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A GET-TO-GETHER MEETING MAR. 29

There will be a get to gether meeting of the Patrons of the School at the school building on next Thursday night, March 29. The object and purpose of this meeting is to stimulate a better and closer cooperation of the school patrons in making our school one of the best. A mixed program of music, readings and talks has been arranged. There will be a demonstration of the new Stereopticon Machine which has just been installed in the school. The aims and purposes of the parent teachers club will be set forth. There will be an open meeting or round table discussion on the various needs of our school and how we may cooperate to best meet these needs. Every patron of the school is invited. We are especially anxious that the school board be present.

There will be a social hour at the close of the program and this is an important feature too because there may be something in the way of refreshments. Everybody is invited and expected to be present.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday will be a special day in the Baptist Sunday school over the Southern Baptist Convention. It is designated as "Home and Foreign Mission Sunday." Following the lesson period there will be a program taking the place of the regular 11 o'clock service.

In each Class an opportunity will be given for an offering to Home and Foreign Missions and at the conclusion of the program an opportunity will be given for any one present to make a special thanks offering to these objects.

The other services of the day will be as usual.

It is hoped that we will have a full attendance at Sunday School, as the program does not in any way interfere with the regular lessons in each class.

The deacons are called to meet at 3 p. m. at the church to consider matters of importance.

Come find a place to serve and to worship.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

ST. PATRICKS TEA

The St. Patrick's Day tea at the home of Mrs. G. J. Jones on last Friday afternoon was indeed a success.

Decorations of Green and white in keeping with St. Patrick's day lent a charm to the already lovely rooms of this home.

Young ladies dressed in Irish costumes poured tea, mingled with the guests and made merry conversation with their Irish wit and humor. Altogether this was a very enjoyable affair and a profitable one for the Parent Teachers club.

These teas have become very popular and are worth much to the social life of our town as well as profitable in a financial way to the Parent Teacher Club.

L. B. Scott, the genial manager of the Merkel Motor Company, left first of the week for a business trip to Brownfield, Texas. He was accompanied by his wife and little son, and the family will combine pleasure with their business trip, in that they will visit with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard, who last fall moved to Brownfield, where Mr. Howard is engaged in the dry goods business.

Miss Gyrle Howard, who is attending C. I. A. is at home for a few days.

The Presbyterian Auxiliary

The Ladies of the Presbyterian Auxiliary met with Mrs. Fred S. Rogers on last Monday afternoon. A very interesting program on Japan was given. The house was beautifully decorated in Cherry blossoms and Japanese parasols. To see and hear the little Japanese women tell of their lives, one really felt that Japan was not so far away at least. After the program, a delightful social hour was spent. The hostess assisted by Mrs. H. West served delicious cherry punch and cake. We were glad to have with us several visitors and one new member. Our society continues to grow and the many things we are accomplishing, will make us all feel proud, when we make our report at Buffalo Gap, that we have at least a small share in this branch of our church work. Our next meeting will be with Miss Doti Garrouette. Let every member make a special effort to be present, as we have some important business to attend to.

ELECTRIC CO. GIVES A DEMONSTRATION

On Tuesday afternoon, between the hours of 2:30 and 5:00 o'clock, the West Texas Utilities Company entertained the people of Merkel with an electrical demonstration, celebrating the formal opening of their new office. Regardless of the unfavorable weather, quite a number of people were present.

The Company has gone to a great deal of expense and taken great care to make their new home one of the most artistic and efficient office buildings in town. This, however is the policy of the Company in all of its properties.

Manager Ira Huss and cashier Holland Teaff, spared neither time nor trouble to make the afternoon one of interest to all present. John W. Cox, a former cashier, and now in the merchandise department, and Mr. Louis Hoffmaster, of the Southwestern General Electric Co., the factory representative of the Hotpoint Hughes Electric Range, assisted in the demonstration.

A very appetizing dinner cooked on an electric range was served. During the course, the details and many splendid features and conveniences of the electric range were explained. Out of some 300 electric ranges in use in the West Texas Utilities Company properties, the books show an average cost of approximately \$4.00 per month. This observation of the electrical demonstration clearly reveals the fact that the electric stove, washing machine, sewing machine, vacuum cleaner, and many other electrical appliances may be obtained and operated at a reasonable cost.

Through the untiring efforts and faithful service which the West Texas Utilities Company is striving to maintain, it is possible for the smaller towns to enjoy many of the conveniences of the larger cities. The Company now is operating in 32 towns, serving approximately 10,000 customers, maintaining a 24 hour day service, at a lower cost and giving more efficient service than could be possible by a municipal or locally owned plant.

Mrs. T. O. Lackey received a message Tuesday morning bearing the sad news of the death of her sister, Mrs. Will Baldwin at Lockhart, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Lackey and son, Irvin left immediately for the funeral and burial, which took place at Ingram, Texas, Wednesday.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY LADIES ANNUAL MEET

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Texas will be held on Wednesday, April 4, in Snyder, the ladies of the First Baptist Church hostesses. On Tuesday evening, April 3, will be held the meeting of the Executive Board of the District.

The Abilene district is composed of eight Associations; Big Spring, Fisher, Garza, Haskell, Jones, Scurry, Stonewall, and Sweetwater associations. In the annual meeting of the district, no restriction is made as to representation. All members of the Baptist Missionary societies and the co-operative churches in these eight associations are welcome as messengers and voting members of the body.

The Snyder Ladies have homes and a welcome for all. A program of unusual interest has been prepared. It is hoped that a large number of our women will attend. The success of the meeting will depend in a large measure upon their presence. Come in a spirit of prayer and cooperation.

Write Mrs. Jim Lockhart, Snyder, chairman of homes, when to expect you. Mrs. O. H. Cooper, Pres. Abilene District.

YOU NEED THESE NOW

Cabbage, tomatoes, pepper, canna, daisy, dahlia, tuberose, gladiola, roses, fern, geranium, begonia, chrysanthemum, coleus plants, Funeral flowers, also, Cisco Floral Co., Cisco, Texas. 164.

EASTER BAZAAR SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST ALL DAY APRONS — HOUSEDRESSES SUNBONNETS — — — CAPS EASTER NOVELTIES

RABBIT DRIVE AT SWANN RANCH

There will be a big rabbit drive at the Swann Ranch on next Tuesday, March 27th. Everyone is cordially invited. Get your guns and come along. A big feast will be spread at noon.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Next Sunday will close the Present year's work of the Presbyterian Church, we hope if the weather permits to make this one of the best days in attendance during the year. Come to Sunday school at 10 o'clock and stay for church. Every department of the church needs you.

The Easter spirit will characterize all our services Sunday.

The Sunday school offers a place of service and study to all who will enlist.

We are always glad to have visitors and strangers worship with us. Fred S. Rogers.

PREACHING AT TRENT

Elder O. J. Adcock of our city will occupy the pulpit at the Church of Christ at Trent Sunday morning and evening. Go out and worship with them. You will receive a hearty welcome, we are authorized to announce.

CHURCH OF CHRIST NOTES

Come to church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock for Bible study and stay for preaching at 11 o'clock.

Service of some kind Sunday evening at 7:45 if weather is pretty. Prayer service on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. O. Adcock.

MR. MERRITT BUYS PLAINS NEWSPAPER

Mr. H. T. Merritt, who for the past eighteen years has been connected with the newspaper and job printing business of Merkel; for the past year or more conducting a job printing business of his own, has purchased the Hale Center American, and is packing his job printing plant for removal to that city, where he will consolidate the same with the newspaper plant.

Mr. Merritt is one of the best newspaper men and printers to be found throughout all the west, and the Mail predicts that he will succeed most admirably in that city and that the citizens of same will be proud to number him and his most excellent family among their number.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt have been closely and actively identified with the church and social activities of this city during the many years of their residence here and have a host of warm friends who regret to learn that they are to soon move away.

They expect to leave early next week. We join the citizenship in wishing for them much happiness, contentment and prosperity in their new home, and comment them to the best citizenship of that thriving Plains town.

Parent-Teacher Club Tea

One of the loveliest St. Patrick's Parties was the tea given at the home of Mrs. G. J. Jones, Friday afternoon, March 16th.

The many ladies who called during the afternoon were received by Mrs. T. L. Grimes, who in her own charming manner, made each guest feel herself welcome, and a lovely Irish Maiden, Mrs. Fred S. Rogers, who presented each caller with an appropriate souvenir.

The spacious livingroom and dining room, were beautiful in their green and white. The living room was made an especially delightful place to linger by music and readings, throughout the afternoon. Miss Christine Collins, rendered a number of solos, with Miss Iva Bragg at the Piano and Miss Lynn Thompson violin accompanist. Little Misses Flora Frances Anderson and Marjorie Bland showed unusual talent in very pleasing readings.

Tea was served in the dining room, by Misses Esther Roehl, Ruby Hamm, Levy Tittle, and Edith Brown, who wore lively Irish costumes.

DEPORT BOY MAKING GOOD

Clint Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mason, former resident of Deport, will receive a degree at A. & M. College in June. He has accepted a place as dean of Agriculture in the Shriner School for boys at Kerville at a salary of \$2400 a year. Clint served overseas as a captain during the war and was badly wounded. His many Deport friends will be glad to learn of his success, despite physical handicaps brought about thru wounds received in France.

The above mentioned young man is a nephew of our fellow townsman, r. J. C. Mason, besides he has other friends and acquaintances here, who rejoice with him in his splendid and much merited success.

Start your Baby Chicks on Superior Feed and raise more, and better chicks. T. J. R. Swafford, South Side Feed and Coal Yard.

LARGENT SELLS SOME OF HIS FINE CATTLE

J. B. Wallace of Kent, was in the City Monday afternoon and went out to the Largent ranch where he purchased four yearling Hereford bulls for his ranch in Culberson county. These bulls were shipped Wednesday to Mr. Wallace.

Monday, Largent and Sons shipped a two months' old calf to Mrs. Helen Thompson at Houston, by express.

Last week, they shipped to H. T. Griffin, Dundee, Texas, one blue ribbon show bull, one year old. Price paid, \$1,500.

Mr. Holt, an erstwhile citizen of Merkel but now of Lufkin, spent a few days of this week in the city, renewing old acquaintances. He is a contractor and did considerable contract work on many houses in Merkel sixteen or eighteen years ago. He was on his way to Snyder.

MR. FRAZIER TALKS ABOUT GOOD ROADS

Editor of the Merkel Mail—As you asked me to furnish for publication some items on the road conditions now as compared with a few years ago, I hand you the following.

Where we used to have from one to twenty vehicles per day, we now have from ten to five hundred. Where the speed was from four to eight miles per hour, it is now twenty to forty. Where the weight per load was five hundred to six thousand, it is now from five hundred to twenty thousand.

This road business is a man's job and we need the cooperation of every man to help build and not to kick and tear down.

You can go along the roads and see where someone has cut the brush along the fence row and thrown in the water ditch, causing it to clog and overflow the road. Others have ditched their farms into the roads, still others, where the water can leave the road, have dammed its passage, and forced it to go down the road for miles. In other words, do all they can to destroy the roads and then grumble because they do not have good roads.

Most of our roads are too narrow to build and keep in good condition. It is next to impossible to maintain a thirty-foot road, where the traffic is heavy.

A good road is a fifty-foot road-bed, well graded so as to keep water from crossing grade at the same time not over one inch per foot crown. Then the traffic can shift to different parts of the road, when one part gets in bad condition without completely destroying the road bed.

Some people say "Where does all the road money we pay go?" if you look up your tax receipt, you can see how much money you pay on roads. The road tax is thirty cents on the one hundred dollars, so if your assessed valuation is one hundred, you pay thirty cents, if ten thousand and you pay thirty dollars for the building and maintenance of roads. So that is not much money after all, if you will consider the number of miles we have in Taylor county. We have enough miles of county roads, if put in one straight road, to reach from Merkel to beyond St. Louis.

So I ask everyone to help build and not to destroy your neighbor's roads. I also want to thank the ones who have donated work and land for the public roads. W. H. Frazier, County Commissioner.

SERVICE AT M. E. CHURCH NEXT WEEK

Beginning with Sunday morning, at the Methodist church, Rev. M. C. Hays the pastor will deliver a sermon every evening at 7:30 throughout the week up to and including Easter Sunday. Rev. Hays is without doubt one of the most able and eloquent ministers ever before holding a pastorate in the Merkel Methodist church, and all Methodists who fail to hear him during the coming services next week will indeed miss some of the best gospel messages they have had an opportunity to hear for some time.

And Rev. Hays urges that all Methodists who possibly can, be in attendance at every service. He also extends a cordial invitation to Christians of the other denominations as well as to the public in general, to come and take part in the service.

This will be known as the "One to Win One" week and not the regular annual Methodist revival as some seem to think.

THURSDAY CLUB NOTES

Once more the approaching St. Patrick holiday made glad the members of the Thursday Club, when Mmes. Arrington and Adams so appropriately entertained last week at the home of the latter.

The doors of the spacious living room and dining rooms were thrown open for the assembling of the guest, after wraps were discarded in the guest room.

The reception rooms through out were artistically decorated with the St. Patrick colors and shamrocks.

Score cards with bright green shamrocks were passed and six tables with dainty hand embroidered covers were arranged for games of '42'. Shamrock score pads marking the tables.

Dainty shamrock mints were minced through out the games so much enjoyed.

Contest sheets bearing tiny shamrocks and the word "Saint Patrick" were passed and when told to write in a limited time as many words as possible containing these letters, every one begun showing much speed both in thinking and writing, till time was up. Mrs. Brown was successful in a cut with Mrs. S. A. Grimes and was given an artistic green "wishing well" match holder.

The plates served by Mmes. Arrington and Adams were very pretty and artistic as well as delectable in baskets made from old Irish, consisting of fruit salad land favorite potatoes served on lettuce leaves, pimento sandwiches with white bread cut in shamrock forms, as well as was the green topped cookies. This was served with a refreshing green mint beverage and olives. Plate vards of laddies and lassies, added to the beauty of the plates.

MANY METHODIST TO ABILENE TODAY

Rev. M. C. Hays, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Merkel will head a large delegation of Methodist from this city today to Abilene, where they will attend the dedication services of main administration building of McMurray College. Bishop J. E. Dickey, of Waco, will be present, and will preach the dedication sermon. There will be many Methodist in attendance from all over the North West Texas Conference, and Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of the College, has extended a special invitation to all Merkel Methodist to be present.

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A WEST TEXAS STEER

West, Texas, if one is willing to believe West Texans, has everything in the Nation worth having except the Capitol, the White House and the Mint. West Texans talk about themselves and their possessions in superlatives only, and while they are friendly with the rest of the United States, they are airily patronizing in their proud extravagances regarding what they are pleased to call their Empire. The astonishing fact obtains, however, that whenever a West Texan is called upon to make good on any wild statement, he usually delivers. Ask one of them, for instance, about the cattle in West Texas, and with an air of finality he will calmly announce: "We have the finest cattle in the world." Laugh at him—or even smile!—and he will tell you about Kleberg Lad 4th.

Kleberg Lad 4th, a Texas bred Hereford steer, has just been pronounced by competent judges to be the best steer shown in America in twenty years. W. J. Kennedy, of Sioux City Iowa, who is one of the country's "than whomers", as a live stock critic, says of Kleberg Lad 4th: "Five times the grand champion at the International Live Stock show has been won by steer calves—and this one is a better one than any of them, two of which I showed myself. Kleberg Lad 4th is by long odds a better steer than the grand champion at the International this year. He is perfect—I do not know of a single item on which he could be improved."

Kleberg Lad 4th happens to be a satisfied customer of the West Texas Utilities Company, although his owners, C. M. Largent & Sons, of Merkel, Texas, pay his bills. Kleberg Lad has an electric lighted stall, and an oscillating fan of the latest type plays cool breezes over his back as he placidly munches, in his home life, the feed

of champions—feed, by the way which is electrically ground. Hot summer days means little to the Lad, for his stable is equipped with both ventilator and exhaust fans, and life, from the angle of creature comfort, is a very pleasant proposition for him. His electric service comes from a private line several miles long that originates at Merkel, and the energy so essential to his welfare is generated in the central power station of the West Texas Utilities company at Abilene.

No, think what you will about West Texans and what they tell you of their domain on the plains, but don't dispute them. In all probability, they'll make you apologize profusely! —Dempster O. Murphy, in Inter-Company News Bulletin.

Intermediate Epworth League

Heroes of Faith, Subject. Leader, Lewis Tucker. Song: Announcements. The value of little things, Opal Patterson. Talk by leader. The college Mate's testimony Delbert Polly. The story of a Chinese Woman, Wiley Elliott. Some results of Peter Parker's work, told by a tourist, Lois Dixon. Benediction.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Group 1. By Overcomers. Subject—Our Sunday school Board at Nashville, Tenn. 1. Introduction, by Gilbert Walton. 2. This board's main business, Ona Tatum. 3. Some other lines of Service by Mary E. Smith. 3. c and d by Brannie Bailey. Reading, Nellie Sharp. 4. How the Sunday school Board is housed, by Ina Mae Martin. 5. Present Volume and Future prospects of the board's business, by Comer Patterson.

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OF MERKEL

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THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

OF MERKEL

J. T. Warren, President L. R. Thompson, Cashier

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the neighbors and friends for the many acts of kindness and loving sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our father and husband, Mrs. V. T. Jones and Children.

Hiram Phillips went up to Big Spring Monday returning Tuesday.

City Marshal, Buck Johnson of Sweetwater, was here Monday on official business.

Come and let us show you samples. From \$24 up, tailored by the best tailors in America. Cash Tailor Shop.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By Tina Mae Moore.

We can hardly realize that we have only two more months of school, and the fact that we have such a short time means that the most of us will have to put in some real study.

A few of the high school students have summoned enough energy to play tennis. It would be interesting to more of the students if they would only start playing.

A Senior Class meeting was called Thursday afternoon at 3:20 and we were all highly elated when we received an invitation to a St. Patrick entertainment at Marvin Mayfield's.

The rooms were beautifully decorated in white and green paper and shamrocks. Everything for the evening's entertainment was with due respect and justice to St. Patrick.

We had present twenty one Seniors, also Mr. and Mrs. Tabor. Mr. Tabor is the 11th grade supervisor and he and his wife are "jolly good sports" so we were very glad to have them with us. Delicious refreshments were served and everyone enjoyed the evening's entertainment very much.

LAUGHS!

Mary Eula to a clerk in Dry Goods Store, "Do you have any flesh colored hose in stock?"

Tired clerk; "What do you want, black, yellow or pink?"

Miss Williamson to Physics Class: "Does any one know how iron was discovered?"

Wayman: "Yes 'mam'."

Miss W.—"Alright tell us."

Wayman—"They smelt it."

Myrtle Harris to Carvel Tucker, "Do you think you would be broadened by a visit to Europe?"

C. T.—"No, flattened."

A SMART EASTER DRESS FOR YOU

I can make you a beautiful, fashionable dress for Easter. Prices reasonable, work guaranteed. Phone 275. Mrs. Blanch Brooks.

LYLE'S

Received this week by Express a new Shipment

Of wash dress goods and fixings for Easter wear.

GLOVES

For Easter Wear in Sixteen and twenty button lengths of Chamoise Suade values \$2.00 & \$2.50. Priced at \$1.25 & \$1.50 per pair

Big Shipment Shoes

Just arrived for men, women, boys, girls, children and infants.

A. T. LYLE

THE CASH STORE

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Missionary meeting—Modern Missionary Movements. Bible Readers Quiz. Leader—Ola Sharp. Introduction. 1. The monthly concert of prayer, Ethel Wilson. 2. The first Foreign Mission board, Rev. Parrack. 3. Carey Sails for India, Loyd Hardy. 4. American Baptist organize Vennie Heizer. 5. The triennial convention, Selena Teaff.

6. The southern Baptist convention, Mr. Deutschman. 7. The Judson Centennial, Mr. Bird. 8. The seventy five million campaign, Nell Tracy. 9. The B. Y. P. U. and the campaign, Nell Swann.

NOTICE WATER USERS

By unanimous vote of the City Council, at the last regular meeting it was decided that the City could NOT furnish water for irrigating purposes this year. H. C. West.

"TOGETHER WE STAND"

The Citizen's Mutual Insurance Association is not a small one man affair, but is becoming one of the largest institutions in this part of Texas, the Secretary is using eleven assistants, to handle the Associations business. The Citizens Association is operated by the Citizens, for the Citizens, you pay \$1 each six months dues and \$1 when a member dies, usually averages, \$5. to \$6 per year total cost for \$1,000 insurance, it is your duty as a citizen to join with the other citizens to enable each other to carry insurance at cost. You have no right to let your family go without protection when you can pay \$1 every two or three months for each \$1,000 insurance. We need you, you need us. Be sure it is the Citizens, the big Association at Abilene, we have no branch offices. Address a card to Box 740, Abilene, Texas, for information. H. O. Wooten, pres; W. H. Free, Treasurer.

Baptist Ladies Notes

The W. M. U. of the Baptist Church enjoyed a very pleasant and profitable meeting Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. E. S. Cummings. This being a very informal meeting, many brought their sewing. Mrs. Cummings presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Scott. Mrs. E. N. Brown lead the devotional, reading the scripture of our next Sundays lesson and this was very ably discussed by different ones.

After the devotional, Mrs. Cummings invited her guests into the dining room where places were arranged for each one present and they were served delicious tea and confections. There were eighteen present and all expressed their gratitude to Mrs. Cummings for opening her home and affording the W. M. U. such an enjoyable afternoon.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

Many good items of news are lost to a newspaper every week by the modesty of the people. Ordinarily a newspaper rustler feels a delicacy in pushing himself into the presence of other people to inquire about who is or who isn't going somewhere, but he often does it. A newspaper regards as its best friend the person who will stop the editor and tell him a personal or local news item.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail.



ISN'T IT GREAT TO BE POPULAR?

But you're better off without some kinds of attention.

When you buy clothes, buy the kind that will help you attract favorable attention. We will help you.

We are receiving daily shipments of Men's and Boys' new Spring Suits. The Values are by far the best we have been able to show since the war.

WOODROOT-BRAGG D.G.Co. MERKEL, TEXAS THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE

NOTICE BREEDERS



"MACK"

My Black Jack, is ready for service. A good true mare seldom has to be served but once by him. Come look him over before you breed.

TERMS: \$10.00 to insure living Colt.

If mare is traded or removed from locality where bred, money becomes due.

GEO. A. SMITH
Merkel, Texas
Costephens Farm, Route 5



LIGGETT'S OPEKO TEA

200 Cups of Tea for 1 Cent

Orange Pekoe, Green, Formosa Oolong, Mixed Black & Green.

Standard Price 1/2 Pound Package 50c
This Sale Two Packages 51c

The Rexall Store

ONE CENT SALE!



A blend of High Grade Coffee of exceptional value, roasted and packed by the latest machinery. During our One Cent Sale we are offering

2 Pounds for 51c

PURETEST Zinc Stearate



The new hygienic dusting powder for babies. Will not only heal diaper rash but will prevent it, because this powder sheds moisture. Eases the smart of the wet diaper on the raw chafed surface of baby's delicate skin and makes baby smile again. Generous sized can with convenient metal sprinkler top.

Standard Price One Can 25c
This Sale Two Cans 26c

CASCADE LINEN

One pound in a package. We also have envelopes to match. A good quality of writing paper and always in the best of taste.

Standard Price 1 Lb. 40c
This Sale, 2 Lbs. 41c

OTHER PURETEST PRODUCTS

69c Aspirin Tablets (100's) 2 for 70c
25c Castor Oil (4 oz.) 2 for 26c
35c Cream of Tartar 2 for 36c
10c Epsom Salt (4 oz.) 2 for 11c
25c Epsom Salt (16 oz.) 2 for 26c
\$1.00 Mineral Oil (Rus. Type) 2 for \$1.01

HOUSEHOLD REMEDIES AND TOILET GOODS

50c Analgesic Balm 2 for 51c
35c Antiseptic Tooth Powder 2 for 36c
30c Cold Cream 2 for 31c
25c Corn Solvent 2 for 26c
25c Foot Powder 2 for 26c
50c Kidney Pills 2 for 51c
25c Larkspur Lotion 2 for 26c
1.00 Sarsaparilla Ton. 2 for 1.01
60c Shaving Lotion 2 for 61c



Boquet Ramee Face Powder


An exceptionally high grade complexion powder. Adheres to the skin. Contains a bouquet of rose, jasmine, heliotrope and lilac odors. Comes in three tints. Standard Price 1 Box \$1.00
This Sale, Two Boxes \$1.01

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY March 29-30-31

What is a One-cent Sale? It is a sale where you buy an item at the regular price—then another item of the same kind for 1c. As an illustration: The standard price of Jonteel Combination Cream is 50c. You buy a jar at this price, and by paying 1c more, or 51c, you get two jars. Every article in this sale is a high-class standard piece of merchandise, just the same as we sell you every day at regular prices and have sold you for years.

A New Way of Advertising This sale was developed by the United Drug Co. as advertising plan. Rather than spend large sums of money in other ways to convince you of the merit of these goods, they are spending it on this sale in permitting us to sell you a full-size package of high standard merchandise for 1c. It cost money to get customers. The loss taken on this sale will be well spent if the goods please you.


KLENZO DENTAL CREME



Cleans and whitens the teeth. Hardens the gums. Removes tartar. Does not scratch the teeth. You can have beautiful teeth by using Klenzo.

Standard Price, One Tube 50c
This Sale, Two Tubes 51c

REXALL SHAVING CREAM



Produces a thick creamy lather. Will stand up on your face throughout the shave.

Standard Price This Sale One Tube 30c, Two Tubes 31c


GEORGIA ROSE TALC



A real high quality talcum powder, made from genuine imported talc. The generous quantity of real attar of rose in every can gives it a wonderful rosy fragrance like the flower itself. Beautifully decorated can with the convenient "Klik-tite" cap.

Standard Price This Sale 1 Can 25c, 2 Cans 26c


JONTEEL COMBINATION CREAM



Keeps the skin soft, smooth and beautiful. An ideal base for face powder. So refreshing at night. Protects the skin against the weather. A cream with many uses. Delightfully perfumed with the wonderful Jonteel Odor. New screw cap jar.

Standard Price One Jar 50c
This Sale Two Jars 51c

MAXIMUM HOT WATER BOTTLE



A high quality bottle. Molded all in one piece and guaranteed for one year.

Standard Price One bottle 2.00 Two bottles 2.01
This Sale Maximum Fountain Syringes—are of the same quality, carry the same guarantee, sell regularly at \$2.00 each and are likewise offered on this sale at Two for \$2.01.

BRUSHES AND SUNDRIES

1.50 Hair Brush, Ladies Style Rubber Cushion 2 for 1.51
1.50 Hair Brush, assorted 2 for 1.51
75c Hair Brush, assorted 2 for 76c
35c Tooth Brush, assorted 2 for 36c
15c Velour Powder Puff (3 in. dia.) 2 for 16c
25c Wool Powder Puff (4 in. dia.) 2 for 26c

TOILET GOODS

50c Arbutus Complexion Cr. 2 for 51c
50c Boquet Ramee Talc. 2 for 51c
50c Cocoa Butter Cold Cr. 2 for 51c
60c Dazira Talc Powder 2 for 61c
1.00 Harmony Lilac vegetal 2 for 1.01
50c Harmony Coconut Oil Shampoo, 2 for 51c
50c Harmony Rolling Massage Cream 2 for 51c

TOILET GOODS

25c Medicated Skin Soap 2 for 26c
30c Rexall Shaving Powder 2 for 31c
30c Rexall Shaving Stick 2 for 31c
15c Rexall Toilet Soap 2 for 16c
50c Riker's Cream of Roses (both flesh and white) 2 for 51c
25c Riker's Peroxzone Cr. 2 for 26c
1.00 Truflor Toilet Water (5 odors) 2 for 1.01

BRUSHES AND SUNDRIES

1.50 Hair Brush, Ladies Style Rubber Cushion 2 for 1.51
1.50 Hair Brush, assorted 2 for 1.51
75c Hair Brush, assorted 2 for 76c
35c Tooth Brush, assorted 2 for 36c
15c Velour Powder Puff (3 in. dia.) 2 for 16c
25c Wool Powder Puff (4 in. dia.) 2 for 26c

GOODFORM HAIR NETS

They Fit. Nets of the highest quality and carefully selected.

Double Mesh
Standard Price, 1 Net 15c
This Sale, 2 Nets 16c

TOILET GOODS

25c Medicated Skin Soap 2 for 26c
30c Rexall Shaving Powder 2 for 31c
30c Rexall Shaving Stick 2 for 31c
15c Rexall Toilet Soap 2 for 16c
50c Riker's Cream of Roses (both flesh and white) 2 for 51c
25c Riker's Peroxzone Cr. 2 for 26c
1.00 Truflor Toilet Water (5 odors) 2 for 1.01

FOOD ITEMS

35c Vanilla Extract 2 for 36c
40c Lemon Extract 2 for 41c
98c Olive Oil, 12 1/2 oz. bot. 2 for 99c
25c Spices 2 for 26c

NINETY - THREE HAIR TONIC




promotes the growth, health and beauty of the hair. It stimulates the roots and improves the circulation and nutrition of the scalp tissues. A real Hair Tonic. It is not sticky or mussy. Has a pleasant odor and is easy to apply.

Standard Price 1 Bottle \$1.00
This Sale 2 Bottles \$1.01

STATIONERY AND HOUSEHOLD NEEDS

75c Le Claire (Deckle edge) Stationery 2 for 76c
50c Lord Baltimore Stationery 2 for 51c
10c Writing Tablet, 45 sheets, note size 2 for 11c
40c Maximum Pocket Comb, all coarse also coarse and fine 2 for 41c
75c Victoria Ladies' Comb, all coarse also coarse and fine 2 for 76c
12c Firstaid Zinc Oxide Adhesive Plaster 1 inch x 1 yard 2 for 13c

SYMPHONY CHARME STATIONERY



Very high grade writing paper and envelopes. Fancy finish with gilt and novelty edges. White and tints. 24 sheets of paper and 24 envelopes in beautiful art box.

Standard Price 1 Box \$1.00
This Sale 2 Boxes \$1.01



Good Quality Package Chocolates from our regular stock. So good everybody will want at least two boxes. One box at the regular price and another box of the same identical kind for only 1c more. The supply will not last long. First come first served.

The Rexall Store

SANDERS DRUG STORE

MERKEL TEXAS

CITATION
The State of Texas

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Taylor County Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Will Lester by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 42nd Judicial District, but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest

District to said 42nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House there of, in Abilene, on the 3rd Monday, in April A. D. 1923, the same being the 16th day of April A. D. 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 21st day of March A. D. 1923 in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 5225, wherein Millie Lester is plaintiff and Will Lester is defendant, and said petition alleging in substance that plaintiff and defendant are husband and wife; that they were

married on July 14th 1909, and separated on December 26th, 1920, since which time they have not lived together nor cohabited as husband and wife, but have lived and remained separate and apart from each other. Said petition alleging that plaintiff is a bona fide resident of the State of Texas, County of Taylor and has been such resident of said State for more than one year and of such county for more than six months next preceeding the filing of the petition in this cause, and that the residence of defendant is unknown to plaintiff, and that on account of the cruel and

inhuman treatment of defendant toward plaintiff, that the further living together of plaintiff and defendant is rendered insupportable, wherefore plaintiff prays for a divorce dissolving the marriage relation existing between her and defendant.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return there on, showing how you have executed the same.

WITNESS, J. K. Fuller, Clerk of the District Court of Taylor County.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at

office in Abilene, Texas, this the 21st day of March A. D. 1923. J. K. Fuller, Clerk. 2314

Dr. Atherton Seidell of the U. S. Public Health service says brewer's yeast greatest source of vitamin. Ironized Yeast is a concentrated extract of brewer's yeast. Its a dependable tonic for weak, thin, rundown people. Guaranteed by the Merkel Drug Company.

Sam Miller moved his family to Big Spring Monday. Mr. Miller has a position with the Ice Factory at that place.

THE W. T. RAWLEIGH AGENT

I have the W. T. Rawleigh goods for Merkel. Will appreciate part of your trade. You people realize I can't see each of you for I go on a crutch, but tell me at 272, and I will see that you get your goods delivered to your home. Thanking you, Velma Clark, (Retailer) 1tp

Elder W. G. Cypert left Friday night for McGregor where he goes to hold a two week meeting under the auspices of the Church of Christ at that place.

The Merkel Mail

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As per announcement in these columns last week, there is to be a meeting of the Commercial and Agricultural Club on next Monday night, at the City Hall, or Fire Station and to which every man and woman in this city is cordially invited and urged to attend. The Club has about two hundred members, all of whom should attend when it is possible. However, it is seldom that more than 50 ever attend a single meeting, and some times not more than a dozen. As the Mail sees it, a Commercial Club is for the promoting and fostering the best interest of all the people of the city, and every progressive citizen, who desires to see our town grow and prosper, should be a member, and not only that, he should come out and take part in the workings of the organization. We would also say that if the club does things you as a Citizen do not approve of, then come out to the meetings and do what you can to put things over in a way that you think best. But by all means there should be a little more of the cooperative spirit in this city.

There has been considerable discussion on the streets this week pro and con, as to the position of Merkel in withdrawing from the race in securing the Texas Technological school.

A number of the committee state that they had made dili-

gent inquiries among the land owners to the south of town and became convinced that it would be impossible to secure the necessary two thousand acres of land at the price appropriated by the state, and we wish to say to this Community that we believe that the land in question is worth more than \$75 per acre and we believe also that it would have been impossible to have raised by public subscription the additional amount to pay the price which the land is regarded as worth. Believing that, a number of business men and members of the Committee deemed it advisable to throw our influence to Abilene, in assisting them to secure this great school it was so announced by one of our citizens, and there never has been a more cordial feeling between the two towns than at present.

Certainly, we would be unjustified in following an old dog tray policy. If Breckenridge, Albany and many other towns outside of Taylor county, are willing to line themselves up solidly and favor Abilene, it would show a very short sighted policy if Merkel should fail to do as much as a town out of our County.

We think that Abilene is destined to be the greatest educational center in Texas and we know that it will be greatly advantageous to the land-owners in and about Merkel to do everything in their power to make it so. If this school is established in Abilene, the value of Real Estate in every part of this County will be greatly enhanced.

There are some who believe this would be disadvantageous to our merchants, but if we will all work together in the improvement of roads leading to Merkel and thereby enlarging its trade territory and in securing the business which is justly ours and which will come to us regardless of the growth of Abilene, we will have all the business that we can ever hope to attract.

What Merkel needs more than anything else is the hearty cooperation of all its citizens in attracting more business. We need friendly competition among our business interests and a spirit to abide by the will of the majority. We can bring plenty of business to Merkel to enable any business interest here to show a good profit on their investment.

We need to speak well of each other and stop using the old short sighted, unworthy, fault-finding methods in securing business.

We believe that every business man in Merkel should be an active, interested member of the Commercial Club and that every measure calculated to build up our trade or to make our town a more attractive town in which to live, should be thoroughly discussed and acted upon and when once discussed and voted upon by the majority of its members, we should all get behind the measure suggested.

Let us all be able to differ without feeling that those who differ from us are our personal enemies. Let no one in this town feel like doing what a prominent citizen of Abilene did in nominating one of the citizens as President of the "Belly-Acher's Club."

CARD OF THANKS

We the undersigned take this method of expressing our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who were so kind to us during the illness and death of our beloved sister, Miss Ella Smith May the Lord bless and care for each of you is our prayer. D. J. Anderson, W. H. Brookerson, J. S. Anderson and Miss Bessie Sandell. 1tp

E. E. Leslie we are sorry to learn has been on the sick list several days this week.

Just received, a car of oats, chops and corn, at G. M. Sharps Grocery. tf

NOTICE OF ELECTION

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, deems it advisable to issue bonds of the said city for the purpose hereinafter mentioned:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, of the City of Merkel, Texas, that an election be held on the 17th day of April, 1923, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted:

"Shall the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the City of Merkel, in the sum of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000.00) Dollars for the purpose of constructing a sanitary sewer system for said city. Said bonds to mature serially or otherwise at such times as may be fixed by the City Council not to exceed forty years from their date and to bear interest at the rate of not to exceed six (6) percentum per annum payable semi-annually, and to levy a tax sufficient to redeem them at maturity as authorized by Chapter 1 Title 18, Revised Statute of 1911, and Chapter 9, Sections 1 to 7 inclusive of the Acts of the 37th Legislature of Texas passed at its regular session and the constitution and laws of the State of Texas."

The said election shall be held at the City Hall of the City of Merkel, Texas, and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers of said election, to wit:

H. M. Rainbolt, Presiding Judge, G. W. Boyce, Assisting Judge, and L. P. Jones, and Jim W. Mayfield Jr., Clerks.

The said election shall be held under the provisions of Chapter 1, Title 18, Revised Statute of 1911, and Chapter 9, Sections 1 to 7 inclusive of the Acts of the 37th Legislature of Texas, passed at its regular session and the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, and only qualified voters who are property taxpayers of said city shall be allowed to vote.

All voters who favor the proposition to issue the bonds for the construction of a sanitary sewer system for said city shall have written or printed upon their ballots, the words:

"For the issuance of bonds". All those opposed shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words:

"Against the issuance of bonds."

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the state regulating general elections.

A copy of this order, signed by the Mayor of the City of Merkel, Texas, and attested by the City Secretary of said city, shall serve as a proper notice of said election.

The Mayor is authorized and directed to cause said notice of the election to be posted up at the City Hall and at one public place in each of the voting places in the City of Merkel for at least thirty full days prior to the date of said election.

The Mayor is further authorized and directed to have said notices of election published in some newspaper of general circulation published in said city, and which notice shall be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the date of first publication being not less than thirty full days prior to the date of election.

H. C. West, Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas. ATTSET: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary, City of Merkel, Texas 9t4

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and keep them away by painting with Taroline, a lasting tar oil that penetrates cracks and crevices. For insects on Poultry feed "Martin Blue Bug Remedy" Money back guarantee by Sanders Drug Store. 16Mc,8wk

IF YOU HAVE
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Tutt's Pills
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IN
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A BRAND NEW PICTURE
Also showing PEARL WHITE in
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And a MUTT & JEFF Comedy
2 DAYS AT THE MISSION ABILENE 2 DAYS
Today and Saturday March 23 and 24
Admission 10 and 35c

CITATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO The Sheriff Or Any Constable of Taylor County Greeting.

You Are Hereby Commanded to summon Russell M. Tennant, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest County to said Taylor county, Texas, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof in Abilene on the 3rd Monday in April, A. D. 1923, the same being the 16th day of April A D 1923 then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 19th day of August, A. D. 1923, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 5053, wherein, Lillian Odell Tenant is Plaintiff and Russell M. Tennant, is Defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were legally married in Stephens county, Texas, on January, 22, 1921, and lived together until in July, 1921; that plaintiff was only 14 years old at the time of her said marriage and the defendant was about 28 years old, that soon after the marriage of plaintiff and defendant, the defendant took the plaintiff to the mountains of West Virginia on a visit to his relatives, where plaintiff was among strangers, failed to support the plaintiff and abused and mistreated her and treated her with great cruelty and severity and refused to furnish her with clothes and money that were necessary for her; that the defendant frequently became drunk and cursed and abused plaintiff before strangers, and called plaintiff vile names, and declared he did not love her, and denied that he had ever married the plaintiff, and began keeping company with other young women of the neighborhood, declaring himself to be a single man and leaving plaintiff at the house of defendant's father and mother, who frequently mistreated and abused plaintiff. That on one occasion in the month of July, 1921, the defendant came home at night in a beastly state of intoxication, and told plaintiff that he had been out that night with girls of the community and that he would continue to go with them when he pleased, that he did not love the plaintiff that she was a nuisance and he did not want to have anything more to do with her. He then cursed the plaintiff and called her vile names and wrongfully and without excuse accused her of infidelity and of trying to flirt with other men, after which plaintiff never lived with the defendant as his wife and refused to speak to the plaintiff as long as she remained in West Virginia. That the defendant's father finally gave plaintiff sufficient money to buy a ticket to her mother's in Texas and plaintiff returned to her mother in Texas and never lived with or communicated with the defendant since. That excesses, outrages and cruel treatment of which the defendant was guilty toward the plaintiff was of such a nature as to render their living together unbearable and insupportable. That plaintiff and defendant have no property and

no children and plaintiff's maiden name was Lillian Odell McGee. Plaintiff prays for citation and for final judgement, granting her a divorce, restoring her maiden name and for costs of suit.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

Dated and attested this 27th day of February 1923.

J. K. Fuller, Clerk of the District Court of Taylor County.

Given Under My Hand, and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene this the 27th day of February A. D. 1923.

J. K. Fuller, Clerk District Court, Taylor Co. Adv. 9t4

Miss Lynn Thompson will take a limited number of pupils in Violin. Phone 130. 16t3p

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DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY.

The shield of the United States Military Academy at West Point carries this inscription: "Duty, Honor, Country."

It is the written motto of the Corps of Cadets, who are in the service of the American people.

It is, likewise, the unwritten motto of the West Texas Utilities Company, a Company which serves that part of the American People who live in West Texas.

The duty of the West Texas Utilities Company is the maintenance of the highest possible standard of utility service for its customers; its honor is the protection of its long and unstained record for fair dealing with the public. Its Country, shared equally with West Texans and all other Americans, is armed by West Point's soldiers, but it served just as faithfully in utility fields by this Company and its sister companies of the Nation.

A Company pledged to such high ideals must, of necessity, be pledged positively and unequivocally to the policy of

TRUTH IN ADVERTISING

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY

Intermediate B. Y. P. U. No. 1

1. Song, Song, Prayer, Business and records, song.
 2. The boards of Southern Baptist convention, Mrs. Bird.
 3. Group 1 and 2 in charge of program, Subject "Our Sunday School board at Nashville, Tenn."
 (1) Introduction, Marie Brown
 2. The board's main business, Gladys Deutschman (a) Clyde Mayfield. (b) Winfred Hay; (c) Eunice Bird.
 3. Some other lines of service, Roy Giles, (a) training teachers Joe Ben Ashby (b) Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. Extension and improvement, Gladys Hardy (c) Publisher of "Home and Foreign fields", Helen Booth; (d) Books and Tracks, Alvie Elliott.
 4. How the Sunday school Board is housed, Hoyt Davis.
 5. Present Volume and future prospects of the Boards business, Nell Brown.

WHO IS YOUR WASHWOMAN

Did you know my service was cheaper, better and in every way more satisfactory than the washwoman? We can send your entire family washing (nothing excluded except stiff collars, silk and wool.) washed, starched and ironed at the rate of 10 lbs. for \$1.00. Ligon the Laundryman, phone 218.

Miss Ella Smith died at her home in the View community Saturday morning and was buried in the Drummond Cemetery Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. Hughes of Abilene conducting the services. She was a half sister to Dave and Jesse Anderson, long residents of that community. Miss Smith was 44 years of age.

Miss Lois Harris of Abilene was the guest of Ruby Fae Golladay last week.

HAVE IT DYED

If you just don't feel able to invest in that new suit or dress, let me dye it any shade desired we know how, and we are equipped to please you. Ligon, the Laundryman, phone 218.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wright and family of Goldswaite, were the guests of their kinsman, George Holland, Wednesday night. They were enroute to Lubbock, where they will make their future home.

Our equipment is as good as the best. And we do your work in one day if it is necessary. So call 180, and be convinced. Cash Tailor shop, Mrs. C. L. Cash, Prop.

John B. Bell, veterinary surgeon of our city, will leave next Tuesday for Lampasas to attend the State meeting of Veterinary Surgeons, which convenes there on the 28th and 29th inst. Mr. Bell anticipates a very pleasant time.

Expert help and equipment make it possible for us to handle your very finest wearing apparel such as Voil, Crepe, China and Taffeta Silks and fabrics that would be dangerous for you to undertake, under a positive guarantee. Ligon, the Laundryman, phone 218.

Mr. J. E. Selby, eighty-one year old merchant of Marthaville, La. gained twenty-one pounds in thirty days by using Ironized Yeast. Guaranteed by the Merkel Drug Company.

Start your Baby Chicks on Superior Feed and raise more, and better chicks. T. J. R. Swafford. South Side Feed and Coal Yard.

Deck Tyler was in the city Monday, from Abilene.

COZY THEATRE

Matinee Saturday From 2 to 5:30

Friday

Ethel Clayton
 IN
 "The Cradle"

Also—

ROLIN COMEDY

And—

PATHE REVIEW

Saturday

Franklyn Farnum
 IN
 "Texas"

Also—

PATHE COMEDY

And—

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

TUESDAY MARCH 27
 ONE NIGHT ONLY

"The Invisable Power" With House Peters, and an All Star Cast

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE OR TRADE—My 1920 Model Buick Roadster or will trade for your Ford. Booth Warren at F. & M. Bank. 1t.

FOR SALE—A few more milk cows. Also plenty of Kasch Cotton seed at \$1 per bushel. A. W. Hunter, Rt. 5. 23t2p

FOR SALE—Five patent bee hives with fixtures. Miss Dota Garrouette. 23t2p

FOR SALE—Good Xray, 170 Egg incubator at \$12.50. See B. E. Dalton, Rt. 2 Box 10. 1tp

FOR SALE—One Electric Incubator. See O. R. Dye. 1t.

LOTS NEAR McMURRAY COLLEGE—are moving fast. Price low. Terms easy. Mrs. E. C. Perry, Local agent. Phone 274. City. 23t4

FOR SALE—TYPEWRITERS New Royal and Corona Typewriters, cash registers, dicta-

phones, mimeographs and adding machines, free trial, easy terms. Rebuilt Underwoods, and Oliviers sold on monthly terms of \$5. Student rentals, \$10 for 3 months. First class repair work on all makes typewriters and adding machines by contract. Abilene Typewriter Exchange, Grace Hotel Bldg. Phone 217, Abilene, Texas. tf.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—160 acres of land at Stith. \$100 in advance for rent year 1923. B. W. Horn, 1828 Sanger Ave. Waco, Texas. 16t4.

LOST

LOST—Rear light and number plate off Ford Car. Number 509-274. Finder please leave at Bob Martin's. W. S. Wilson. 1tp

LOST—Somewhere in Merkel Sunday night, March 4th, a Diamond Stick pin. Finder will please bring to this office and get a Five Dollar reward. 1t.

WANTED

WANTED—To trade for a small farm, my Merkel residence.

Good five room house, bath, 3 lots. S. R. Thompson, Trent. 1tp

WANTED—To sell Headed Matze. See Johnnie Warren at Dr. Armstrong's office. tf

FOUND

FOUND—Lenze for automobile light, in the city of Merkel. Owner can get same by calling at the Merkel Mail office and paying for this notice.

MISCELLANEOUS

STOLEN—If the person who took the John Deere Planter box from my field near Nubia will return it I will not prosecute him. It is known who took same. Taylor F. Davis. 1t

Ever see a skinny, anemic brewer? Scientists say brewer's yeast is richest source of vitamine. Ironized Yeast is concentrated extract of brewer's yeast. Guaranteed to build you up. Recommended by Merkel Drug Co. 1t.

Plenty of choice Prairie Hay at Garrett and Company. 1t

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Watch child's health. Doctors say rickets and other deficiency diseases prevalent. Ironized Yeast will bring your child back to normal health. Recommended and guaranteed by Merkel Drug Company. 1t

FOR SALE OR TRADE—My 1920 Model Buick Roadster or will trade for your Ford. Booth Warren at F. & M. Bank. 1t.

Plenty of Coal and Hulls at Clifford Rose's Coal Yard. We Appreciate your business. Phone 265. 1t

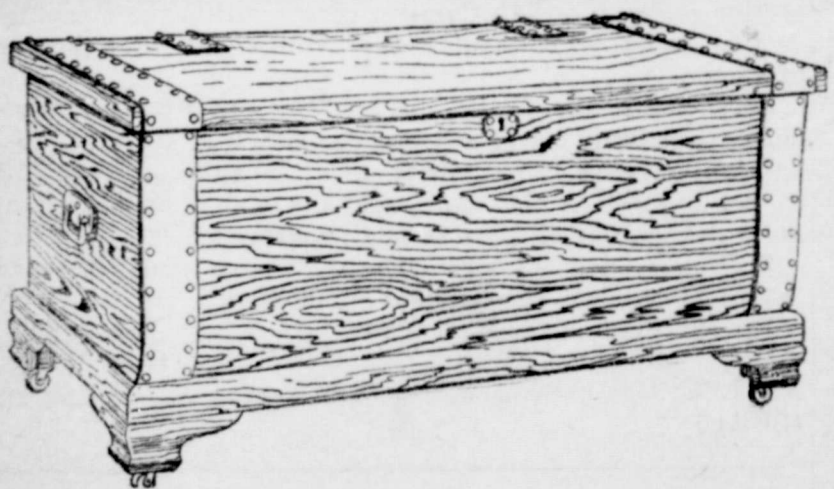
Mrs. Smith and children of Haskell, are the guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buford.

EVERYBODY

Please see the

Barclay Corsetier

At Miss Dovie Teniff's, as it is an absolutely Tailored Corset. Please don't miss seeing it.



NEW ARRIVALS IN CEDAR CHESTS.

See the New Styles, they are beauties.

Springtime Suggestions

Linoleum, Congoleum, Rugs, Refrigerators, Paint, Varnish, Wallpaper. We have what you want.

REMEMBER APRIL FOURTEENTH

We will give away a Parlor Suit. Ask for your tickets.

Barrow Furniture Co

CITATION
 The State of Texas

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Taylor County Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Ada McKee by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 42nd Judicial District, but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 42nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County to be holden at the Court House thereof in Abilene on the 3rd Monday in April A. D. 1923, the same being the 16th day of April A. D. 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 21st day of March A. D. 1923 in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 5224, wherein Earl B. McKee is Plaintiff, and Ada McKee is defendant, and said petition alleging in substance that plaintiff is and has been for more than one year a bona fide resident citizen of Texas and of Taylor County for more than six months next preceding the filing of this petition, and that defendant's residence is unknown to plaintiff; that plaintiff and defendant are husband and wife having married in the year 1898, and that they separated in August, 1921, since which time they have not lived together nor cohabited as husband and wife, but have lived and remained separate and apart from each other, said petition alleging as the cause of the separation of plaintiff and defendant that defendant has been guilty of cruelty and outrages and inhuman treatment toward plaintiff, of such a nature as renders their future living together insupportable, and plaintiff prays for a divorce from defendant and that they be divorced from each other, and for general and special relief.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

WITNESS, J. K. Fuller, Clerk of the District Court of Taylor County.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene Texas this the 21st day of March A. D. 1923.

J. K. Fuller, Clerk. 23t4.



NEW CAR IMPLEMENTS

We have just received a new car of John Deere Implements. We have a few of these implements in this car not sold. If you are in the market for Implements come and look them over and let us figure with you.

We have a good line of other hardware usually carried in stock.

Your trade in all lines appreciated.

Grocery Department

Our stock of groceries is complete, both in the staple and fancy line. We also have a good stock of all seasonable vegetables at all times.

See us for those Easter Eggs, chickens and rabbits. We have a good line to select from.

Crown Hardware Company

ORDINANCE NUMBER 26

An ordinance entitled an ordinance protecting the lives and property of citizens and aerial wire and cable companies operating in the city of Merkel and regulating the moving of structure through the streets of said city, and providing a penalty for its violation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section 1. That any person, persons or corporations, who may move or cause to be moved within the city limits of the city of Merkel any house or other structures of greater height than 16 feet from the ground from one location to the other, on or over the streets or alleys of said city, shall be wholly responsible for any or all damages to persons or property which may be caused by the tearing down or obstructing in any manner or in any other wise interfering with wires, poles, posts, cables or other appliances charged with electricity and being used by any telephone or telegraph, electric light and power or alarm system.

Section 2. It will be necessary for any person, persons, or corporation who desires to move any buildings such as described in section 1, to obtain from the City Secretary a permit and to furnish a good and solvent bond in the sum of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$500.00 as a guarantee of protection against damages to life or property as hereinbefore described. The City Secretary shall have authority to pass upon the application of any person, persons or corporations that may apply for such permits and offer such bonds and satisfy himself that said bond is good and collectable by any citizen or aerial wire and cable concern rightfully and lawfully operating within the city limits of the said City of Merkel under franchise granted them by the city and whom may be damaged through the operation of moving said structure.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of any person, persons, or corporations securing permits and giving bond to engage in moving of any structure hereinbefore described, to notify in writing the aerial wire cable concerns that are operating within the city limits whose wires and cables they expect to come in contact with during the operation and moving of the said structure of their intention to so move said structure and upon giving of such notice to the local manager or agent of any said aerial wire or cable concern it shall be the duty of such aerial wire or cable concern to assist any such person, persons, or corporation having legal permit to move any structure within the city limits as herein provided at such time, as such notice may designate, and at a cost to the person or persons to moving such structure of not exceeding sixty cents per hour for the time actually necessary for such assistance; provided, that should any such aerial wire or cable concern shall fail or refuse to so furnish assistance as herein before required when so notified by the person so engaged in moving such structure, then in such event, the person or persons, so engaged in moving such structure shall not be liable in manner to such aerial wire or cable company or concern for any damage that may occur to any of its cables, wires or other property of such company of concern.

Section 4. Any person, persons, or corporation who shall cause any building or structure prohibit under this ordinance to be moved into any street or alley of the said city of Merkel without first securing permit as hereinbefore provided, shall be fined in any sum not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$200.00.

Section 5. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

Passed, February 5 A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.
(SEAL)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 30

An ordinance entitled an ordinance prohibiting obstructions to streets, alleys, public grounds, and side walks, and prescribing a penalty for its violation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership or corporation in this city, to place, keep or suspend any merchandise on or over any sidewalk in front of any house or tenant, or upon any sidewalk to expose or offer any merchandise, or other property for sale at auction or otherwise, or to obstruct any sidewalk by placing, leaving, or causing to be placed or left thereon, any vehicle, machine, chicken-coops, coal box, barrel, table box or any other article or thing whatsoever. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not less than one nor more than ten dollars, each and every act, as well as each and every day's violation of the provisions hereof shall be deemed a distinct and separate offense, and each and every member of a firm, partnership or corporation shall be deemed guilty and prosecuted as other individuals and persons.

Section 2. The preceding section shall not apply to any merchant or trader placing packages or merchandise which he may be receiving or sending away, upon sidewalks, if the same do not occupy more than one half of the width thereof, nor remain there more than three hours, nor to any merchant or trader occupying a house and exhibiting samples for show only, upon or above the inside line of the sidewalk within a space not exceeding two feet.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, or corporation in this city to obstruct any street, avenue, alley, sidewalk pavement, platform, foot-bridge, or other public place in this city by placing, depositing, throwing, or leaving thereon, or causing the same to be done, any vehicle, machine, chicken coop, box, barrel, cotton, sign, lumber, rock, house, railway engine, or cars when remaining thereon or across for a longer time than allowed by ordinance, or any other matter or thing by whatsoever name called and which interferes with the exclusive control and power of the city, over the streets, alleys, avenues, public grounds, and high ways of the city, or which may interrupt trains, vehicles, and teams, and the designation of the foregoing objects shall not be deemed to except any other object or thing whatever, which does not obstruct, encumber, encroach upon or hinder such free and easy passage, or which does or may interfere with the exclusive control and power of the city over the aforesaid public places. Any person who may violate any of the provisions of this article shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not less than five, nor more than fifty dollars, and each and every act done, and each and every day the same may be persisted in shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense, and each and every member of such corporation, or partnership, their agents, servants, and employees shall be equally guilty and prosecuted as other individual persons.

Section 4. It shall not be lawful for any person, firm, corporation or association of persons to hereafter enter upon any street, alley, avenue, public grounds, or public highway of the city, and place thereon any obstruction, or thing whatever, that encumbers the same, as mentioned in this and the succeeding articles hereof,

without first obtaining a special franchise, permit or license, there for from the city council by resolution or ordinance duly passed. There shall not be constructed, placed, or laid, or caused to be done any public or private drain or private or public pipe in, across, under or over such streets, alleys, avenue, public grounds, or public highways, of this city, nor shall it be lawful for any such person, partnership or corporation or other association of persons to enter upon such public place and dig therein, or remove or molest the ground thereof, for the purpose of constructing, placing or laying such drains, pipes or sewers therein, across, under or above the same or for any purpose unless invested with the right and privilege so to do, conferred by the city council in the manner heretofore stated.

Section 5. Any such drain, sewer or pipe so laid, placed or constructed in the places prohibited in the foregoing article, (and the fact of such person, firm, partnership or corporation or association of persons, their agents, servants or employees, being or going upon said places for the purpose of laying, placing, or constructing such drain, sewer, pipe therein across under or above the same, or the placing of material thereon for such purpose, or the digging, removing or molesting of the grounds thereof for such purpose) shall be deemed an obstruction, encroachment, encumbrance, or hindrance, as the case may be, nor shall it be lawful for such agents, servants or employees of such person, firm, or corporation, partnership, or association to commit any of the offenses herein enumerated, but all such agents, employees, and servants violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be held equally guilty with their principal, master, employer, and shall be fined in any sum not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, and each and every act so done, and each and every days violation hereof shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense, and each and every such agent, servant and employe shall be equally guilty as other individual persons.

Section 6. No notice shall ever be required to remove or abate any obstruction, but in all judgements of the recorder, he shall order the abatement and removal of such obstructions, encroachments, or encumbrances, as the case may be, by the city marshal or the police, and the costs and expense of which shall be taxed as other costs in the same prosecution; but nothing herein expressed shall prohibit the abatement and removal of all such obstructions, encroachments, or encumbrances before prosecution or final conviction by the street overseer, city marshal or policemen at his own instance, or upon the order of the mayor, or by one or all of the street committee so to do.

Section 7. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association of persons to ride, drive, or lead a horse, cow, or vehicle over, on or along any of the sidewalks or pavements of the City of Merkel, except at crossings constructed for that purpose, and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than five nor more than ten dollars.

Section 8. That it shall be deemed a misdemeanor for any person, firm, corporation or association of persons, without the written consent of the proper authorities, to tear up and move any of the sidewalks, pavements or crossings in the City of Merkel, except in case of fire, and shall upon conviction, be fined in any sum not less than five nor more than ten dollars.

Section 9. That the right-of-way of all railroads within the limits of the City of Merkel, not in actual use and occupancy by the railroad or lessees, shall be deemed a public thoroughfare and under the control of said City, and it shall be a misdemeanor for any person or persons, to place upon said right-of-way without the written consent of the owner thereof, any plows, wagons, buggies, harrows, lumber, trash, rubbish, or obstruction of any character whatever, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than one nor more than five dollars, and each and every day such obstruction remains upon said right-of-way shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 10. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, to throw, pitch, bat or play ball, or to throw rocks, apples, Irish potatoes, or any other hard substance on along or across any of the streets or alleys within the corporate limits of the City of Merkel, and any person convicted for said offense shall be fined in any sum not more than five dollars.

Section 11. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association of persons to place, keep or maintain any sign, notice or advertisement or any other obstruction of whatever nature on, along, across, over or above any street, alley, or sidewalk, in this city where the same extends more than two feet on or over the street, alley, or sidewalk, from the wall of the building, except such sign be a height of at least seven feet in the clear above such street, alley or sidewalk, and any violation of this ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall, on conviction, be fined in any sum not less than one and not more than ten dollars, and each day's violation of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense, and punished as such.

Section 12. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to stop or stand on any street, sidewalk or crossing, for the purpose of making any public speech or address or for the purpose of selling any goods, wares or merchandise, or for any other purpose whatever so as to cause persons to congregate or gather and obstruct the free passage and use of said street, sidewalk or crossing, and any violation of this ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than five nor more than ten dollars.

Section 13. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to stop any wagon, carriage, or vehicle of any kind or any horse or other animal, or any other obstruction of whatever kind, on, along or across any street crossing so as to prevent the free and unobstructed use thereof by the public, and any person or persons guilty of any violation of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than one and nor more than ten dollars.

Section 14. This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

Passed February 5 A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.
(SEAL)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 28

An ordinance entitled an ordinance regulating the keeping of dogs in the City of Merkel, fixing a tax thereon and providing a penalty for its violation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section 1. That there is hereby fixed and assessed a tax against each and every person owning or keeping a dog or dogs in the City of Merkel, as follows: Against each and every male dog, one dollar; against each and every female dog, two dollars. Said tax shall be due and payable on the 1st day of July of each year.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the City Tax Collector and Assessor to provide suitable metal tags with numbers thereon, beginning at one and running numerically, and he shall furnish all persons complying with the terms of this ordinance with such tags and shall in a well bound book kept for that purpose regis-

ter the number of such tags or tag and the name of the person procuring same.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of any person owning or keeping a dog or dogs within the corporate limits of the City of Merkel to apply to the City Assessor and collector, pay the tax upon his dog or dogs and obtain from said assessor and collector a tag as herein provided and to have such tag at all times securely fastened on a collar around the neck of the dog. It shall be unlawful for any person to use any tag upon a dog similar to the tag issued by the city tax collector and assessor and not duly issued by him.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or controlling any vicious dog to keep or permit the same to be in or about any public place, street or alley in the city of Merkel.

Section 5. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or controlling any bitch to allow her to run at large on the streets of the City of Merkel.

Section 6. Any person failing to comply with the provisions of this ordinance, or violating any of the provisions thereof shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed one hundred dollars; provided that the provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to dogs following countrymen into the city.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

Passed, February 5, A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor.

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.
(SEAL)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 29

An ordinance entitled an ordinance regulating railroads, movements of trains and prescribing a penalty for its violation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section 1. That if any conductor or engineer of any railroad train, or any other person or persons whomsoever shall obstruct any street, alley or sidewalk, crossing or thoroughfare of this city by leaving thereon any car, engine, or train of cars for a longer time than ten minutes, or shall stop, or cause to be stopped any railway engine, car, or train of cars, across any street, alley, road, highway or other passway so as to obstruct or interfere with the free passage thereon, for a longer time than ten minutes, he, she, or they shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction thereof be fined in any sum not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 2. It shall not be lawful for any engineer to run any locomotive under his control into or out of the city or move in any direction whatever while in this city without ringing the bell, attached to such locomotive, and any one violating this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction be fined in any sum not less than one, nor more than five dollars.

Section 3. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, company, receiver, or corporation, owning or controlling, using or having charge of any railway, railway switch or side track, to maintain or operate the same across any street or alley of this city, unless such railway, switch or side track at such crossing shall be continually kept in a state of good repair, by being well and properly blasted in the center of the road bed to a level with the rails with rock, gravel or wood by grading the same with suitable materials so as to prevent no difficulty or obstacle to the free and easy use of such crossing to wagons, buggies, and other vehicles, in traveling across same, and without constructing suitable and efficient sewers or culverts to insure thorough drainage at such crossings on such streets and alleys as may be indicated by the City Council; provided, that the Section Foreman or Roadmaster receiver or contractor of any particular portion of any railway, switch or side track, whose duty it is to keep the same in repair and good condition, shall be entitled to thirty days verbal or written notice from the marshal, or other authority of the city, to comply with the provisions of this article, and after such notice, duly served, every day's violation of this ordinance shall be construed to constitute a separate and distinct offense, and the party offending shall upon conviction thereof be fined in any sum not less than one, nor more than one hundred dollars. The owner contractor or receiver of any railroad, private side tract or switch, section foreman and roadmaster comes within the meaning of this section, and shall be held liable for the violation of the provisions of same.

Section 4. If any person, not lawfully authorized, shall get upon, cling to, or jump off of any box car, coach or other car or locomotive while the same is moving upon any railroad tract within the corporate limits of this city, such person shall be fined in any sum not less than one or more than five dollars.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

Passed, February 5 A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor.

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.
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WHITE CHURCH

By John Reynolds

This cold snap is rather late, but not too late to be cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Shuff, Belle and Charlie Motored to Merkel on last Saturday.

Mr. Bill Brown and L. D. Scott went to Merkel Saturday.

The Literary Society met at the School house last Friday and rendered the following program

1. Song by all.
2. Reading, Elgin Riggan.
3. A paper, Ruby Wilson.
4. Song, Elgin Riggan.
5. Reading, Durwood Malone.
6. Reading, Gracie Lindsey.
7. A Talk, Mr. Reynolds.

Our visitors at that time were, Mrs. Lindsey, Mrs. H. West, Mrs. Peely West, Arthur Wilson, Bell Farmer and Conner Doan.

Mr. Nath Riggan went to Merkel Saturday and from there went to Trent to visit the Harris boys.

Mr. Peely West and Mr. Warren motored to Merkel last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. West and Mr. Reynolds spent Saturday afternoon with Mr. Farmer, who has the rheumatism.

Mr. Robert Harris of near Trent is visiting Nath Riggan a few days this week.

Mrs. Pearly West visited Mrs. H. West Monday afternoon of this week.

Mr. Clifton Bickley went to Merkel last Saturday.

Mr. Pressley and Dee Wilson went to Merkel Saturday and hauled back some groceries. Hoyt Wills spent the day with A. J. Bickley last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Riggan drove to Merkel Saturday.

Bell Farmer spent a few hours in Blair Saturday.

Several Children in this community have the whooping cough.

Uncle Druce Tucker has been sitting up some lately.

Robert Harris and Nath Riggan visited in the school Monday of this week.

Bro. Bird did not fill his regular appointment here Sunday, on account of bad weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams left early Monday morning to visit Mrs. Williams other, Mrs. Hill, who lives up in Jones county.

Mrs. Geo. Smith spent Tuesday night with her mother, Mrs. Costephens of Merkel.

Mrs. Ada and Orene Berry, Melica Riggan, A. J. and Harrison Bickley and J. D. Malone have been out of school several days on account of being ill.

Grandma Norris, who recently had an attack of the flu is ill again.

Wednesday of last week, Mr. Williams, our County Superintendent, visited the school at White Church. He was accompanied by Mr. Rawlins, state Inspector of schools.

Mr. Snow, who has been in Merkel taking treatment for a Carbuncle for several weeks is able to be home. As he has a new Ford, no doubt he will soon be well again.

T. C. E. Program

Leader—Helen Booth.
Topic, Educational Missions.
Scripture reading, Acts. 19:8-20—By leader.

1. Leaders Talk.
2. What are the aims of Missionary Education, by Marjorie Bland.
3. Our home mission school system, Mona Margaret Jones.
4. What will missionary Education do for boys and girls, by Mae Derstine.
5. Special song, by Annie M. and Lela Brown.
6. Missionary stories, By Bro. Rogers.
7. Religious Education, Ella Murline Weed.
8. Song.
9. Educational missions, Mildred Hamm.
10. Offering:
11. Roll call, answered with name of Mission station or missionary.
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AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

The service for "Men" at the Methodist church on last Wednesday evening which took place of the regular prayer service, was well attended and very much appreciated by all present.

The talk by the District Lay Leader, Mr. Walker of Abilene was indeed inspirational and highly appreciated. The further work of perfecting the "Men's" Club of the church, was advanced and the work of this organization will soon be under full way.

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Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bigham were in from the ranch Saturday, spending the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. T. O. SoRelle —Sweetwater Reporter.



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The Editor and L. R. Thompson had planned to be in the rabbit drive at Comper Thursday but it happened to be press day for the Editor and work piled up on us until we could not get a way; Mr. Thompson could not go for the reason that he had planned to meet the Sante Fe Cow, Sow, and Hen train at Blair and ride with them to Sweetwater in order that he might bring back to the people of this vicinity anything that he might learn to their interests.

Mr. Thompson is a close student of everything pertaining to his business and he will no doubt try to make this trip profitable to the people of this trade territory.

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John Hogue has been taken to a Dallas sanitarium. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss Louise Hogue.

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Mr. I. D. Simpson has accepted a position as salesman with the Merkel Motor Company, the local Ford dealers. He takes the place of Earl Baize, who we learn has gone to Portales New Mexico. We feel sure Mr. Simpson will make good in his new position with this company.

Just unloaded a car of Dawson Fancy Egg Coal Clifford Rose Phone 265.

Threshed Maize and Mixed Chick Feed at G. M. Sharp's

Mrs. Will Burns left yesterday for San Angelo in response to a message announcing the serious illness of her aunt who resides there.

Prof J. C. Baker, superintendent of the Clyde schools, was a guest of H. T. Merritt and family for a short time Wednesday evening.

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The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist church met in the regular monthly business and social meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. Sam Swann.

Mrs. Jinks Winter, led the devotional for the afternoon, followed by the business session, then the meeting was turned over to the hostess for the social hour. A very interesting and enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Mrs. Swann, first passed a contest of 'Sweethearts of the Bible', and in a cut with several, Mrs. Jinks Winter was given a basket of Easter eggs. The second contest was a very unique, original one of the hostess, which was answered with names of the class. And in a cut, Mrs. Derstine was awarded a small favor for this one. Mrs. Swann was assisted by Mrs. Booth in serving a tempting salad plate and hot coffee, with dainty bunches of violets as plate favors.

Mrs. Ruth Baker and children of Clyde, are in the city the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt.

Messrs. Tom Crutcher and Ben Roberts, two of Sweetwater's prominent citizens, were in the city a short time Thursday morning.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bert Taylor are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Altizer of Sweetwater before leaving for their new home at Electra. They were married Saturday night by Judge A. S. Mauzey. Before her marriage, Mrs. Taylor was Miss Anice Richards of Merkel.—Sweetwater Reporter.

Miss Evelyn Hamm, who is attending Simmons, Abilene, is at home for a few days this week with home folks and friends.

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