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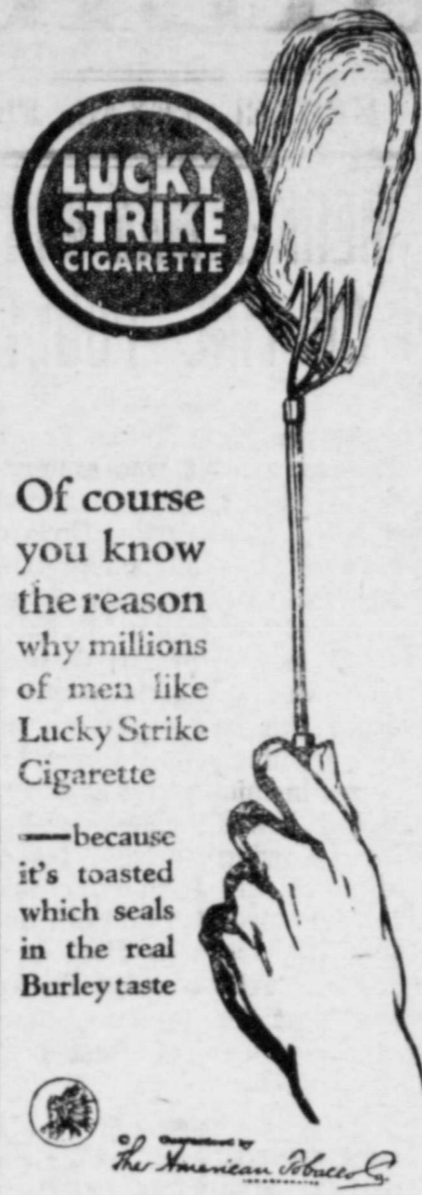
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"In fighting these battles the American Legion, properly directed, will be the most potential power for good in all the land. Governmental diseases, begotten by war, that are now sapping democracy's strength must be eliminated. The ballot box must be kept pure; our people, both native and foreign born, must be Americanized."

Warning the Legionnaires against partisan politics, the governor urged them to take active interest in every political question "that touches the moral or material prosperity of the people." He reminded the former service men that they "should not permit private pursuits" to cause neglect to honor the memory of dead soldiers whose bodies are returned home.

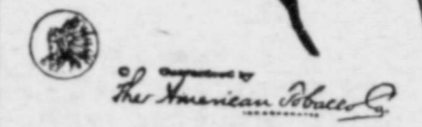
Mr. Neff called attention to a state appropriation for the erection of a monument to the soldier dead and an appropriation of \$500,000 for sanitarium for disabled service men.

The convention will elect officers for the ensuing year, act up on proposed amendments of the Texas department's constitution and elect delegates to the national convention to be held at Kansas City, beginning October 31.



Of course you know the reason why millions of men like Lucky Strike Cigarette

—because it's toasted which seals in the real Burley taste



### BLAIR NEWS

Mr. E. B. Rains, the well known merchant at Blair sold his store to Mr. Claude Doan.

Mrs. H. E. Spears is up visiting home folks at present.

Mr. John Devenport sold his farm at Nubia to Mr. Tom Toombs for \$8,000.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hodges were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears Sunday.

Mr. O. W. Walker sold his house and lot at Blair to Mr. Cleo Hunter.

Mr. John Ray has got his new brick building near completion. Gray hounds.

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

## STATEMENT OF CONDITION

(Condensed)  
 At the close of business Sept. 6th, 1921

As shown below and invite your careful scrutiny. For a more carefully itemized statement we refer you to our statement in this issue 'made to the controller.'

You will note that this statement shows a careful conservative management with plenty of funds to take care of the legitimate needs of the community, and we solicit your business on the showing therein made, together with the Service that we offer every customer.

### BRING YOUR COTTON CHECKS FOR DEPOSIT

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$267,022.52
Other Bonds and Securities	18,666.37
U. S. Securities	11,629.78
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	300.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Other Real Estate	3,000.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX.	149,270.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$457,252.09</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	8,800.86
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
OTHER LIABILITIES	NONE
DEPOSITS	377,201.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$457,252.09</b>

THE BANK THAT BACKS THE FARMER

## THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

J. T. WARREN, PRESIDENT  
 G. B. WEST, VICE PRES.  
 HENRY JAMES, VICE PRES.  
 L. R. THOMPSON, CASHIER  
 BOOTH WARREN, ASST. CASH.  
 E. D. TULLUM, ASST. CASH.

Merkel, Texas

### MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

On Thursday evening of last week, at the home of Mrs. Geo. Brown, the Woman's Missionary Society together with the young Ladies Missionary Society, gave a Miscellaneous shower to Mrs. Sanders for her Sister who lives in San Antonio and had the misfortune of losing all her possessions in the terrible flood, which recently swept that city. Because of the great love and esteem we have for Mrs. Sanders and feeling that her sister bears the same sweet traits we find so lovable in her we were prompted to give this shower that we as co-workers together with her in the church might have a small share in lightening the burdens which had so heavily fallen upon one so dear to her.

The shower had been arranged so as to be a complete surprise to Mrs. Sanders. Mrs. Sanders had been told that a surprise party was being arranged for Mrs. Brown and asked her to take Mrs. Brown for a drive until the guests had arrived. Mrs. Sanders consented to do this and upon their return found the rooms filled with guests. A short program of music and readings was rendered, after which Bro. Murrell gave a short address and opening a door into an adjoining room asked Mrs. Sanders to enter. Mrs. Sanders was so completely surprised, it was several minutes before she fully realized that the party had been planned for her instead of Mrs. Brown. Two long lines had been stretched across the room and they were both filled to overflowing with pretty and useful things. A huge punch bowl stood in the center of the dining table and every body was served with delicious punch. Everybody enjoyed the occasion and tendered Mrs. Sanders their deepest sympathy for her sister. There was about a hundred guests present and all went away happy because of the small service rendered in this manner.

Reporter

# Our Prices Are Same as Last Week

## But The Mills Are Raising Their Prices Every Week

You had better Buy your Cotton Goods Now. They are going to cost you more when the Present Stock is sold and we have to pay the Advanced Prices.

Yours to Serve

# Brown Dry Goods Company

### EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

- Subject —Thy will be done with our time.
- Leader—Cyrus Pee.
1. Song
  2. Lord's prayer (repeated by all).
  3. Song.
  4. Scripture reading (matt.6;7 -15; Eph. 5;14-17)
  5. Song
  6. Roll call. Let every member answer with a Bible verse.
  7. Whose are you?—Ethel Wilson.
  8. How do we value time? by Mabel Toombs.
  9. A Cluster of quotations by Lillian Craig.
  10. Song.
  11. League Benediction.

### BOYS MAKE MONEY

Send your name to Circulation Manager, SUNSET MAGAZINE, San Francisco, Cal., and receive details of its special offer to boys who want to make spending money in vacations, after school, etc. Attractive special prizes for producers. tf

### YOUNG PEOPLES BIBLE STUDY

The Creation —Dalton Reece and Elsie Sharp.

The story of Eden by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Eason.

Cain and Abel by Jack Howard and Elmer Adcock.

Genealogy, Adam to Noah by Mary Campbell and Mary Proctor.

The promised seed—  
 (a) Who is the seed of the woman? (b) Who is the serpent? (c) How did Christ bruise the serpent's head and how did serpent bruise Christ's heel? Hattie and Iva Mae Harris.

The above is an outline of Bible study for the young people at the Church of Christ next Sunday evening at five o'clock. Every one come who can and assist in making this study profitable as possible. O. J. cock.



Health—Comfort—  
Economy

Safeguard the health of your family—keep your home always warm and cosy with

**COLE'S**  
ORIGINAL

HOT BLAST HEATER

Gives even steady heat day and night. Guaranteed to hold fire 36 hours, and will burn any fuel.

Remember, this is the Original Hot Blast heater—guaranteed to save one-third your fuel. There are many imitations, but only one Cole's Original Hot Blast.



Come in today while our stock is complete.



**West Company**

"Twenty-five years Better Service"

**SINGING FRIDAY NIGHT**

All, who are interested in good singing for Merkel, are invited to meet at the Presbyterian church, Friday night to assist in building up the interest in sacred song in Merkel.

O. J. Adcock, Pres. of Merkel class.

Saturday afternoon at the home of R. T. Harris, Mr Cecil Willeford and Miss Smith, both of Trent were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Messrs Wade Darsey and Davis Jones left Wednesday night for Kansas City where they will enter an automobile mechanics school.

Flat work washed and ironed at 8 cents per pound. Ligon the laundryman. Phone. 218. tf.

**ECZEMA!**

Money back without question if HUNT'S GUARANTEED SKIN DISEASE REMEDIES (Hunt's Salve and Soap) fail in the treatment of Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, Tetter or other itching skin diseases. Try this treatment at our risk.

SANDERS DRUG STORE

**CARD OF THANKS**

We take this method of thanking our dear friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and words of sympathy, at the untimely death of our son and brother, Furman and we especially wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. S. L., Mr Hugh, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church, Mr and Mrs. Deavers, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Sublett; also Dr. Grimes for his untiring efforts, through this darkest hours of life.

To our friends in Fisher, Nolan, Taylor and Jones counties we wish to thank you all, for the many letters of condolence. Also our hearts go out to our friends in Tom Green county, for the beautiful floral offerings and to Brother Murrell and all, we pay God's richest blessings may rest on you. Yours, Mr and Mrs. Lee R. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Billy R. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McNeese, Mr and Mrs. F. F. Seifert.

Swafford and Leslie will unload a car of Colorado Fancy Lump Coal at Blair first part of Oct. Best Coal for your school. It

**VIEW OUTLOOK WITH ALARM**

Citrus Fruit Growers Fear Forest Depletion Will Seriously Affect Their Increasing Business.

The eaters of Florida oranges and grapefruit may not think of reforestation as in any way affecting their breakfast tables, but the Florida citrus fruit growers have a different point of view. The Florida grapefruit and orange crop now requires on the average more than 12,000,000 boxes yearly to get it to market. By 1930, if production continues to increase in similar ratio to that in recent years, the output will require 40,000,000 boxes annually. Each box requires about 5½ board feet in lumber.

Local southern pine forests are the source of the raw material for these boxes, but the supply is drawn upon also for wooden containers for the products of Florida truck farms. Truck farm products of the state now call for 13,000,000 boxes annually, and this demand also is growing.

Forest Depletion under methods which do not provide for regrowth has reached a point which makes the question where containers are to come from a matter of very practical concern.

**HAD HER SUPPLY LAID AWAY**

Colored Woman Ready for Any Move the Opponents of Coffee Might Choose to Make.

An estimable colored woman by the name of Dinah is employed by an army officer whom we will call Capt. Jenks.

Mrs. Jenks was telling Dinah one day recently of the various prohibitions which have been effected in the world, and of those which may come about in the years to come.

"They're going to make people stop drinking coffee," Mrs. Jenks smilingly told Dinah. Nothing more was said on the subject.

The next morning Mrs. Jenks noticed that Dinah wore an unusually triumphant smile.

"Why are you so happy this morning, Dinah?" asked the mistress of the house.

"I got enough to last," was the response.

"What?" asked Mrs. Jenks.

Dinah spoke confidentially:

"I went and bought me ten pounds of coffee," she whispered, triumphantly.—Washington Star.

**'E'LL LEARN.**

He was the owner of a new auto, and, of course, inexperienced in many things. The car had stopped three miles from town. A friendly "old-timer" gave him the information that he was out of gasoline. "That's funny," said the new owner. "The fellow that sold me the car said whenever the gasoline indicator passed that mark (pointing to the emergency of one-half gallon left) to be sure and stop at the next gasoline filling station, and it is three miles before I come to one yet."

**PRINTING FACILITIES.**

"We are faced with one of our most serious currency problems," exclaimed the Bolshevik financial officer.

"What's the trouble?" inquired his colleague. "Is our money still depreciating?"

"Worse than that. The pressmen have gone on a strike."

**SOME EXERCISE.**

"And do you take exercise?" asked the doctor.

"Of course I do, Doc," was the reply of the patient.

"When?"

"When? Say, Doc, you ought to just see me going through a bureau drawer looking for a shirt, or through my card index!"

**HOW SELFISH.**

Mr. Knaggs—I dreamed I bought a new seven-passenger car and we were starting off on a trip, but before you were ready I woke up.

His Wife—If that isn't just like your selfishness! And you had plenty of time to dream till I got into my clothes and made at least a start with you.—Detroit News.

**MEAN TRICK.**

Bacon—They say if blood oranges are placed in the same room with onions for several days they will acquire a decided onion flavor.

Egbert—It's a mean trick to play on the oranges, though.

**Buy Your**

**Fall Needs EARLY**

In the face of a rapid advance of Cotton and Cotton Goods it will be impossible to maintain our present Low Prices on Merchandise very much longer.

Our Present Stock was bought on a basis of 12c Cotton, and extremely low Prices, but when we are compelled to go into the markets again many articles will be advanced from forty to fifty per cent.

Do your Fall Shopping now and save this Extra Money.

**The Merkel Dry Goods Company**

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

If we practice the golden rule what—then. Discussed by the Chas F. Taylor B. Y. P. U. Sunday Oct. 2, 1921 at five o'clock

Leader—Dixie Howard  
This rule would abolish war—Ola Sharp.

It would end all troubles between labor and capitol—Annie May Swann.

It would put an end to all trouble between individuals Mr. Hancock.

Quartet.  
All human suffering would be relieved—Alva Wheeler.

Duett—Lillian Craig and Lorena Frazier.

The gospel world—Girle Howard.

This rule calls for a reign of Love in the hearts of men—Mr. Miller.

**LOOK OUT FOR THE SHARKS**

History is repeating its self. When other sections of the state are not so prosperous and have poor crops, this section is flooded with salesmen offering the public all kinds of schemes to get rich quick or get something for a trifling investment. The streets are daily crowded with solicitors for various kinds of charity.

We have repeatedly cautioned the citizenship of this section about making investments with strangers who promise great things without first making a thorough investigation of their proposition. If after you have investigated it has merit, of course that is your privilege to buy if you believe it a good thing. And no solicitor or salesman will object to an investigation if what he has to offer you has a real merit.

Agani find out what you are buying and find out if the representations made by solicitors can be verified. If you have money to throw at the birds it is best to throw it to home people anyway—Sweetwater Reporter.

Rev. R. T. Harris requests us to announce that he will preach at the Church of Christ, at Trent, next Sunday and Sunday night.

H. E. Spears of Killene, Texas, was here last week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears, near Blair.

Don't wait till a strike is ordered to buy coal. See Tom Swafford or Ed Leslie while you can buy good coal at a good price. We are expecting a car of New Mexico Coal next week. It

Ten Records for \$3.00. Columbia or Pathe. This week only. Merkel Drug Co. tf

**Cotton Seed**

Are worth Thirty Dollars a ton. We will sell you:

500 lbs. seed Meal	\$10.75
500 lbs. Wheat Bran	6.00
1000 lbs. Hulls	6.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22.75</b>

For a Ton of much Better Feed than Cotton Seed.

If You have Cotton Seed at home to sell we will buy it.

**Swafford & Leslie**

PHONE 203

P. S. Selling Cow Feed is not a "side line" with us.

**Gem Theatre**

Saturday, October 1st.

"The Wolf Woman"  
Featured by  
LEWIS GLAUM  
and  
CHARLES RAY

Monday, October 3rd.

DOROTHY GISH  
in  
"Little Men's Rebellion"

Tuesday, October 4th.

Episode No. 12  
of  
"The Avenging Arrow"  
with  
A PATHE FEATURE.

Wednesday, October 5th.

CECIL B. DeMILLS  
in  
"Something to Think About"  
A Paramount Artcraft  
Feature

Thursday, October 6th.

"Passion's Play Ground"  
Featuring  
KATHRINE McDONALD  
A First National  
Attraction

Friday, October 7th.

OLIVER TWIST Jr.  
A Fox Feature

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### T. & P. TIME TABLE

Time Table of the Texas and  
Pacific trains taking effect on  
June 5th.

#### West Bound

No. 1 (Sunshine) . . . 9:36 p.m.  
No. 5 . . . . . 4:13 a.m.  
No. 23 . . . . . 5:00 p.m.

#### East Bound

No. 2 (Sunshine) . . . 8:36 a.m.  
No. 4 . . . . . 9:30 a.m.  
No. 16 . . . . . 11:50 p.m.

It is better to have an honest  
enemy than a false friend.

If a pessimist keeps talking  
he is bound to be right occasion  
ally

One of the very best men in  
this town never wore a silk shirt  
in his life.

"All the world's a stage" and  
lots of people are saying the  
show is no good.

In these rapid days some  
children are setting their par-  
ents a good example.

There still a few good old-  
fashioned women who dislike to  
see their names in the papers.

When the daughter eats on-  
ions for supper it is a sign that  
she is not expecting company  
that night.

A little spite work is about the  
poorest investment a man ever  
made. The returns are generally  
about as small as the work.

About the smallest, meanest  
and crookedest man in any town  
or community is the man who  
is willing to take it upon himself  
to make propoganda in the inter-  
est of a friend against another  
citizen. Infact the man who  
stoops to such makes the most  
of his living by graft and crooked  
ness. And in some cases he has  
many people fooled as to his real  
character. Yet the time will come  
when he receives his just deserts.

Merkel's "Million Dollar"  
Theatre is gradually nearing  
completion. Well, it may not  
really cost that much yet, the  
genial proprietor, F. H. Groene,  
says that when it is finished his  
bank account will look just as  
blank as if he had had a million  
dollars and had checked it all  
out. And yet, this Theatre, is  
going to be one of the very fin-  
est in all the West; one that all  
Merkel and the surrounding  
community is going to look upon  
with much pride.

### NEW ANTI-KU KLUX KLAN

E. F. Dunne, ex-governor of  
Illinois, has organized the Na-  
tional Unity Council" to combat  
the Ku Klux.

The ex-governor says that in-  
asmuch as the Catholic, Jew,

Jap and negro are barred by the  
Ku Klux, he is organizing these  
elements to oppose them.

He proposes to establish "a  
race equity" (race equality)"  
through the agency of his "Na-  
tionality Unity Council". He pro-  
poses to organize the negroes of  
the South, the Japs of the West  
and the other elements where-  
ever found in sufficient numbers  
to combat the Ku Klux.

We imagine that when Mr.  
Dunne of Illinois gets the negro-  
es of the South into his organ-  
ization, that the undertakers  
will do a thriving business, for  
no decent Southern white man  
will fraternize with a negro. Mr.  
Dunne may expect some lively  
times when he stirs up the neg-  
roes against the whites—Stirling  
City News.

Miss A to Miss B—What a  
beautiful new suit you have on?  
Miss B to Miss A, Yes, Thanks,  
Ligon the laundryman dyed and  
relined it for me. Phone 218. tf

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We the undersigned growers  
of Kasch cotton hereby certify  
that it is drouth resistant pro-  
ducing the biggest bolls and  
greatest percentage of lint of  
any other cotton we have ever  
grown and consider it the best  
cotton for this section of the  
country. It also has an excellent  
staple.

Respectfully,

W. L. Blair; W. C. Neil; E. L.  
Palmer; R. L. McLean; E. M.  
Blackburn; J. W. Moore; Z. L.  
Cagill; J. B. Wood; E. H. Cordill;  
See W. O. Dial, agent for seed at  
Merkel Saturday. It.

Ten Records for \$3.00. Colum-  
bia or Pathe. This week only. Me:  
kel Drug Co. tf

### TRENT ITEMS

Everybody is picking cotton  
except a very few.

The new bank has opened up  
for business, hence with two  
banks for Trent everyone should  
have a place to put their money.  
And you can tell where Trent is  
located without looking on the  
map.

Grandpa Hamner and neice  
Lola Lee, returned from a visit  
to Mexico last week.

Milton Sherman, wife and son,  
Robert are on a visit to his par-  
ents. They are from Spearman,  
Texas.

Quite a few are attending the  
Abilene Fair, while others are  
preparing to go.

A nice shower fell here this  
week, causing cooler nights  
which makes one sleep fine.

Two burglaries reported Sat-  
urday night.

M. G. Scott and Brother and  
the Star Hardware Co. should  
have a good night watchman to  
catch these birds.

More next week. E. M. S.

Hogs for Sale— Will range  
in weight from 80 to 175 pounds  
See Bearden and Jones. Phone  
161. 30t3p.

Try a sack of our mixed Feed  
—18 percent meal. Phone 203.  
Swofford and Leslie.

Light house keeping rooms to  
rent, or will take four boarders.  
Parties must be reliable. Mrs.  
Nannie Causseaux Itp.

Mrs. M. A. Dowdy of Fort  
Worth is here for a visit with  
Mrs. C. C. Bankhead.

# New Arrivals in Rugs

Just this week we have received a large shipment of  
New Rugs. Some very beautiful Patterns at

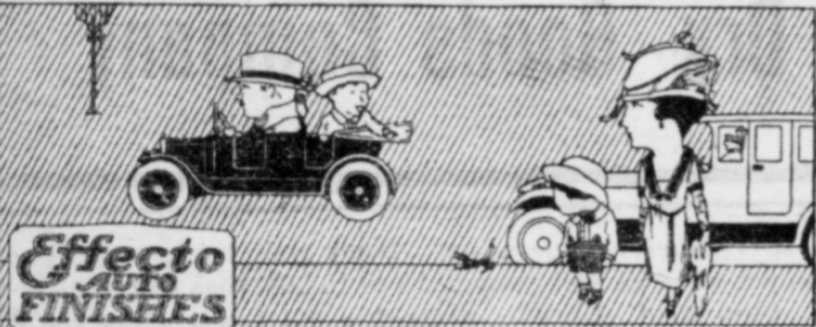
## Almost Pre-war Prices

Rug Prices are Advancing. You will save Money  
by Buying Now. (Now is the Ideal Time to lay  
Linoleum. We have a very Large Assortment to  
Select from, better Buy Your Floor Covering Now.)

## Our Furniture Department

Is brim full of BARGAINS. Our Stock is Complete  
and our Prices can not be beat anywhere. Come  
to us with your Furniture Wants.

# Barrow Furniture Company



**Effecto  
AUTO  
FINISHES**

Five dollars' worth of  
Effecto Auto Finishes  
gives many a family a  
new social standing

Not only will you find a complete  
assortment of Effecto Auto Finish in  
our accessory department,  
but you will find there as well,  
all the other articles needed to keep  
your car looking trim and  
in good running order.

Bring us your accessory needs—we'll  
fill them for you.

**WEST COMPANY**  
"Twenty-five years of better Service"

**FOR SALE**

Cotton going up, land coming  
down. I have some of the best  
bargains in farms and city prop-  
erty that I have had for years.  
And among other things, a fine  
Garrage cheap. A Hardware  
Business worth the money.  
Plenty of homes to sell, several  
farms to trade part for city  
property. Give me your listings  
to sell or trade, I will hunt you  
up a buyer while you pick cotton  
or sell goods. Yours respectfully  
E. D. Coats. ;

**IS YOUR HEALTH  
GRADUALLY SLIPPING?**

Interesting Experience of a Texas Lady Who Declares That if More  
Women Knew About Cardui They Would Be Spared  
Much Sickness and Worry.

Navasota, Texas.—Mrs. W. M. Peden, of this place, relates the following interesting account of how she recovered her strength, having realized that she was actually losing her health:

"Health is the greatest thing in the world, and when you feel that gradually slipping away from you, you certainly sit up and take notice. That is what I did some time ago when I found myself in a very nervous, run-down condition of health. I was so tired and felt so lifeless I could hardly go at all.

"I was just no account for work. I would get a bucket of water and would feel so weak I would have to set it down before I felt like I could lift it to the shelf. In this condition, of course, to do even my housework was a task almost impossible to accomplish.

"I was . . . nervous and easily upset.

Marvin Mitchell and sister, Miss Winnie, of Lancaster Texas are here for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burns.

# We are Still After Your Business

We are striving to build up our business with **QUALITY DRUGS** and **EFFICIENT SERVICE**. We have succeeded to the extent we are continuing this plan and are trying harder to make our stock better, if possible, and to make our service second to none.

**The Best** Reasonable Priced

Is the kind you get at our store. Prompt and Courteous Treatment given all of our patrons

# The Merkel Drug Company

"It's a Pleasure to Please"  
PHONE No. 106

# AS IT HAPPENS IN HIGH SCHOOL

By Mary Cleo Booth.  
A very enjoyable time was spent Friday afternoon by the seniors. All of them motored to Sweetwater in high-powered cars. Besides three punctures, running out of water and breaking a spring, no trouble was experienced by the crowd. When we made our advent into the small village, which is practically a suburb of Merkel, the people simply cheered their heads off. Then the game started. Such playing; it was never witnessed before by such a large crowd. The players were slightly fatigued when the whistle blew to quit. The score for Merkel can be gotten by asking any senior.

Quite a little excitement was experienced in High School this week, when the seniors came marching in displaying their new caps of purple and gold. They are using this method of showing their position and importance in M. H. S.

We are looking forward to the game Friday between Abilene and Merkel. We must remember that Abilene has the second best team in the state, so your help is needed to put this game over. Last year Merkel played Abilene a 7 to 6 game in favor of Abilene. Buy a ticket and come to the game Friday and see if this score can't be reversed.

Everyone is enjoying this six weeks of freedom from 3:15 to 4 but from all reports many will spend the remainder of school in the company of the teachers of M. H. S. We are all experiencing a "peppy" feeling these days especially Freshmen, so far they have been leading the school with the yells and songs. We have adopted a Hi School song; come out Friday and help us sing it. We don't want Abilene to think that "Old Merkel, she ain't got no nep" we're going to

# "Big Ben"

## IS HERE

### We have Just Received a Large Shipment of "Big Ben"

### Alarm Clocks

### BACK TO PRE-WAR PRICES

"It's Better to be Early than to be Late"

Let us Show You

# Sanders Drug Store

Phone No. 93

## WE'LL SAY "SMILES OF 1921" IS LIVELY!



Folks who come in from Chicago declare that Emille de Recat's original musical revue "Smiles of 1921" is a ravishing girl show, full of music, dash, color and liveliness. This headline attraction for the Coliseum during the State Fair of Texas—Dallas, October 8 to 23—will come to Dallas from Chicago with the complete show, just as it is. Lively! Well, we'll all say so when you regard this striking beauty from the "Smiles" chorus.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Notice Auto Owners

We have purchased the Woodrum Filling Station From Mr. Geo. Woodrum, and take this method of extending to his former Patrons, our friends, and the public, a Cordial invitation to call on us when in need of anything in our line-

We Expect to Make Our  
**SERVICE**  
As Good as The Very Best

And Remember, we handle the  
**Diamond, Goodrich and Brunswick Tires.** And you can get the genuine Mobil Oils Here, as well as many other high class Oils.

See Us For Accessories

### Patterson Filling Station

tell 'em, "we're pep every step. English 11 has been studying Hamlet this week, but we prefer to listen to the senior poet who gives this week, "Familiar Lines FAMILIAR LINES  
By Warren Mc Spadden.  
The boy stood on the burning deck,  
His fleece was white as snow,  
He stuck a feather in his hat,  
John Anderson, my Joe.  
Come back; come back, he cried in grief,  
From Indias' coral strands,  
The frost is on the pumpkin  
And the village smithy stands.  
Am I a soldier of the cross,  
From many a boundless plain?  
Should old acquaintances be forgot  
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## AS IT HAPPENS IN HIGH SCHOOL

By Mary Cleo Booth.  
A very enjoyable time was spent Friday afternoon by the seniors. All of them motored to Sweetwater in high-powered cars. Besides three punctures, running out of water and breaking a spring, no trouble was experienced by the crowd. When we made our advent into the small village, which is practically a suburb of Merkel, the people simply cheered their heads off. Then the game started. Such playing; it was never witnessed before by such a large crowd. The players were slightly fatigued when the whistle blew to quit. The score for Merkel can be gotten by asking any senior. Quite a little excitement was experienced in High School this week, when the seniors came marching in displaying their new caps of purple and gold. They are using this method of showing their position and importance in M. H. S.

We are looking forward to the game Friday between Abilene and Merkel. We must remember that Abilene has the second best team in the state, so your help is needed to put this game over. Last year Merkel played Abilene a 7 to 6 game in favor of Abilene. Buy a ticket and come to the game Friday and see if this score can't be reversed.

Everyone is enjoying this six weeks of freedom from 3:15 to 4 but from all reports many will spend the remainder of school in the company of the teachers of M. H. S. We are all experiencing a "peppy" feeling these days especially Freshmen, so far they have been leading the school with the yells and songs. We have adopted a Hi School song; come out Friday and help us sing it. We don't want Abilene to think that "Old Merkel, she ain't got no pep" we're going to

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tell 'em, "we're pep every step. English 11 has been studying Hamlet this week, but we prefer to listen to the senior poet who gives this week, "Familiar Lines"

**FAMILIAR LINES**  
By Warren Mc Spadden.  
The boy stood on the burning deck.  
His fleece was white as snow,  
He stuck a feather in his hat,  
John Anderson, my Joe,  
Come back; come back, he cried in grief,  
From India's coral strands,  
The frost is on the pumpkin  
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**LIQUOR DESTROYED**

The novel sight of pouring in to the gutter of that which Mr. Volstead has declared should not be allowed to exist was witnessed by a large crowd at the Federal Building Monday morning.

Twenty-five gallons of liquor alias "hootch" alias "corn" and aliases, etc., went down—the gutter to parts unknown, confiscation of wet goods having been made by J. A. Baggett, United States marshal, who is in the city attendant upon the special term of Federal Court. The goods were declared "unfit for medicinal purposes" and Federal Judge C. Wilson ordered that the pouring out process be enacted.

Three men have been taken in to custody. It is stated that the liquor was brought here from the oil fields.—Abilene Reporter Monday.

Mrs. Frank McFarland is visiting relatives in south Texas this week.

Miss Abbie Ruth Darsey is visiting friends and relatives in Brownwood this week.

# Cozy Theatre

Friday	September 30	Saturday	October 1
<b>BEBE DANIELS</b>	<b>ROLIN COMEDY</b>	<b>"HOUDINI"</b>	<b>SUNSHINE COMEDY</b>
in	and	in	and
<b>"Ducks and Drakes"</b>	<b>Fox News</b>	<b>"The Doctor's Vengeance"</b>	<b>Mutt and Jeff</b>

**WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING**

The weekly prayer meeting met with Mrs. Vaughn, had 12 present and a very interesting meeting. Will meet next Wednesday at 4:30 with Mrs. Frank Golliday. The lesson is 10 and 11 chapters of Matt. Mrs. Joe Harris will be leader, and Mrs. M. L. Estes will comment. Every one is invited. Reporter

**FOR SALE**—One style E. Fort Worth Well Drilling Machine, in good repair. Brand new cable and sand line. Will sell cheap for cash or part cash and good time. See E. D. Coats. It

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My city is the place where my home is founded; where my business is located; where my vote is cast; where my children are educated; where my neighbors dwell; and where my life is chiefly lived.

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My city wants my citizenship not my partnership; friendliness not officiousness; Cooperation, not dissension; Sympathy, not criticism; My intelligent support, not indifference.

My city supplies me with law and order, trade, friends, education, rights, reaction, and the rights of a free-born citizen.

I should and do believe in my home town, and I will work for it and stay with it on every occasion, so help me God.—Exc.

**PLENTY COW FEED**—Hulls, Meal, Bran, Shorts, Hay. Phone number 203. It

Wanted—Pickers to gather about 75 acres of cotton making one third bale per acre first picking. S. F. Haynes, Merkel It.

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To help young people to qualify for guaranteed office positions, we will accept cotton at 25 cents, midling basis, on prescribed courses at catalogue rates. Positions secured or tuition refunded. Our system is indorsed by more bankers and business men than all others combined. Particulars from the Draughton's College, Abilene, Texas. It

**CARD OF THANKS**

I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to my friends and neighbors who were so kind in helping to gather my crop during my recent illness. We appreciated very much the kindness of each and every one. R. B. Wells and family. Itp.

S. D. Gambell, one of the proprietors of the Merkel Drug Co. returned last week from Dallas, where he purchased a large and complete stock of Drugs and Christmas holiday goods.

**FARM FOR SALE**—A good farm home, one mile from business part of town. Would sell with teams, tools and feed, or sell each separate. This is a real bargain for any one desiring a fine farm home close to town. For further particulars call at the Merkel Mail. It.

Yes I buy chickens and eggs and pay cash. Will sell you groceries as cheap as any one in town, come see me. A. L. Jobe. 23t2.

Found—Between Merkel and Abilene, a box of groceries. Owner can get same by properly describing the box and kind of groceries in same, and paying for this notice. The box is at Bradshaw and Sublett's. It.

I am now with the Farmers Merc. Co. successors to the T. & O. Gro Co. This firm is composed of farmers and will be operated for the benefit of the farmer. I earnestly request that my friends call and let me make you prices on your grocery bill before you buy. J. L. Harris It.

Among the many Merkel young ladies who are attending college away from home this year is Miss Maurine Angus, who will spend the year at the Abilene Christian College.



**FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE**—Teams, farm implements. Farm for rent, crop to gather. Immediate Possession See J. D. Porter 23t4.

**For Sale, or Trade for something close in, my home in Merkel in south part of town, consisting of 2 acres fine land, 6 room house, three porches. Well of fine water with windmill. Also stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries for sale. See A. L. Jobe 2t.**

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**A TEXAS WONDER**

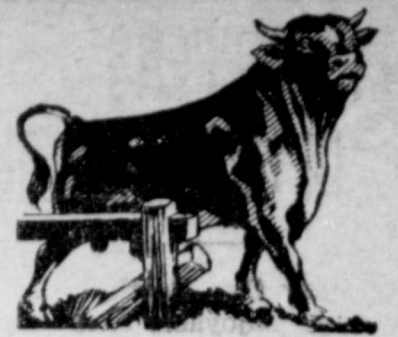
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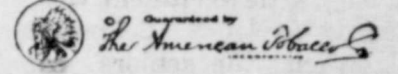
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Collier's; We like for a neighbor the man who keeps his lawn mowed, his house painted, his family well fed and clothed, and who stays on his own front porch ready with a smile and a handshake whenever we happen to stop in. We admire him because he takes care of his own family first—and is content to make that his sole occupation. We don't want him coming over to tell us how to train our children or invest our money. There is a lot of talk about the example we should be setting for the European nations. Yes, we should be setting them an example—but Collier's believes it should be an example like that of our ideal neighbour. Let's be good neighbors to Europe—but not self appointed guardians. Lets keep our efforts at home until our own house is in order.—Ex-

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THESE TWO GENTLEMEN NEED NO INTRODUCTION TO THE PEOPLE IN AND AROUND MERKEL. THEY HAVE LIVED HERE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND ARE NOTED FOR THEIR STERLING CHARACTER AND BUSINESS ABILITY. THE STORE WILL BE IN CHARGE OF MR. W. L. PLILER, OF BROWNWOOD, AS LOCAL MANAGER, AND ASSISTED BY J. L. (Uncle Joe) HARRIS. UNCLE JOE HAS LIVED IN THIS COMMUNITY FOR SOME THIRTY YEARS AND NUMBERS HIS FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES BL THE HUNDREDS.

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her unsophisticated affections. The old man, who thinks that a young girl is in love with his charms is seeing things, and needs a keeper.

Leaving out of the discussion the dastardly wrong that a man does in forsaking the faithful old wife who has given her life to his service, who has borne him children, who has nursed him in sickness and who has cherished him in health, and whose industry and thrift has done just as much toward building up his success as his labor has, it is an act of unmitigated folly, just for his own sake, for an old man to swap an old wife for a new one. He gets nothing out of it but misery and regret.

In the first place he makes himself an object of derision and contempt to all who know him. He is a figure of fun, of mocking and ridicule, because everybody sees how easily he has been taken by an adventurer. Hard-headed business men no longer trust his judgement because he has given unmistakable evidence that his mind is weakening, and he is becoming silly and senile.

It is not an uncommon thing for men who started out as poor boys and have acquired fortunes to cast off their old wives and marry young ones to match their new prosperity, but if you will notice you will see that invariably it marks the end of the man's career. He begins to go downward from the day he does it, because nobody honors or trusts, or respects the man who can be made a fool by a woman.

The old fool who can see that his wife has grown elderly, but who fancies himself still a mere youth, is in the phrase of the day, simply kidding himself. He is suffering from a delusion just as much as the lunatic who tells you that he is the pope of Rome. All of us seek to believe that we look younger than our age, and have the heart of children, but when we come in contact with real youth we will very soon find out our error.

Let the old man try to go the pace of his young wife, let him

jump around at tennis, and dance one-half of the night, and joy ride the other half, and rush from pleasure to pleasure and and place to place. His old bones will cry out for the easy chair by the radiator, and his tired old eyes will close in sleep, and his panting old heart will make him wheeze and cough, and he will wish often enough that he was back with the old wife whose idea of hilarious evening was dozing over a newspaper by the fire.

And what companionship can a man of 64 expect from a young girl? The subjects that are thrillingly interesting to her mean nothing to him. He does not even speak her language, while the things that he cares for bore her stiff. When we get old we live in the past, and no woman though she were Aspasia herself can hand out as fascinating a line of conversation to her husband as the one who can go back with him over forty years of life and say, "Do you remember?"

It is the work that they have done together, the hopes and aspirations they have held in common, the night watches over sick beds they have shared together, the little graves they have wept over together, that bind a man and a woman with a tie that really never can be broken.

When a man makes money he is set upon by predatory women who flatter him, and cajole him and ply their evil arts upon him, in order to rob him. When the man is young, and has his wits about him, he often resists these sirens but when he is old and childish he often is captured by them, which is a pity.

But there is no reasoning with him for there's no fool like an old man. Albany News.

B. F. Goodin, and old friend of T. A. Beidleman, who resides in Arkansas, was here this week for a visit with the latter. They were neighbors for many years in Stone wall county some years ago, and each still own valuable farms there.

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For skin eruptions, rash, chafed skin, prickly heat, chigger bites and stings of poisonous insects, Ballard's Snow Liniment is an effective application. It heals quickly. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Sept.

No; we don't know what will be the price of cotton next year. If we did know we wouldn't be editing this newspaper.

### THE WAY OF AN OLD FOOL—SAYS DOROTHY DIX

I have received a letter from a man who says that he is 64 years old. He has been married for nearly forty years, and has

children and grandchildren. He has been successful in business and amassed a comfortable fortune, and has led a respectable God-fearing life, and is a pillar in the community in which he lives.

But now he has fallen in love with a girl in her 20's, and he wants to divorce his wife and marry her. No—there's not a thing the matter with his wife. She's as good a woman as ever lived, and she worked shoulder to shoulder with him during all the years that they were getting a start in life, and of course he will provide for her financially. The trouble is that she's an old woman at 60, done with romance while at 64 he fels himself a young and sentimental boy.

And he wants to know what I think about it. Why, I think that he should go and bang at the doors of the nearest lunatic asylum until they take him in, and lock him up in a padded cell where he will be safe until his attack of mental aberration is over.

He is suffering from a brain storm, poor thing, and it isn't safe for him to be at large with his nice, fat pocketbook in a world that is full of greedy young vampires, who are just looking for doty, rich old men upon whom they can feast.

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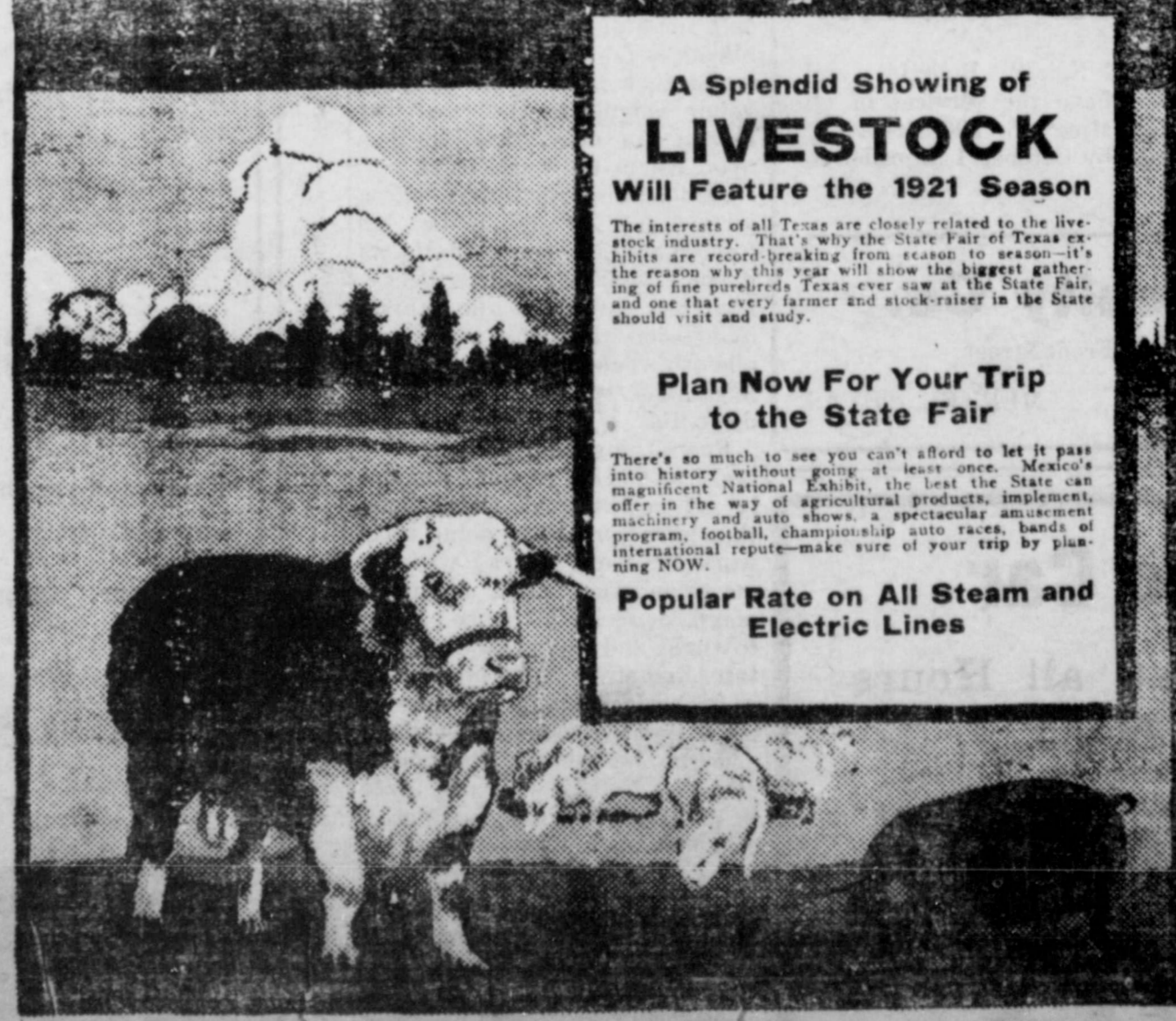
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