

raisin industry has mounted since then.

Applicable to Cotton

"The co-operative movements out in California are no piker moves, because the 22 associations out there will market \$300,000,000 worth of products this year, and California is making money on her farm products this year when the farmers of every other state are losing money," Mr. Sapero said, after telling the raisin story. "We have met every problem with which you are likely to meet because we have organized to handle products from the most perishable to the non-perishable. We sell all of our oranges under one central agency, just as the ten cotton states are planning to sell their cotton through the American Cotton Exchange which will have its office at Dallas, Oklahoma has signed up 100,000 bales more than its quota of 300,000 bales and the other states are organizing rapidly."

And we would urge every farmer in grand old Texas, and Taylor county to become members of same.

POSTOFFICE ADVANCED SECOND CLASS

As evidence of the prosperity, growth and development of Merkel and surrounding country, Postmaster Shirley H. King has this week received notice from the Post Office Department at Washington, that the Merkel office would on July 1, 1921 become an office of the second class. This advance is made from the reason that during the past year ending January 1, last, the receipts of the office had advanced to the point required for the establishing of an office of the Second Class.

As we mentioned some weeks ago, that an inspector had been here and after checking up the office and pronouncing it one of the best and nicest kept offices in this district, indicated to Mr. King that it was possible that the office would be advanced, and all of which is very complimentary to our most efficient and accommodating Postmaster, Mr. King.

Nice line of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables at all times at the T. and O. Gro. and Merc. Co. 11

FAREWELL SERVICE OLD CHURCH HOUSE

Sunday will likely be our last day in the old church and we wish to have a fitted service for that time. For thirty years we have used this as a place of worship. Here all the things most sacred to us have transpired. We hope to have some words from some of the older members of the church about some touching experience. We hope to have present in this service numbers who have been saved in this old building.

Sunday School 10 a. m. with 400 as our goal. Farewell service 11 a. m. B. Y. P. U. at five p. m. with study class meeting at 4 p. m. Preaching by the pastor at 8 p. m. Training class Monday 8 p. m. Ladies meeting Tuesday 2:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 p. m.

Come and find a welcome in any or all the services. The splendid help and co-operation of every one in making the Sunday School go under the new management is certainly appreciated by all concerned. Lets go after that 400 goal till we get it. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

OLD MAN WORK BACK ON THE JOB

That War bubble is bursted boys, and old man work is back on the job, the time has passed when you can lazy around, draw a fat salary and be a social gob; old man necessity and common horse sense has punctured that war inflated boom, drum taps and bugle blasts have been silenced in the maelstrom of toil—honest to God work is man's greatest boon; the call of factory, field and shop is heard in the land, quit your foolishness bloods, roll up your sleeves, spit on your hands, as labor is looking for an honest to God man. The spirit gets weak and wobbly when it soldiers on the job, minus a load, and the soul loses its iron and pep strolling down the easy road; of course it's funny to piddle around and rub shoulders with the mob, but after all, it takes grit and muscle to hold a man's job. Forty cents a pound for cotton, four bits for bacon and a dollar for a fat chicken. Just a fooling around, sweating the warm bricks of ease like a sick kitten; eight dollars per day, and union time, hang your work clothes on a limb, and come in 'fellers' the bathing is fine. It seemed dead easy to loaf around, looking for a softer game, but the trouble boys, it left too much fat on a weakened frame; yes, it was sure nice to sit in the sail boat a drift with the current's flow, and oh so easy to float along on pleasure's tide, not caring whither we go; but always boys, the aftermath of fun's spree, the idle ship in the breakers crash, and get it from us sports, old man hard times is back on the job with labor's lash. It's the law of God, it's the law of men, if you don't knuckle down on the job, crawl through hell to win a prize, you are a has-been; not the road, rocking chairs, cradles or pleasure's caravan, but oh Sonny, it's sore shins, blistered hands, a hungry gut, and poverty's lash that tempers the soul of man. If God would graft oranges on mesquite trees, hang wheat buds on broom weeds, that man might harvest biscuits in the shade, then rob maids of their modesty, and let us naked go, ere long the race would retrograde. Away back yonder in the long ago God delivered to man labor's ergo, in the sweat of thy face only shalt thou eat bread, and the man that won't work is already dead. And here are the kid-gloved labor chiefs wrangling for shorter hours and a greater wage, and the Solons up there at Washington, D. C. have been paged, and the politicians had to obey orders and stand to the rack, and thus, the hands on God's clock were turned back. Laborite's lazy bug has injected the parasite fungus into the rose of toil, and it has fruited with strife, hatred, idleness, unrest and turmoil; so come on, ye red-blooded American lads, the nation's hope, and get back on the job; ye bridged the ocean, made a football of crowns, and out-witted the Kaiser's military God.—Albany News.

SPECIAL EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM A REAL TREAT FOR MERKEL PEOPLE

At eight o'clock Sunday evening, in place of the regular preaching service, the Senior Epworth League will celebrate its Anniversary with an interesting program. As this is mother's Day also, the evening will be made more effective by honoring the mother in some way. The members of the Epworth League earnestly ask that all who can, come and hear their program. Below is the program as it shall be rendered:

- PROGRAM
1. Songs by choir (135; 54; 220)
 2. The Apostles Creed.
 3. "Gloria Patri" (Number 277)
 4. Prayer, concluding with Lords Prayer.
 5. Scripture Lesson (Luke 16:1-12 inclusive).
 6. Vocal Solo Delma Compton.
 7. "Organization of the Plant."
 8. "Enlarging the plant by Geneva Middleton.
 9. Offering for League extension
 10. Song "Onward Epworth Leaguers."
 11. Pageant "The spirit of the Epworth League."
 12. Song number 189.
 13. League Benediction.

Contractor, A. V. Dye reports having contracted with Cotton buyer G. J. Jones for the erection of one of the most modern and best bungalow houses in the city; work to begin immediately. The new home will be built on the site of Mr. J. present home on Oak street. The home is a much local philosophy into the crayon drawing and illustrations of the singing them

Through the efforts of the local American Legion Post, the people of Merkel and surrounding country will have the pleasure of attending one of the finest and highest class entertainments ever given in Merkel, which will take place at the Cozy Theatre, on Thursday evening, May 12, when Thomas Elmore Lucey, one of the nation's greatest entertainers will appear. Mr. Lucey is a poet, actor, humorist and singer, and has never yet failed to interest and royally entertain his audience. He draws big houses everywhere, and we would suggest that every one get your seats early for it is practically certain that the demand here is going to exceed the supply. The Merkel Mail has no hesitancy in recommending this as being very likely the richest and most high class entertainer ever before appearing in Merkel, and as evidence of how he entertained and impressed his hearers elsewhere we reproduce the following press clippings of comment: Hope (Ark.) Gazette—He is an artist. Not only a fine actor, but one of the best impersonators on the stage. We have not seen his equal anywhere. As a humorist he is the equal of 'Bob' Taylor, and his tragic roles displayed equal power. The audience was delighted.

Another press report says: As a Chalk-Talker, his is rapid, original and witty, weaving much local philosophy into his singing them

with fine effect. In fact a Wonder in his class.

We could publish a whole column similar to the above comments, but space forbids, and will only say that those of our people who miss this entertainment will miss a rare treat indeed. So don't forget the date Thursday night, May 12.

AN OLD TIME SPELLING MATCH

Everything is in readiness for the "Old Time Spelling Bee" which is scheduled to take place tonight, Friday, May 6th., at the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle having been cleaned up and placed in nice condition for the occasion, and everybody is looking forward to the event with great interest and enthusiasm.

It is expected that besides the spelling match there will be some "old time" violin and other music, as well as other features of entertainment.

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

THE OLD FASHIONED TEA PARTY AGAIN

In order that they may be of some assistance in helping to repair and make the Tabernacle a nice comfortable place where the citizens of Merkel and surrounding community can hold their different kinds of public gatherings, the ladies of the King's Daughters Class of the Methodist church will again put on their play, "The Old Fashioned Tea Party," at the Tabernacle on Friday evening, May 13. Besides this party, which within its self, will make most any one laugh for more than an hour, the ladies will present a number of other interesting and entertaining items on their program, all of which guarantees to those attending a very pleasant evening's entertainment, besides those attending will be helping to improve the Tabernacle in a way that it will prove much benefit to the whole community. Don't forget the date, May 13.

Bob Martin is among a number of our splendid citizens who has been doing jury service in the Honorable District Court this week.

BIG TRADES DAY ON MONDAY THE 9TH

Monday, May 9th., and every second Monday in each month thereafter will be known as Trades and Sales Day for Merkel, at which time any one having horses, mules, cattle etc., to trade or sell may find a buyer or a trade for same.

We are also informed that the business men of Merkel plan to offer special bargains to their customers on these days. Hence, the public will do well to keep a watch out for bargains in many ways in Merkel on these days. Be here it may be to your interest and gain.

Our good friend and splendid citizen, Mr. T. R. Lassiter, is boasting that he can show up the largest hen egg in this part of the country, and as evidence of the fact brought to this office was a hen egg that measured eight inches around the long way and about four inches the short way. The egg was from an ordinary Rhode Island Red hen, and take it from us it was some egg too.

GRAND JURY HERE RETURNS 40 BILLS

Forty bills of indictment, thirty-four for felonies and six misdemeanors, were returned by the county grand jury in its report to District Judge Ely made Friday afternoon about 5 o'clock. The following is the report of the grand jury:

To Hon. W. R. Ely, District Judge:

We the Grand Jury desire to submit our final report as follows:

We have been in session ten days and have made a thorough investigation of all violations of the law of which we were cognizant, or which was brought to our notice, and as a result of our labors we have found forty bills of indictment, thirty-four of which are felonies and six misdemeanors. We have examined 261 witnesses.

We have examined the jail and find conditions as good as could be expected, under the circumstances, considering the fact that the jail is too small for the number of prisoners that are usually kept therein.

We find that there is no separate apartment in the jail for women and juveniles, but we are advised by County Judge Hill, that preparations are now being made to repair and renovate the old jail for women prisoners.

We find in some instances peace officers have collected fines in misdemeanor cases without bringing the offender to the proper court, and filing complaint. This practice, we are advised, is clearly without authority of law, and it is hoped that this will be a warning to such officers, as have been following this practice and that hereafter all offenders will be brought before the proper court, so that punishment may be legally imposed.

We recommend to the justices of the peace and city judge impose larger fines in misdemeanor cases and especially do we recommend that the law be observed which provides for larger penalties for second offenses.

We regret to say that we find offenses against the morals of the young girlhood and young womanhood of the county and city very prevalent, and we call upon petit jurors to do their duty in trying cases of this nature. We suggest that parents ought to keep a closer watch over their girls and boys and especially should they know where they are at night.

We find the lure of the automobile figure prominently in all such cases and we would recommend that the practice of joy-riding at night by young girls be stopped.

We find that the suspended sentence law is being badly abused in this county and we trust that the petit juries will be very careful in recommending a suspended sentence in criminal cases. Because there is a great prevalence of crime among men and boys and especially burglary and petty theft, probably caused by the abuse of the suspended sentence law.

It is our judgment that our city and county officers have been diligent in the enforcement of the law and we commend them in a continuation of their program of law enforcement.

We thank the district and county attorneys and bailiffs for their splendid assistance; there being nothing more to come before us, we ask to be discharged. Respectfully submitted, Owen Shelton, foreman. Attest: Jas. R. Bird

Mrs. H. T. Mc the week Mrs. J. C.

FARMER
The Monday after those of our farmers who are marketing the great good to the Bureau of Cotton throughout the fully convincing success and benefit through this has for its marketing of our spinners. we might add of the south organization there are outside of should get if the in this ation, there rt upon the ted. Sapero, we attorney for s Association so the author of -operative Market- Texas, among other e his hearers an illus- of the beginning and w the organization work- the benefit of the Californ- ers as follows: ill tell you about the story raisin growers around California. Fresno was the dearest town in the States, and was used as a. The farmers were sell pr ts to five big firm the firms and ess was hand- always an over- of raisins and there ys raisins to be fed to lay they called a meet- growers in the ntry and at that farmers declared old not go on fore- were. And the -er- p and said that they want to have to make oney by dealing with ges, but they wanted to goods to a prosperous ity. The bankers said ey were tired of doing a okers' business and want make their money through prosperiy of the community ating they organized ion and hired experts or them instead of a-em, in very much of this Texas cotton as- s being organized. We 1 years increased the id the production of today we get 49 e same consumer's were formerly got- cents. Today Fresno is ost prosperus little town erica. id New Use for Product ne year there was a great -production of raisins and hought that we had already a the fit of consump- believed that we ating raisins who Then we found it in the law of covered that rai- aked into bread ul result. We sent w the bakers how our advertising. raisins to the ntry that year. ing the bakers tons, and we e consumption d from 30 to rable laugh- nce when this on- bi- te after that 400 goal till we get it. ch Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTE (By Gyrle Howard)

Thursday morning the tenth grade English class, which had been studying James Whitcomb Riley, was entertainingly instructed by Mary Francis Anderson, Hattie Proctor, Mary Cleo Booth, Maurine Angus, Lula May Boaz and Mary Eula Sears, who read poems from Riley. The class came to be more familiar with, and more appreciative of his works.

Monday morning the Juniors received a pressing invitation from the ninth grade Science class to partake of a good sup of hot "Cat Supe." If you want to know anything about cats ask the Sophomores.

Mr. Burgess informed us this morning of the fact that there were just enough mulberries left on our numerous trees to make the Seniors a pie, and for us to keep out of the trees.

Paw Knows Everything
 Bill: "Paw why is money called dough?"

Paw: "Because we kneed it for our daily bread, my son."

The Juniors had an oral discussion this morning and this is what one of the pupils said:

Ladies and gentlemen, Teachers and Classmates, I bring before you this bright, beautiful and rainy morning a great question. For ages it has been before us. Philosophers, street cleaners and bricklayers have been striving ever since Confucius of Japina was a pup, for a solution to this great question. I come to you as a representative of Dr. Miles Liver Pill Co. Personally I do not know. Con-

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sequently I am making a tour of the U. S., the Peewee Islands, and the rest of the world trying to pick up some solution for this international question.

For instance let us take Edison. He is probably the greatest wizard since Eugene V. Debs first ran for president. He does not know this question. He has tried, and tried, but failed and failed. Even the guy who wrote and composed "Chile Bean" does not know.

Caesar, the 121st, almost worried himself to death for two years trying to solve it. Ramezes the 49th., who lived 500 years before Christ and who was run over in a car by a train could not solve it. Not even Woodrow Wilson or the King of



Condensed Statement at Close of Business April 28

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$271,661.27
U. S. Securities	11,222.50
Other Bonds and Warrants	14,894.43
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	700.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Other Real Estate	3,000.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.00
CASH & SIGHT EX	221,951.00
Total	\$529,159.03

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$30,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	11,508.16
Circulation Acct.	5,850.00
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
OTHER LIABILITIES	NONE
DEPOSITS	447,434.93
Total	\$529,159.03

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STORE BUNCH GOES PICNICING

The store bunch of the Merkel Dry Goods Co. enjoyed an outing at Warren's Lake Thursday of last week. After closing hours they motored to the lake and there they enjoyed a feast of good eats in picnic style consisting of the following menu Berdelaise Sandwiches, Potatoes a la Poulette, Sally Lunn Salad, Egg quenelle's, Queen olives, Vera Cruz pickles, Mint tea, punch and "Rose" Toasted Marshmallows.

Those present at this happy occasion were Mesdames L. B. Howard, Jinks Winters, Duncan Briggs, W. B. Brown, and Misses Ruth Boden, Dixie Howard and Evorie Clark, Messers Choc Jones, A. C. Rose, L. B. Howard, W. L. Diltz Jr. and Yates Brown also Little Miss Elizabeth Duncan Briggs and Louise Rose.

FORD FOR SALE

Engine overhauled, new fenders and top. Newly painted, good tires, mechanical condition guaranteed. For sale or will take milk cow or yearling as part payment. See C. B. Barnes Merkel Garage. 1tp

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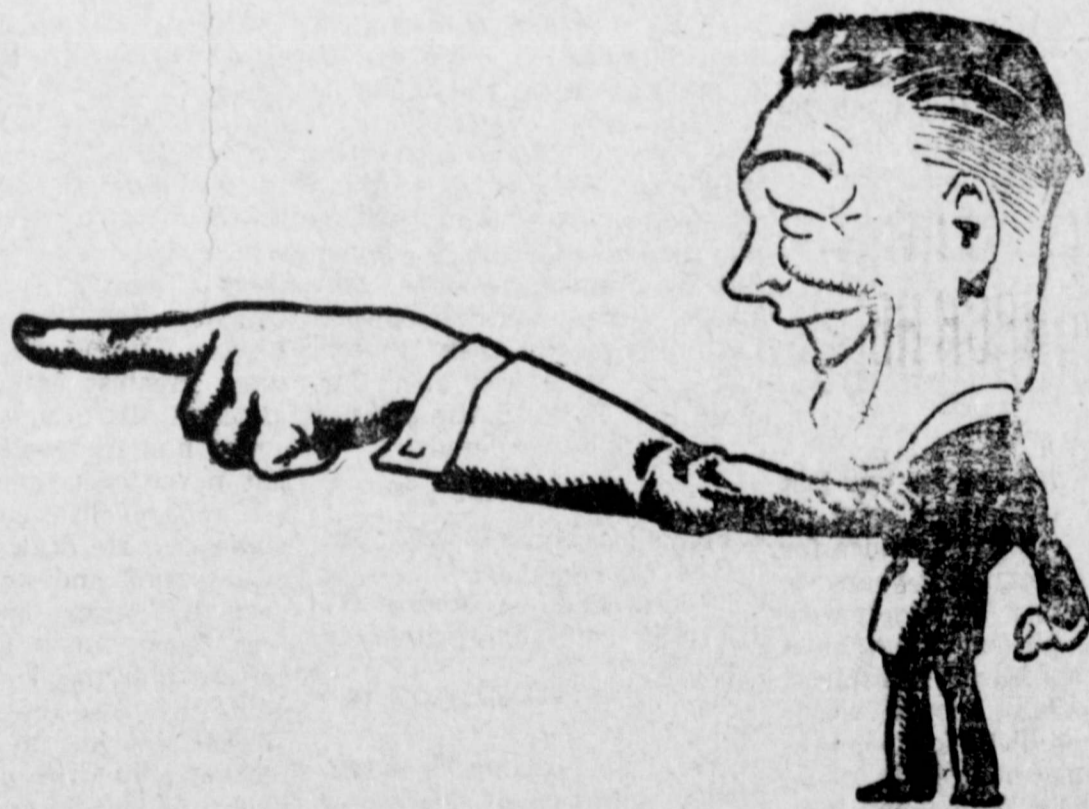
Don't fail to hear J. W. Cope New York at Tabernacle on Monday, May 12, 7:30 p.m. Millions now living will die for logical reasons and... Come, seats

SOME FINE ONIONS

We are thankful to our fellow townsman and hardware merchant, Mr. Bob Hicks, for a nice lot of great big Bermuda onions which Bob says he, or his wife, grew in their garden. And when we say big ones, we mean it for they were as big as an ordinary saucer, and which demonstrates that this country is as well adapted to the growth of fine onions as is the soil of south Texas

Who Said Clothes Shortage?

Notwithstanding the pessimistic reports of market shortages and consequent inability to secure goods, our spring stock is evidence there were plenty to go round. Perhaps we were fortunate in buying early — at any rate, we have a big stock of seasonable styles at the following reduced prices:



All Hart Schaffner & Marx suits worth \$60.00 on sale at **\$39.95**
 Styleplus Clothes in choice patterns, \$35.00 suits at **\$29.95**
 \$40.00 Suits at **\$34.95**

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Place Most People Trade

Abyssinia knew it.

As I have said behind I am a representative of the Dr. Miles Liver Pill Co., and my worthless time is very valuable. As not a single one of your ugly faces show me that you know a brief smattering of what the question is. I must tell you the question. "Why are rocks not soft?" I thank you.

Tired

My mind's a weary, let me

rest. Tell me something; Long have I tired brain to tasks of wit and gain; give my faculties repose, and the bloom afresh, who know

Grant me to lose hour, Ambition, dream of power; I sport with foolish what easiest is to me, I put these things away a restful hour of play.

Give me for prison w stone, some of Gods open to own; Sunshine, and of carefree birds; Mirth light laughter; unweighted

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EETING

Ross very de-
delightfully entertained at the King's
last Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Rob-
ns assisted Mrs. Ferrier in en-
ertaining and these two ladies
ade the afternoon a very pleas-
it one indeed for the Class.

In the absence of the presi-
Mrs. Martin was made
an for the afternoon and
ed the meeting. The sec-
and treasurer also being
Mrs. Russell took her
and called the roll and re-
d dues.

During the business session
time and place to give "The
Fashioned Tea Party" was
ussed and decided to be giv-
at the tabernacle on Friday
ght, May the 13th. The en-
e net proceeds to be donated
the improving of the taber-
acle that Merkel may have a
ommunity center which the en-
ire citizenship of Merkel may
feel free to use.

During the social hour we en-
joyed two unique contests. One
to see who could make the neat-
est buttonhole. Mrs. Beene won
the prize a lovely pair of embroi-
ery scissors. The next a stitch
contest in which Mrs. Bud Sears
was the winner. The prize be-
ing a beautiful little tray. At
the close of these contests a

plate of delicious ice cream and
lovely white cake was served by
the hostesses. The next meet-
ing will be with Mrs. Harkrider
with Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Hale as-
sisting. Reporter.

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ping place. Fresh Vegetables,
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in the alley. 6t2

COZY THEATRE

Special Matinee Saturday Afternoon 2:00 to 5:30

Friday	May 6	Douglas Fairbanks in his New 6 reel Special "The Mark of Zorro" From the book by Jonston McCulley Snub Pollard Comedy Fox News	Saturday	May 7	Lila Lee in "Hearts of Youth" Mutt & Jeff in "Suitsors"	Larry Semon in "The Stage Hand"
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Coming

Wm. S. Hart in "The Desert Man"

Wm. Russell in "From the West"

METHODIST W...
SIONARY SOCIETY NOTES

We met at the church Mon-
day afternoon at 2:30 in Busi-
ness session and also one hour
in Mission Study.

The minutes for the previous
meeting were read and approv-
ed. Each officer gave a goo-
report of the work they are do-
ing. It was decided to have the
Bazaar on Saturday May 14th,
and a committee was appointe-
to secure a place to hold same.
It was also decided to let the
young ladies Missionary Society
have a booth if possible at th-
same place as the Bazaar, thac
they might sell sandwiches and
lemonade. Just at this time
came the election of delegates
to the annual meeting of the Wo-
mans Missionary Society to be
held at Quannah, Texas, May 28
Mrs. H. C. Williams was electe-
delegate with Mrs. Beene as
alternate.

The fifth Monday in each
month was set apart as Social
meeting day. There is one fifth
Monday in each quarter and
hereafter there will be a social
meeting on these Mondays.

This closed the business part
of the meeting and we then took
up one hour on the Mission
study lesson. This lesson fin-
ished chapter three and for our
next lesson we take the entire
chapter four. Next Monday will
be Mission Study entirely and
we have more time on the lesson
We wish every Missionary So-
ciety Woman would come next
Monday and enjoy this lesson.
Reporter.

I have created a demand for
high-class cleaning and pressing
Why? Let me have your suit,
you will then know. L. P. Ligon,
the laundryman, phone 218. tf

Prof. R. J. Miller accompan-
ied his Sunday School class, con-
sisting of about twenty-five
boys, to Lawn Lake, last Fri-
day afternoon, after the close of
school, on an outing and fishing
trip, returning Saturday after-
noon. They of course, report a
big time, with every bo-
than likely ready to go
a moment. tice.

Read the Merkel Mail everyday

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM
FOR MAY THE EIGHTH

1. Subject "Seeking the Lost."
2. Leader N. Hancock.
3. Song There is Power in the Blood.
4. Luke 15 read by the B.Y.P.U.
5. The blackboard of parables by Mrs. Charlie West.
6. Christ's Love for the lost by Miss Willie Beaddle.
7. Piano Duet by Misses Craig and Frazier.
8. Christ Seeking Sinners by Joe Riney.
9. Christ's Joy over the salva-
tion of sinners by Miss Maud Hardy.
10. The Elder Brother by Miss Bertha Deal.
11. Vocal Solo by Mrs. Walter Jackson.
12. In which Class are we by Mr. Charlie West.
13. B.Y.P.U. Song "Loyalty to Christ."

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watch words of the Farmers &
Merchants National Bank 4%
interest paid on our savings
deposits. Start an account to-
day. tf

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THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club was de-
lightfully entertained this week
with a music party by Mrs. W.
J. Largent and Mrs. Neece Han-
cock at the home of the latter.
After a recess of several weeks,
each member was eager to again
meet, this being demonstrated
by almost a full attendance. The
guests were invited into beauti-
fully rose decorated rooms
where tables were arranged for
the lively game of hearts. Then
envelopes were passed in which
songs had been cut into odd
pieces. Mrs. Tom Largent and
Mrs. Howard being the first to
put theirs back together again
were awarded the beautiful
songs of Marjorie and Humming
Then a real music contest was
passed in which only the musical
letters a-b-c-d-e-f-g were used,
for this. Mrs. Stevenson of
Arkansas was presented a lovely
Victrola record. The hostess
passed delicious pink and white
cream with Angel food cake and
plate favors of sweet peas to
the following ladies: Mesdames
Arrington, Brown, Ferrier, Gai-
ther, T. L. Grimes, Robt. Grimes
Gamble, Hicks, Howard, Tom
Largent, Weaver, Miller, Scott
Thompson, Jim West, Miss Teaf
Mesdames Stevenson, Shaffer,
Rogers and Meador.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For many years we have had
as a nation, days set aside in
honor of our distinguished men.
We have come to recognize with
the passing years that Americas
mothers are of more importance
than any thing else in upholding
the ideals that will make our
country great. In honor of our
mothers the Presbyterian
church will observe "Mother's
Day" next Sunday morning at
the 11 o'clock hour. A cordial
invitation is extended to every
one to be present at this service.
If your mother is old and lonely,
bring her to church Sunday
morning, and let us crown moth-
er "Queen of the May."

Sunday School at the usual
hour, we are organizing two new
classes, having able and inspir-
ing teachers. You will find a
place in our Sunday School; and
a cordial welcome awaiting you.
Preaching service Sunday night
at 8 p.m. Prayermeeting and
choir practice every Wednesday
night at 8 p.m. Visitors and
strangers made to feel at home.
Fred S. Rogers, pastor.

J. A. Buford, a former splen-
did citizen of Merkel, who re-
sides at Haskell, accompanied by
his wife, was here first of the
week for a visit with old friends
and relatives.

METHODIST CHURCH
NOTICE

Sunday School at 10 o'clock.
On account of District Confer-
ence at Abilene there will be no
services at 11 o'clock. The Ep-
worth League will render a pro-
gram at 8 p.m. Come and en-
courage these young people in
their christian work. This pro-
gram will be both entertaining
and helpful. W. M. Murrell,
pastor.

All the people of Merkel and
surrounding country are due a
word of thanks to those citizens
who voluntarily aided in clean-
ing up and repairing the Taber-
nacle on Tuesday of this week.
They were only demonstrating
an unselfish spirit, in that they
were willing to lend part of
their time and energy toward a
thing which would redound to
the public welfare.

Mrs. G. M. Sharp and mother,
Mrs. Wes. Edwards, left this
week for a visit with relatives
at Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Alice Thomas, of Purcell,
Oklahoma, is here for a visit at
the home of her Uncle J. N.
Shelton and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Garrison,
of Parks, were here last week
for a visit with Mrs. Parks' sis-
ter, Mrs. M. L. Sstes.

Two more weeks of school
boys, and then there will be no
more "suspensions"—for three
months.

Robt. Hicks and wife returned
first of the week from their trip
to Wills Point, where they visit-
ed the latter, parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Ben Walters. They report
having enjoyed their visit very
much and found Mr. and Mrs.
Walters getting along nicely.

Mrs. Pick Allen on last Satur-
day afternoon took her Sunday
School class on a picnic outing
upon Sweetwater Creek. There
were about 30 in the party and
each and every one report a fine
time.

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Please feel that our store is your store --- a cool, pleasant place to spend an hour or more, whether you purchase anything at the time or not. We are always pleased to see you and show whatever we may have that will interest you, so kindly accept this writing as still another cordial invitation to accept the courtesies of our store-people at your convenience any time you are in town. Why not today? And to the newcomers of this town or people who are among the newer customers we also wish you would make more visits to our store and feel that it is your "home store." This is our aim---to make all our customers feel "at home" here

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THE FAIR

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PEOPLES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES

The Young People's Missionary Society met last Friday afternoon at four o'clock. A nice program had been arranged and we started on our Missionary tour which is to last throughout the year. We paid our fare to the agent who is our treasurer. This fare was our monthly dues. We were then entitled to a ride on this Missionary train. After some songs, yells and good-byes we were off. Starting from Young Peoplesville our first stop was Thomasville, Ga., where we visited the Vashti Home, then to New Orleans where we went on a rubber-neck trip with the Deaconess in her auto. She pointed out the interesting places on either side as we drove rapidly past. From here we went on a side trip to the land of Evangeline. This land of Evangeline is a strip of country up and down the Mississippi and said to be one of the most densely populated places in the U. S. and yet the people are so unacquainted they do not know what

parish or country they are living in. Their needs are three fold, Evangelistic, Educational and financial. Our next stop was at Houston where we spent a night at the girls Cooperative Home. From here we went to San Antonio and visited the Wesley Home. Here we are to rest until the last Friday in May when we will resume our journey. We were very grateful to Miss Lorena Frazier for the music on this afternoon. We also appreciate a visit from the President of the Woman's Missionary Society on this afternoon as well as a few other visitors. We always appreciate visitors as this gives us strength and courage to press on. Our next meeting will be Friday afternoon May 6. This will be a business meeting and we hope to have a good report from each officer. We also expect to elect a delegate to the annual meeting at Quannah the 28th. There is also some other important business to discuss so every member please come. Reporter.

NEW ALFALFA Phone 203.

MERKEL YOUNG MAN MARRIES LA. YOUNG LADY

John McDonald quietly stole away from his host of friends in Merkel one day last week, and journeyed down in Louisiana, where at Shreveport, on last Saturday, April 30, he was married to Miss Vallie Becham, a charming and accomplished young lady of that city.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple departed for Merkel, arriving here Sunday night, and we are glad to learn will make this city their future home. Mr. McDonald is one among the finest young men in our city, industrious, honest and upright in all his dealings with his fellow men, and numbers his friends by his acquaintances, and with whom we join in extending to him and his fair bride happy congratulations and good wishes for a married career of unalloyed happiness and prosperity.

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WANTED—100 bushels of Wheat at market price. Bring to my place, I have scales. Will take small amount. C. M. Largent. 1t

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FOR SALE—One Cole's Hot Blast Cook Stove, has been used for only two months. Reason for sale, stove is to be replaced by an Electric Range. Henry M. Rose. 1t

FOR SALE or Rent—A five-room Residence in South Merkel. See W. S. Telford or J. P. Sharp. 6t4p

LOST—A mare Mule, mouse colored, 14½ hands high, 6 years old, branded P on left shoulder. Any one finding such a mule notify J. W. Jeffrey, Rt. 2, Merkel, Texas. 6t2p

FOR SALE—Good residence property in Abilene, well located Will consider first-class land if priced right. P. O. Box 728 1tp

FOR SALE—One Piano, one Mitchell car and one Ford car. See W. P. Duckett. 6t2

PLENTY COW FEED—Hulls, Meal, Bran, Shorts, Hay. Phone number 203. 6t4

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SUNDAY ICE—Will close promptly at 9 o'clock on Sunday mornings. No ICE charged, bring cash or coupons. Merkel Ice & Coal Co., phone 203. 1t

NOTICE Why not bring your chickens and eggs to the Produce man in the alley. He will pay Cash and as much as the grocery store. 6t2

BIG TRADES DAY

Arrangements have been whereby next Monday

MAY 9

and the second Monday in each month thereafter will be known as

SECOND MONDAY TRADES AND SALES DAY FOR MERKEL

If you have anything to trade or sell bring it in, you will likely find a buyer or a trade that will profit you. The business men will also offer bargains in their respective lines.

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100 Pairs mens shoes in black and brown, special.....	4.95

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NOODLE NEWS

Health of the community is good. The farmers are getting a vacation until it rains. They look blue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson and Miss Lake of Anson were visitors in Noodle Saturday night and Sunday.

Rev. L. E. Northcut filled his regular appointment Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell, Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Beene and T. C. Jenkins motored to Abilene Monday evening.

Some from Noodle attended the singing at Hodges Sunday.

We have a few cases of measles in our community.

The young people were entertained Thursday night at the home of Sam Rosson, and Friday night at T. C. Jenkins, and Saturday night at Joe Hayhurst.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jaynes Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris of Salt Branch attended church Sunday.

Jewell and little Miss Florine Nicholson are visiting their Aunt, Mrs. Ruby Meeks of Blair.

Mrs. S. H. Meeks, Boyd Meeks Clayton Meeks and wife returned Monday from a trip to Slaton.

C. B. Jones, of Fort Worth, F. M. Stevenson of Abilene called on Noodle friends Saturday.

Marvin Sosebee was in Noodle Sunday.

L. T. Goode is in Fort Worth on business.

Our Sunday School went over the top Sunday. We began Sunday before last with 55 in roll and last Sunday we enrolled 95. Come on everybody and help in this great work. We especially urge the boys to come do their part.

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NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Whereas our shareholders meeting in January was not held on the day mentioned in our articles of association, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the shareholders of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Merkel, Texas will be held at the offices of said bank, Wednesday, May 18th, 1921, at two o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of electing five directors. Attest: J. T. Warren, President; L. R. Thompson, Cashier. 15t4

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NUBIA INKLINGS

The correspondents of this vicinity seem, more or less, to belong to a Rotary Club, thereby relying one upon another.

Mr. "Grasshopper Ben" took a vacation and Mrs. Somebody else gave us a splendid writing for one issue then side tracked.

I shall endeavor to call with the writing this week as this community is full of life we do not wish the surrounding localities to think we are dead.

Mrs. A. W. Hunter of this vicinity, visited her daughter, last Friday, Mrs. L. R. Cox. Mr. Roy Hunter was visiting at Mr. Cox Friday, but was hurriedly called home to his little chap who had drank some kerosine.

Mrs. J. L. Cargill has been spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Audra Martin, both of this community.

Mr. Walter Hunter was in Abilene this week.

There were several of the men from this community who went to Sweetwater creek fishing last week. On their return they reported a very good time a long trip and very few fish.

The writer would like to refer the readers back to last weeks issue of this paper, on page (2) two column (6) six about half the column was an article headed "Killing a Town". If it will kill a town it will cripple a community and the Guy who is guilty of all of the faults must be a dead beat.

There was a quilting party at Mr. Doyle Blair's Friday afternoon, attended by both sex, the boys were instructed, so we understand, in the art of needle-crafe. After the quilting was over they enjoyed a nice reception, ice-cream and cake being served. A large crowd attended and a splendid time was reported by all present.

A good rain fell in this section Sunday with some hail. The shower was much heavier here than it was in the West portion of the canyon.

Services were omitted Sunday

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night owing to the rainy weather, however, the morning service was well attended also the afternoon Sunday School had good services.

Wednesday night prayermeeting you know. Come and bring somebody with you. (A hint to the wise is sufficient.)

If you enjoy good singing join the Sunday afternoon class. We sing somewhere ever Sunday afternoon, like a large choir also a large audience too.

Mrs. Z. L. Cargill, visited Mrs. W. O. Dial Sunday.

Mr. W. W. Toombs visited Mr. W. H. Porter Sunday morning.

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MORE NUBIA NEWS

We are sorry to report the death of Mr. Palmer's little five months old son that has been ill so long. The bereaved family has our sincere sympathy.

The Baptist ladies met at the church April 26th., for Bible study and work and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon.

The Missionary Circle of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. Doyle Blair, April 29th. As a social feature the ladies invited their families and all reported a splendid time.

Two quilts were made, the ladies making one and the gentlemen one, after which ice cream and cake was served in abundance. There were about 70 persons present including the children.

Mr. Geo. Anderson and family ft for Breckenridge Wednesday or a visit to their daughter rs. Louis Butman.

Wonder what is wrong with "rasshopper Ben" Wake up and lets have some more of your good speakings.

Rev. Hughes filled his monthly appointment here Saturday night and Sunday.

Everyone sure enjoyed the fine rain that fell Sunday evening though we didn't need so much hail.

The singing at Nubia Sunday afternoon was well attended.

Mr. Mrs. Sam Butman Sr. is visiting his son Louis at Breckenridge. Sybil.

To The Ladies of Merkel

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ALATHEAN CLASS

The Alathean Class met at the home of Mrs. C. L. Deutschman on last Friday/afternoon, with Mrs. O. R. Bird assistant hostess.

Class was called to order by singing the class song followed by scripture reading and prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and roll call was answered by a verse of scripture from each present. The class decided to change their day of meeting to Friday after the fourth Sunday in each month.

After the business session Gladys Deutschman gave two excellent readings, Althea Boden gave some very interesting music.

"A Saturday Baking" spelling match produced much laughter and was very amusing to think we couldn't spell what we baked.

At the conclusion delicious ice cream and cake were served. Some that hadn't been with us before said they were sure going to be present next time. Reporter.

NOTICE TO THE PEOPLE OF MERKEL AND COMMUNITY

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NO. 7481

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THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on Apr. 28, 1921

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts	\$271,661.22
Overdrafts, secured	\$1,227.63
Unsecured	\$100.00
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)	\$6,250.00
All other United States Government Securities	\$4,972.57
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	17,544.93
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	3,000.00
Cash in vault	34,198.79
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	34,237.68
Net amounts due from national banks	150,245.23
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	308.00
Total of Items 9 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14	\$150,553.23
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	385.48
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
Other assets, if any; this is cash collection mailed direct	649.00
Total	\$529,593.03

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits	\$18,442.23
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	6,934.13
Circulating notes outstanding	5,650.00
Cashiers checks on own bank outstanding	500.00
Total of Items 22 23, 24, 25, and 26	\$500.00
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	\$70,337.34
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	2,250.00
Deposits requiring notice, but less than 30 days	37,251.00
Total demand deposits subject to Reserve.	
Items 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32	\$409,838.34
Other time Deposits	37,096.59
Total of time dep. sub. to Res., Items 33, 34, 35, and 36	\$37,096.59
Total	\$529,593.03

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:

I, L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier

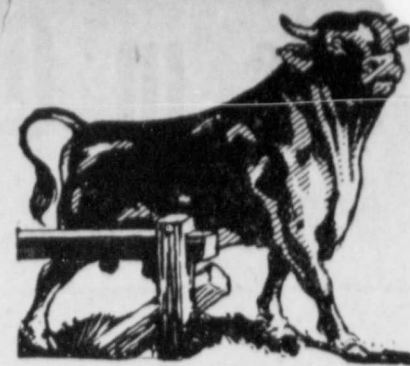
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of May, 1921.

J. T. HOWARD, Notary Public.

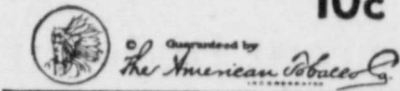
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Next Wednesday night will be the occasion of the Second Quarterly Conference at the Methodist church in connection with the prayermeeting. Bro. Lane, our presiding Elder will be with us. Every body invited. W. M. Murrell.

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

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Mr. and Mrs. Clifton B were the guests of Mr. Em Patterson.

Mrs. Lonnie Bryan spent Sunday night with Mr. Collin Perkins. Pig Track.

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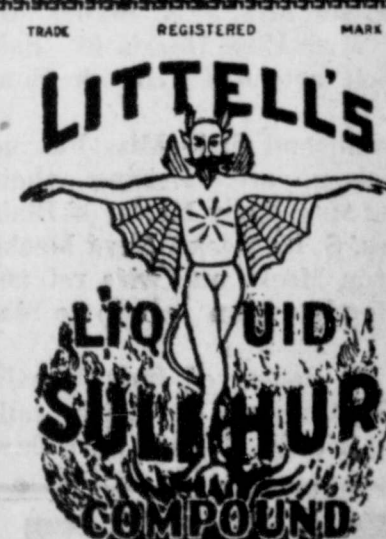
PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

The ladies of the Society were royally entertained at the home of Mrs. Geo. West Monday afternoon, May 2nd., by the hostess Mrs. West, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Looney and Miss Zoe West, with seventeen members and several visitors. All spent a jolly good time. The good eats well, my, as one little visitor spoke the sentiment of all, "It gave out before I got through." The solo rendered by Miss Mildred Stephens was enjoyed by all. The Society will be held at the church from now on at 3:30 on Monday afternoons except on first Monday.

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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.

Cotton Seed Wanted

We will buy
your surplus cotton seed on the
13th and 20th
of May

Winters Gin Company

TOOMBS, Manager

THE FAIR

FAIR opened their doors for business May 7th. Our opening days have been very successful. Motto is "To give you the best for your money and treat all our customers the same." If any day at our store isn't as represented we will consider it a great favor if you will come and tell us about it, and we will be at your service to make good.

KINDLY NOTICE A FEW OF OUR SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY AND MONDAY

46-inch Organdies, very best grade, in all colors, special at **\$1.15**
 Lot No. 2---40-inch organdie, all colors, a very good grade, special per yd. **40c**
 Domestic---Bleached and brown, very best grade per yard **10c and up**
 9-4 Pepperell Sheeting---
 Bleached per yard **50c**
 Brown per yard **45c**

Silks, Crepe de Chines and Géorgettes at a Popular Price

Ginghams and Percales per yard **10c and up**

HOSIERY---We are glad to say we have the agency for the Phoenix hosiery, the best hose in the world. Why not try them today at a popular price?

All other prices in proportion. - Space does not permit further mention

CORNER STORE

THE FAIR

Merkel, Texas

NUBIA INKLINGS

The splendid rain that fell May 1st. was reported as being acceptable, its appearance was very much appreciated and was again revived, Saturday night by a light shower.

Planting and replanting is in rapid progress at present. Mr. W. L. Blair says: "it is too late for planting" He is planting over time

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Mrs. Geo. Richie of Merkel spent the latter part of the past week with Aunt Dollie Richie of this community. Heureux Euse

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Talents, wealth, capacity, in fact all things, are given us that we may use them to the last particle for the glory of God. The Presbyterian church offers you a place of service. If you have no church home worship with us in all our services you will be welcome, as a visitor or a regular attendant.

Our Sunday School continues to grow in numbers and interest. Last Sunday we passed the goal line in attendance. May we have the pleasure of welcoming you next Sunday.

Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Preaching services at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Woman's Society meets at the church at 3:30 p.m. Prayer-meeting and choir practice Wednesday 8 p.m. Fred S. Rogers, pastor.

A REAL AUTHORITY

Little Nelly told little Anita what she terms 'only a little fib.' Anita--A fib is the same as a story, and a story is the same as a lie.

Nelly--No; it is not. Anita--Yes, it is, because my father said so, and my father is a professor at the university.

Nelly--I don't care if he is. My father is an editor, and he knows more about lying than your father.--Blighty.

MRS. AMY SEARS ENTERTAINED

Misses Clara Carlyle, Bertha Deal, Maurine Whorton, Lucy Tracy and Annie Laurie Smith were honored last Tuesday evening with a most delicious dinner at the home of Mrs. Amy Sears. When at eight o'clock Mrs. Sears drew back the doors and said "girls come to dinner," nobody was ever happier than that crowd, and no king's feast was ever more beautifully arranged or wonderfully appetizing than this one.

How long did they eat and how much fun did they have? Well, please don't ask too many questions about how much anybody ate, the delightful hostesses, Mrs. Sears, Misses Mary Eula and Mossie Sears were to blame.

BANKERS ATTENDING STATE ASSOCIATION

R. O. Anderson, of the Farmers State Bank and Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson, of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of this city, and Homer L. Eastwood, of the First State Bank of Trent, left first of the week for San Antonio, where they will be in attendance upon the meeting of the State Bankers Association.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Subject "Thy Kingdom Come in our country."
 Leader Mabel McNees.
 1. Song No. 266.
 2. Repeat in unison The Lord's Prayer.
 3. Song No. 111.
 4. Prayer by Leader.
 5. Song No. 116.
 6. Scripture Lesson (Romans 9:1-5)
 7. Special music by Lillian Craig.
 8. The Lord's Prayer is an unselfish prayer by Leader.
 9. Thy Kingdom Come by Ethel Wilson.
 10. The purpose of prayer by Joe Riney.
 11. Thy Kingdom Come we pray and we are sincere in our prayer Ruth Pike.
 12. How we can help the Kingdom Come in our country by Lois Dry.
 13. Announcements, Business, collection.
 14. Song 128, benediction.
 Come all you leaguers. Let's have fifty present next Sunday.
 I wish to thank all those who willingly took part in our special program last Sunday. Also to thank the ladies for the ferns and flowers. All was appreciated. President.

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MT. PLEASANT NEWS

The nice little shower of Saturday night was surely appreciated by our farmers but a great deal more appreciation would have been voiced had there come a real "frog skinner and gully washer."

Mr. E. M. Massey and family spent Sunday with Mr. Tom Hampshire.

Messrs and Mesdames Dow Jones and Dave Anderson took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sargent.

The attendance of Sunday School was extremely small Sunday afternoon on account of so many of our people attending the lake Abilene celebration. Visiting is all right, but let us not forget our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Logan spent the week-end with relatives and friends in Abilene.

Mr. Frank Alexander is reported to have been very ill with the mumps the past week.

Fishing seems to be the wail of the times as we hear of some half dozen different parties going last week, however we think there is more fun in fishing parties than fish.

It is reported Mr. Jim Ingram will reduce his cotton crop this year on account of not having any help at home. It seems quite a wise idea from the way prospects look now.

Mr. Neal Sargent left Friday morning for Munday, Texas where he will spend a few days visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Vanlandingham spent Thursday with relatives in Abilene.

Mr. Doyle Humphrie and Guy Van visited the former's sister Mrs. Jessie Anderson at Tuscola Saturday night and Sunday.

Rev. Bostic will fill his regular appointment here Saturday night and Sunday. Let a large crowd come out to hear him.

Mrs. Stanley B. King, who for some time has been visiting her parents at Texarkana, returned first of the week.

CLASSIFIED ADS

PLENTY COW FEED--Hulls, Meal, Bran, Shorts, Hay. Phone number 203. 64

FOR SALE--One Piano, one Mitchell car and one Ford car. See W. P. Duckett. 67

LOST--A mare Mule, mouse eared, 14 1/2 hands high, 6 yrs old, branded P on left shoe. Any one finding such a notify J. W. Jeffrey, Rt. 2, Merkel, Texas. 6

FOR SALE or Rent--A room Residence in South Merkel. See W. S. Telford or J. Sharp.

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WANTED--Good second hand Bath Tub. State price in first letter. Address P. O. Box 37, Merkel. 17

LOST--In or around Merkel. Ladies Hand Purse containing Diamond Lovileir and card of adjustment of Dr. Busby and Crowder made to Mrs. D. H. Huffines. Finder please notify this Mrs. Huffines, Abilene, 326 Cypress, and get reward. 17p

FOR SALE--One Star Vapor Oil Stove, been used one month. Reason for sale is replaced by an Electric Range. George Woodrum. 17

NOTICE

Why not bring your chickens and eggs to the Produce market alley. He will pay you as much as the grocer.

20 Per Cent Off

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Goodrich and Diamond Casings and Tubes

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in "The Dessert Man"		in "What's Your Husband Doing?"	
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FOR SATU

For Saturday, 85 cent Pathe Records 75 cents \$3.00. Merkel Dr.

T. J. Toombs, Pres Farmers State Bank, very best and most citizens left first of for a visit to his old Tennessee, where he w some time among the scenes of his childhood. V his friends in wishing for Tom, as he is familiarly kn here, all the happiness and pure to be afforded by his and that he may have safe turn among us.

BLAIR NEWS

We are very sorry to say that Mr. Henry Brooks is very sick at this time.

Every body enjoyed the singing at Mr. Melton's Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears and family spent Sunday with their daughter in Jones county.

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Farmer were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Patterson Sunday.

We are very sorry to say that Mrs. Druce Tucker is still very ill at this writing.

The Blair community was blessed with another nice shower of rain which was appreciated by all. Pig Track.

If it is not badly soiled have it dusted, steamed and pressed for 75 cents the suit. Phone 218 Ligon the laundryman. tf

Read the Merkel Mail everyday

WRITER SEES A BIGGER JOB FOR THE PARENTS

The appalling increase in juvenile crime during the last decade is keenly analyzed by Frederick Becholdt in the May Sunset. He traces present tendencies to present conditions of family life.

"Up to twenty years ago conditions made it easier than it is now to guide children," says Mr. Becholdt. "The family circle was pretty tight prior to 1900; everyone was staying home in the evening. The children were sitting round the table with their father and mother, which gave the latter a good chance to handle her job as mentor.

"That evening family circle is becoming a thing of the past. Apartment houses, women's activities outside the home, amusements and demands of urban civilization have helped to break it up. The mother does not see her young as often as she used to; she doesn't know what they are up to unless she has the sense and ability to get their close confidence. It is not easy for her to guide them in the old way; and she has not yet learned a new method by which she can handle her parental task, and at the same time mingle with her emancipated sisters in their civic duties.

"It would be just as well, therefore, to remember that you are seeing that child.

"Your job is a great deal bigger than the task of those who went before you. You have not even realized its size. You have not caught up to the times. And, if you do not at least make a real effort to catch up with them, there is a chance that the bitterest grief which can come to a father or a mother will be your portion."

Look over your summer wardrobe. It can be made to look like new. Cleaned and pressed in the right way. I call for and deliver. Phone 218. Ligon the laundryman. tf

Mrs. J. L. Banner and sister Mrs. Mollie Banner, left this week for Comanche, where they will spend some time with friends and relatives.

Don't forget the Produce man in the alley. 6t2

FOR SATURDAY ONLY

For Saturday, May 14 only, 85 cent Pathe and Columbia Records 75 cents each or 5 for \$3.00. Merkel Drug Co. 1t

Mrs. N. J. Service and daughter Miss Jessie, arrived Wednesday night for an extended visit with the former's daughter Mrs. Thos. Durham.

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

John West who is managing a hardware and grocery business for the West Company at Hamlin, was over Sunday shaking hands with his many friends and spending the day with home folks. John is one of Merkel's best and most substantial young men whom we regret to lose but our loss is Hamlin's gain.

Mrs. J. C. Baker and two children, of Ranger, came in first of the week for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt, Mrs. Baker's parents.

No. 366 Official Statement of the Financial Condition of The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 28th day of April, 1921, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 13th day of May, 1921.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$513,478.10
Loans, real estate	10,200.00
Overdrafts
Bonds and Stocks	2,728.64
Real Estate (banking house)	7,850.00
Other Real Estate	10,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,200.00
Due from other Banks and Bankers,
and cash on hand	90,559.90
Interest in Depositors' Gty. Fund	3,969.37
Asst. Depositors, Gty. Fund	2,435.48
Acceptances and Bills of Ex.	88,254.27
Other Resources
Total	\$726,815.46

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	50,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	9,458.64
Due to Banks and Bankers,
subject to check, net	21,226.52
Individual Deposits sub. to check	479,743.11
Time Certificates of Deposit	38,147.40
Cashier's checks	5,900.96
Bills Payable and Redemptions	71,252.70
Other Liabilities, Reserved for taxes	80.23
Total	\$726,815.46

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 9th day of May A. D. 1921.
N. D. Cobb
(SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas
Correct—Attest:
R. L. Bland }
H. H. Toombs } Directors

No. 354 Official Statement of the Financial Condition of First State Bank, Trent, Texas

at the close of business on the 28th day of April 1921, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 13th day of May, 1921.

RESOURCES	
Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$ 92,695.46
Loans, real estate	1,793.25
Overdrafts	557.55
Bonds and Stocks	6,990.00
Real Estate (banking house)	7,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	2,125.00
Due from other banks and
bankers and cash on hand	4,329.77
Interest in Dep. Gty. Fund	1,512.23
Assessment Dep. Gty. Fund	514.96
Acceptances and Bills of Ex.	1,487.06
Total	\$163,575.28

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 30,000.00
Surplus Fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, net	2,626.30
Individual Deposits Sub. to Check	123,513.91
Time Certificates of Deposit	1,325.00
Demand Certificates of Deposits
Cashier's Checks	510.37
Total	\$163,575.37

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, W. E. Hamner as v-pres., and Homer Easterwood 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.
W. E. Hamner Vice-President,
Homer Easterwood, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of May A. D., 1921.
L. E. ADRIAN
(SEAL) Notary Public Taylor County, Texas.
Correct—Attest:
E. Kegans }
R. O. Anderson } Directors
J. S. Swann }

Don't forget that "Old Fashion Tea Party," which will be given Friday night, May 13, the proceeds of which will be given toward improving the Tabernacle. You will enjoy it and besides help in a cause which is for the benefits of all our people in this community.

Modern equipment for doing the work enables us to offer you the very best in Cleaning and Pressing. Ask those who have tried it. Phone 218. Ligon the laundryman. tf

Mrs. G. M. Sharp returned first of the week from her visit to relatives at Corpus Christi Mrs. Wes Sdwads, remained for a more extended visit.

Mrs. H. C. Williams left yesterday for Knox City, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Ellis Warren.

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Mrs. L. C. Miller of Brownwood, was here over last Sunday the guest of her son, Mr. R. J. Miller, Principa of the Merkel High School.

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

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HURRY BACK SPECIALS

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The government experts and bankers told us to invest in Government securities—bonds, War Saving Stamps, etc., but there was so much to be made bucking the oil or automobile game that the advice didn't appeal to us. We wanted to get quick action on our money and jump at once into wealth and affluence. Many of us took the leap but did not land where we expected to land. The jolt when we hit the ground awoke us to the fact that instead of taking down about 300 per cent on the principal invested, we could not even locate the principal, while the slick tounged guy with the beautifully engraved stock certificates knew right where to find it and was regularly drawing checks upon it. The advice of these government experts and our banker friends may not tickle the ear like the line put out by the oil stock salesman, but the fellow who takes it will not need to lie awake nights wondering why he was such an easy mark.

"Know thyself" said Socrates, "Control Thyself," said Marcus Aurelius; "Deny Thyself," said Christ of Divine. Each of these three who have influenced for good, pointed the road to sane living and happiness. Compressed into a sentence their teachings are; He who knows himself truly, will control his actions, deny himself gratification of passing desires that the future may bring him content and surcease from labor.

Knowing not ourselves, we flounder, controlled only by social customs, denying ourselves nothing we can possibly obtain. Within the teachings of the courageous Greek philosopher, the virtuous Roman Emperor and the Man of Sorrows, lies the way to happiness and content. It is the way of Thrift, of living within one's income, saving and investing. It is the way made easy and attractive by the Government's placing Saving Securities, Thrift and War Savings Stamps at prices within the reach of all, no further from you than the postmaster.

Know Thyself! Control thyself! Deny thyself! Why? For your own self-interest, for the good of those dependent upon you, for the welfare of your state and nation. Know thyself discriminate between real needs and destructive wishes. Control thyself; keep your desires within due bounds. Deny thyself;

be not a slave to profitless weak enings wants. Learn the joy of self knowledge, self control, self denial. Invest in Uncle Sam's Thrift and War Savings Stamps and his Registered Treasury Savings Certificates at the Post Office. It is the easiest way, the best road to competence, satisfaction, contentment, happiness

On Saturday 30th., the colored people of Mount Olive church of Merkel entertained the Primary Sunday School class. A nice talk was made by Mrs. Mary Turner, president of the class. After refreshments were served consisting of lemonade, cake and cream, which was enjoyed by all. The class went away hoping for another entertainment in the near future.

On Sunday, May 1st., the Mount Campbell and Mount Olive colored churches had a joint baptizing just east of the Derstine place, in which five were baptized. They have church at both of the above places on first and third Sundays of each month, come out and join them. Rev. J. B. Brown, pastor of Mount Campbell, and Rev. E.W. Wiley Pastor of Mount Olive.

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MT. PLEASANT ITEMS

Quite a wave of sadness was lowered over our community last Wednesday afternoon, when the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mattox quietly passed away, also on Friday afternoon little Eunice Vanlandingham, who has been ill for some time was taken suddenly worse and died. The community extends their tenderest sympathy to the bereaved.

Mr. Jim Chandler was again a visitor at Mt. Pleasant last week.

Mr. Floyd Tate and sister, Verna, of Tuscola, visited their sister Mrs. Marion Logan Saturday night and Sunday.

Quite a crowd of our young folks drove over to Abilene Sunday afternoon representing our B. Y. P. U. in the Sweetwater Association meet. They reported a very nice time, in addition to the very profitable speeches which were delivered on B. Y.

P. U. work. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Sargent attended services at Tye Sunday morning.

Mr. E. A. Click, family and Lucille Cody spent Sunday and Sunday night with relatives in Anson.

Mr. Frank Alexander of Hale Center, Texas, is visiting home folks this week.

Mr. Elmer Barnes has been having some serious trouble with his back this week having hurt it pranking with his car. He was unable to attend Sunday School Sunday afternoon.

By the way, our Sunday School is doing nicely, growing each Sunday, yet there are still room for you who are not attending. Come along next Sunday with a well prepared lesson.

Miss Jessie Belle Sargent spent Sunday night with Etta and Zetta Jones.

Some people are awfully afraid it is going to rain in West Texas before long.

EVER BILIOUS?

Charleston, Miss.—Mrs. R. V. Heins, of this place, says: "I have never had to use very much medicine, because if I felt headache, dizziness, or colds, bad taste in the mouth, which comes from torpid liver, I would take a dose or more of Black-Draught, and it would straighten me out and make me feel as good as new. We have used in our family for years

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The postoffice safe at Potosi, twelve miles southeast of Abilene, was blown to pieces early Wednesday morning and cash, stamps and papers valued at about \$300 stolen.

The burglars broke into a blacksmith shop there, got some bars, pried two bars off a window, lifted the sash and climbed in. They "loaded" the small safe with nitroglycerine and blew it to pieces, the door and bottom of the safe broken loose. The amount of \$48.07 in government postal funds, a quantity of 1, 2, 3 and 10-cent stamps, several papers belonging to the postmaster personally and a quantity of insurance papers were among the stolen articles.

B. P. Smothers is postmaster, the office being in his store. Among others he heard the explosion but did not think it anything serious. A clock on the wall near the safe stopped at 1:40 a. m. so the robbery must have occurred at that time.

Sheriff J. T. Dodson went to the scene early in the morning. "No clue worth mentioning", he said to a reporter when asked of the robbery.

The tools used in getting into the safe were found on the floor not far from the wrecked safe.

This is the third postoffice robbery in the county since January 1, 1915.—Abilene Reporter.

Distress in the Stomach

There are many people who have a distress in the stomach after meals. It is a common ailment and easily remedied by taking one of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Mrs. Henry Padgett, N. Y., writes, "For several years I was troubled with head-distress in my stomach after meals also with constipation. About six months ago I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. They regulated the action of my bowels and the headache and other annoyances ceased in a short time. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

Notice.

Shoe Shop opened up on front street in the Coats building to do all kinds of shoe work. Reasonable. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call and see me. J. M. Jordan. tf.

Sick Headache

Passing disease results from indigestion of the stomach, cured by taking Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by all dealers.

Payne, teacher of girls is in Abilene teaching the Teachers' Institute.

One of sweets best. King quality. Try at Mrs. E.

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A Tip

Say! If you want any special Xmas present, just see "Mack" he will see that Santa Clause gets the news.

Mrs. J. S. Robertson and children are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. J. H. Nichol at Blessing.

Mrs. R. E. Cooper was in Abilene the first of this week visiting her son J. M. Cooper.

J. M. Buzbee left Wednesday for Mineral Wells for a short visit.

ARE QUICK TO HEAL

MODERN BULLETS MORE HUMANE THAN THOSE OF THE PAST.

Soldiers Are Not Long Absent From the Front, Even When They Would Be Considered Quite Seriously Injured.

The bullet covered with hard nickel now in use makes the surgeon's task very simple, as a rule. Formerly, when large bullets of soft lead were used, the soldier's lot was not a very happy one. These often broke up inside the body, shattered bones, and frequently remained embedded in the muscles, bones and other parts.

The result was slow-healing, festering wounds which kept the soldier ill for a long time. The modern long, slender bullet generally passes through the body without doing any vital injury. Even when it goes through the intestine, the stomach, the kidney, etc., the wound closes up without any very serious after-consequences. A good deal, however, depends on circumstances. If the soldier's stomach is empty—as it generally is in a battle—so much the better for him when he gets a bullet through it.

When he is tired and half starving, however, the shock is very great, and he may become utterly helpless from a slight wound. A curious fact, difficult to explain, is that a bullet fired at a range of 300 to 600 yards has more penetrating power than one fired at a range under or over that distance. In the former case it passes through the bone without doing very much damage; in the latter it shatters the bone and makes recovery slow. A ricocheting bullet causes a very bad wound as a rule. Small as it is, if a bullet strikes a large bone, like the hip, it gives a blow like that of a crowbar.

We are hearing a great deal about dum-dum bullets in this, as in all wars, both parties making charges against one another. The probability is that neither side is using them. The bullet now in use consists of a core of lead covered with a hard nickel case.



AUTO FOR TRADE—4 cylinder Mitchell touring car for sale or trade. J. W. Daniel.

FOR SALE:—Organ practically new. See H. M. Mayfield. 5t3pd

PIANO FOR SALE:—Will sell on easy terms or will trade. Write Post office Box 549. tf.

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GOOD—farm horse to sell or trade for buggy pony. A. L. Jobe.

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are experts. They know by experience just how to give the proper finish and stiffness to the bosom. Same way with our collar and cuff finishers. Don't you think it a good idea to try the laundry where only skilled help is employed. Send us your washables this week and you'll be glad you did.

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Mrs. L. M. Burfiend was in Abilene Saturday visiting friends.

Wesley Edwards left Wednesday for points east to look after business matters.

Miss Mabel Laney is in Abilene this week visiting Miss Meril Christopher.

Miss Laura Winter of Hodges is visiting her niece, Miss Eunice Russell, this week.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure. The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

TRENT CHILDREN TO SERVE CANDY

Saturday November 13th, the children of the M. E. Church at Trent will serve candy in the Wallace building at that place.

Proceeds of the sale will be used for needs of the church at Trent and the children ask the Trent people to visit them with their nickels and dimes during the day.

Advertised Letters.

Adams, J. L.
Burton, Mrs. Rhoda
Bush, Boston
Clark, Thos. E.
Field U. L.
Freeman, Lassic
Gardner, John
Haley, R. R.
Hard, Alex P.
Harris, Mrs. Mary
Harris, S. L.
Hardy, Lee
Johnson, Luther
Jurdis, Mary
Keith, Edgar
Kelley, M. L.
Lee, Maggie
McClurr, W. B.
McClurr, Steve
Norris, R. L.
Philsolt, Hairrie
Scarborough, Brym
Sherman, Mrs. Ethel
Taylor, Mrs. Maggie
Tyson, Jim
Alda, Bill

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Nov. 20.

H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas.

MERKEL PROOF

Should Convince Every Merkel Reader

The frank statement of a neighbor, telling the merits of a remedy. Bids you pause and believe. The same endorsement. By some stranger far away Commands no belief at all. Here's a Merkel case.

A Merkel citizen testifies. Read and be convinced. W. E. Douglass, proprietor of the Variety Store, Edwards street, Merkel, says: "I have used about 10 boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills at different times and have been perfectly satisfied with the results. I have felt no need of a kidney medicine since and have a great deal of confidence in Doan's Kidney Pills." Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Douglass had. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.—adv 5

Musical instruments Violins, Guitars, Banjos and Mandolins at prices from \$4.50 to \$12.50 each. Good sounding instruments. A bargain to those hunting high grade goods at Mrs. E. M. Russell.

Miss Mary Glasscock of Corpus Christi was here the first of the week visiting Mrs. Jno. Briggs.

Oren Edwards of Midland came in Wednesday to visit his brother Wesley Edwards.

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12 yards Gold Medal Domestic.....	\$1.00
12 yards extra heavy Outing.....	\$1.00

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One lot Ladies \$10.00 Hats now.....	\$7.95
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One lot Ladies 5.00 Hats now.....	\$3.85
One lot Ladies 4.00 Hats now.....	\$2.95
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CLOTHIERS FOR MEN AND WOMEN AND THE HOUSE

NUBIA

It is seldom that we have such ideal weather as we have had this fall. It has been typically Indian summer weather so far. A black frost for some reason fell only to himself and destroyed his appearance and if we keep on having the present kind of weather much longer the wild geese will get their here-to-fore well defined plans mixed up and start back north before their accustomed time. But the Indian sooth-sayers would tell us that these very facts serve to forebode the coming on of a winter severe and vigorous. A very pleasant entertainment was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cox Saturday night. The writer feels like he now inherits a more thorough and correct understanding of the nature of scientific developments since he saw the famous clock at Dallas as well as Art Smith's record looping the loop, not to mention a thousand other minor things. There was singing at the Methodist church at Nubia Sunday afternoon.

Several from here are going west and northwest to pick cotton as it is nearly all out here. Some have already gone. Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bankhead visited relatives at Trent Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Todd of Abilene preached at Butman Saturday night and Sunday. Mrs. Ross Martin and daughter, Lulu, are visiting at Rotan. Mr. Renter who was head-over-heels in debt a year ago is now sporting about in his automobile and looks as though he never knew even the appearance of indigence and penury. Wheat, which was sown early, is up and looks fine. It won't be long till old whistling Boreas will make it possible for us to amuse ourselves at building fires, popping pop-corn, making molasses candy and reading books. Several farmers here are holding considerable portion of their cotton for better prices. Talmage Maroney was thrown from a mule Sunday and sustained an injured knee and thumb, and was stove up otherwise. But studies of all kinds. The

COMPERE

We are having wind to "beat the band." Mrs. William Shannon who has been sick for so long, departed this life last Monday morning and was laid to rest in Comper cemetery Monday evening at 4 o'clock. The bereaved family have our sympathy in their great trouble. They must be submissive to Him who doeth all things well. Health of Comper is not good. W. N. Moore is not doing well. Mrs. Jake Foster is sick with a bad cold. On the 14th of October Ford Palmer and Clarice Moore were married. They received many nice presents. I think the way I can see things the wedding bells will ring again real soon. Rev. Dawson preached Saturday at eleven and Saturday night to good attendance. He also preached Sunday evening at 3 o'clock. These are his regular appointments on the first Sunday in each month. Hope everyone will understand this. Ladies when you want Eureka furniture dressing see or call A. L. Jobe Phone 139 2214

NOODLE

J. C. Thompson and A. C. Sosebee are in Paducah looking after business. Roy Wasson had the misfortune of getting crippled in a runaway last Tuesday. He is improving very slowly. Quite a number of young people enjoyed a singing at the home of Miss Lucile Beene last Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. B. Winters, Misses Allene and Ina Fay Barbee attended the show in Hamlin last Wednesday. Mrs. D. C. Herring and sons, Clyde, Homer and Odell spent Wednesday and Thursday in Lubbock. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walker of Kale spent Sunday with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Eoff. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee, Mr. and Mrs. O. Leerstang motored to San Angelo last week to attend the fair. They spent three days there returning home Saturday afternoon. Mrs. R. C. Sadler of Merkel is the guest of her sister Mrs. E. E. Horton this week. H. Cooper, Miss Em.

TRENT

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Green and son, Dellis, motored to San Angelo Friday afternoon to visit the fair. Returned home Sunday. Miss Vera Jenkins of Merkel is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jno. Bryson. Mrs. N. Hatfield is very ill at this writing. We hope she will soon recover. Our school begins Monday with Mr. Jackson as principal and Misses Maud Ferguson and Juanita Thompson as assistant teachers. We hope they will be successful this term in their school work. How to Prevent Croup It may be a surprise to you to learn that in many cases croup can be prevented. Mrs. H. M. Johns, Elida, Ohio, relates her experience as following: "My little boy is subject to croup. During the past winter I kept a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house, and when he began having that croupy cough I would give him one or two doses of it and it would break the attack. I like it better for children than any other cough medicine because children take it willingly, and it is safe and reliable." Sold by all dealers. -adv

Geo. Trevathan, James M. Vaughn Casey of Battersville, Ar and S. E. Trevathan of Wichita Falls who are on their way New Mexico in their Cadillac stopped over a few days with former's uncle, C. T. Beckham and family. Tuesday night while going Merkel to attend the Carnival W. Wallace ran his car into slow Beckham's buggy one of the axles almost No one was seriously hurt. Mrs. C. D. Duke daughter, Alma, returned day from Marlin. Mrs. Duke has been seven weeks for. Some eight or ten Tuesday night. R. H. Reav Abilene Monday. C. T. Beckham with his father it some to this we land d W Tu

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Notes
 by Juniors)
 s to the Senior class, our
 class,
 ke old wines old things are
 best.
 here's to our oldest class,
 ere's to the Seniors with our
 best.
 he Rev. Rogers gave us a
 ferent and interesting talk at
 r Monday morning chapel.
 Oh! to be a Senior. Last week
 the Sophomores entertained the
 Seniors with a feast. Gee they
 had deviled eggs 'en'everything'
 Then the Juniors entertained
 them with a moonlight picnic,
 all were present but the moon.

Faculty Talks
 The time had come, alas!
 when they should decide what
 Seniors would pass. Mr. Burgess
 spoke out mighty big, "They all
 have pretty good grades in Trig"
 Miss Whorton assumed an air of
 mystery "They've all done well
 in History." Miss Smith said—
 and looked sincere, "They've fin-
 ished their Lit. and read Vanity.
 Mr. Miller said, "They're a part
 of all they've met, so no A's or
 B's against them set." But on
 Miss Carlile you can put reliance
 she said "The girls are fine in
 Science.

Senior's Ode to School Days
 Backward, turn backward,
 O' Time in your flight, let me
 have a good time just for to-
 night. I am weary of indispen-
 sable books, petrified demerits
 and galvanized looks. Success
 that lies in a watery path, gossip
 as strong as Goliath of Goth,
 once more give me a swipe of
 the days of Mary and her little
 lamb.
 Backward, turn backward,
 Oh! how weary I am. Let me
 drink pleasures that are not half
 2. O. Give me things that
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ness" and then found that it was
 —but wait, I'm telling it. I just
 want to give you an invite to
 come to the Senior's play. It
 doesn't cost nothing but money.
 The people in it are Seniors.
 This here play begins promptly
 at o'clock so be sure and be
 there. Yours truly, The Senior
 Dramatic Club.

Can You Imagine?
 Bill not calling for a ball meet-
 ing. Loyce, as tall as "Tena"

eggs, milk, flour and
 baking powder. Yet the one cake will be de-
 licious and the other tasteless—all depends on
 how they are put together.

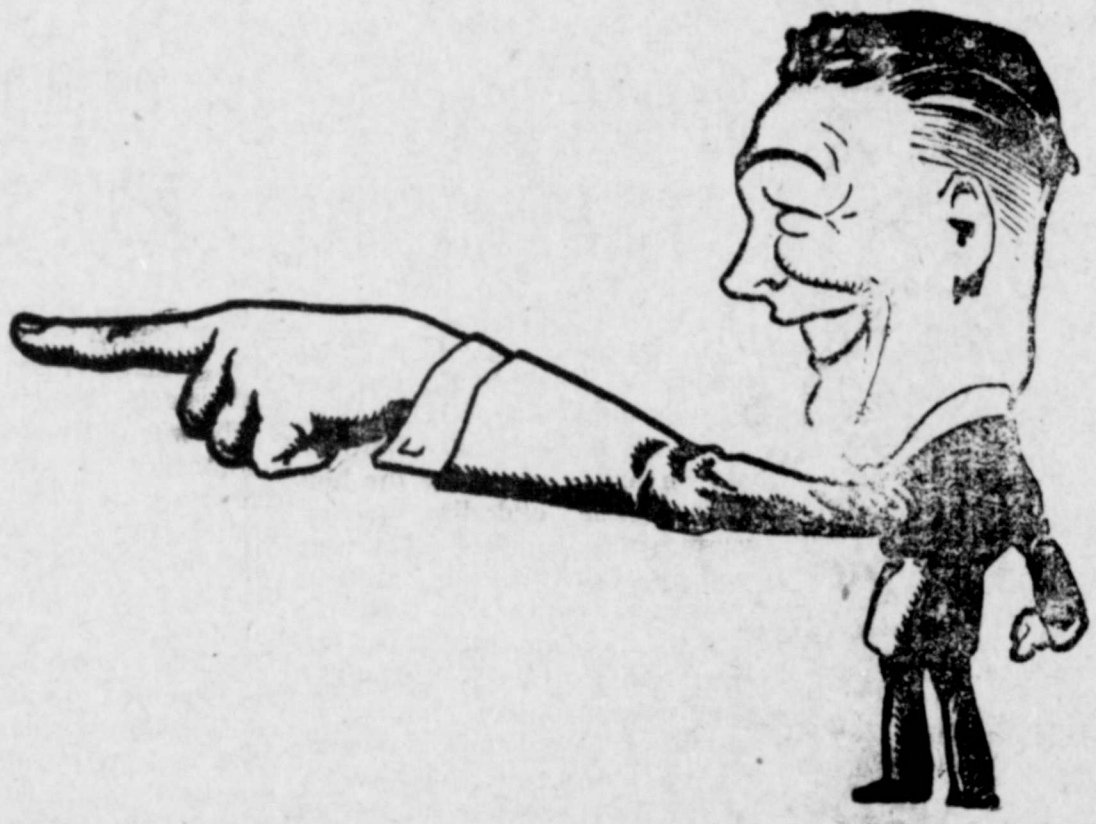
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Notwithstanding the pessimistic
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 goods, our spring stock is evi-
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- Wool suits at **\$34.95**

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 Warren's Lake, where
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 and appetizing chicken, sala-
 punch, and ice tea.

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For Saturday, May 14 only
 85 cent Pathe and Columbia
 Records 75 cents each or 5 for
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Homer Rainbolt, who for five
 years has been the traveling re-
 presentative for the Wilson Pac-
 ing Company, was here this
 week on his last trip in this
 capacity, as he is entering the
 tor Supply business in Abilene.

Mrs. Eva Barnes of Oklahoma
 was here this week for a visit
 with her sister, Mrs. H. M. Rain-
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Howell Brittan and wife
 moved to Abilene.
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will be provided for the trip of interest and pleasure to all who go, and with the special train rates and service will provide at a very low cost for the entire trip.

THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD

Have been talked about until now there are seventy instead of seven.

one of the truly great of the present day is the wireless Talking Motion picture.

years gone by Gaumont of France, Smta. have all taken a fling at talking movies, as well as our own Mr. Edison, but with out success.

But now Mr. Edison has started the world with the wireless system.

It is impossible for the wireless talking movies to be out of the Theatre may be.

They are to be shown in the Gem Theatre here Friday, May 13th, with Clara Kimball Young in "Mid-Channel" Ethel Barrymore's Sensational stage success.

GEM THEATRE

Friday, May 13th. At last they are here. The wireless Talking Moving pictures. Edison's mechanical sensation of the age. Moving pictures that actually talk, sing and dance. Also Clara Kimball Young in Ethel Barrymore's sensational stage success "Mid-Channel" by Sir Arthur Wing Pinero. The greatest story of love and life ever told. A big Super Special in six acts. Admission only 20 and 40 cents for above date.

Saturday 14th Hoot Gibson in one of his best western comedy dramas, also other subjects. It

Mrs. R. L. Ferguson, after a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes, returned first of the week to her home at Temple, Texas.

J. H. Miller and son, Howard, Burstow, were guests recently. J. Miller, the form

a special program at 3 p.m. and they invite everybody to this open house service.

After the preaching at the evening service we will, expect to have a baptismal service for those who have been approved for baptism by the church. It is hoped that a number of others who have been putting off this duty will line up and take a stand by following the Lord in baptism. A cordial welcome awaits you at these services. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Mrs. S. E. Shaver and two children, of Brownwood, were here first of the week for a visit with Prof. R. J. Miller and wife; the former being Mr. Miller's sister.

MERKEL DONATES TO STARVING CHINA

At the Community Club meeting at the Tabernacle on last Friday night, Mayor H. C. West after a few timely and appropriate remarks concerning the horrible famine and disease now raging over portions of China, and in which country millions of human beings are starving and dying from the awful disease raging there, announced that he would like to give the people of Merkel and surrounding community an opportunity to lend their assistance toward helping to save some of these starving people. Several men and women responded, and in all about \$25.00 was subscribed, and to which Mayor West is very desirous of adding more before he sends the money in to the Dallas Headquarters.

Any one desiring to help in this worthy cause should hand it in to Mayor West at once.

Dr. N. J. Smith, who is temporarily located at Ivan, in the Stephens county oil field, was here first of the week for a visit with his family and host of friends. The doctor was in excellent health and seemed to be feeling fine.

Cozy Theatre. Music and Expression recital. Friday evening, School auditorium—Senior Play (Admission Charge.)

Saturday Evening, at Baptist church—Seventh Grade graduation, (admission by ticket)

Sunday Evening, at Baptist church—Commencement Sermon by Rev. E. E. Robinson.

Monday evening, Baptist church Graduation Exercises. Address by president Jesse P. Sewell of Abilene Christian College.

All of the above exercises will start promptly at 8:30 p. m. Detailed programs of these various evening programs will be found in next week's issue of the Merkel Mail.

BIG CROWDS ATTEND SPELLING

The 'old time spelling contest' put on last Friday night, at the Tabernacle, by the Community Club, was attended by a large audience. Sides were chosen for the contest by Mrs. J. T. Dennis and Mayor H. C. West, there being about fifteen to the side. And Mrs. J. L. Harris, very ably gave out the words from the old Blue Back Speller, and the audience seemed to enjoy seeing the contestants gradually miss a word and step aside. But when the word "Medullary" was given out the entire class then standing, went down.

The occasion was enjoyed very much, and many have requested that another such contest be held within the near future, and Chairman Mason, states this will be done, and that the program will be lengthened out and arranged in a way that every one can see and hear the words given out and the way they are spelled, which was not the case before.

Mrs. Frank Cook who spent some time here visiting her parents, Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cy-pert, left first of the week for her home at Port Arthur.

regardless of their religion or political affiliation.

These gentlemen believe in law enforcement, civic improvement, moral, social and educational uplift in our community, and I am sure they will serve with credit to themselves and satisfaction to the community in general. J. C. Mason, Chairman.

HISTORY TEACHER GOES TO SWEETWATER SCHOOL

Our very efficient teacher of history in the Merkel High School, Miss Whorton, has been elected as head of the History Department of the Sweetwater High School at a very substantial raise in salary over the amount the Merkel School can pay her. Though we regret very much to lose such as she from our Merkel faculty, we congratulate her upon the promotion. This shows that her efficient work at Merkel is being recognized by larger schools. Her work here was of such a nature that the State Inspector of High Schools recommended that all her work be given credit in the State Department of Education.

Miss Whorton had been re-elected by the board here for the coming year, and they very much regret to lose her efficient work another year. They only regret that, as yet Merkel cannot pay enough to keep the teachers wanted by neighboring schools. It is hoped that some day soon we stop this policy of having to let go to other schools teachers whom we cannot hold because of our low salaries. If it can be helped, we certainly not a good policy. Continued growth and our own public

Effective lar office the 10th A. M. to until 9:00 be go Power

Mrs. or, is son, J.

thews, and Clara Mrs. Pet T. cothe, Texas, and beside sons and daughter. was also present Mr. John a nephew, with his family Mrs. Amy Sears and two daughters.

The occasion was indeed a happy one for each and every present, and we join all Merkel and Taylor County in wishing for Mr. and Mrs. Sears many more such happy and splendid annual celebrations, at which they may have the pleasure of having with them all their sons, daughters and other loved ones.

THE OLD FASHIONED TEA PARTY

To-night, Friday May 13, the Kings Daughter's Class of the Methodist church will again present their play, "The Old Fashioned Tea Party," at the Tabernacle, the entire net proceeds of which will go toward improving the Tabernacle. At the school building some weeks ago when this play was presented there was a large crowd present, and it is expected that such will be the case on this occasion, as the purpose is to use the funds derived to help in making the Tabernacle more comfortable, and in fact a place to be used for all purposes such as are for the best interest of the people.

Besides the Tea Party, the ladies have prepared other interesting items of entertainment and we are sure that those who attend will be highly pleased with same.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE

Let everybody be in Sunday School Sur ly at 10 11 a

Saturday, May 14th, is DOLLAR DAY

Saturday will be a Good Time for You to Visit Our Store

Our Dollar Sale will be much larger than any we have ever held, offering you a larger variety of articles to select from, at prices much lower than our every day prices. Each price quoted means a considerable saving to any one who buys groceries.

One Day Only - May 14th

11 Cans No. 2 size Tomatoes.....	\$1.00
10 Cans Corn, regular size, sugar.....	1.00
8 Cans No. 2½ size Hominy.....	1.00
3 Cans No. 2½ size Peaches, best quality syrup packed.....	1.00
3 cans No. 2½ size Apricots, best quality syrup packed.....	1.00
10 cans Salmon, regular size.....	1.00
2 so-called gallon Blue Label Karo.....	1.00
2 so-called gallon Apples.....	1.00
1 so-called gallon grated Pineapple.....	1.00
10 pounds ground Coffee.....	1.00
8 cans Jack Frost Baking Powders.....	1.00
5 cans K. C. Baking Powders.....	1.00

8 cans Babbitts Lye.....	1.00
3 cans Insect Powders.....	1.00
15 pounds good Rice.....	1.00
22 bars Laundry Soap.....	1.00
2 regular 75c value Brooms.....	1.00
9 pounds Ring Dried Apples.....	1.00

Flour Special for Saturday 14th

1 48 pound sack Kimbills Extra High Patent.....	\$2.35
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Sugar Special for Saturday 14th

11 pounds Cane Sugar.....	\$1.00
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Our Dollar Day Sales should be quite a success. Many people attend these sales, buying liberally of the various items. These items we offer you during these sales are things that people use every day. We suggest that you make out a list of the items you want, buy enough to last you for thirty days. In doing so we are quite sure that you will notice a considerable saving on your grocery bill. You can buy as many dollars worth of any items as you wish. These sales are real money saving events, everything guaranteed as advertised. This sale and future ones will be held from time to time. Come early and avoid the rush.

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RETURN OF FREE TEXT BOOKS

The free text book law of the state of Texas requires that all books used by the pupils be returned in good condition to the custodian of free text books at the close of school term. The law requires that all books damaged beyond reasonable wear shall be paid for, and requires that the books be kept covered. When the books are returned or paid for, the pupil is issued a book-card receipt which entitles him to receive free text books next year in whatever school he may be found. Without this book-card receipt, the law requires that no teacher next year issue books to a pupil until he presents a clean book record for this year.

The books in the Merkel school have been remarkably well cared for by the pupils. This is because of the cheerful cooperation of pupils, teachers and parents to see that the book are cared for as required by law. There will be few books to be paid for. Those that must be paid for should be paid for before school closes on May 20th.

If for any reason any child has quit school before the close of school and has not turned in all his books and received therefore a book-card receipt, the parent should send or (better) bring the books to the school building before Friday May 20, and get a clean book record for the child this year so no difficulty will be had in securing free text books for the next term of school wherever the child may go to school. Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated. Respectfully, Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

EFFECTIVE—May 11th, our office hours will be, 1st. to the 15th. of month 8:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. From 11th. until last day of month from 9:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. Please be governed accordingly. Merkel Power Company.

THURSDAY CLUB

A very lovely social affair of the week was the meeting of the Thursday Club on Wednesday afternoon, with Mrs. Burl Scott as hostess. The rooms were attractively decorated with flowers and ferns, in beautiful cut-glass vases and bowls. Five tables were placed for the very popular game of progressive 42, and the afternoon passed before one could realize, until they were reminded it was getting late, by little Burneal Scott who passed napkins for a delicious salad plate, consisting of green pe salad, iced tea, tongue sandwiches with tomatoe, potato chips, olive and mint to the following ladies Mesdames Arrington, Brown, Ferrier, Hicks, Gaither, T. L. Grimes, Robert Grimes, Hancock Howard, W. J. Largent, Tom Largent, Weaver, McFarland, Miller, James West, Charles Jones. Visitors were Mesdames Briggs, Mimms, O. J. Shaffer of El Paso, DeWolfe of Kansas City, Miss Geneva Rust of Dallas and the hostess. Reporter.

MERKEL LEADS THE WAY

Over at Paris, in Lamar County, some few weeks ago there was organized a Community Club, and since that time similar clubs have been organized at eight different points in that county. But in order to keep the record straight, we must inform the good people of that county that their Community Club at Paris, was not the first such organization of it's kind in the state, as the Merkel Community Club preceded them by a few weeks. But we are glad to say that as Chairman of our organization, we do have a former Lamar county citizen, in the person of Mr. J. C. Mason, and under whose guidance the Merkel Community Club is growing in popularity and strength. But that's the way of Mason, he just want's to see everything he has anything to do with grow and accomplish the purpose for which it was created.

"THE PRODIGAL"

I have read the death of the martyrs; the story of Peter and Paul.

The story of Luther and Calvin I respect and honor them all; And also old Thomas and Stephen, honest and faithful men, And I've read the sweet story of Jesus and expect to read it again.

I've read of the good Samaritan, of charity's lesson begun, And my heart goes out in great pity to the wayward, prodigal son.

All are so glad to welcome him, So quick to forget and forgive, It makes no difference what he has done, if only he comes back to live; They have always for the prodigal boy since ever the world begun.

The joy, the glory, forgiveness of the returning wayward son But poet seems to forget to write the saddest thing in the world They are not so eager to welcome back the poor little prodigal girl.

Just why she turned out crooked she happened to strike "the right one."

Who had the slick tongue of a Judas and that was your prodigal son;

Though the boy is upheld and forgiven, and it is common all over the world,

That you scornfully pointed out for gossip, the poor little prodigal girl.

There is nothing so truly pathetic as the life of the maidens who fall,

And if you search down to the bottom, you will find man the cause of it all.

But he is led back to society and nursed with tenderest care, Held up to the world as a hero and mentioned in fervent Prayer,

While she is cast out from her loved ones; out in the hard cruel world,

And everyone points out and scorns her, the poor little prodigal girl, Now, it has been said quite often and we will repeat it again, That the lowest of fallen women are better than most of the men. Contributed.

SPECIAL B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Come be with us, this being the first Sunday in the New Church Building, and a real live program is to be rendered at 3 o'clock, Sunday, May 15, 1921.

Subject: "Soul Winning." A good Bible Quiz.

Piano Duet by Lorena Frazier and Lillian Craig.

Reading by Miss Lucy Tracy. Leader and introduction of the program—N. Hancock.

What is Soul Winning by Dixie Howard.

The Bible on Soul Winning by Mrs. R. J. Miller.

Soul Winning by personal contact—Bertha Deal.

Solo—Delma Compton. Soul Winning by Proxy—Valerie Dye.

Learning how to be a Soul Winner—Ruth Boden.

Soul Winning a Prerequisite to Christian Joy—Nell Swann.

Quartette—arranged by choir-ester.

Lesson Story by Mrs. Walter Jackson.

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PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary met at the Presbyterian church Monday afternoon.

The meeting was conducted by the vice-president, Mrs. C. H. Jones.

An interesting topic was given by Mrs. James West.

All members are urged to be present next Monday to attend to important business.

Program May 16 3:30 p.m. Opening hymn No. 159. Devotional led by Mrs. Henry West

Bible Study Mrs. Geo. West. Latin America Mrs. Rogers.

The Dabeiba church Mrs. Houghton. A new day for Chile Mrs. Bland. Editorial Discussion.

Closing Hymn 49.

FOR SATURDAY ONLY

For Saturday, May 14 only, 85 cent Pathe and Columbia Records 75 cents each or 5 for \$3.00. Merkel Drug Co.

SOME BIG EGG

Mr. and Mrs. Ussery, living five miles north of Quitman, brought to our office the past week an egg that we believe caps anything we ever saw.

The egg measured 8½ inches around the long way and 6¼ inches around the other way and weighed 14 ounces. Who can beat this for a hen egg.—Ward County Democrat.

Mrs. Pearl Pee, Santa Anna, California, writes for the Merkel Mail to be sent to her address for the next year saying, "it has been nine years since they had lived in Merkel, and yet they were interested in knowing of the happenings of their friends and relatives in Merkel. She also mentions Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rogers, who a few months ago moved from Merkel to California.

Miss Fanny Pearl Moore and Miss Lila Sandlin, are here this week visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Virginia Sandlin, week to her to her H. L. S.

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Wheat for flour, corn for meal and feed, a great variety of fruits and vegetables for the table and for canning, poultry and eggs, milk and butter, pork-beef and mutton, syrup, honey, peanuts and the feedstuffs necessary to supply the livestock can all be produced on any farm in the southwest in sufficient quantities to furnish the table for a large family throughout the year. With an abundance of each article named, would want more unless little salt, some sugar, and an occasional purchase of fresh meat between seas.

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Bob McDonald, Guy Darsey and Scott Jourdan, returned Monday from a fishing trip to the Llano, Menard and Concho rivers. They report a big time, plenty of fish as usual. And as evidence with which to "show" their friends, who may be classed as among the "doubting Thomases" when it comes to a fish story, they brought home with them more than twenty pounds of real good fish.

Marechal Neil Flour at Bob Martin's. None better.

As every seriously thinking man knows, times are a little hard in this country, but when all things are considered, we expect conditions in and around Merkel are just about as good if not a little better than most places (out side the oil towns) in fact in looking over the statements of our two banks, we notice they surpass those of other banks even in larger towns than Merkel.

We strive at all times to please if we do not tell us. If we do tell others. Cash Tailor Shop. Phone 180.

If we din't like this old town and it's people, we'd move, that's what we'd do. We wouldn't sit around day in and day out and cuss the town and it's citizenship.

Several hundred bales of cotton of the last year's crop were marketed here last week and this, at from eight to eleven cents per pound. And while the price paid was far below the cost of production, it has placed considerable money in our community, which helps the whole community.

THE COUNTRY EDITOR

The farmer has been lauded by the politicians as the "salt of the earth." This same gentry periodically pats the country editor on the back and tells him what a great man he is. It is fair to say that the average man fails to fully appreciate either the farmer or the country editor.

While the country editor has taken hold of his boot straps and raised himself above the level he formerly occupied in the minds of the people, few realize the importance of the work he performs or understands the many difficulties of his position. That the country editor is a factor in the development of his community is generally conceded. That his efforts to stir up community pride and stimulate industry sometimes fail, is only to be expected.

The field of the country editor is fertile. With more and better implements he is cultivating it to a better advantage than formerly. Yet the yield is far below the potential capacity.

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We carry a complete line of enamel if you want to paint your own car. We also enamel over iron bedsteads, and re-new any piece of furniture you may have in your house. We have the stuff and experience in this line. For any information in regards to this work phone 123. Dowell's Paint Shop at Merkel Garage. tf



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"In nature, walk in the fields under the golden sun, in the great

alone where brain and brawn and toil supply mankind's primary need. And I try to do my humble part to carry out the great plan of God.

"Even the birds are my companions; they greet me with a symphony at the new day's dawn and chum with me till the evening prayer is said.

"If it were not for me the treasures of the earth would remain securely locked; the granaries would be useless frames; man himself would be doomed speedily to extinction or decay.

"Through me is produced the energy that maintains the spark of life.

"I am your true friend. I rise with the early dawn and retire when the 'chores' of the world are done.

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TRENT NEWS

Mr. J. E. Bowers spent Sunday in Sweetwater.

Mr. E. L. Mangum was on the sick list the first of the week.

Mr. John Howell spent Monday in Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson left Wednesday night for Arkansas for a visit.

Mr. R. B. Johnson was on a business trip to Oklahoma the first of the week.

Messrs J. W. Dowdy, Royce Dowdy and Carl Hamner were in Sweetwater Wednesday on business.

W. E. Hamner spent two days in Ranger on business.

Mr. H. L. Easterwood is in San Antonio attending the Texas Bankers Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Murdock spent Sunday and Monday in Cisco.

Mr. Oscar Cyfert of the Cyfert Cafe, was in Buffalo Gap the first of the week on business.

Mr. T. J. Williamson returned from Arkansas the first of the week.

Mr. Cecil McRee returned home Tuesday from Houston.

Mr. Jack Boone returned from Plano, Texas Wednesday morning.

It is my pleasure and desire to give you the very best in laundry work. Cleaning and pressing. Hat work and Dye work. Satisfaction guaranteed Phone 218. Ligon the laundryman. tf

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