

## ABILENE TO STAGE A BIG \$50,000 FAIR

**Determination to Stage all West Texas Exposition Expressed At Meeting Held**

Increase of the capital stock to \$50,000 and the unanimous election as president of Will A. Minter, were the outstanding features in action taken Tuesday night by stockholders of the West Texas Fair Association, at a meeting held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. W. J. Bryan was elected first vice-president and Jinks McGee second vice-president.

Enthusiastic approval of the plan to make of the Abilene fair an exposition that shall be representative of all West Texas and determination to put their shoulders to the wheel and do the thing on a scale commensurate with the vast territory that the fair is designated to serve, was expressed by all present.

The sentiment of the stockholders was summed up by S. M. Shelton, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who said:

"The time has come when we must either do something with this fair on a big scale or abandon it entirely. And Abilene cannot afford to abandon it. No other one thing that we could undertake will be of more far-reaching benefit to the city and its trade territory than to stage here an All-West Texas Fair. We have already been assured of the support and cooperation of many towns and counties, and have the approval of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for the plan. West Texas is looking to Abilene to take the lead in this and it is up to us to do it."

### Report on Finances

Rich Keeble, presiding at the meeting called upon Bernard Hanks to report the results of an investigation into fair finances by a committee appointed at a recent meeting of directors. This report showed that the fair association at the present time is capitalized for \$12,500 and owns property of approximately that value in the old plant, with outstanding debts of some \$3,000. Mr. Hanks reported that in a campaign for increased stock subscriptions carried on last summer pledges to the amount of about \$10,000 were signed, but these pledges, he said, were made with the understanding that a fair would be held last year and since it was not held the committee recommended that these pledges not be considered, but that a new campaign be launched for the raising of the required amount.

It was recommended that the capital stock be increased to not less than \$30,000 but after some discussion of this point it was agreed that \$50,000 is the smallest amount that can be considered if the new fair is to be put on the broad scale contemplated. It was unanimously agreed, therefore, that the capital stock be increased to \$50,000 and a campaign started immediately to raise this amount.

### Minter Chosen Leader

The election of Will A. Minter to head the new organization was carried out with a unanimous and enthusiastic expression of opinion that no other Abilene citizen is better qualified to make a success of the ambitious undertaking than he. Widely known throughout West Texas and already experienced in the problem to be solved in the staging of a fair, Mr. Minter was chosen as the most logical man for the place. He was not present at the meeting, being now in New York market, but his election as fair president will be communicated to him by wire and he is expected to accept the commission.

After some discussion it was agreed to leave to the three officers elected the matter of selecting an executive committee, who will in turn nominate members for the full board of directors who will be formally elected at a later meeting. According to plans discussed prominent business men from many of the important West Texas towns will be asked to accept places on the board of directors in order to extend the scope of the fair beyond the limits of a merely local enterprise.

Nothing will be left undone, it was decided, to carry a big advertising delegation to the Ranger convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Feb. 7 and 8. It is at this meeting that Abilene will announce to the world her intentions of starting an all West Texas Fair next September and the cooperation of all sections of the territory will be solicited.

The selection of the fair executive committee and directors, the employment of a competent secretary and actual work on the grounds and buildings will begin as soon as President Minter returns to the city.—Abilene Reporter.

## BANKRUPT STOCK SOLD WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday morning of this week the Bankrupt stock of goods known as the Economy Store was sold to the highest bidder. A large crowd of buyers, including wholesale and retail merchants from all parts of the state were here to bid on same. We understand the stock invoiced about \$26,700. It was bought by a gentleman representing Sanger Brothers of Dallas, for \$8,750. Immediately after the sale the Trustee accompanied by many of the buyers left for Hamlin where another stock was sold in the afternoon. We understand the Hamlin stock sold for about \$3,400.

As to what disposition is to be made of the Stock here we have not learned whether it will be sold here or shipped elsewhere.

### PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church is progressing nicely. Much interest is being manifested. On last Monday evening the ladies met with the Misses Keny and their brother at their beautiful home southeast of town, fourteen being present. Two very interesting topics were read and discussed by Mrs. S. A. Derstine and Mrs. William Elliot from Home Missions. Devotional part was led by Mrs. Smith. After all business was attended, delicious refreshments were served and which all enjoyed very much. All went away hoping for another time like it. Next meeting will be held at Mrs. C. H. Jones. Foreign missions taken up and Bible study. Devotional led by Mrs. Dr. Johnson.

The ladies are to have an open meeting Sunday evening, January 23rd at the church led by the President Mrs. Geo. West. All members of Auxiliary come.

### COME TO BOX SUPPER

Everyone is invited to come to the Box Supper given under the auspices of The Epworth League Friday night in the building recently vacated by Bradshaw and Sublett Grocery co. Every young lady is asked to bring a box. A good time is assured all who come. Come and let us show you. Epworth League.

Mrs. Henry McCoy and Children of Waco are here on a visit to the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren.

## C. P. WARREN DIES AT ABILENE HOME

**Identified in Large Way with The Upbuilding of Abilene**

C. P. Warren, aged 84 years, resident of this city for 30 years and wellknown over this entire section of the state died at his home here Monday afternoon at 12:20 o'clock after a lingering illness. Funeral services will be held from the First Baptist church at 3 o'clock tomorrow, Tuesday, afternoon with burial in the local cemetery. Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church, will be in charge of the services.

Mr. Warren was born January 21, 1840 in Tennessee. When 16 years of age he moved with his father, Thomas Warren, to White county, Arkansas where he lived until February, 1891. At the conclusion of his residence in Arkansas, Mr. Warren removed to Abilene. He had resided here continuously ever since. He was married December 6, 1865 to Miss Mary A. Harkrider.

During his lifetime Mr. Warren acquired extensive ranch holdings in this section of the state. We were largely identified with the upbuilding of Abilene coming here when the town was a small village, and in every forward looking movement he had a large share.

Mr. Warren was in the Confederate Army during the war between the states, serving with the Third Arkansas Cavalry during the entire course of war, only five or six of the members of his company now survive.

Early in life Mr. Warren joined the Baptist Church and was consistent and faithful member of the First Baptist church of this city. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge, having affiliated with that organization while a young man.

He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton of this city; J. T. Warren of Merkel; Mrs. Euna Darr of this city; Mrs. Lee R. Scarborough of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Eugene Wood of Eastland. All of the children were at the bedside when the end came.

While Mr. Warren's death was not unexpected, it will come as a great shock to his many friends and the many friends of the family in this city. Mr. Warren's condition had been very serious for the past two weeks and the attending physicians declared that scarcely had they ever seen such a marvelous physique.

Mr. Warren was also identified with the building of Simmons College here being a member of the board of trustees of that institution for several years. He gave largely of his means toward that institution and toward other enterprises in the city. He was sincerely beloved by all his friends here, and his acquaintance extended to many places in this portion of the state and at many other points outside as well.

For nineteen years Mr. Warren was treasurer of the Sweetwater Baptist association, having held that office longer than anyone in the history of the Association. He was more largely identified with that organization than anyone in this section. He was trustee of Simmons College here for eight or ten years.

Mr. Warren was a member of the board of aldermen of the city of Abilene in the 90's. He held that office for several years and was instrumental in bringing many enterprises to the city which contributed to its upbuilding.—Abilene Reporter.

Who will be The 13th Bride?

## STATE SUPERINTENDENT IN MERKEL

**Six Additional Credits are Recommended for High School here**

The report of the State High School Inspector has just been sent to the President of the school board and to superintendent Burgess. The people of Merkel should congratulate the school board for the excellent progress made during their term of office. In 1918, the Merkel High School had only 8 credits with the state department of education. If the following recommendations materialize, Merkel will then have 19 credits of affiliation. These additional credits are granted upon condition the written work submitted comes up to the instruction inspected by the inspector. You will notice from the following report that the teachers are doing some excellent work. It is to be hoped that it will be found possible by the Merkel people to relieve the crowded condition mentioned in the report, and find some way to install the sanitary toilets recommended by the inspector. Below is a copy of the report.

### Merkel Public School

R. O. Anderson, Pres. of Board  
R. A. Burgess, Supt.

The High school occupies the upper floor of a well preserved three-story building, while the elementary school occupies the two lower floors. The grade rooms are badly crowded, averaging about fifty-five pupils to the teacher. Three of the rooms have more than sixty. It is fine to see so active a demand for education on the part of the children, and it is to be hoped that the adults will realize the great mental and physical handicap to the children in being so crowded together. 150 of the children are sharing double desks. Apart from the over-crowding, the rooms are attractive. The elementary teachers appear efficient.

The toilets are outdoors, and in unsanitary condition. A fine collection of books make up the high school library scattered in separate cases. Some are in the office, some in the studyhall, others in class rooms. The grade rooms are in need of more books.

The superintendent realizes the above named needs of the school and lacks only funds for their immediate improvement.

The building was clean and in good order. The pupils worked at their seats and moved in and out of the building in easy accord with a well-planned system. The order and discipline was good.

The Supervisor's time was distributed among the following classes, in which accrediting is asked: Ancient History, American History, Commercial Arithmetic, Spanish, 2 units, general science, and physiology. Accrediting is also asked in civics and physiology, to be offered the second semester.

In all of these classes the instruction was good, the students were attentive and interesting, and adequate progress was indicated. Written work was examined in Spanish 1, 2, and 3, Ancient History and American History in Physics, general science, and physiology, which was all found of satisfactory quality. In general science, the number of experiments fell a little short, owing to late arrivals of manuals and shortage of paper. It is expected that these will be made up in the near future.

### Recommendations

(1) Additional rooms and perhaps three extra teachers are needed to relieve the congested grade rooms. (2) That the toilet

ets be rendered more sanitary before springtime warmth. (3) That more well-selected books be put at the disposal of the elementary teachers, on shelves in each room. (4) That favorable consideration be accorded the written evidences to be submitted for accrediting in Ancient History, American History (1/2 unit add.), civics, Commercial Arithmetic, Spanish 2, general science, and physiography and physiology.

(Signed) W. B. Mikesell, Sup.

### HOUGHTON BUYS HOME

Mr. Geo. Houghton, returned here last week from Oklahoma City where he and wife had been called on account of the serious illness of their daughter there. He reported his daughter improving nicely when he left.

Since Mr. Houghton's return he has closed a deal for the purchase of the residence he is now occupying, which is among the nicer homes of the city, and states that he and family expect to make Merkel their future home.

### Who will be The 13th Bride?

## PROSPERITY IS IN REACH EVERYBODY

The southwest is in much better condition agriculturally and financially than many other portions of this country. It is true that prices of cotton are low; it is true that livestock prices have decreased considerably; it is not to be denied that corn, hay, wheat and country produce have preceded manufactured articles in downward prices. But let us not forget that there is an abundance of feed on farms in most localities. Smokehouses have been or are being filled in many communities. Many farmers are selling poultry, eggs, butter, cream, hogs, cattle, sheep and other things. These farmers have cash or bank accounts and good standing in business. Such communities are the barometers of sound business and the flags of prosperity.

Business is passing through a adjustment. Prices of labor materials, and in fact most all articles are declining. Even a bale of cotton as much lower prices now will buy many necessities where the living is produced at home.

Most farmers are more prosperous than they are thought to be. They will, it is generally believed, be able to finance themselves upon reliable terms and produce as much as the markets will take at profitable prices next year.

Let every citizen be fair with his neighbor, honest with himself and liberal with his services to society. The war is over; peace is being enjoyed and prosperity is in reach of all.—Farm & Ranch.

### BUTTMAN GIN BURNED

The Buttmann Gin located some seventeen miles southwest was destroyed by fire early last Friday morning. The Gin was owned by Messrs E. H. and A. J. Ray of this city and was only partially insured, which makes the loss come very heavy on them. We understand they will rebuild for the next season.

### NOTICE TO OVERSEERS

Please have your hands work their full allotted time and turn in your books by the first week in February. Respectfully, W. H. Frazier, County Commissioner.

Crisco \$1.40 at W. W. Wood Cash Grocery.

## LOCAL BASKETBALL DEFEATS TRENT

**Game Between Teachers Interesting Feature with Score Favoring Merkel**

Last Friday afternoon the senior Girls Basket Ball team, with their coach, Miss Josie Smith, went to Trent and played a victorious game of ball.

Later they were joined by most all the teachers of M. H. S. since the Merkel and Trent teachers had a game matched also.

The girls teams played first. Both teams showed quick and careful playing. The Merkel forwards, Misses Hattie Harris and Alma Barbee, threw several goals even though they were carefully guarded by two of Trent's clever guards. The score ended 6 to 8 in Merkel's favor. The Senior Girls team of Merkel is yet undefeated. With the cooperation and help of all interested in the betterment of clean athletics they hope to keep such a record.

The teachers game was played just after the girls game. This was a "peppy" game. A goal was soon thrown by Merkel, then by Trent. The Merkel team couldn't stand such playing any longer, so they "sure nuff" got busy and as a result two more goals were soon landed for Merkel. The final score being 6 to 3 in Merkel's favor.

Next Friday afternoon, Jan 22, Trent girls and teachers will again play the Merkel girls and teachers at Merkel. Everybody come and help Merkel win again. Give the girls your cooperation and "yells." The teachers game promises to be one of unusual interest.

### I. O. O. F. INSTALL OFFICER

On last Tuesday night the following officers were installed by the local order of Odd Fellows for the ensuing six months: C. P. Stevens, Noble Grand; C. A. Higgins, Vice-Grand; E. L. Wilson, Secretary; R. L. Bradshaw, Treasurer; D. I. Shelton, Right Supporter to Noble Grand; W. P. Duckett, left supporter to Noble Grand; J. H. Riney, Warden; J. T. McDonald, conductor; W. F. Dunn, right scene Supporter; G. W. Elliot, left scene Supporter; E. E. Dunn, Outside Guard; Thos. Green, Inner Guard W. M. Murrell, Chaplain; T. D. Compton, right Supporter to Vice-Grand; W. H. Pague, left supporter to Vice-Grand.

### BAPTIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School 10 a.m. with classes for all. Come find your place and fill it. Last Sunday there were but 14 absentees from the whole Sunday School. There were 281 present in time to be counted in the records for the day. Come and help make the attendance run to 300 so we can set another goal.

Preaching by the Pastor at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Morning subject "What am I Doing to Prepare the World for Christ's second Coming?" Evening subject "Not Love at first sight, but love before seeing. B. Y. P. U. and Junior Unions at 4 p.m.

Training classes Monday 7 p.m. Ladies Missionary Meeting Tuesday 2:30 p.m.

Prayermeeting Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Come find a place to work and worship with us. Ira L. Pa-rack.

Miss Murphy Thomas, formerly employed in Hancock Bros. Bakery and Cafe is attending Draughtons Business College, at Abilene.



STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
**THE FARMERS STATE BANK**

Merkel, Texas December 29th, 1920

**RESOURCES**

Loans and Discounts	\$625,475.43
Banking House	7,850.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,200.00
Bonds and War Savings Stamps	8,301.11
Asst. and Int. Guaranty Fund	4,068.79
Cash and Exchange	192,724.78
	\$843,620.11

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	50,000.00
Reserved for taxes	1,263.46
Undivided Profits	12,717.05
Deposits	689,304.16
Rediscoumts	40,335.44
Bills payable	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
	\$843,620.11

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R. L. BLAND ..... Vice President  
R. O. ANDERSON ..... Cashier  
F. Y. GAITHER ..... Asst. Cashier

**EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

Subject: "The most helpful passages in the Bible."  
Leader: Judson McRee.  
Song; Prayer; Song.  
Scripture reading: Psalm 119: 129-136.

Announcements.  
Twenty Third Psalm in concert.  
Song.  
Scripture by four department superintendents.  
Talk: "The most helpful book in the World." by Mrs. Will Smith.  
Special music: Nell Hollaway.  
Helpful Bible passages by the leader.  
Song.  
League Benediction.

The remains were laid to rest in the local cemetery and the final chapter of a long and useful Christian life was written.—Abilene Reporter.

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**C. P. WARREN'S FUNERAL HELD ON LAST TUESDAY**

Great Crowd Attended the Service Over Body of Old Abilene Cattleman

Funeral services of C. P. Warren, aged 80 years resident of this city for 30 years and prominently identified with various enterprises both in the early history of the city and during later years, were held at the First Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Warren died at his home here Monday afternoon after a lingering illness.

Hundreds of friends and acquaintances of the family attended the services, many coming from places outside this city. The funeral services were conducted by Dr. Millard A. Jenkins pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, being assisted by Dr. J. C. Burkett, pastor of the South side Baptist church Dr. Lee R. Scarborough, president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary at Fort Worth, and Dr. Jeff D. Ray, a member of the faculty of the Seminary. The following served as pallbearers: W. B. Hale, J. O. Shelton, C. C. Compere, John R. Spaulding, George S. Anderson and D. D. Parramore.

Relatives of the immediate family who attended the funeral were: Mrs. Warren, the son, J. T. Warren of Merkel; daughters, Mrs. George L. Paxton of Abilene; Mrs. Lee R. Scarborough of Fort Worth; Mrs. Eugene Wood of Eastland; Mrs. Euna Darr of Abilene; and two sisters of the deceased, Mrs. M. N. Harston of Abilene and Mrs. R. T. Blake of Abilene, the only members of the deceased's family who are living at this time.

A large number of other relatives including several grandchildren and great grandchildren, were also present. The floral offerings were beautiful and profuse.

One of the largest crowds that has ever attended a funeral in Abilene were present at the services at the First Baptist church

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Yard-wide Brown Domestic	Sea Island Domest. yard wide	Outings 15c and 25c	Brown Canton Flannel
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Yard-wide Bleached Domestic, special at 20c

Full 9-4 bleached Sheeting, extra at 44c

Great bargains in 36-inch Percale 45c grade now	Ginghams Cut Half. They are going fast now at
25c	15, 20 and 25c

Men's Suits at slaughtered price \$19.65, 23.70, 34.85

Sheep lined Coats and moleskin Vests, \$22.50 values now	All wool pants cut to 10 per cent
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Blankets and Comforts, your choice HALF PRICE

Shoes, Shoes, Shoes, all go at Cost and Less

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**B.Y.P.U. PROGRAM**

1. Leader—Mrs. Walter Jackson.
2. Introduction by leader.
3. What is meant by conversion by Joe Riney.
4. God changes our mind about sin. Lula Mae Boaz.
5. God changes our feelings about Sin by Louise Walker.
6. Piano Solo by Miss Lillian Craig.
7. A change in attitude by Bertha Deal.
8. A Change in our standing before God. Ruth Boden.

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The following pupils of the Tierkel public School have been neither tardy nor absent, have made 90% or more in Department, and have averaged 90% or more for the six-week period ending January 14th. They have had their names placed on the Honor Roll of the school for this excellent record made during the period just closed.

- Low First:—  
 Joel Ditzed, ..... 92  
 Dudley B. Stewart, ..... 90  
 Ray Pitcock, ..... 90  
 Terrell Mashburn, ..... 90  
 Travis Cooper, ..... 90  
 Harold Childress, ..... 90  
 Fred A. Baker, ..... 90  
 Virginia T. Beasley, ..... 90  
 Kathleen Mashburn, ..... 90  
 Alice Yandell, ..... 90
- High First:—  
 Norma Fay Sublett, ..... 90
- Second Grade:—  
 Edith Smith, ..... 95  
 Leona Rose, ..... 95  
 Annie Wright, ..... 94  
 Viola Smith, ..... 93  
 Byron Walton, ..... 92  
 Lena Rose Black, ..... 91  
 Julia Martinez, ..... 90  
 Stella Love, ..... 90
- Third Grade:—  
 Gladys Hardy, ..... 92  
 Raymond Hrachman, ..... 91  
 Eleanor Mae Hamilton, ..... 90
- Fourth Grade:—  
 Sterling Sheppard, ..... 94  
 Annie Marie Brown, ..... 94  
 Gladys Deutschman, ..... 94  
 Eunice Bird, ..... 92  
 Mildred Hollaway, ..... 92  
 Iris Garrett, ..... 92  
 Flora Francis Anderson, ..... 92  
 Mary Comegys, ..... 92  
 Elizabeth Harkrider, ..... 92  
 Lois Dixon, ..... 91  
 Thelma Jordan, ..... 91  
 Mildred Hamm, ..... 90
- Fourth-Fifth Grade:—  
 Lois Curb, Joe Bailey Toombs, Drwood Owens, Orphan Patterson, Aileen Childress.
- Fourth  
 B. F. Cox, Fred Yandell, Alfred Tittle, Victor Smith, Dunning McConnell, Cleburne Rose.

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One gallon Dunbar's or Armour's best Syrup..	75c	Sugar, per pound.....	10c
One gallon Blue Karo or Mary Jane Syrup.....	65c	Arbuckle Coffee, per package.....	25c
100 pounds La France Flour.....	\$5.75	Spuds, per peck.....	50c
14 pounds Pinto Beans.....	\$1.00		

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- Fifth Grade:—  
 Joe Bray Cypert, ..... 95  
 Joe Spurlock, ..... 95  
 Monetta AdCock, ..... 94  
 Joe Ben Ashby, ..... 94  
 Ella M. Weed, ..... 94  
 Claude Wills, ..... 94  
 Helen Booth, ..... 93  
 Clifford Orr, ..... 93  
 Van Hines McSpadden, ..... 93  
 Delphine Moore, ..... 92  
 Dennis Wilkins, ..... 92  
 Inice Brown, ..... 91  
 Darence Vick, ..... 91  
 A. V. Dye, ..... 91  
 Mary Ellen Smith, ..... 90
- Sixth Grade:—  
 Opal Horton, ..... 95.5  
 Ruth Jenkins, ..... 95.3  
 Godie Richie, ..... 94.6  
 Hazel Bell, ..... 92.9  
 Juanita Beene, ..... 91.2  
 Lola Dennis, ..... 90.3  
 Opal Patterson, ..... 90
- Seventh Grade:—  
 W. L. Harkrider, ..... 96  
 Opal Patterson, ..... 96  
 Dorris Durham, ..... 95  
 Oma Jordan, ..... 95  
 Lucille Guitar, ..... 95  
 Mary Parrack, ..... 95  
 Floyd Hutchenson, ..... 94  
 Nola Provine, ..... 94  
 Melba West, ..... 94

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STAY BY YOUR UNCLE JOHN AT BLAIR TEXAS. HE STAYS BY YOU

- Hallie Pike, ..... 93  
 Stella Wilson, ..... 93  
 Evelyn Curb, ..... 92  
 Velma Hollaway, ..... 92  
 Lucille Floyd, ..... 90  
 Lucille Hogg, ..... 90  
 Burnett Orr, ..... 90
- Eighth Grade:—  
 Beryl Tucker, ..... 97  
 Jonnie Sears, ..... 96  
 Dorothy Sanders, ..... 95  
 Homer Milliams, ..... 95  
 Tom Cooper, ..... 93  
 Ena Toombs, ..... 93  
 Minnie Maude Lamar, ..... 92  
 Rex McLean, ..... 92
- Ninth Grade:—  
 Elba Cox, ..... 97  
 Vinnie Heizer, ..... 96  
 Mabel Toombs, ..... 93  
 Althae Boden, ..... 93  
 Jerome Hutchenson, ..... 93  
 Myrtle Harris, ..... 92  
 Marvin Mayfield, ..... 91  
 Nora Foster, ..... 91  
 Mary E. Sears, ..... 91  
 Oscar McLean, ..... 91  
 Alva Wheeler, ..... 90
- Tenth Grade:—  
 None.
- Eleventh Grade:—  
 Sewell Harwell, ..... 94  
 Mae Beidleman, ..... 91  
 Hazel Harkrider, ..... 91

er than any previous honor roll this of last year, and shows a marked improvement in the work. The above should be commended for their regular and punctual attendance, and good work.

Very respectfully,  
 Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

Who will be The 13th Bride?

**NUBIA SPEAKINGS**

"Nope" we are not dead just deminished in our former population till the populated section is much less in number but the sociability is retained just the same.

The writer is very sorry that time slipped by without being noticed last week. It was here and gone before one hardly knew it. That perhaps was given to the fact that we all enjoyed such pleasant time through the yuletide.

The most appropriate item of the occasion being Dr. Frier, of Simmons College, with one of his famous lectures seemingly. He drove the subject to the hearts of all present leaving a thought for everyone to consider and we all regret that he could not stay longer or call more often therefore we may say, Dr. Frier has an extended invitation to visit Nubia at such time as convenience will permit on his part.

Mr. Jonnie Latimer is beginning to feel like it is to late to brake land as he is nearing that finishing goal.

Mr. G. B. and W. C. Neil were called to the sad accident of their uncle Bedford Neil, who was instantly killed by a run-away team. We join them with sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. McCormick of Buffalo Gap are moving here to make this their home, we are glad to have them with us and we hope they will find everything pleasant and congenial that they will bring some of their good neighbors, later, to increase the personnel of this community.

The party given by W. W. Toombs, was reported as a total success by individuals who were present at the jubilee.

Commercial Motor Company is now located in its new quarters on the corner, in the old Anchor building, and will appreciate a share of your business. tf

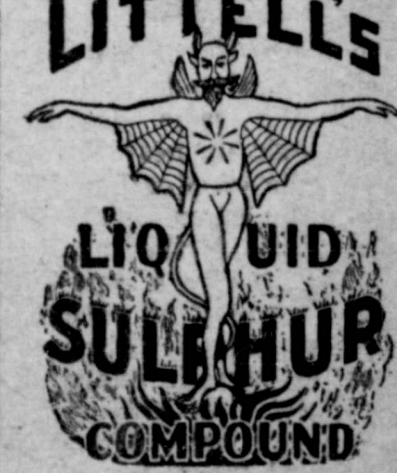
Bill Hohenzollern is saying nothing and sawing wood. But he'd be yelling his head off at the size of your 1920 income tax if he were doing the collecting.

Every dollar of your income tax goes into the common till for the common good. Pay it today.

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

TRADE REGISTERED MARK

**LITTELL'S**



**LIQUID SULPHUR COMPOUND**

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.

—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.







**BLAIR NEWS**

Mrs. Hannah has been on the sick list the last few days.

Miss Alpha Williams spent Friday and Saturday night with Miss Nina Provine.

Mr. and Mrs. Chalmer Patterson and Mr. Rodney Moore visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Reeves Sunday.

Miss Hester Blackburn hurt her head very badly at school a few days ago. She is better at present.

Miss Nealie Horton and Miss Beulah Meeks spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Dosa Doan.

Grandma Hughes as returned home after a weeks visit with her children.

Everyone enjoyed the party at Mr. and Mrs. C. Burk Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Henson Doan are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl in their home.

Several of the Blair people attended the B.Y.P.U. at Nubia Sunday afternoon.

Everyone is invited to attend our literary which are every other Friday night. Also come to our Sunday school at 10:30 Sunday morning.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears, a bouncing baby boy on last week.

The singing at Mr. Campbells was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes moved to the farm where Mr. and Mrs. Richard has been living. Slim Jim.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Compton gave a turkey dinner Friday Jan. 14th in honor of their daughter Mrs. Earl Diltz of Walter, Oklahoma. Those present were: Tyru Compton and wife and children, P. A. Diltz and wife and P. A. Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Diltz and little Phuler of Oklahoma, and Delma A. Compton.

Mr. Earl Diltz and wife and Phala of Walter, Oklahoma spent last week with Mrs. Diltz parent Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Compton of this city.

Your money talks at W. W. Wood Cash Grocery. Give us a trial. We have a number of bargains for you, which we are unable to list.

The Misses Ina Faye and Evelyn Barbee left Saturday night for El Paso to attend a business College, and will stay with their relatives.

Miss Eula May Ayers, and Miss Stella and Myrtle Barnett, of Abilene were here last week visiting friends.

Claude Comegys who has just opened a branch of the Star Store at Ivan, near Breckenridge was here several days first of the week. He reports business fine in the oil fields, and also reports active operation all around the little town in which he is located.

Sheriff John Bond of Abilene was here last Saturday mixing with old friends, and incidentally making new ones.

Seven cans Prnice Albert Tobacco for one dollar at W. W. Wood Cash Grocery.

Rev C. C. Dooley went to Coleton Wednesday to visit his sister, Miss Mary Dooley, who returned with him for a visit in Merkel.

We rejoice with the friends of our fellow townsman and splendid citizen, E. D. Coats, over the fact that after about twenty days severe illness, he is able to be up and about again.

Ask your neighbor about Southern Queen Flour. Market price paid for Eggs. W. F. Hamblett.

A deal was consumated this week whereby Messrs Arthur Clark and L. P. Baird purchased the City Barber Shop located on Front Street. These gentlemen are fine young men, well known in the barber business of Merkel, and will no doubt enjoy their share of this kind of business.

Who will be The 13th Bride?



**IMPLEMENTS**

☛ We have just received a car of John Deere Implements, and now have on hand Disc Plows, Disc Harrows, Walking Plows, Busters, double and single-row Cultivators and Planters, and will appreciate an opportunity to show you these goods.

☛ When you need Hardware call and see us. Our line is complete in Leather Goods, Stoves, Shelf Goods, etc.

**GROCERIES**

☛ We also have a full stock of the best groceries to be had, and at right prices. Prompt delivery.

**CROWN HARDWARE CO.**

On January 5, Mr. J. M. Smallwood, a prominent ranchman of Ovallo, and Miss Rosebud Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Wood of this city, were happily united in marriage. They will make their home at Ovallo.

J. M. Boney of Cement, Oklahoma, sends the "necessary wherewith" to keep the Merkel Mail coming to him during the next year.

O. A. Smith a substantial citizen of Trent, is among our list of new subscribers this week.

Plant a tree, you may never live to enjoy the shade or fruit of it, but those who pass this way after you will.

At Abilene last week Mr. E. Wood of this city and Miss Iva Briggs, a teacher in the Trent School, were married. Mr. Wood is a brother to groceryman W. W. Wood of this city, and the happy couple will make Merkel their future home.

Nine Cans No. 2 Tomatoes for one dollar at W. W. Wood Cash Grocery.

M. A. and J. Grimes of Snyder, were here first of the week visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett are the happy parents of a bouncing baby boy born on January 7.

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T. Winter one of the pioneer and best fixed citizens on route two was here recently.

Just received \$1,500 stock of new Casings. McFarland Garage.

A nice Bed-room for rent. See Mrs. W. C. Callaway, or phone 144.

Mrs. Kirby Beckett of El Paso is here on a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren.

One dozen Cans Armour's milk for \$1.00 at W. W. Wood Cash Grocery.

Red Rust Proof Seed Dats for sale—W. L. Diltz, Sr.

**GEM THEATRE**

The House of Good Pictures. Your Patronage is Appreciated

Program for Week Beginning Friday Jan. 21

Friday—  
OLIVE THOMAS  
in  
"Footlights and Shadows"  
A Select Feature  
Also Selznick News and Comedy

Monday—  
"The Country God Forgot"  
A wonderful picture. A Marshal Neilan Production  
Extra Pathe News

Wednesday—  
WALLACE COBURN  
in  
"Restin' My Hoss"  
BILLIE WEST  
in  
"Hands up"  
Two-reel Comedy  
"The Lost City"  
The Great Animal Ser al

Saturday—  
WILLIAM S. HART  
in "The Better Way"  
RUTH ROLAND  
in "Ruth of The Rockies"  
FATTY ARBUCKLE  
in "He did and he Didn't"  
Two-reel Comedy

Tuesday—  
PAULINE FREDERICK  
in "The Palliser Case"  
It's a Goldwyn Mystery drama  
Also "Facts and Follies"  
"Back to Nature"

Thursday—  
ROY STEWART  
in  
"The Devil Dodger"  
Roy Stewart is as good as the best in Western pictures. See him and be convinced.  
BILLIE FRANEY  
in  
"The Referee"

S. R. Weaver, of Mineral Wells arrived this week to assume the management of the Burton-Lingo Lumber Company, taking the place of L. D. Leevy resigned, who for the past two years has been in charge of the business here. We have not learned Mr. Leevy's intentions, but trust that he and Mrs. Leevy will continue to make Merkel their future home. We also welcome Mr. Weaver and wife to our city.

Colorado Coal—Have car on the track to unload Friday and Saturday. Weigh on public scales. T. J. R. Swafford.

We will pay you the cash for all kinds of produce. Try us. W. W. Wood Cash Grocery.

Be thankful you are paying an income tax to Uncle Sam and not an indemnity to William Hohenzollern.

**LOOK FARMERS**

Be sure and bring me your chickens and Eggs. A. L. Jobe.

We are glad to see our good friend R. B. Wells out and about after having undergone an operation at Abilene of apendicitis.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Robert Hicks is improving nicely after some ten days illness.

**The Farmers State Bank**

Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 29th day of Dec. 1920, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 21th day of Jan. 1921.

**RESOURCES**

Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$611,975.48
Loans, real estate	13,500.00
Bonds and Stocks W. S. Stamps	7,301.11
Real Estate (banking house)	7,850.00
Other Real Estate	
Furniture and Fixtures	5,200.00
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	78,942.19
Interest in Depositors' City Fund	3,989.37
Asst. Depositors, City Fund	79.12
Acceptances and Bills of Ex. Cotton	118,773.69
Other Resources	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$848,620.11</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	50,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	12,717.05
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	55,188.91
Individual Deposits sub. to check	586,332.61
Time Certificates of Deposit	41,301.24
Bankers' checks	6,481.40
Notes and discounts	40,835.44
Other Liabilities, including for taxes	1,295.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$848,620.11</b>

State of Texas, County of Taylor:  
We, T. J. Toombs, as president, and R. O. Anderson, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
T. J. Toombs, president.  
R. O. Anderson, cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of Jan. A. D. 1921.  
N. O. Cobb  
(SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas  
Correct—Attest:  
John Sears  
R. L. Brand  
H. H. Toombs } Directors

We would appreciate a share of your business. We strive to serve you right. Commercial Motor Co.

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

**BACK TO ECONOMY**

Government and state economy are of paramount importance. Along with the spendthrift tendencies of many individuals, our State and National Governments have been spending prodigally. Numerous new departments, boards, commissions, investigators and humanitarians have been authorized, most of them to do what the people themselves could do cheaper and better. Enormous appropriations are being asked for the various commissions, boards and uplifters.

Government must go back to the consent of the governed. Private initiative, private capital, private individuals must be encouraged, but not given special favors. Our Government and the States should require more of citizens; attempt to do less for them and place less taxes upon them.

It is said that the war and its attendants consequences have kindled sympathy and accelerated the flame of human kindness. Has the war convinced our officials of the imperative need of economy in government?—Farm & Ranch.

**OBITUARY**

C. P. Warren was born in Tennessee in 1840 and died at his home in Abilene, Texas Jan. 17, 1921. When he was sixteen years of age he moved with his parents to Arkansas and engaged in farming and mercantile pursuits until 1891 in which year he moved to Taylor county, Texas and became interested in the land and cattle business from which he retired in 1905.

Mr. Warren was on the official board of Simmons College for many years and was for nineteen years treasurer of the Sweetwater district of the Baptist church. He served as an alderman of the city of Abilene for a number of years and was at the time of his death a director in the citizens National Bank of Abilene. He was a stockholder in the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel and until a year ago had been a director since the Bank was organized.

His business associates relied greatly on his sound judgement and the connection of his name with any business or public enterprise gave to them the confidence of all who knew him.

The writer, with a large number of Merkel citizens, attended the funeral services at the First Baptist Church at Abilene last Tuesday and found the large auditorium of that beautiful church filled with friends from every walk of life who came to bear silent tribute to his beautiful life. A life that needed no more eloquent tribute than the simple recital of his acts of kindness; of charity; of helpfulness to every enterprise that stood for making the community in which he lived a better community. He never made a public prayer or speech and yet we aver that never from that pulpit, from which the most eloquent men of his church have preached sermons that were marvels of eloquence, was there a more eloquent sermon than the one that came from this modest man as he lay in the casket cold in death. A sermon that needed no articulate words, or polished rhetoric to make it impressive, and which we believe left an impress upon the character of every one who knew him.

Mr. Warren was a successful man in business and was possessed of much of this world's goods but the proudest heritage he left is the heritage of a life lived in a belief in Jesus Christ and in the practice of His teachings.

He is survived by his widow and five children: J. T. Warren, Merkel; daughter, Mrs. George L. Paxton, Abilene; Mrs. Lee R. Scarborough, Fort Worth; Mrs. Eugene Wood, Eastland; Mrs. Euna Darr, Abilene, all of whom fill places in their community worthy of him whose life we commemorate.

**INCOME TAX IN A NUTSHELL**

WHO? Single persons who had net income of \$1,000 or more for the year 1920; married couples who had net income of \$2,000.

WHEN? March 15, 1921, is the final date for filing returns and making first payments.

WHERE? Collector of Internal Revenue for district in which the person resides.

HOW? Full directions on Form 1040A and Form 1040; also the law and regulations.

WHAT? Four percent normal tax on taxable income up to \$4,000 in excess of exemption. Eight per cent normal tax on balance of taxable income. Sur tax from 1 per cent to 65 per cent on net incomes over \$5,000.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rose left Tuesday evening for San Angelo where Mrs. Rose goes for medical treatment. We join their host of friends in Merkel and elsewhere, in the sincere hope that Mrs. Rose receives immediate and lasting benefits from her visit and treatments there.

Stop; Look; Listen; The big Grocery Sale is on, and will last through nineteen hundred and twenty one. W. W. Wood Grocery Company.

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# FURTHER REDUCTIONS

IN OUR ENTIRE LINE OF

## Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Staples, etc

### BIG CLOTHING SPECIALS

The last Chance to Buy  
Your Suit

All \$50.00, \$60.00, \$65.00 and \$75.00 Men's All-Wool Suits Only ..... \$35.00  
All \$37.50, \$40.00, and \$45.00 Men's All-wool Suits only ..... \$28.50  
All \$27.50, \$30.00 and \$35.00 Suits. . . . \$23.75

Big reduction on Men's Overcoats and Boys Clothing.

### MEN'S SHOE SPECIALS

One Lot 300 pairs Men's Kangaroo, Vici-Kid and Calf skin Shoes, Values up to \$15.00, Now ..... \$7.98

One Lot Officers Army Shoes, Values up to \$12.50 Now ..... \$7.49

One Lot Ladies Dress Shoes with Leather, Louis and Cuban Heels, Values up to \$12.50 New ..... \$4.95

Best grade Men's Blue Overalls. .... \$1.69

Best Grade Men's Blue work Shirts. .... .98

One Lot Men's Khaki Pants, Values up to \$3.50 Only ..... \$1.69

### FURTHER REDUCTION IN OUR STAPLE DEPARTMENT

Good Grade Dress Gingham Now. .... .15¢

Best Grade Red Seal Gingham now. .... .20¢

Best grade 36-inch Percal, now. .... .20¢

Best grade 36-inch Bleached Domestic. .... .18¢

Best grade 36-inch to 40-inch Brown Sea Island Domestic now. .... .15¢

Best grade ACA Feather Tick now. .... .29¢

Best grade 9-4 Bleached sheeting now. .... .35

Best grade 9-4 Brown Sheetting now. .... .30¢

Good grade Blue Demin now. .... .29¢

Best grade Outings now. .... .20¢

Best grade bleached Canton Flannels. .... .20¢

### FURTHER REDUCTION IN OUR STAPLE DEPARTMENT

Best grade Galatea and Play day Cloth. .29¢

Best grade Heavy Cheviots now. .... .20¢

Good grade 36-inch Taffeta, all colors. \$1.29

Good Grade 40-inch Crepe De Chine all colors, now ..... \$1.29

Good grade 36-inch Silk Poplins, all colors now ..... 89¢

Good grade 40-inch Georgette Crepe, all colors, now ..... \$1.29

Best grade 40-inch Satins, blue and navy, now ..... \$2.29

Best grade 54-inch Blue Serge ..... \$1.89

Good grade 36-inch Serge all colors. .... \$1.19

ALL GOODS STRICTLY CASH --- NO GOODS CHARGED TO ANY ONE

# Merkel Dry Goods Company

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#### NEED OF WORLD MARKETS

The American farmer needs access to the markets of the world more than he needs tariff protection for his products. With the condition of bankrupt prevailing in Europe and conditions almost as bad in many parts of Asia, the surplus products of the American farm, so badly needed by the consumers across the waters, are stored in large quantities with no offers to buy. Canada, Japan and other countries with surplus products, are facing the same difficulty in securing a market. As a result, Canada has shipped her wheat into the United States instead of Europe, and Japan has shipped rice, peanuts, oils and other products in increasing quantities to this country in competition with our own products. Had Europe

been able to buy and pay for the products grown on American farms that are actually needed to feed and clothe its citizens, the demand for a protective tariff would not have been so insistent.

Until the World's markets are opened and business approaches normal, farmers will best serve their own interests by producing as much of their own living as possible at home and less of the products which must find a market in foreign lands.—Farm & Ranch.

#### GET MORE EGGS—

By feeding "Martin's Egg Producer" DOUBLE your money back in eggs, or your money back in cash. "Martin's Roup Remedy" Cares and Prevents Roup. Guaranteed by Sanders Drug Store. April-15.

#### Who will be The 13th Bride?

Your Cotton Stored and insured for 75c per bale for the first month and 65 cents per bale per month for each month thereafter Merkel Cotton Warehouse Co. tf

A lot of boys still in hospitals would be glad to pay a 1920 income tax. How about yours?

Peace Maker Flour, at G. M. Sharp's. tf

The words "peace and victory" will have a holier meaning when you have paid your income tax.

We carry a nice line of tires accessories, oils, and gasoline, at our new location. Drive in and let us serve you. Commercial Motor Co. tf

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

## Burton - Lingo Co.

The Building Store

Where we offer you

Service and Satisfaction

Phone us your wants

## Our Measure is Full

On January 18 the State Inspector of Weights and Measures was in Merkel and checked up our Visible Filling Pump. It showed that when you bought Gasoline from us you received five ounces over the amount you were paying for, or that much more than enough to come up to the requirements of law. We will leave the pump just as it is, and our customers will continue to receive the benefits of same. Full measure, prompt and courteous treatment is what you get here.

Give us your Next Order 2114

### Woodrum Filling Station

#### WHY HE COULD NOT PAY HIS BILLS

A certain buyer receiving a request to send a check to cover his bill sent the following letter:

"For the following reasons I am unable to send you the check you asked for:

"I have been held up, held down, sandbagged, walked on, sat on, flattened out and squeezed, first by the U. S. Government for Federal War Tax, Excess profit tax, Liberty Loan Bonds, Thrift Stamps, Capital Stock Tax, Merchant's License and Auto Tax, and by every society and organization that the inventive mind of man can invent to extract what I may not possess.

"I have been solicited by the Society of John the Baptist, the G. A. R., the Roman's Relief, Navy League, Red Cross, Black Cross, Children's Home, Dorcas Society, Y. M. C. A., Boy Scouts, Y. W. C. A., Jewish relief and

every Hospital in town. When on top of it all came the Associated Charities and Salvation Army.

The Government has so governed my business I don't know who owns it. I am inspected, suspected, examined and re-examined, informed, required, and commanded so I don't know who I am, where I am, or why I am here. All I know is I am supposed to be an inexhaustible supply of money for every known need, desire or hope of the human race. And because I will not sell all I have and go out and beg, borrow or steal money to give away, I have been cursed, discussed, boycotted, talked to, talked about, lied about, held up, hung up, robbed and nearly ruined, and the only reason I am clinging to life is to see what in his coming next."—The Plowman.

Who will be The 13th Bride?

#### A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25 Small bottle. Send for testimonials to D. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

If the war had not been won in 1918, what would have been your income tax for 1920? Pay it with thankfulness.

The Stucco building formerly occupied by the Commercial Motor Company, has been converted into a cotton warehouse, and is now ready to be filled with cotton. Merkel Cotton Warehouse Company. tf

Corn and Corn Chops, at G. M. Sharp's. tf



# Are You One of 'Em?

—One of our Satisfied Kodak Customers? If not give us a trial and be convinced that we can give you good service. Come to us with your Kodak troubles, we will gladly show you how to take good pictures and correct your failures

Have your Choice Kodak Pictures Enlarged. We make them in 3 Sizes

"PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE BETTER KIND"  
—Prompt Kodak Finishing Service—

## THE COZY STUDIO

PHONE 314

JNO. C. REINHARD, MGR.

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

(By Mae Bidleman)

We wondered why the Juniors were having so many meetings and why they were practicing so vigorously. Our curiosity was satisfied when Friday morning they gave a very entertaining program, "America two-hundred years hence", and was a most unusual theme read by John A. Woodard. Ruth Wells gave an amusing reading. Then J. J. Russell read that funny journal. But the most laughable part was "A Faculty meeting" by six Juniors. This was a complete picture of the High School faculty; they saw their doubles.

One of the teachers to another "Isn't our study hall a happy little maelstrom?"

If you want to know what happens when students don't know their history lesson ask the 10th and 11th grades.

The solid Geometry girls were glad that the boys were working on the ball court Thursday as they didn't have a recitation.

Ambiguous sentences found in

English work.

The cow was lost by an old lady with brass knobs on her horns.

Yesterday I saw a drove of hogs sitting in the parlor.

Wanted—A capable nurse for a baby not over thirty-five years old.

Dear teacher—Kindly excuse Sally for having been absent yesterday. She fell in the mud on her way to school. By doing same you will oblige her mother.

We saw a man cleaning the street with read whiskers.

A map was drawn by a young lady 15 feet wide and 18 feet long.

A large number of seats were occupied by pupils without any books.

Our girls and teachers went to Trent Friday and played ball. It is useless to say that Merkel won for of course she did. The girls played 8 to 6 and the teachers 6 to 3. That is the way we intend to do them next Friday when they come to Merkel. The Teachers and girls observed fair play—with only occasional personal fouls. With Olma Barbee

and Hattie Harris as forwards, Myrtle McDonald and Myrtle Harris as guards and Jewell Burns and Ethel Allen as center for girls. Miss Whorton and Josie Smith as forwards, Miss Herring and Miss Houston as guards and Miss Dry and Miss Sutphen as centers, we can imagine that two of the peppiest games of the season were played.

The boys champion team will play Ovalo Tuesday. Find out how much that score is.

McCauley and Roby will likely play in Merkel Saturday for the championship of Fisher county. This will be some game. See it.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to sincerely thank our neighbors and friends for the many kindnesses extended us during the late illness and death of our beloved wife mother and daughter, and earnestly wish that God's richest blessings may be accorded each and every one. C. T. Derrick and Children, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Rodgers, father and mother, of Farmersville, Texas.

NOTHING BUT

# HARDWARE

Hardware is our business, and it's our business to have and get what the Merkel and Merkel trade territory want in  
**HARDWARE**

Just Received---

Shipments of Galvanized Roofing, Fence Wire, Poultry Wire, genuine Mr. Bill Sweeps, Doubletrees, Singletrees, Cleavices, Etc. We carry a complete line of Shelf and Builders' Hardware.

We want to please you in both  
Quality and Price.

Try us if it's Hardware you want

## Liberty Hardware Co.

Third door west of Postoffice

# STOCK CLEARING BARGAIN SALE

ON

## Electric Ranges

Prices Cut to Rock Bottom  
Less Than Cost

### Only 21 Days

LIBERAL TERMS

Call at our Salesroom and Investigate

MERKEL POWER CO.

PHONE 202

Come to Our Demonstrations  
Friday and Saturday Afternoon

From 2 to 6 o'clock

Refreshments will be Served

### NUBIA SPEEKINGS

The topic of the day is, you move, we move, every body move for this is moving week with the Nubiaites.

Mr. B. B. Reynolds will be home, now that he finished moving this week, to one of the G. D. Richie farms. His vacancy on the Strickland farm will be filled by Uncle Don Mathews and his former home will be occupied by G. B. Neil this enables Doyle Blair to move to the Latimer farm.

We regret the fact that the Butman Gin burned. The loss to the owner has not been revealed and the loss to the surrounding locality can not be correctly estimated.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Martin of this community are visiting relatives in Jones County, Mr. and Mrs. I. I. Vancil.

Mr. Geo. Crow has recorded a big coyote to the credit of his wolfe dogs. It is hoped that this success will continue on each one of his "rainy day" hunts.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears have in their home a fine nine and a half pound boy borned on January 14, being the first new arrival for the New Year in this community.

Mr. U. L. Blackburn has been suffering from an attack of sick headache since Saturday night. We hope he will soon be well again.

Who said "Nubia was dead." They had better visit once again to find she is breathing still. How can a place die when there are two lively churches with Sunday school, prayermeeting and a newly organized B.Y.P.U. Those who have the idea that this place is dead just bring over your friends to see us and we will do the rest. Don't be afraid you will come on the wrong Sunday or on the wrong Wednesday night.

Miss Gurri McClain spent a few hours with Miss Lola Blackburn Sunday.

The Sunday night prayermeeting was a decided success with a goodly crowd attending and a

cordial invitation for all to be present again next Sunday night for services of the same nature. Mr. Horace Fuquay spent Sunday with Horace Corgill.

The next time you need anything in the Automobile line give us a chance to serve you. Commercial Motor Co. tf

Taking your hat off when the band plays the national anthem doesn't get you anything with Uncle Sam unless you pay your income tax.

Protect your cotton. Store it with Merkel Cotton Warehouse Company. tf

### NOTICE

This add is to notify my friends and customers that I have not left town or quit business, but have moved my office in my ware house at the rear of my old stand, now occupied by the Hamblet Grocery Co. I will still buy your chickens, Turkeys, Eggs and Hides and will pay you all the market will bring. Bring your produce to me and get the cash.

I am grateful to you for all favors and wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year.

I am yours to Serve,  
W. P. Duckett tf

### McCoy's Meat Market

Fresh and cured meats at the lowest market price. We will appreciate your patronage and extend to every one courteous treatment, and a square deal.

McCoy & McDonald

### LET US HAUL IT

WE HAUL.

"Anything Anywhere"

Long Hauls A Specialty

HIGGINS & DARSEY

### GEM CONFECTIONERY

We are headquarters for, cold drinks, ice cream, fresh fruits, cigars, cigarets and candies.

We also have secured the agency for the Acme Graphophone and records and will have same on exhibit at the Gem.

AGENTS FOR ABILENE STEAM LAUNDRY



# "BRIDE 13" To Dispel Gloom

## Number "13" to be Lucky in Future

**"Bride 13"**

AT THE  
Cozy Theatre  
Friday January 21st  
(and Saturday Matinee)

The proverbial "Jinx" of number 13 will be dispelled for all time by 13 local firms, who will each give a handsome present to the

### 13th Bride

(of Merkel or Vicinity)

WHO WILL IT BE ?

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<b>BROWN DRY GOODS CO.</b> Bath Robe and Slippers	<b>MERKEL DRUG CO.</b> A set of Silver Table Spoons	<b>LIBERTY HARDWARE CO</b> A Forty-two Piece Dinner Set
<b>MERKEL POWER CO.</b> A Genuine Hot Point Electric Iron	<b>WOODROOF-BRAGG</b> Dry Goods Company A Pair of Nashua Woolnap Blankets	<b>SANDERS DRUG STORE</b> A Handsome Mantle Clock
<b>J. T. DENNIS</b> A Linen Table Cloth and Napkins to Match	<b>BARROW FURNITURE CO</b> Genuine Wicker Work Basket with stand	<b>MERKEL DRY GOODS CO</b> A Beautiful Full Size Counterpane
<b>THE MERKEL MAIL</b> A Year's Subscription to the Best Weekly in Texas	<b>G. F. WEST COMPANY</b> a set of Silver Knives and Forks	<b>COZY STUDIO</b> A Wedding Bell Album with photo of Bride and Groom complete

**THE COZY THEATRE**

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**13 Pairs of Admission Tickets**

All the above presents are now on display in the show windows of the respective firms. Go and see them, they are beautiful, and emphasize a commendable spirit of harmony and appreciation of your and your neighbors patronage

Complete Details of who may, **"THE 13th BRIDE"** Will be given out at the Cozy Theatre Friday night (and Saturday afternoon) or will be

## Special Program at The Cozy Friday Night

(and Saturday Afternoon)

In honor of "Bride 13" the Cozy Theatre has arranged for a special program for Friday night Jan. 21 (and Saturday Afternoon)

**Wm. S. Hart**

IN  
"The Return of Draw Egan"  
A 5-reel Enterprise feature, a story of the west in the Early days

**Charlie Chaplin**

in  
"By The Sea"

No Advance in Admission Prices

**"Bride 13"**

A story of the Algerian Buccaneers,  
13 Beautiful American Brides, and Uncle Sam's Navy, Submarines, and Air Fleet

**FREE ADMISSION TICKETS** To every Couple that were married on the 13th of any Month or Year

Room for Everybody

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Continuous show from 6 to 11:30