Baptist Sunday schools in Texas. Out of more than 2,000 Baptist Sunday schools in Texas only 23 have attained the A1. Standard and Merkel has one of the 23. With a little help by more punctual attendance on the part of the members we will reach the 'Double A1 Standard' a standard held by no other Sunday School in the state. Come on and let us have this distinction.

Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. Subject "The Demand for more Christian Workers, and How to Meet it."

The evening hour will be given to a special program to be rendered by the two B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist Church of Abilene.

Those who enjoyed the splendid program rendered by our own local B. Y. P. U. last Sunday evening will want to hear these visiting young people. They will have special music furnished by their best talent and helpful talks by the young people who are preparing to be the leaders in the religious life of our neighboring city.

Owing to this special program our local unions will not have their usual meetings at 5 p. m. The pastor will preach the commencement sermon for the Trent High School in the School Auditorium at Trent Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Teachers meeting Monday at 8 p. m.

Ladies Missionary meeting at the Church Tuesday 2:30 p. m. Prayer-meeting and choir practice Wednesday 8 p. m.

The pastor is glad to be home after supplying two Sundays at Abilene First Church, and hopes to meet the membership and friends of the local church Sunday morning. Come to Sunday School and stay for the preaching service.

Visitors will be welcomed.
Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

A crabby Millionaire as he climbed out of his limousine, was approached by a newsboy. "No, I don't want any paper. Get out!" he snarled. "Well, keep your shirt on boss," replied the newsboy. "The only difference between you and me is that you are making your second million and I am still working on my first."

J. B. Rowley of Tulsa, was here last week looking after his extensive land and other enterprises.