

HIGH SCHOOL GETS 4 1-2 MORE CREDITS

The work of the Merkel school has again received recognition by the State Department of Education as the following letter received by Superintendent Burgess shows:

Supt. R. A. Burgess,
Merkel, Texas,

Dear Mr. Burgess:—

This is to give you official notice that the supervisors who examined the material submitted by the Merkel High School have approved the following units of affiliation:

Physics, one unit; algebra, two units; English History, one-half unit; English, one unit additional.

I wish to compliment you and your faculty upon the general excellence of the work, which was approved, and sincerely hope that this success will be an inspiration to still further efforts next year.

Yours very truly,
S. M. N. Marrs,
Chief Supervisor Public High Schools."

With these additional four-and-one-half units of credit secured during the past year, Merkel High School now has thirteen units. The faculty of the school is to be congratulated upon securing this recognition for a school in a town no larger than Merkel. This compares very favorably with the recognition received by schools much larger than Merkel. It must be borne in mind that the board and faculty worked much under a great handicap during the past year. They hope with proper co-operation to accomplish still more along this line next year.

THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club met with Mrs. L. E. Howard Thursday morning July 22. There were three tables set for 42. After several interesting games and much lively conversation Mrs. Howard passed pencils and paper and in a given number of minutes each were to answer the question asked in some ward beginning with cap. In this contest Mrs. Jinks Winters in a cut with Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Easterwood was winner of a beautiful Bou Doir Cap while the consolation, a toy pistol, fell to Mrs. Ross Ferrier.

The hostess assisted by Mrs. Henry West served a delicious refreshment plate of perfection salad on lettuce leaves, crackers, olives and ice tea to about 18 members and a few visitors.

TO THE VOTERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY

I take this method of expressing my appreciation for the very liberal vote which I received in the Primary Election July 24.

I want to sincerely thank every one who in any way added to my handsome majority and assure those who for any reason voted against me that I hold no ill will against them for having done so.

As I will be collector for the whole county, I shall be glad to meet and welcome any and all of you into the office and want you to be my friends assuring you that all shall be treated with the same degree of courtesy, which each of you are entitled to receive at the hands of your officers. Again thanking you, and asking you to call on me at any time that I may be able to serve you in an official way. I am very Respectfully, D. T. Harkrider.

Mrs. E. N. Brown and daughter, Mrs. Meador, left first of the week for a few days stay at Glenrose.

BAILEY-NEFF IN RUN-OFF FOR GOVERNOR

In the hard fought and hotly contested race for Governor in this state, former Senator Bailey seems to be in the lead by a little better than 5,000 votes, with Pat M. Neff, of Waco second. R. E. Thompson, of El Paso, is third and B. F. Looney, of Greenville, brings up the rear.

According to the latest figures we are able to obtain, the vote of each shows to be as follows:

Bailey	137,782
Neff	132,227
Thomason	91,568
Looney	45,543

Messrs Bailey and Neff will begin their campaigns immediately for the run-off, which will be on August 28, and which promises to be some scrap.

COMMERCIAL MOTOR CO. IN NEW HOME

While not yet completed the Commercial Motor Company composed of J. D. and R. J. Beasley and Messrs Cannon and Hendricks, has moved its offices and business to the new and handsome stucco garage nearing completion by Beasley Brothers. The building will not be completed until about the first of August, at which time the firm expected to move, but owing to the fact that other parties who had rented the building occupied by them on the corner of the Beasley block, were wanting same preparatory to opening a Gents Furnishing business.

PRESBYTERIAN NOTES

Reports from the Comper meeting, in which the pastor is assisting, show splendid progress. There were five conversions Sunday morning. The evening services will continue for a few days of this week. It is probable that on next Sunday evening the pastor will begin a meeting at Blair. However, he will occupy his pulpit here on Sunday morning; so let us have a full attendance upon this service.

Last Friday evening's entertainment, though not largely attended, was an enjoyable occasion. The New Era members have extended their thanks to Dr. Johnson's class for this delightful affair. It is their desire to be able to return the favor at some early date.

Friday evening August 6, the New Era Class will hold its regular monthly meeting. There will be no Choir practice on this night, and full time will be given to the business of the class. In all probability this meeting will be held at the home of the teacher, and there will be a social hour in connection. We are expecting full attendance at this meeting, for those who were not upon attendance before have learned what a splendid thing they missed. All New Era members are urged to keep this date in mind, and to watch for a further announcement which will appear next week. Lay your plans accordingly.

Next Sunday morning don't forget the Sunday school. Give it a place in your program. We are making splendid progress, and with your assistance we can make still better progress.

Press Reporter.

G. J. Jones and family and Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes returned last week from their trip to Glen Rose and other eastern points.

COMPLETE PRIMARY ELECTION RETURNS

Below we give the total vote received by each candidate for county and district office:—

For District Judge—	
E. M. Overshiner	1484
W. R. Ely	1914
For District Attorney—	
W. J. Cunningham	3205
For County Chairman—	
Judge Stinson	was elected
Without opposition.	
For County Judge—	
Hill	1367
Moffett	948
Martin	1048
For County Clerk—	
Miss Tippett	3097
For Tax Assessor—	
Parmely	1519
Mrs. Vance	1846
For County Attorney—	
Speck	1799
Willis	1450
For County Treasurer—	
Austin Fitts	3214
For Tax Collector—	
Harkrider	2178
Routh	1168
For Sheriff—	
John Bond	2879
For District Clerk—	
Mayfield	1657
Fuller	1672
For Co. School Supt.—	
Hutto	1032
Odor	813
Miss Pearce	1534
For County Commissioner—	
Frazier	395
Coats	281
For Cotton Weigher—	
At Merkel, Mr. J. M. Garrett was elected without opposition.	
For Congress, Thos. L. Blanton carried every county in the district with the exception of one Eastland the home of his opponent, and he was only behind in that county about 250 votes. He ran about two to one over the district.	

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Murrell of the Methodist Church, announces that there will be all the regular services at his church next Sunday, with the exception that Presiding Elder Miller, of Abilene, will preach at the eleven o'clock hour.

Rev. Miller will have an interesting message for his hearers Sunday, and a cordial invitation is extended to every one.

C. H. OIL & DEV. CO. TEST MAKING TIME

After considerable hindrance during the last ten days, including a fatal and sad accident, work on the C. H. Oil & Development Company's test well five miles north of Merkel is going on nicely, with the drill going down at about 1,000 feet.

We understand the tools came loose from the cable one night last week which let them in the hole nearly 1,000 feet deep and a great deal of which was not cased, leaving them likely to be covered up and lost by a cave in, but for the quick work of manager B. H. Hollingsworth, who with others rushed over to the Bland well some eight miles from this test, where the proper tools were gotten and as this happened about two a. m. the tools were caught refastened to the cable before morning thus saving the well likely to suffer a cave which might have caused the permanent loss of same. Mr. Hollingsworth says that Paul Revere never made any such "wild ride" as he made during that night for those tools.

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SCHOOL TRANSFERS

All children not now residing in the Merkel Independent School District or who were not enumerated in the school census taken in Merkel last spring and who intend to attend the Merkel School this coming winter should be transferred before Sunday, August 31st. This should be done whether you intend to move to Merkel this fall or not. See J. M. Dry at the Racket Store Friday or Saturday of this week, where blanks may be secured to transfer children. Attend to this at once.

TO THE VOTERS OF MERKEL

Probably you know that, while I had the good fortune to carry a vote of which I am proud throughout the county and had almost a majority vote here in Abilene, the vote from your box showed a big majority in my favor and was all considered, the best vote I received in the county for this favor from you, the voters, and those who did not vote, but used their voting influence, I am deeply grateful. I understood that a number of your leading citizens worked actively in my behalf and wish to take this means of expressing my appreciation of all of the help given me. Sincerely yours,

ADA. D. PEARCE

Superintendent Roger A. Burgess and Principal Roy J. Miller, who for six weeks or more have been taking a special teachers course at the Texas State University, have both recently returned, and will now devote considerable time toward getting things in fine shape for the opening of school on September 6. These men are highly capable, thoroughly acquainted with school conditions in Merkel and it is their highest ambition to make the coming term of school here the best ever. And, the united and unstinted support and cooperation of all the patrons they can do the things they most desire. Will we give them that cooperation which any school must have if it is to succeed?

MERKEL GARAGE IN NEW BUILDING

Although the building is not entirely completed, the Merkel Garage owned and operated by Messrs H. L. Propst and Ross Ferrier, has been moved into their new home a modern rock building on Front Street, at the corner of Kent street opposite the Lone Star Hotel.

This new garage is without doubt one among the largest, best and most modern in this part of the country, and these gentlemen expect to equip it with every thing needed to maintain and operate a first class garage. They will also carry a complete line of all automobile accessories, tires, tubes etc. They extend a cordial invitation to their friends and the public to call on them day or night.

Watch for the opening announcement which will appear in the next issue of this paper.

RETURNS FROM THE NEW YORK MARKETS

E. Seigle the genial manager of the Economy Store returned last Saturday night from a 30 days trip in the East including New York, where he states he purchased a large and most complete stock of fall and winter goods for his store here.

Mr. Seigle states that he found the markets considerably upward on staple and every day wearables, and but little reduction on most articles where there was a reduction at all. He also stated that owing to depressed money conditions in the east he found it easier to buy bargains with the cash, which is his manner of buying.

Mr. Seigle also took the occasion to inquire into the future cotton market the best he could, and it is his opinion that cotton will not only sell for as much as last year, but will go even higher. He believes that the price will open around 40 cents per pound.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School at 10 a. m. with a welcome for all. Come and help make the school a better one.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Morning subject "Am I my Brother keeper?" Evening subject "Who is my Neighbor?"

B. Y. P. U. at 5:00 p. m. Teachers meeting Monday 8:30 p. m.

Prayer and conference meeting Wednesday 8:30 p. m.

Remember the business meeting of the church and come and help. Every member of the church should be interested in what the church is planning to do. It is at the conference meeting that plans are suggested and approved or rejected by the church. You doubtless have thought of some improvement in some part of the work, come and tell us about it Wednesday night.

Our membership is divided into two classes, the "Helpers" and the "Hinders." See Matthew 12:30 and classify yourself.

Every member is needed in the public services of the church, every visitor is welcomed to all these services. Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

MEETING AT BLAIR

We understand that Rev. Johnson of Trent and Rev. C. C. Dooley of Merkel, will begin a revival at Blair on next Sunday night which will continue throughout the week and over next Sunday.

SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 6TH

At a recent meeting of the board of trustees for the Merkel Independent School District, it was decided that September 6th be fixed as the date for the opening of school. The board plans to raise the valuation of property to such a figure that will, along with the increased state apportionment, produce sufficient funds to care for the raise granted in teachers' salary and run the Merkel School for the full nine months without having to resort to a tuition charge next spring. They hope to do this and still have no property rendered at more than 60% to 75% of its actual value. Of course this raise in valuation is for school purposes only, the state and county valuation remaining as before.

A committee consisting of Henry West, Walter Jackson, and will Hutcheson was appointed to supervise the repairs at the school building, which are to be rushed through in plenty of time for the opening of school. Some minor improvements on the school grounds are also being made. The maps and other equipment destroyed by the fire were ordered, and all will be ready for the opening of school on September 6th.

With the possible addition of another teacher in the primary department, the faculty is complete for another year. With the finances at their command, the board has been exceedingly fortunate in securing such efficient help for the coming session. With the co-operation of all concerned, the coming year of school promises to be the best Merkel has ever had. Let's make it the best.

The faculty selected is as follows:—

Primary Department:— Mrs. Essie Johnson, Misses Lorena Dry, Alice Yates and Jesse Sutphen.

Grammar School Department: Misses Maude Herring, Rosa Jones, Emma Houston, and Elma Reed.

High School Department:— Misses Maurine Whorton, History; Annie Laurie Smith, English; Furman Hair, Spanish; Clara Carlisle, Science; Mr. Roy J. Miller, Principal and Mathematics.

The Merkel School is especially fortunate in securing excellent instructors for its departments of music and expression. Miss Perry of Abilene will again be with the school to continue her efficient work as music teacher. Miss Lucy Tracy, recently graduated from the expression department of Simmons College and taking highest honors in her class of fifty graduates, will have charge of the expression department.

All of the above teachers are well trained in their line, have proved their worth by succeeding before, but are only human. With the co-operation of faculty, pupils and parents, and a mutual overlooking of mistakes that human beings are certain to make, your school will be a success, and much will be accomplished for your children. The board of trustees and the teachers appreciate your co-operation in the past and ask for even better things along this line during the coming year of school. Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Subject, "Devotional meeting the grace of Courtesy." Leader Holland Teaff.

1. Old Fashioned Courtesy Mr. Bird.
2. Recognizing worth. Joe Riney
3. The Kindly Heart, Ruth Boden
4. A Christian Virtue, N. Hancock.
5. The need today, Valria Dye.



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for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such districts, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided, that a majority of the qualified tax-paying voters of the district voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax not to exceed in any one year one dollar on the one one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein author-

ized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts, nor to independent or common school districts created by general or special law.

Section 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the Amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the limitation upon the amount of school district tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation shall not apply to independent or common school districts created by general or special law," and all those opposed to said amendment



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RELATING TO TAXATION BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Senate Joint Resolution No. 17.

Proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas by exempting independent and common school districts from the limitation of a total tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation for any one year, and making an appropriation thereof.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution be so amended as hereafter to read as follows: (Creating a new Section 3.)

Section 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of one (\$1.00) dollar on every inhabitant of this state, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools; and in addition thereto, there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem state tax of such an amount not to exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) dollars valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public schools of this state for a period not less than six months in each year, and it shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to set aside a sufficient amount out of the said tax to provide free text books for the use of children attending the public free schools of this state; provided, however, that should the limit of taxation herein named be insufficient the deficit may be met by appropriation from the general funds of the State and the legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation; and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the legislature shall be authorized to pass laws

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shall write or have printed on their ballots "Against the amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas providing that the limitation upon the amount of school district tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation shall not apply to independent or common school districts created by general or special law."

Section 3. The Governor of the state is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Section 4. That the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

C. D. Mims, Secretary of State.
(Attest—A True Copy.)

STILL FOR SALE—Two front finders for Ford. Call at Patterson Bros. Meat Market. 1tp

Piano in good fix, at a bargain—W. F. Hamblett. tf

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

LOST—In Merkel Saturday July 17, a Masonic Blue Lodge Emblem Watch Charm. Finder return to Merkel Mail and be rewarded. 1tp

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Star Cotton by the department of Agri-
culture, Washington.

RELATING TO THE MAN- NER OF COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Joint Resolution No. 7.

A joint resolution of the Legis-
lature of the state of Texas, pro-
posing an amendment of the con-
stitution of the state by adding
to article 16 thereof a new sec-
tion, to be known as Section 60;
providing for the compensation
of public officials.

Be it resolved by the Legisla-
ture of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That there is
hereby added to Article XVI of
the Constitution of the state of
Texas a new section to be known
as Section 60 of Article XVI of
the Constitution of the State of
Texas, which shall read as fol-
lows:

Section 60. Compensation of
Public Officials: All State, dis-
trict, county and precinct officers
within this State shall receive

as compensation for their ser-
vices a salary, the amount of
which, the terms and methods
of payment and the fund out of
which such payments shall be
made, shall be ascertained, de-
clared and fixed by the Legisla-
ture from time to time; provid-
ed that the Legislature may
make such exceptions as it may
deem advisable.

This section shall supersede all
other provisions of this consti-
tution fixing and declaring the
compensation of officers by sal-
ary, fees or otherwise and all
provisions for salaries or other
compensation for public officials,
executive, legislative or judicial.

Section 2. The Governor of
the State is hereby directed to
cause to be issued his necessary
proclamation for an election to
be held on the first Tuesday
after the first Monday in Nov-
ember, 1920, at which election
this amendment shall be sub-

mitted to the qualified electors
of this State for adoption or re-
jection and shall make the pub-
lication required by the consti-
tution and laws of the state.
Said election shall be held under
and in accordance with the Gen-
eral Election Laws of the state,
and the ballots for said election
shall have printed or written
thereon in plain letters the fol-
lowing words:

"Official Ballot" "For the
amendment to Article XVI of
the Constitution of the State of
Texas, adding thereto Section 60,
providing for compensation of
public officials." "Against the
amendment to Article XVI of the
Constitution of the State of Tex-
as, adding thereto Section 60,
providing for compensation of
public officials."

Those voters who favor such
amendment shall erase by mark-
ing a line through the words
"Against the amendment to Ar-
ticle XVI of the Constitution of
the State of Texas, providing
compensation for public officials."
Those who oppose such amend-
ment shall erase by marking a
line through them, the words
"For the amendment to Article
XVI of the Constitution of the
State of Texas, providing com-
pensation for public officials."
And the result of the election
shall be published and declared
according to the majority of the
votes cast in such election.

Section 3. The sum of Five
Thousand dollars or so much
thereof as may be necessary is
hereby appropriated out of any
fund in the treasury not other-
wise appropriated for the pur-
pose of paying the necessary ex-
penses of the proclamation and
publication of this amendment
and the election to be held here-
under.

C. D. MIMS,
Secretary of State.

NOTICE

Those who have cotton in my
yard please come in and move it
at once as my lease expires Aug-
ust 1, on the east yard. J. M.
Garrett, Public Weigher. It

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in booking, in connection with our other shows en-
able us to buy films reasonable. We pass this sav-
ing on to our patrons. We believe in live and let
live prices. Do you? We appreciate your patronage.
We are working for your interest. H. T. HODGE, Prop.

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WED.—MARY McLAREN IN "The Road to Divorce" A Universal Feature, And a Comedy.	Thurs—Mrs. Sessue Hayakawa IN "LOCKED LIPS" And Screen Magazine.

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kel prohibiting the speeding of
cars within the city limits, also
one against running cars with
open mufflers, and to further
state that there is numerous
violation of these laws every day
and it seems that as this it be-
coming more flagrant, and such
a nuisance, the city officials an-
nounce that the law in regard to
same will be enforced to the let-
ter. Hence those who practice
such reckless speeding etc.,
might find it better to slow down
a little.

Some people driving cars cer-
tainly fail to heed the fact that
according to the laws of the land,
the pedestrian has just as much
right to the highways and
streets as the guy holding the
steering wheel.

W. H. Laney and wife return-
ed last Sunday from Fisher
county, where they had been
called on account of the serious
illness and death of Mr. Laney's
aunt, Mrs. J. J. Piatt, and who
passed away Saturday. Deceased
remains were shipped to Wills
Point for burial.

L. P. Jones is serving on the
grand jury again this week; that
body having been reconvened by
district judge Ely to make some
special investigations.

Mrs. R. J. Stallings and child-
ren of Tullia, are here this week
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On Monday, July 19, the death angel entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Price, of this city, and took from them their daughter, Gracie Irene, nine years old, and while the child had nearly all her life been of frail health her death was caused from congestion, and her suffering immediately before death was of short duration. Everything known to human skill was done to aid and relieve her, but all to no avail. The remains were tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery Monday afternoon by loving hands amid a large concourse of friends and relatives.

We extend deepest sympathy to the bereaved parents and relatives.

OUR THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the kind assistance and help given us during the illness and death of our beloved child. Especially do we thank the attending physician for able and untiring service. W. Z. Price and family.

After a pleasant visit to her many friends and relatives here Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford returned to her home at Big Spring Wednesday morning.

AUCTION SALE

On next Saturday, July 31st at 1 p. m. we will sell to the highest bidder about 20 head of horses and mares. All good stuff. Come early and get your choice. Sale to take place at the Heffums Wagon Yard, Merkel, Texas. JIM HUTCHISON. 1tp

W. H. Wynne and wife of Tennessee, were here last week for a visit to W. F. Stanford.

Charlie Sherrill is now enjoying the comforts of a new Oakland Roadster.

Fred Lamar is here from Fort Worth for a visit to his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lamar.

Miss Lola Luttrell of Abilene is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Reese this week.

Joe Riney accompanied by his mother, left Wednesday for Hastings, Oklahoma, where they will visit the latter's daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rainbolt, of Dallas, came in last week for a visit to the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Miss Ophelia Mason, of Deport Texas, came in first of the week for a visit to her brother, J. C. Mason.

Miss Emma Lee Hemby of Sweetwater, has been visiting Misses Stella, Perle and Lillian Watts this week.

Mrs. J. E. Atkison and daughter of Beaumont, are guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Miller.

Miss Mary Campbell who has been the guest of Miss Geneva Brown for a week, left Tuesday for her home at Georgetown.

Buster Winter of Eastland, was up last Saturday and Sunday, for a visit to home folks and friends.

Druggist H. A. Sanders recently purchased a beautiful Oakland Sedan, which he presented to his better "three-fourths."

Mrs. R. O. Anderson left first of the week for Springfield, Missouri, where she will visit her Grandmother.

Miss Elsie Vincent left first of the week for Fort Worth, where she will visit friends for a few days, during her vacation from her duties at the telephone office.

J. C. Provine and wife spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin, on their return from a trip to California to their home at Edna, Texas.

M. A. Adams and family have this week moved to Sweetwater, where they will reside in the future. Mr. Adams will continue in the automobile business and Truck business as representative of the Southern Motor Manufacturing Association.

MORE MILAGE TIRE CO.

Vulcanizing
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College of Industrial Arts

(The State College for Women)
Denton, Texas.

The College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Texas, enrolled during the past session 1462 students and during the summer session 666, or a total of 2128 Texas girls, making it the largest College for girls in the United States with the exception of two, both of which are located in Massachusetts. It is a college of the first class; and gives literary, technical, industrial, and vocational education and training of the best quality, designed solely to develop mental discipline, social culture, industrial efficiency, and spiritual vision and outlook.

Its courses of study are composed of correlated subjects, including every necessary phase of woman's education, and are grouped as follows:

(1) literary, (2) household arts, (3) fine and applied arts, (4) manual arts, (5) rural arts and science, (6) music, including piano, voice, violin, and public school music, (7) reading or expression, (8) secretarial studies, (9) kindergarden training, (10) homemaking, rural and urban, (11) teacher-training for public school music, public school art, household arts, vocational home economics, primary grades, and high school subjects; practice teaching under expert supervision, (12) vocational training of both college and non-college rank for many of the most remunerative and attractive vocations, rural and urban, for women. It confers the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Literary Interpretation, and Bachelor of Business Administration; awards vocational diplomas and certificates of proficiency; and issues teachers' State certificates.

The College plant is valued at \$1,500,000; the management is modern, safe and wholesome; the faculty is one of the best in the southwest; it is a Texas College for Texas girls. The next session opens Tuesday, September 14, 1920. For further information or for the latest catalogue, address

F. M. BRALLEY, LL. D., PRESIDENT,
College of Industrial Arts,
Denton, Texas

E. D. Coats and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tyler, of Dallas county, who are here on a visit to the former, left Tuesday for a fishing and outing trip southeast.

Thos. A. Johnson, formerly Cashier of The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel, but now with the Coleman National, at Coleman, was here a few days first of the week, on business and to visit his friend L. R. Thompson, present Cashier of the F. & M. Bank.

Mrs. Doss Sheppard who was here from Dallas, on a visit to friends and relatives, was called first of the week to Austin, to the bedside of her father, who was reported quite sick.

Miss Ophelia Mason, of Deport who has been here for several days the guest of her brother Mr. J. C. Mason, left Thursday for San Antonio, where she will be the guest of other relatives.

Just arrived 50 new flowered Voile Dresses worth \$8.50 going at \$5.50 at the Economy Store.

Herbert Patterson and wife and Mrs. Nora Foster returned last week from a visit to relatives on the Plains. On their return they were accompanied by Mrs. Goidia Anderson, who spent some time visiting here.

John Meeks and family of Blair, returned from a visit to the former's brother in Comanche county. He says he found fine crops in that country, but came back better in love with the great Merkel country.

H. M. Warren formerly one of this city's most excellent and substantial citizens but now a business man of Knox City, was here last week, looking after business matters, and incidentally shaking hands with friends?

J. G. Hale of this city, and father M. R. Hale, of Lipan, Texas, returned first of the week from a business trip to New Mexico, Arizona and Old Mexico.

We are glad to learn that Miss Bernice Rainbolt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt of Eastland, who underwent an operation last week at Abilene, for Appendicitis, is reported to be improving fast and will likely soon be able to be up and about again.

Robert E. Rainbolt, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, who has been in the U. S. Army for more than four years, came in first of the week from Fort Sill, Okla., where he received an honorable discharge. His many friends here are glad to welcome him back to Merkel.

W. G. Leach affable and efficient operator for Western Union returned first of the week from a visit to his old home in Kentucky. Mr. Leach reports a fine time among the old haunts of boyhood days, but says he is glad to get back to Merkel and the great west.

C. C. Jones one of the clever salesmen at the Merkel Dry Goods Company, returned Tuesday from Dallas and other points east, where he had been for a few days vacation.

Chas. West purchased the interest of G. B. Crossley in the Sanitary Barber Shop, and with Mr. Thompson as his partner, will continue the business.

BRING ME YOUR LAUNDRY

I am now agent for the Weatherford Steam Laundry. A trial will convince you of service and satisfaction. Elmer Nelson, at Sanitary Barber Shop.



Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.

All Summer goods going at cost. THE ECONOMY STORE.

Screen Doors, plenty of them, and all kinds, at Burton-Lingo Lumber Company. tf.

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

Screen Doors, plenty of them, and all kinds, at Burton-Lingo Lumber Company. tf.

LOST—One Jersey Heifer Calf, about 7 months old. No brand. Finder please notify R. E. Davis, Route 3. 23t2p

We present Judge William Pierson of Hunt County for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. adv.16t2p.

We buy country produce, Chickens, Eggs and Butter. See us. W. W. Wood Cash Grocery. Feed and Grain. 16t3

Have just received a car of cotton seed hulls. You can get them at the red barn, south of Depot. See W. C. Barton. 16t3p

FOR RENT—The A. A. Baker Rock Building on Front Street. Apply to J. L. Baker. 23t2p

FOUND—Some Keys on a ring, with holder attached. Call at the Mail Office and describe and pay for this add and get keys. 1t

NOTICE—We have a thoroughbred Jersey Male which will stand at the Boney Wagon Yard, at \$2.00 cash in advance, with the refusal to return. See Patterson Bros. tf

WANTED—100 second hand Sacks at my feed barn on Kent Street, Saturday. T. J. R. Swafford, Phone 291. 1t

HAY & HULLS—Plenty of Hay, looking for car Halls any day. Barn on Kent St. T. J. R. Swafford, phone 291. 1t

FOR SALE—Good house and lot in Big Spring, Texas for sale or exchange for Merkel property. Also part of my farm for sale. Might take house and lot in Merkel for part pay for land. S. H. L. Swafford. 1t

LOST—Black horse mule, about sixteen hands high, five or six years old, will pay \$10.00 for information leading to recovery of same. J. B. Foster, Merkel, Route one. 30tf

HOME FOR SALE—My home on Rose street for sale, or would rent furnished as it is. Also have a fresh milk cow for sale. Mrs. Emmette Counts. 9t4

LOST—Two Cows. One a pale muley cow about 3 years old branded L with bar under it, on left side. Other left about the 20 of May, young brown Jersey cow with horns and same brand as other one. Finder please notify and receive reward. Charles Orr, Merkel, Texas. 25tp

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

NOTICE

Bring your cream to Duckett's Store on Tuesdays and Fridays if you want me to handle it for you. W. P. Duckett. 1t

Screen Doors, plenty of them, and all kinds, at Burton-Lingo Lumber Company. tf.

Buy it in Merkel and keep Merkel money in Merkel.

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Light Crust Flour at G. M. Sharp's. tf.

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SPECIAL MATINEE SATURDAY 2 to 5:30

FRIDAY, JULY 30. Admission 10-20c
Harry Carey In Hank Mann
"HUMAN STUFF" In "THE GUM RIOT"
Lyons-Moran in "3 PAIRS STOCKINGS"

SATURDAY, JULY 31 Admission 10-20c
Peggy Hyland In Fatty Arbuckle
"BLACK SHADOWS" In "HIS WEDDING NIGHT"
Mutt and Jeff "THE HONEST JOCKEY"

MONDAY, AUGUST 2— Admission 10-20c
William Duncan In J. Farrel McDonald
"SILENT AVENGER, No. 6" In "TWO FROM TEXAS"
The Wonder Dog in "PALS"

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3— Admission 10-20c
Elsie Ferguson In The Hall Room Boys
"COUNTERFEIT" In "PASSING THE BUCK"
Topics of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5— THEATRE and AIRDOME Admission 10-20c
(Room For Everybody)
WILLIAM FARNUM IN "WINGS OF THE MORNING"
A 6-Reel Fox Special, From the book by Louis Tracy.
SUNSHINE COMEDY PATHE REVIEW

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5— Admission 10-20c
Wallace Reid In George Ovey
"TOO MANY MILLIONS" In "DARK AND CLOUDY"
THE GUMPS

COMING— COMING—
DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS
In "THE MOLLYCODDLE"

"LOOK OUT FOR THE CARS"

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

If everyone has seen it at some time or other, then why doesn't the railroad let the sign rot away? Why does the railroad company continue to keep those signs at every crossing?

Maybe you think, Mr. Merchant, "Most everybody knows my store, I don't have to advertise."

Your store and your goods need more advertising than the railroads need to warn people to "Look Out for the Cars."

Nothing is ever completed in the advertising world.

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

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

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HOOSIER

SAVES MILES OF STEPS



Last year at this time you were saying, "If I only had a hoosier, I could stand the heat better. And then you put it off.

Are you in the same position this summer—condemned to walk miles of extra steps, to do unnecessary reaching and stooping. To spend unneeded hours in the hottest room in the house.

Why not banish such discomfort once and for all by getting

A HOOSIER NOW

We have just received a big assortment of beautiful picture mouldings. Bring in your picture and let us frame it.

Don't fail to see our special showing of parlor suits, either in the fibre or walnut and mahogany, upholstered in the blue and mulberry Velour. Some real patterns at a very moderate price.

We still have some real bargains in bed room suits. Some special bargains in the Birds Eye Maple. If you are in need of bed room furniture, it will pay you to see our line and get our prices before you buy.

Barrow Furniture Co.

A NOTABLE NINETIETH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Surrounded by eight living children, twenty-eight of his fifty-five grandchildren and eight of his twenty-six great-grandchildren, Mr. William D. Haynes, of this city, celebrated his ninetieth birthday at Clairmont Springs on Monday, July 5th. This great and good man has 89 living children, great-grandchildren, grandchildren, and of this number 54 were present on this grand and glorious occasion to pay tribute to father and grandfather.

Mr. Haynes has not lived as long in years as Methuselah, but he has lived in the most important era of the world's history and has, no doubt, seen more of life than did the oldest man. When he first saw the light of day in Greene county, Georgia, on July 5th 1830, Andrew Jackson was serving his second year as President of the United States and George Washington had been dead less than thirty one years. In early childhood his parents removed to the Liberty community, in Talladega, now

Clay county, but while still a young man he came to Lineville, where he has since been actively engaged successively in farming the mercantile business and banking.

Mr. Haynes has lived a useful, industrious, honorable and upright life, and is esteemed, honored and loved by a wide circle of friends in this and other States. He has always been a pillar in the Lineville Baptist church, and has always given his money unstingingly to the church of which he is the only living charter member. His grandfather and father before him were Baptists, and it is a remarkable fact that his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, without exception are Baptists.

The four sons and four daughters who were present to celebrate their father's ninetieth birthday were W. D. Haynes Jr., of Merkel, Texas; P. D. Haynes, of Anniston; B. H. Haynes, of Lineville; and John J. Haynes, of Columbia; and Mesdames R. H. Moon and R. H. Parker, of Lineville; C. S. Weaver and J. H. Wilder, of Talladega, all use-

ful, honored and respected citizens in the social, religious, professional and business circles of their respective communities. The beloved wife, Mrs. Lucretia Pace Haynes, and one daughter Mrs. Ella Haynes Ingram, have passed over the river.

It is a remarkable fact that seven of the living children (all except Mrs. J. H. Wilder) are themselves grandfathers or grandmothers.

At the noon hour a most bountiful luncheon was spread in the pavilion under the spreading oaks where Mr. Haynes, colonel in the Confederate army, and the late Senator John T. Morgan, played with Indian playmates in his boyhood days. The luncheon was most elegantly served in cafeteria fashion by the daughters, granddaughters and great-granddaughters of this great and good man. It was a feast fit for the gods.

Following the luncheon, exercises were held in the pavilion, at which the youngest son, Hon. John J. Haynes, acted as toastmaster. After paying tribute to the "greatest living American," he introduced a grandson,

Rev. Earl Parker, who in a most interesting way, sketched the family history. He was followed by W. D. Haynes, Jr., Mrs. D. P. Haynes, John H. Ingram and C. S. Weaver, who spoke interestingly, touchingly and beautifully, touching different phases of the life of father and grandfathers. Representing sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters and great-grandsons and great-granddaughters, Gordon Wilder, a grandson, in well chosen words, presented the man in whose honor this ninetieth birthday celebration was held with a walking cane. This phase of the program was ended in a speech by Rev. J. J. Smylie, who spoke of the heritage of a good name Mr. Haynes has bequeathed to his descendants. The photographer then made pictures of this interesting family grouped in different ways. In some of the groups four generations were represented.

Besides the family a few friends were invited to this family reunion and birthday celebration, and among the number the writer, who is now Mr. Haynes' Sunday school teacher and Mr. Haynes was the writer's first Sunday school teacher.

Mr. Haynes carries his fourscore and ten years lightly. He is the picture of robust health, and walks without a cane and reads without glasses. The sons and daughters, grandsons and great-grandsons and great-granddaughters and invited guests voted unanimously in favor of holding his 100th birthday anniversary at Clairmont Springs on July 5th, 1930.

Walter S. Smith.

In Lineville (Ala.) Headlight.

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Swelling caused by insect bites can be reduced by using Ballard Snow Lintiment. It counteracts the poison and relieves the irritation. Three sizes, 30c, 60c, and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. July

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Mrs. Amos C. Pence of Marshall, Mo., and Miss Lenora Williams of Fort Worth came in this week for a visit with Mrs. H. C. Williams their grandmother.

A child can't get strong and robust while worms eat away its strength and vitality. A dose or two of White's Cream Vermifuge puts the little one on its feet again. Price, 35c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. July

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

KILL THE BLUE BUGS

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For good meals and good beds, call at Mrs. Rogers Will also be glad to do your laundry work. tf

Screen Doors, plenty of them, and all kinds, at Burton-Lingo Lumber Company. tf.

NOTICE CORRESPONDENTS

We wish to call attention of our correspondents to the fact that it is necessary that they sign their own names to their correspondence. Not that same will be published, but for our own protection. Hereafter no communication will be published where the correspondent fails to sign his or her name as well as the name you wish signed as correspondent.

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OREM TAX BY CITIES AND
TOWNS OF 5,000 OR LESS
POPULATION.**

Senate Joint Resolution No. 12.

Proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by increasing the total tax rate that may be levied by cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less than one-fourth of one per cent to not exceeding one and one-half per cent, and making appropriation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

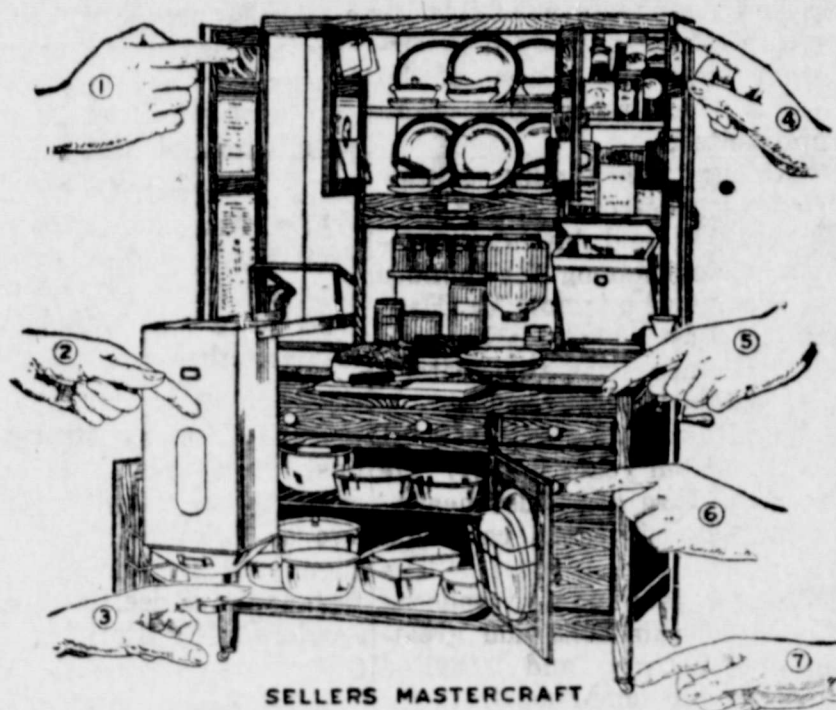
Section 1. That Section 4, Article XI of the Constitution be so amended as hereafter to read as follows:

Section 4. Cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less may be chartered alone by general law. They may levy, assess and collect taxes as may be authorized by law, but no tax for any purpose shall ever be lawful for any one year which shall exceed one and one-half per cent of the taxable property of such city; and all taxes shall be collectable only in current money, and all licenses and occupation taxes levied, and all fines, forfeitures and penalties accruing to said cities and town shall be collectable only in current money.

Section 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of the State at an election to be held throughout the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment of Section 4, Article XI of the Constitution increasing the total tax rate that may be levied by towns and cities having a population of five thousand or less from one-fourth of one per cent to not exceeding one and one-half per cent of any one year," and all voters

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It is said that opportunity knocks at every ones door at least once. It is not an apparent indication but an absolute fact that our opportunity in business is not approaching but is already at hand. Some weeks ago we decided to narrow down our margin of profits and immediately upon the adoption of this plan, we discovered such an increase in our volume as to show greater profits than usual. So the fact was made plain to us that the key note to success was reached in our decision to reduce the profits and increase the volume.



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- No. 5—Dust-proof Base Top underneath the Porcelain Work Table. Costs us \$14,250 extra, annually.
- No. 6—Glass Knobs. Cost us \$2,250 extra, annually.
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opposed to said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment of Section 4, Article XI of the Constitution increasing the total tax rate that may be levied by towns and cities having a population of five thousand or less from one-fourth of one per cent to not exceeding one and one-half per cent of any one year."

Section 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and to have the same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Section 4. That the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

C. D. Mims, Secretary of State.
(Attest—A True Copy.)

Hot weather is hard on teething babies. They suffer the combined misery of heat, pain and stomach disorder. McGee's Baby Elixir helps the little sufferer through the trying period by correcting the stomach and bowels. Price, 35c and 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Jly

Milk Cows For Sale

We have some fresh milk cows to trade for good fat beef cattle. See Patterson Bros., at the Meat Market. tf

AVERAGE WAGE FOR NATION IS \$2,000

Washington, July 27.—Approximately 103,000,000 persons are living on \$2,000 a year or less according to an analysis of income returns today.

The smaller group is estimated to include about 20,000 person in the millionaire class or those with incomes of \$50,000 a year or more. This figure is used because it represents five percent on \$1,000,000.

Approximately 4,000,000 tax returns were filed for this year according to an estimate today by C. B. Hurry, Assistant Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

They indicate that the average salary in the United States is far below \$2,000 a year. Slightly less than 2,000,000 persons filed returns on incomes ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Two thousand dollars a year, therefore, represents the maximum income of approximately 98 percent of the population.

Mrs. Higginbotham of Rucker Texas, was here this week for a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Thornton.

H. M. Rainbolt reports his son, Homer ill in a sanitarium at Abilene from Typhoid fever. His many friends here sincerely trust he will soon recover his former good health.

ROSE'S BARBER SHOPS

No. 1—on Elm Street

No. 2—on Front Street

Barber work as Good as the Best

Hot and Cold Shower Baths

NEW YORK PURCHASE SALE

EMBRACING \$15,000 WORTH OF TIMELY MERCHANDISE AT THE MOST LIBERAL
 - - - - - SAVING OF THE YEAR. - - - - -

MOST EVENTFUL BARGAIN NEWS FOR THE NEXT TEN DAYS

AT THE ECONOMY

Contrary to the usual sale policies at this time of closing out odds and ends, we go to the market, purchase fresh, crisp, new merchandise, which we were able to secure at greatly lowered prices, as the majority of manufacturers are anxious to dispose of stocks on hand, with the present unsettled market conditions, and money matters as well, our task was easier than usual, and we can assure you that prices will prevail during this ten day sale that will truly make you marvel.



75 high grade mens suits
 \$65. and \$75. **\$39.75**

Your unrestricted choice,
 any pair of summer
 shoes - - - **\$5.95**

Newest trimmed hats for
 dress or sport wear **\$4.95**

We just received a shipment of 100 Voile Dresses made of printed Voile, in handsome designs, smart tunic effects, over drapes, straight line models, all of the wanted colors, and all sizes

\$10.00 & \$12.00 values during the purchasing sale **\$3.95**

SILK DRESSES

About 100 silk dresses which includes plain, printed and beaded Georgette, Taffeta and Silk

\$25.00 and \$35.00 dresses during the purchasing sale **\$12.95**



Finest full fashion silk
 hose - - - - **\$1.95**

Special for Saturday only,
 8 oz. cotton sacking **39c**

All summer piece goods at cost.
 All silk by yard at very low prices.
 One lot of tricolett blouses
 \$8.00 and \$10.00 - - **\$4.95**

It is human nature to follow the crowd to the Economy Store. A shrewd and thrifty shopper coming into our store early last spring remarked at the immense crowd and said: "No wonder you invariably have so many customers in your store, your distinctive styles, your desirable qualities and your phenomenal values are indeed wonderful attractions". It is perfectly natural to follow the crowd to **THE ECONOMY STORE.** So we invite you to come.

THE ECONOMY STORE

THREE DOORS FROM THE POST OFFICE

T. J. Cogden and family of El Paso, are here the guest of friends.

Noll Moore and wife of Fort Worth are here for a visit to relatives and old friends.

GOLAN NEWS

The health of the community is excellent this week.

Everyone was well pleased with the showers that fell last week, but more rain would be welcome.

The Noodle and Horn base ball teams played the Golan team at this place Saturday afternoon. The game with Noodle resulted in favor of Golan but the Horn team won the game by a score of five to four.

A crowd of young people enjoyed an ice cream supper at the home of C. C. Stribling Saturday night.

Rev. Hanks and Lawlis started the meeting at this place Sunday morning. We hope for them a great success.

J. T. Williams and daughter Miss Vida spent the week end in Stamford visiting relatives.

Miss Edith Thompson was the guest of Miss Bettie Byrom Sunday.

Misses Lettie Duncan, Menvil

Hill and Edith Hudspeth were guests of Mrs. C. C. Stribling Sunday.

Messrs Ernest and Willard Thompson and Elton Lawlis spent the day with Eugene and Clyde Williams Sunday.

Rhap Greene and Misses Elvina Hudspeth and Pauline Byrom, were guests of Chester and Dixie Duncan Sunday.

F. Jeffrey and family spent the day with their daughter Mrs. Holten Jones and husband Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hudspeth attended church at Abilene Sunday.

B. F. Mitchell and family spent Sunday with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cox.

Let us all boost Merkl and make it the best town of its size in West Texas. The Farmers & Merchants National Bank solicits your business and assures you prompt and courteous service and every accommodation consistent with sound banking.

THANKS TO VOTERS

I wish to express my thanks to the few friends and old neighbors I have in Merkel. I am not able to understand your vote or Trent's, but hope you will remember me kindly and I want you to know that I certainly feel like you did what you considered best.

I know you people to be of too high standard to stoop to any thing low. I look back to you as one does to the lights of home and hope you are sincere in your thoughts of me and what I have tried to do for you.

I remember how I sat and waited saying to friends in Abilene "Just wait till my home box comes in" and when Merkl with her big vote put me over the top and made me District Clerk of Taylor County. I was so happy and proud of the confidence you put in me that forever I mean to sing the praises of Merkl who has done so much for me, who befriended me in sickness and need. Your phatistement if its just and right, I accept. Sincerely,
J. N. ROUTH

D. O. Huddleston and others of this city visited the Cross Plains Oil Field Tuesday of this week. Mr. Huddleston states that there is every assurance that there will be developed in that section a great field of gushers. He also reports good rains that day all the way from Cross Plains to the side of Clyde Around the latter place he said the fall seemed to be very heavy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

District Offices \$15.00
County Offices \$12.50
Precinct Offices \$8.00

For District Judge, 42nd Judicial District:

W. R. Ely, of Baird.
District Clerk:

J. Knox Fuller

For Sheriff:

John Bond (re-election)

For County Judge:

W. E. Martin

D. G. Hill

For County Assessor:

Carlos D. Speck,

Mrs. Florence Vance

County Treasurer:

Austin Fitts.

For County Clerk:

(Miss) Fannie Tippet

For Tax Collector:

D. T. Harkrider

County Comissioner of Prec. 2

W. H. Frazier

County School Superintendent.

John R. Hutto

Miss Ada D. Pearce.

For Public Weigher:

J. M. Garrett

FARM WANTED

We have cash buyer for farm. Will pay 5 to 20 thousand cash. We know values. Nothing but bargains considered. Give full particulars and save time. Box 564, Merkel, Texas.

There is nothing in the whole list of flesh-healing remedies that can approach Liquid Borzone in the rapidity with which it heals cuts, wounds, sores, burn or scalds. It is a marvelous discovery. Price, 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Jly

It has rained in spots, and we have promise of some feed and a fair yield of cotton. We all hope for some good rains within the week but the Farmers & Merchants National Bank has been a source of assistance in good and poor years and it has never varied in its policy of helpfulness.

THANKS TO THE VOTERS

I take this method of expressing my thanks to the voters of Taylor county for the large vote you gave me in the Democratic Primary Saturday. Though defeated by only 15 votes by the unofficial returns, I appreciate every vote cast for me just as much as if I had been elected.

James W. Mayfield, Jr.
(Political Adv.)

Miss Vivian Hutchenson returned last week from a visit to relatives in Fort Worth.

Service Garage

Hudson Essex and Oakland service station

Electrical Work a Specialty
We Guarantee our Work

Give us a trial

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BIG JULY REDUCTION

Sale on all Mens, Women and Children's Ready-to-wear Shoes, clothing, Dress Goods and etc.

Regardless of present day values we must reduce our stock for large assortment of fall merchandise that will begin to arrive next month.

MARSHAL AND BEACON SHOE SPECIAL

Men's Genuine Kangaroo Oxfords in Black Only, \$12.50 values only..... 9.95
Men's Brown Kid Oxfords \$13.50 values, sale price only..... 10.98
One Lot Men's Heavy Work Shoes at 20 per cent discount.
One Lot Ladies Kid and Patent Leather Pumps and Oxfords in broken sizes, values up to \$12.50, Sale price 7.95
One Lot Ladies Kid Pumps and Oxfords in Black and Brown, Values up to \$8.50, Sale price 5.95
One Lot Ladies Kid and Patent Leather Pumps, Straps and Oxfords, values up to \$6.00, Sale price 3.95
20 per cent discount on all Childrens, Pumps and Oxfords.
One Table Men's Oxfords in Kangaroo and Kid Leathers, Present values up to \$12.50 Sale Price 3.95
One Table Ladies and Childrens Pumps and Oxfords in Patent and Kid Leather, Values up to \$7.50, Sale price 1.98

FLORSHEIM SHOE SPECIALS

Men's Genuine Kangaroo Oxfords in Black only regular \$16.50 values Sale price 12.95
Men's Brown Kid Oxfords regular \$18.00 values Sale price 13.95

25 % DISCOUNT ON ALL MEN'S SUITS

\$75.00 Men's all Wool Serge Worsteds Suits, Sale price \$56.25
\$65.00 Men's all Wool Serge, Cassimeres and Worsteds Suits, Sale price \$48.75
\$60.00 Men's All Wool Serge Cassimere and Worsteds Suits, Sale price \$45.00
\$55.00 Men's All Wool Serge Cassimere and Worsteds Suits, Sale price \$41.25
\$50.00 Men's All Wool Serge, Cassimere and Worsteds Suits, Sale price \$37.50
\$45.00 Men's All Wool Serge, Cassimere and worsteds, Suits, Sale price \$33.75
\$40.00 Men's All Wool and Silk Mohair Suits, Sale price \$30.00
\$35.00 Men's Silk Mohair and Tropical Worsteds Suits, Sale price \$26.25
\$30.00 Men's Silk Mohair and Palm Beach Suits, Sale price \$22.50
\$25.00 Men's Palm Beach and Cool Cloth Suits, Sale price \$18.75
\$20.00 Men's Palm Beach and Cool Cloth Suits, Sale price \$15.00

BIG VALUES IN OUR STAPLE DEPARTMENT

One Special Lot Ginghams, Present Values Around 40¢, Sale price 25¢
One Special Lot Ginghams and Voiles, Values up to 45¢, Sale price 29¢
One Lot Red Seal and Everett Classic Gingham, Values up to 50¢, Sale price 39¢
One Lot Special Imported Gingham, Regular \$1.00 Values, Sale price 79¢
One Lot 36 inch Bleach Domestic, Free from Starch, Regular 40¢ Values Sale price. 32¢
One Lot Heavy Rail Road Chevoits, Values up to 40¢ Sale price 29¢
One Lot 36 inch Brown Domestic, 25¢ Values, Sale price 19¢
One Lot 36 inch Sea Island Brown Domestic. Regular 40¢ values, Sale price 29¢
One Lot 10x4 Bleached Sheeting, Full Width, Regular \$1.00 Values, Sale price 79¢
One Lot White Skirt and Waist Goods, \$1.00 Values 79¢
75¢ Values 59¢
65¢ values 49¢
One Lot Printed Voiles, Values up to \$2.00 Sale price \$1.49
One Lot Printed Voiles, Values up to \$1.50, Sale price \$1.19
One Lot Printed Voiles, Values up to \$1.00, Sale price 69¢

SPECIAL IN OUR SILK DEPARTMENT

One Lot Crepe de Chine in a various assortment of colors, values up to \$4.00, Sale Price \$2.29
One Lot 36 inch Satin and Taffetas, Large Assortment of colors, Values up to \$3.50 Sale price \$1.98
One Lot Georgette Crepe in a wonderful Assortment of colors, Values up to \$4.00, Sale price \$1.98
One Lot Printed Georgette Crepe, Values up to \$5.00, Sale price \$3.98

10 Per Cent Discount on all Men's Odd Pants

Special \$3.00 Overall, Sale price \$2.49



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

Saturday Specials

HOT BREAD--HOT ROLLS

Salvation Army Doughnuts,
Cinnamon Rolls, Coffee Cake,
Novelty Cakes for Sunday Dinner.

Ask for Fleischmann's Yeast
Cake Good Health Book.

Merkel Bakery & Candy Shop
PHONE 44

Many other items too numerous to mention here at greatly reduced prices. A visit to our store will convince you.

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