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MANY BAPTIST TO MEET HERE

A conference of pastors and departmental workers of the Sweetwater Baptist Association embracing 56 churches, 39 Sunday Schools, 36 B. Y. P. U.'s and 19 Women's Missionary Societies, has been called to meet in Merkel on Monday April 16th for an all day meeting. It is hoped to make this the best general meeting of the year.

One feature of the day will be Executive committee meetings following the lunch hour at the church of the following:

1. The Associational Sunday School Convention.
2. The Associational B. Y. P. U.
3. The Sweetwater Baptist Encampment.
4. The Executive Board of the Association.

Some of the speakers of the day will be:

1. Pastor W. A. Todd of Blackwell, Texas.
2. Pastor M. C. Bishop of Colorado, Texas.
3. Judge J. P. Stinson of Abilene.
4. O. B. Webb of Dallas, who is assistant Gen. Passenger Agt of T. P. R. R.
5. Dewitt McMurray of Dallas News.

6. Rev. Jeff Davis, Field man for West Texas.

7. Dr. L. R. Scarbrough, President of Southwestern Seminary Ft. Worth.

The afternoon program will be in the hands of laymen and they plan to organize a laymans Union for Sweetwater Association. All other general meetings for April are to be merged into the Conference. Blair, Hebron, Live Oak, Salt Branch, and Tye churches have been asked to assist the Merkel church in preparing and serving lunch free at the church. Special music will be arranged for the day.

The Mail is indebted to Rev. A. R. Tyson, the able and efficient Missionary for the Sweetwater Baptist Association for the above announcement, and to him is due the credit for bringing to Merkel this conference which will bring to our little city delegation from all over this association, and which is and should be appreciated by not only every Baptist in and about Merkel, but by all our people and the Mail feels sure that all will lend a helping hand in making the occasion the success that Rev. Tyson and all interested would like same to be.

The Presbyterian Auxiliary

The Ladies of the Presbyterian auxiliary met with Mrs. James West on last Monday afternoon. In spite of the bad weather, there was a good attendance. The meeting was opened by the President, with prayer by Mrs. Rogers. Mrs. Geo. West gave a beautiful and impressive reading, "The Woman who gave herself, Mrs. Rogers also read a beautiful poem from the Father in the Homeland to his Missionary daughter. It was decided that on next Monday afternoon there would be no regular meeting, but every one would meet at the church and pack the Box for the Orphans Home. Any one caring to help will please be at the church at three o'clock.

ANOTHER RABBIT DRIVE

This paper has been requested to announce another big rabbit drive for next Tuesday. The drive is expected to start from Mulberry Bridge near the north line of the Morrison pasture, which is some 7 or 8 miles east of Merkel. Every one is invited to come and take part. A good dinner and a big time is assured all.

NOTICE TO WATER USERS

At a called session of the City Council of the city of Merkel Texas, held on the 28th day of March, 1923, for the purpose of re-considering the proposition of the use of city water, for the purposes of irrigation; on motion and second, the order made at the regular session held on March 5th, 1923, prohibiting the use of the city water for irrigation, was rescinded and the following rates for the users of city water for purposes of irrigation were made. For the months of May, June, July, August and September, \$5.00 per month. And for domestic use only, residences, as usual \$2.50 per month.

T. & P. STEEL CREW REACHES MERKEL

The laying of the heavy steel on the T. P. Track has reached Merkel and the Crew is now working out of Merkel, west.

MUCH MAIL IS HANDLED HERE

During January of this year, the postal department called on Postmaster Comegys, as was done at every post office in the nation, to have during that month a count of every piece of mail handled by the five rural routes out of Merkel. The count for the five routes during the thirty days showed a total of 57,582, while there was collected 7,432 pieces from the routes; making a total of 65,114 and which makes an average per day, including Sunday of 2,101 pieces.

And to give one an idea of the enormity of the task of handling all the mail that comes to the Merkel post office, we will state that the above does not count the city mail which is generally equal or greater than that handled for the routes. And all of which, routes, and city, has to be handled by the Postmaster and his assistant, Mr. Roy Adams. During the month of January they also issued 716 money orders, besides hundreds of other things, then there is always a million questions unnecessarily asked them which they are compelled to answer.

Another thing the Post office would like to have the public think of before they criticize them about not getting the mail up quicker, is that besides handling all the mail that comes here at least once, it is often a fact that the trains that bring in the heavy mails are late, and in which event they are compelled to be late in getting the mail up and the windows open.

Both the Postmaster and his assistant, begin their days work not later than six o'clock in the morning and often work in the office until seven and eight in the evening.

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

1. Opening song and prayer.
 2. Business and minutes.
 3. Group No. 1, take charge.
- The fountain of the past, Joe Ben Ashby.
Looking backward, Gladys Deutschman.
The early preachers, Clyde Mayfield.
Memory verse, Ethel Simpson
First Southern Baptist Convention, Charlie Largent.
First missionaries sent out, Eunice Bird.
Scripture Reading, Mark 1:21-34, Durwood Owens.
Leaders ten minutes, Mrs. Bird.
Closing song and prayer.

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THE PRE-EASTER SERVICE CONTINUES

The Pre-Easter services will continue through the week. We have been having good attendance, considering the weather, and extend an invitation to all to attend.

The Subject of the Easter morning Sermon will be Immortality of the Soul. Sunday evening we will have a special Musical Service. Following is the program.

- Prelude, Miss Gay, Miss Thompson.
Song, By the Choir.
Prayer, Rev. M. C. Hays.
Song, by the Choir.
Address, Rev. M. C. Hays.
Duet, Miss Christene Collins, and Mr. Tom Largent.
Special Music, Miss Roberta Gay.
Song, by the Choir.
Quartet, Cyrus Pee, Mason Pee, Mr. Lester, and Mr. D. H. Vaughn.
Solo, Miss Christene Collins.
Song, by the Choir.
Duet, Miss Esther Roehl, Mr. Lester.
Benediction.
Don't forget the Anniversary Day Program, which will be given April 8th. See program elsewhere.

FUN THRILLS ROMANCE

At the Mt. Pleasant church Saturday evening, March 31st, 1923, 8. p. m. Hear the Senior Pupils in "The Little Clod Hopper." Admission 10 and 25 cents. Proceeds to be used for playground equipment.

We turn our stock of Groceries fast, sell at right prices and render reliable service, as indicated by our increase in business. Hamilton & Case. It

FRIENDS ANNOUNCE THEIR FAVORITES

As is generally known, it is always hard in towns the size of Merkel for the citizenship to induce some one to really become candidates for the different city offices, and owing to the fact that there is to be a city election in Merkel on next Tuesday, April 6, quite a number of citizens have interested themselves in an effort to bring before the voters, men in their mind who would make good, efficient and painstaking officials, and the friends of the following gentlemen, have asked the Merkel Mail to announce them as candidates for the following offices.

For Mayor, Judge N. D. Cobb who some years ago, splendidly served the city of Merkel in this position, is announced by his friends as the logical man to head the city government, and they urge upon the voters of the city to give his claims due and fair consideration.

And the friends of Mr. H. C. West, present Mayor, have authorized the Merkel Mail to announce Mr. West as candidate for re-election to a second term; stating that his splendid record which is before the voters, entitled him to the old time precedent of being accorded a second term.

For Aldermen, the names of Messrs. W. O. Boney and A. T. Sheppard, have been handed us for announcement as candidates for re-election, by their friends, who believe that they have served efficiently and honestly as such, and urge their re-election at the coming election on next Tuesday.

FIRST MERCHANTS TRADE TRIP SUCCESS

The Merchants Trade trip which is being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, was begun on last Friday evening, when quite a number of our citizens, headed by our splendid band, drove out to Teaff school house, located west of Tye, and where a splendid program of entertainment was given.

Besides the splendid music by the band boys, Miss Lola Dennis, in her usual capable and splendid way, very royally entertained all present with a couple of readings. And Judge E. S. Cummings delivered a splendid address on the subject of "Community interest", while Dr. Armstrong made a fine talk on "Good Roads".

Misses Christene Collins and Iva Bragg also delighted the audience with an excellent duet with Miss Gay at the Piano.

Those inattendance from the city report a most delightful and pleasant visit with the splendid citizenship of the Teaff school community, and that those people gave them a genuine royal welcome.

We also wish to state here that the next "Trade Trip" will be on next Friday, April 6th, when a visit will be made to Stith, mention of which is made elsewhere in this paper.

RABBIT DRIVE

A rabbit drive is announced to take place Friday, March 30, beginning at the Touchstone farm north of Comper. An invitation is extended to all to participate.

Buy your Easter Shirt, made by Wilson Bros. from Lyle. It

GOOD RAINS FALL HERE THIS WEEK

This vicinity as well as every part of West Texas, according to the daily papers, has again this week been visited by bountiful rains, amounting to from one half inch to more than 2 in. In Merkel up to Thursday morning the fall had amounted to 1 and three fourths inches. And beginning again early Thursday morning a steady down pour has been falling up to 2 p. m. the time this item is being written.

All of which causes one to remark, there has perhaps never been better prospects at this time of the year for a great crop throughout the entire west.

To the balance of the world, unless some change in prospects or some unforeseen calamity befalls us, we would say keep your eye on this country for the great era of prosperity ever witnessed in any community.

THE MERKEL MUSIC CLUB

The Merkel Music Club was entertained on March the 17th in the home of Mrs. R. L. Bland with Flora Frances Anderson, Mona Margaret Jones, and Marjorie Bland as hostesses. The home was beautifully decorated commemorating the memory of St. Patrick, also were we reminded that Easter is close at hand.

After an interesting musical program by members of the club a delicious refreshment was served, thus proving that the young hostesses were not deficient in the culinary art as well as music.

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SUPT. COX URGES ATTENDANCE

It is urged that every member be present next Sunday at the Methodist Sunday school. Being Easter Sunday, it is expected that every one be there on time beginning promptly at 9:45 for the opening service.

Everybody please come and lets make this a day long to be remembered in the history of our Sunday school. Please let us have all the Primary children present on this occasion. L. W. Cox, Supt.

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

Prof. Cooper of Abilene Christian College, was in the city Sunday and preached at Comper, in the afternoon. He will fill his appointment there on the 4th Sunday afternoon in April.

BUSINESS MEN TO VISIT STITH

The next Merchants Trade Trip, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will take place on Friday April 6th, when the Merkel Merchants, headed by our splendid band, will go out to Stith, for a visit among the people of that splendid community.

As stated above, the band boys are expected to go along and will render a fine program. And besides this, there will be other features of interest, such as readings, addresses, songs and music.

The speakers for this occasion, will be Rev. Ira L. Parrack pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mayor H. C. West, L. R. Thompson and Dr. M. Armstrong.

The purpose of these trips is that the business interests of Merkel and the citizenship of the communities may have the opportunity of enjoying a visit among each other socially and thereby get better acquainted and become better known to each other. Hence every business and professional man in the city is urged to go on these trips. Every one is invited and should feel welcome to join in the movement.

As a committee to take the names of every person who will and take a car and take some of the band boys or some one who has no way, Messrs. Holland Teaff, of the West Texas Utilities Company, Mason Pee, of the Crown Hardware Co. and Loring Hamblett of the W. F. Hamblett Grocery Co., have been appointed. So if you can go as above stated, see either of these gentlemen and give them your name.

As a program committee, Messrs Bob Dennis, Paul West, and Miss Gay have been asked to prepare same. And the Mail would say that judging from the personnel of the above committee, an interesting and excellent program is assured all who attend.

STOCK SHIPMENTS

The following stock was shipped from here to Fort Worth Market Saturday night.

Collins Bros., one car hogs
Jasper McCoy, one car cattle.
Mr. Forehand, one car cattle.
Mr. Forehand ranches on Valley Creek.

Minister R. T. Harris, a former citizen of Merkel, but now of Abilene, was the guest of friends here Sunday and preached at the church of Christ.

A beautiful line of fancy collar and cuff sets at—Lyles. It

"AN OLD FASHION SUPPER" APRIL 5TH

Mr. H. M. Rainbolt, president of the Commercial Club announces that he has made arrangements with the local Cemetery Association to serve in the Gaiter building on Main street next Thursday evening, "an old Fashioned Supper", which the citizenship of Merkel is invited to attend.

Mr. Rainbolt states that the purpose of the occasion is for the assembling of all Merkel in a big "Get-to-Gether meeting of the citizens for the purpose of discussing the welfare and development of our city and especially the "Civic Improvement" of the city. There fore, he urges that every man and woman in and about Merkel consider themselves invited and welcome to attend this big "Get-to-Gether Meeting."

Then again, he wishes to impress upon all the fact that in attending same, and taking part in discussing ways and means of improving our city, they will be contributing to a most worthy cause, as the fee of seventy-five cents charged for the Supper will go to the Cemetery Association and used in the beautifying of same.

Mrs. R. O. Anderson, who for a number of years has devoted much time and effort as a member of the Cemetery Association was asked by Mr. Rainbolt to take charge of putting on the Supper; she to appoint her assistants from among the ladies of the city. This, Mrs. Anderson consented to do and we learn has already called a meeting of a number of ladies and the plans are perfected for the serving of the splendid eats. And right here let us say, that every one in and about the city should help Mrs. Anderson and her assistants in the matter.

Mr. Rainbolt also informs the Mail that he will arrange an interesting program, of music, readings, speech making etc. Mrs. Judge Brooks of Abilene being among the number of out of town speakers expected to be present.

Remember the date, next Thursday night, April 5 at 7:30

When is the B-I-G E-A-S-T-E-R B-A-Z-A-A-R? On March the thirty first. You can't afford to miss it. What are they going to have? A-P-R-O-N-S (big and little); S-U-N B-O-N-N-E-T-S (all sizes and kinds.) C-A-P-S (fancy and plain). It

MERRITT LEAVES FOR HALE CENTER

Mr. H. T. Merritt, who it was stated in this paper last week had purchased the Hale Center American, after crating up his job plant here for shipment to that city, left Wednesday night for that city, where on April 1st he takes charge of the above newspaper.

He states that Mrs. Merritt and son Jack would visit among friends and relatives at Clyde for a few days after which they would join him in making that city their future home.

For nineteen years they have resided among the people of Merkel and have a host of friends who regret their departure, but who wish for their success and happiness in their new home. Yes, Hale Center can well afford to number them among her best and most progressive citizens.

Mrs. Will Burns came in Monday evening from San Angelo, where she was called last week to the bedside of her aunt, Mrs. Moore, who was critically ill. She left her somewhat improved.

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ANNIVERSARY DAY

PROGRAM, APRIL 8TH

The Epworth League of the Methodist church will give a very interesting program on the evening of April 8, at the evening hour. The name of this pageant is, "The Modern Prodigal" It is urged that all, young and old, lend their assistance by giving these young people a full house on that evening. It will interest, and entertain you.

The program is as follows:
Leader, Joe Ridenbauch.
Hymn.
The Apostles Creed.
Prayer, led by pastor.
Special music.
Scripture reading, 1 Tim., 6:11-14, 4:12.
Announcements.
Offering.
Hymn.

Characters of Pageant

Handy Man, Russell Pike
Angel Child Esther Roehl.
Spirit of Worship, Marie Williamson.
Spirit of Service, . . . Ethel Wilson
Spirit of Missions, Julia Martin.
Spirit of Play, Elizabeth Harkrider.
Chinaman, Wrenn Durham
Japan, Murphy Thomas
Korea Brannie Bailey
Czecho Slovakia, . . . Iva Bragg
Belgium, Roberta Gay
Cuba, Hazel Harkrider
Africa, Loring Hamblett
Mexico, Dorris Durham
The American Indian, Lilley Pratt Sears.
Poland, Ruth Pike

Chairman, Blanche Durham.
Leaguer, No. 1. Sie Hamm.
Leaguer No. 2. Mabel Toombs.
Leaguer No. 3. Minnie M. Lamar
Leaguer No. 4. Clesby Patterson
Leaguer No. 5. Lera Petree.
Leaguer No. 6. Marvin Mayfield
Leaguer No. 7. Edna Watts.
Mary Jones, Roberta Gay.
Annie, Lynn Thompson.
Song, Rock of Ages, Delma Compton, Christene Collins, and Cyrus Pee.

Prayer.
Hymn.
Eleven Evil Spirits— 11 Leaguers.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By Marvin Mayfield.

High school notes are written in order to give the "outsiders" an idea of a few of the major things that take place in school. More things happen in some weeks than in others but every day we are shaping things for a glorious closing in May.

Monday morning at nine o'clock, we were favored with real wholesome entertainment, by the declaimers of the Merkel School. This was their elimination contest. The contestants were:

Junior Girls: Gladys Deutschman, Patsie Lewis, Hager Estes, Deshazo Simpson, Majorie Blang. The latter was awarded first place.

Junior Boys: Harold Boney; Roy Giles. The latter was awarded first place.

Senior Girls: Jessie Mae Stevens, Nellie Sharp, and Mary Longacre; Nellie Sharp winning first place.

Senior Boys: Ray Garrett, Clesby Patterson, Patterson winning first place.

The judges were: Rev. Fred S. Rogers, L. R. Thompson and Thos. Durham.

These students should be commended for their efforts in preparing for the declamations. It is no easy task; the losers are not winners. Many of these students were contestants last year and showed a marked improvement since last year.

Owing to the present rains the farmers over the country are very happy, but the Seniors are not quite so optimistic, as the rains do not get their lessons for them and they can study as well in sandstorms as in a rain.

The Baseball Boys are practicing every possible afternoon and getting ready to put things over in a grand style this spring.

A movement is on foot and is being pushed by the Senior boys which will, if enacted, prohibit the Senior girls from using the word "silly". It has been abused of late by these girls in describ-

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GOLAN NEWS

Mrs. J. C. Chambers and daughter of Childress, Texas visited W. C. Hill and family last week.

Mr. L. C. Williams and wife of Mulberry Canyon visited the lady's mother, Mrs. Dora Hill, from Wednesday until Monday.

Mrs. D. M. Hill returned to San Angelo Sunday after a short visit to her relatives in this neighborhood.

Lewis Lawlis and family, and Miss Mildred Cheatham of Palva, visited Jim Jefferys last Sunday.

C. Jefferys and family spent the day Sunday with R. T. Jones and wife.

Several of the young folk from Newman were at Golan Sunday evening. Come again, you are all ways welcome.

Gladys Game of Newman, and Miss Edith Hudspeth spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Thelma Cooper.

Rev. J. A. Wheeler of Sylvester filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday. The Sunday school and singing, are reviving after the inclement weather the last two months.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Herron and children, R. T. Jones and wife, and Miss Meavil Jefferys spent Saturday night with F. Jefferys at Sylvester.

Miss Bettie Byrom was guest of Mervil Hill Sunday.

Miss Katie Davis, Intermediate teacher, spent the weekend with her mother at Anson.

On last Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at the Sanitarium in Abilene, the soul of Haskell Lawlis, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Lawlis, left its earthly home to return to its giver. He was ten years old, and was converted two years ago, and united with the Methodist church at this place. His beautiful sunny disposition was like a ray of sunshine to all around him and to know Haskell was to love him. Rev. H. W. Hanks, a former pastor, and Rev. J. A. Wheeler con-

ducted the funeral service. Interment followed at the Newman Cemetery. Johnnie Hill, George Byrom Jr., A. J. Hill, Wesley Northcutt, Odus Davis, and Orvil Cox, his school mates acted as pall bearers. He leaves a father, mother, three brothers and one sister to mourn his death. We join with their many friends in extending our sympathy to the bereaved ones in their loss.

Mrs. May Cole of Abilene is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Marshall this week.

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Get your baby chick feed at Garrett and Company's. tf

Mrs. A. Y. Pennington of Tahoka, is here this week for a visit with her sister, Mrs. L D Matlock. And the two ladies visited relatives in Abilene also this week.

I am organizing a class in shorthand and typewriting. Would like to have high school students and those who wish to learn the stenographic course. Phone 70, or call and see Miss Esther Hoehl, at the Methodist Parsonage. tf

The Merkel Garage---

has made some changes in its services recently. Mr. C. B. Barnes has accepted a position with the Danner Filling Station in Abilene and we have replaced Mr. Barnes with Mr. H. S. Johnston of Santo. Mr. Johnston is not altogether a stranger to us, having worked as mechanic for us in 1920 and proved satisfactory. Mr. Johnson will take care of your wants, and he or Davis Jones either one, will meet you with a smile. For service and satisfaction, come to the

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ing the Senior boys.

Maurine Angus is the most constant gum chewer in school.

A new club came into existence the other day as a result of a meeting of the most prominent high school girls. It is known as "The Young Gossipers Club" It is supposed to cooperate with the "Gossipers Club" which is composed of the Teachers of the High school. Hattie Proctor was elected president of the club Mary Eula Sears, Vice-Pres.; and Alva Wheeler, Sec. and Treasurer.

Carvel Tucker and Wayman Rose have been having trouble with their Trig here of late. The following poem, composed by Wayman, expresses his sentiment.

"The 3:20 bell tolls the knell of parting day.

Our school mates leave as happy as can be.

The teachers homeward plod their weary way.

Leaving Trig' to Carvel and to me!

The poem is all right Wayman but you should have put in that time studying. Mr. Burgess said the other day, that, "There is no royal road to Trig."

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The Merkel Mail has never knocked on a single citizen of this town, and it is not our purpose to ever do so. On the other hand this paper has been pleased to boost many of the citizens and shall continue to boost one and all, every time we have an opportunity. If you have not received your share of boosting, it is because you have never given us the opportunity. It is the papers' purpose to be of some help to every man, business and institution, and we urge your cooperation in our effort to make the Mail just the kind of a paper that is in keeping with our splendid little city.

This paper takes the view that every man is entitled to speak his views upon any question which may arise in his community. And as a newspaper we reserve the same privilege as is the privilege of the citizen. We have no condemnation or fault to find of any one who may oppose our views upon any question, at any time, and we take it for granted that all fair minded men will accord us the same privilege that he takes, although our opinions may be right the reverse of his.

It is reported that there are those who oppose the sewer bond issue, who blame the City Officials for the election being called. This, the Mail believes to

be a wrong idea. The City officials have only done what the law requires of them, when they have been petitioned by a certain number of citizens to call such election. They have only called said election that the voters may have the privilege of expressing their wishes. They may be for or against such. They have only done their duty as officials. It will be up to the majority of the voters whether these bonds are issued or not. If the sewer system is installed a majority of the voters must so express themselves, with same rule applied if they are not.

The writer had the privilege of a visit to the Merkel High School one day this week. And we are proud of same, for indeed, it was a genuine revelation. Our visit was occasioned by the fact that a declamation contest was to be held that morning to determine the boys and girls who would represent this school at the County Meet at Abilene on next Friday and Saturday. And let us say to the credit of every boy and girl in that contest that each of your declamations were indeed very fine. And right here let us say to the credit of our schools that our visit impressed upon us the fact that Merkel has one of the best regulated and efficiently conducted schools of any town it's size in the state.

We do not suppose there is or ever has been a school in this or any other town that did not receive more or less criticism and we believe that criticism rightly made is the privilege of the patronage or the public, but we do believe that if only the parents of any school will occasionally visit their schools they will be less apt to make criticism. As a patron, we here and now confess our neglect in this matter. And we also gladly state that a recent visit to our school has given us a new vision regarding the condition of same, as

well as the many handicaps and difficulties under which our faculty has to labor. Hence, we would say to the mothers and fathers of the Merkel Schools, take a few hours off and pay a visit to your school. We believe you will be better able to judge the work of same, and less apt to criticize.

On April 17, the property tax paying voters of the city of Merkel will have the privilege of voting for or against the issuance of \$60,000 in bonds for the purpose of installing in this city a complete and modern sewer system. The contest promises to be a very spirited one. And as the Mail sees it, such questions are entitled to the fullest publicity and free discussion, as will place the issue before every voter in order that he or she may fully understand same in its true light. As for this paper it believes that it would be to the best interest of the city and her people that this proposed bond issue be favorably voted. Yet, we have no condemnation or criticism of those of our citizens who may differ with us on the question. And we hope that in discussing this question every one will do so with fairness, and with the realization that those who oppose their views have the same right to be for or against same, as the case may be. There should be nothing of the spirit of malice and hate injected into the issue.

MARRIED SATURDAY

Mr. M. D. Fowler and Miss Nettie Whisenhunt were happily united in marriage Saturday afternoon, March 24th in this city, A. L. Jobe, officiating. The newly weds live in the View community.

Have they moved all Japan over to Merkel? Oh No! that is simply the Methodist Easter Bazaar. Better go in and see what all they have there.

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MORE ABOUT COOPERATION

Since last week the reports that the merchants of Wellington have awakened to the realization that co-operation is really one of the most essential requisites in successful conducting of business. It is reported, that the Wellington Chamber of Commerce is seeking cooperation of the local merchants in a plan whereby the entire population of this county will benefit materially if the plan is carried out. The only reason that the plan may fail is the lack of cooperation on the part of the Wellington merchants. One sometimes hears complaints regarding the things accomplished by the Chamber of Commerce. No business man can hope to be benefitted by the Chamber of Commerce if he doesn't expect to cooperate with it when the time comes for helping and cooperating.

If Wellington intends to retain her present trade, she must realize the fact, and realize it soon, that there are real live towns in a radius of 50 miles of Wellington that are making a mighty strong and successful, too, effort to pull Wellington's trade. What are YOU going to do about it, Mr. Wellington Merchant?—Wellington Leader.

Every business enterprise in every town should be connected with the local chamber of Commerce, and then join the majority of the organization in a cooperative way in its undertakings for the upbuilding of the city.

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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 944

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 Stephans 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. 944

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We close our church year with thanks to Almighty God for his manifold blessings. Next Sunday, April the 1st, opens to us a new year of work and service, the third for the present pastor. No pastor ever had greater cooperation and help on a field, than Grace Church has given to me. So we look forward with pleasure to beginning a new years work.

Easter Sunday has been set for our special day of attendance. We desire to have present all the cradel roll, and home department. The morning hour will be given to the Easter Service of Song, Sermon and communion. And we hope to begin the year with a large part of our membership present.

The evening hour, 8 o'clock the Sunday school will give a special program, "The Light of the World." This is one of the best Programs we have had in a long time. The offering will be given to one of our Presbyterian Girl's schools in Japan.

Monday at 3 p. m. this church will pack a box for the Presbyterian orphans at Albany. Bring your things to the church and help brighten the lives of these Orphans. Fred S. Rogers.

Mrs. B. Reeves, who some time ago left Merkel for California, where she went to join her son in making that state her home, is again in her old position, at Max Mellinger's dry Goods store. Her many friends welcome her return.

Merchants, get your Sales Books at the Mail office.

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BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday will be a special day with the local Baptists. They are to put on a campaign for local expenses. It has been two years since such a campaign was entered upon by this church. During this two years a number of those helping have moved away, also a number of people have united with the church without the finance committee getting in touch with them so that for the past few months there has been a falling off of our regular weekly offering and the deacons have launched this movement to secure pledge from every member of the church. The campaign will be launched Sunday and it is hoped that every member who possibly can will be present so as to help get a good start. Every one who comes voluntarily and makes a worthy pledge will help the committee, as they will have to see personally all who do not come voluntarily. The church has a given amount of expense and has no other income except your voluntary offerings. During the little more than three years that your present pastor has been with you, you have given approximately \$50,000.00 into the Lord's Treasury. We are well able to take care of this matter and with the right kind of cooperation we will succeed gloriously.

Let every one be in his place Sunday and let us show our faith by our works.

All the other regular services as usual. Come find a place to work and to worship. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Mr. E. D. Coats reports the sale of 40 acres of land near Portales, New Mexico, to Mr. W. L. Yandell, of this city. In the deal, Mr. Yandell disposes of a residence he owned in Merkel, known as the Jas. H. West place in West Merkel.

WHITE CHURCH NEWS
By John Reynolds

A fine rain fell over this section to day and last night. Mr. Brown and T. D. Scott went to Merkel last Saturday. Some people of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Clark, Mrs. J. V. West, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie West all spent the day last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. West of this community.

Rev. Houston Scott of Simmons College, Abilene, a Baptist preacher, preached at White Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The service was well attended.

Mr. John Reynolds spent last week-end at home.

Mr. Wheat of Merkel visited our school one day last week.

Mrs. Cardell of Cross Roads mother of Mrs. Pearly West of this community had a cancer removed from her face. It is reported that she is doing nicely.

Mr. Shuff motored to Merkel last Saturday.

Mr. H. West, Mr. Pearly West Mrs. West, Mr. Reynolds and Hoyt Willis went to Merkel Saturday.

Last Friday Mr. and Mrs. Shuff, Belle, and Charlie Went to Abilene shopping.

Several from here went to Blair last Thursday afternoon to see the exhibit train from A. and M. College.

Mr. Earnest Connally and wife and Curtis Connally of Cross Roads were at White Church Sunday.

There was a singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown last Sunday night. Every body that was not sick, it seemed was there. All had a glorious time singing those sacred hymns

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Range Water heater and connections. Cheap. J. S. Burns. 1tpd

COTTON SEED—Have some good Lone Star Planting cotton seed. M. E. Parker, rt. 5. 1tp

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LOTS IN OVER ADDITION Near Mc Murray College Are selling Fast. Prices, low, terms asy. Mrs. E. C. Perry, City. Phone 274. 30t3p

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—Saturday afternoon, a Wire Tire Wheel Casing. Between Compere and Merkel. Finder take to Merkel Garage and receive a reward. 1t.

WANTED

WANTED—To buy a good young, gentle milk cow. See S. F. Haynes. 1tp

FOUND

FOUND—Boys Coat on Shilo road. Finder can get same by paying for this ad, at the Mail office. 1t

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The Whooping cough is still here but not serious. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown of Blair were visitors at White Church Sunday.

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Intermediate Epworth League

Subject, The Easter Message. Leader Eva Mae Johnston. Scripture lesson, by Intha Bird.

The Easter message in nature by Sallie Brown. Scripture lesson, Ruth Jenkins.

The Easter Miracle in the life of others, Jessie Mae Stevens. The Easter Miracle in my life by Opal Patterson. Song; Benediction.

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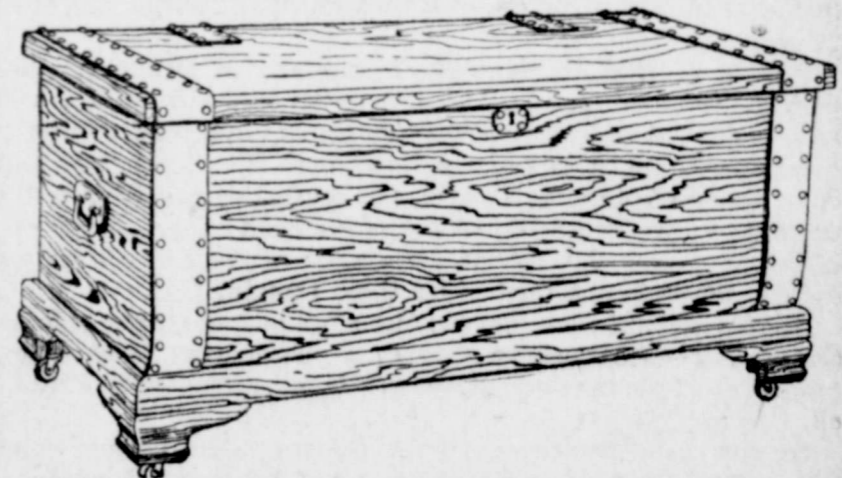
NOTICE MR. FARMER

We have installed a Franklin and Bowers Cotton Seed Culler at our farm, and will cull your seed for you. The Governments, both State and National are urging the farmers to plant the best seed, so why not have your seed culled, and stop paying this high price for seed no better than you already have, when culled. Beasley Bros. 30t2

FRIENDSHIP CLUB NOTES

On last Friday afternoon, March 23, the Friendship Club met with Mrs. Jasper McCoy. Conversation and '42' were enjoyed until it was announced we were to go sight seeing in an aero plane, this proved to be very interesting and thrilling. Next was a letter puzzle, after which delicious cake and punch was served to Club members and visitors.

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A tourist's car caught fire on the pike Sunday morning about 10 o'clock, a mile West of Merkel and their entire camping outfit was burned up. The rear part of their Ford was considerably damaged.

W. B. Barrett and sisters, Misses Annie, Bettie and Rachel were the guests of their relatives Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case, the forepart of the week. Their home is at Winters.

The elimination in the Inter-scholastic League for the high school was held at the high school auditorium Monday morning in declamation. The representatives for the county contest were selected at this elimination. The school affords some fine declaimers and the judges decisions were close. Following is the result. Senior Boys, Clestives Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case, the by Patterson; Senior Girls, Nellie Sharp; Junior Boys, Roy Gilles, Junior Girls, Majorie Bland.

built, enlarged or altered within the City of Merkel, which do not conform to the requirements of the three preceding sections, are declared to be a nuisance in so far as they violate the provisions of the said sections.

Section 15. The chairman of the street committee shall inspect all such lines erected or altered, and in case any such lines are found not to come within the requirements of the foregoing four sections, the chairman of the street committee shall give notice in writing to the persons having control in said city or said lines, requiring the individual, partnership or corporation owning or controlling the same, within 10 days to alter said lines so as to make the same conform to the requirements of the said preceding sections.

Section 16. That upon the expiration of 10 days after such notice, if said wire and cables are not removed or placed so as to conform to all requirements of the said preceding sections, the City Marshal, under the direction of the chairman of the street committee shall remove and abate all such nuisances.

Section 17. It shall be the duty of any person or persons desiring to move any house or other building or structure in this city to notify any person, corporation, partnership or association or persons owning or controlling any telephone or electric light wire at least 24 hours before hand, of his or their intention to move such building or structure so as to give any person or persons owning or controlling such wires an opportunity to be present to care for such wires in such manner as may be most convenient for all parties concerned; provided that no person or persons shall be permitted to move any building or structure along any street in this city at any point where it would be necessary to cut a telephone or electric cable.

Section 18. That any person or persons guilty of any violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars; provided, that each day's violation and each act of violation shall be deemed a separate offense and prosecuted as such.

Section 19. This ordinance will be in full force and effect after its passage and publication.

Passed February 5 A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor

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

ORDINANCE NUMBER 31

An ordinance entitled an ordinance defining a nuisance, committing nuisances and prescribing a penalty therefor.

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

Section 1. Hereafter, it shall be unlawful to throw, place or deposit, or cause to be thrown, placed or deposited, in any street, alley, square, sidewalk, lot or other premises or place, any carcass, or any dead animal or fowl, any putrid or unsound beef, pork or other meat, hides, skins or filth of any kind or matter liable to become offensive, or allow any such offensive matter to remain in or about, or immediately in front of any premises, owned or controlled by him, her or them.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons in the corporate limits of the City of Merkel to keep, or cause or allow to be kept any pen, place or premises owned or controlled by him, her, or them, in or upon which hogs or other animals are kept, in such manner as to be unhealthy, offensive, or an annoyance to any person whatever.

Section 3. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons in the corporate limits of the City of Merkel to allow or permit any horse or other animal owned, controlled or kept by him, her or them, and which has come to its death by disease, or otherwise to lie or remain in or upon any street, alley, square, lot or other ground, public or private; but such person or persons shall cause the carcass of such animal or animals to be burned or conveyed and deposited upon the dumping or scavenger grounds provided by the city for such purposes, and there burned or buried.

Section 4. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons, who own or control privies upon his, her or their premises, or owned or controlled by him, her or them, to allow them to become offensive, or unhealthy, nor shall they be placed within less than five feet of the dividing lines between parties, unless by consent of the parties owning or controlling said premises.

Section 5. Whenever any nuisance has been declared to exist, and the court has ordered the same to be abated, corrected or removed and the author of said nuisance shall fail or refuse to obey such order, the Secretary shall at the end of three days from the time of rendering such decision by the Court, Sunday's excepted, direct the Marshal to abate the same, who shall proceed at once to carry out such order, calling in such assistance as he deems necessary, all costs therein shall be taxed against the author of such nuisance, and collected as other costs.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Marshal to cause the removal or burning at the expense of the City of Merkel, the owner or controller of which cannot be ascertained.

Section 7. Any person or persons who shall violate any of the provisions of the preceding sections of this ordinance, under the head of and relating to nuisances, either by act or omission, shall be deemed the author of a nuisance, and on conviction thereof shall be fined not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars for each and every offense, and each day that a nuisance shall continue, shall constitute a separate offense. In all cases of conviction of a nuisance, the same shall be held to imply a notice to abate.

Section 8. Any person who shall, in any public place, street or alley, or in any outhouse, public or private, within the corporate limits of the City of Merkel or within nearer than two hundred yards, or in sight of any public place or private residence, commit a nuisance by evacuating his bowels in such place, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not more than five dollars.

Section 9. Whoever, in the corporate limits of the City of Merkel, shall ride, or cause to be ridden along any street or alley, or upon the public square, any wild or unbroken horse, mare, gelding or mule, knowing at the time the same to be wild and unbroken, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be fined in any sum not more than twenty-five dollars.

Section 10. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons in the corporate limits of the City of Merkel to keep in or upon any premises owned or controlled by him, her or them, any privy, vault or sink, in such a manner as to be unhealthy or offensive to any person whatever, or to fail or refuse to obey any directions of the City Marshal relative thereto.

Section 11. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons in the corporate limits of the city of Merkel to put up or use any privy, vault, or sink upon any premises owned or controlled by him, her, or them, upon the boundary line between any such premises, and any other premises not owned by him, her or them, without the consent of the owner of such premises, or upon the boundary line between such premises and any street of the public square, or any other public place, or at less distance from any boundary line than five feet. Any person who shall be guilty of a

violation of any of the provisions of this section or any preceding section of this provision shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 12. It shall be unlawful for any person in this city to deposit, or permit to be deposited in front along the side, or in the rear of premises, owned, occupied or controlled by him or her, in any gutter, or sewer, ditch or border of any sidewalk, or pavement, or upon any vacant lot, or other lot, except the dumping or scavenger grounds, any sweepings, trash, tins, shavings, waste paper or any other rubbish of any kind, but all such trash and rubbish of any kind, accumulating in any house, or on the sidewalk or in front thereof, shall be swept and collected together by the occupant of such house or premises and burned, or placed in a box, or barrel or some other vessel, which said occupant shall as often as necessity may require shall have emptied at his own expense, on some place when such trash and rubbish will not be, or get into gutters, ditches, or on the borders of the sidewalks, streets or pavements of the city, on any vacant lot, or other lot as aforesaid; provided, all such sweepings, trash, tins, shavings, waste paper or other rubbish not burned, shall be swept and collected together by the owner or occupant of such house or premises and deposited in a box, barrel or other vessel and placed in a convenient location when the scavenger shall take charge and empty as often as required at the expense of the city. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be fined in any sum not more than ten dollars.

Section 13. Whoever, within the corporate limits of the city of Merkel, shall serve any stallion or jack to any mare in sight of any public place, or within two hundred yards of any private residence, or shall cause the same to be done, or cause to be served or shall serve any bull to a cow, or dog to a bitch, unless such bull and cow, or dog and bitch are under cover and concealed, shall be deemed guilty of keeping a nuisance, and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars; and each act of serving a stallion or jack to a mare, bull to a cow, or dog to a bitch shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 14. When ordinance takes effect.—This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication.

Passed February 5 A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, City Mayor

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

ORDINANCE NUMBER 32

An ordinance entitled an ordinance preventing the running at large of all hogs, goats, cows, oxen, or cattle, horses, mules, jack-asses, jennetts, and sheep from running at large within the corporate limits of the City of Merkel, prescribing penalties therefor and creating a city pound.

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

Section 1. That all hogs, goats, cows, calves, oxen or cattle, horses, mules, jack-asses, jennetts, and sheep running at large within the corporate limits of the City of Merkel are hereby declared to be public nuisances, and they shall be removed as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. The City Marshal shall be the public pound keeper of the city of Merkel. It shall be his duty to take up all hogs, goat cows, calves, oxen, or cattle, horses, mules, jack-asses, jennett and sheep running at large within the corporate limits of said city and impound the same in the public pound until they are disposed of as hereinafter provided.

Section 3. All owners of hogs, goats, cows, calves, oxen or cattle, horses, mules, jack-asses, jennetts and sheep who shall permit the same to run at large within the corporate limits of said city, may redeem the same at any time before sale by paying the fees hereinafter provided for taking up impounding and keeping said animals; provided the keeper of the public pound may demand such proof as he may deem necessary to establish the ownership of any stock so impounded.

Section 4. When any animal is so impounded, if the owner of such animal wishes to secure its release, he shall pay to the city marshal of said city the sum of one dollar for so impounding said animal, and the further sum of twenty-five cents per day for every day such animal is so impounded for feed; said one dollar to be divided as follows: The City Marshal shall pay to the City Treasurer the sum of fifty cents out of every one dollar so collected, which shall be credited to the general fund, and the city marshal impounding such animal shall receive the other fifty cents.

Section 5. If the owner of such animal fails to pay the impounding fees above provided within five days after such animal has been so impounded, the City Marshal shall cause to be published in the official paper of the city of Merkel for five consecutive days a notice that he is going to sell such animal for cash to the highest bidder, stating in such notice the time and place of sale, particularly describing the animal to be sold as to marks and brands, color and flesh marks, and after deducting from the proceeds of the sale one dollar for impounding such animal, twenty-five cents per day for feed, the costs of advertising such animal and one dollar for selling such animal, which one dollar shall go to the City Marshal, the remainder, if any, shall be turned over to the owner of such animal if he or she be afterwards found, upon satisfactory proof of ownership. But any such animal so taken up may be reclaimed by the owner, after sale, at any time within twelve months thereafter by paying to the purchaser the amount so paid by him and a reasonable amount for his trouble.

Section 6. The City Marshal shall keep a book in which shall be kept a list of all stock impounded under this ordinance, which shall show the day the same was impounded and describing each animal as to color and flesh marks and brands.

Section 7. The City Marshal shall make a report at the first regular meeting of the City Council in each month showing the number of stock impounded, how many redeemed and how many sold, and the amount placed to the general fund of the city.

Section 8. It shall be unlawful for any person to tear down any fence or any part thereof, of any pound in this city, or to tear down or open any gate of any pound in this city, or to in any manner or by any means remove or attempt to remove from said pound any stock of any kind that has been impounded, except by the authority and permission of the City Marshal or impounding officer; and 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 exceeding \$25.00.

Section 9. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict here with are hereby repealed.

Section 10. 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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ORDINANCE NUMBER 27

An ordinance regulating the location and construction of electrical light and telephone poles and fixtures, and prescribing a penalty for its violation.

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

Section 1. That no person, company or corporation shall hereafter erect, construct or maintain any abutment, pier, pole or other necessary fixture, appurtenance or appliance for electrical or telephone purposes along or across any of the streets, avenues, alleys, or commons, or anywhere else within the City of Merkel, except in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 2. No person, company or corporation as mentioned in section 1 hereof, shall hereafter erect or construct any pole, pier, abutment, wire or other necessary fixture, appliance or appurtenance, as mentioned in section 1, without first obtaining permission from the city to do so.

Section 3. In granting permission to erect poles for any electrical or telephone purposes the city reserves the right, if the interests of the city so demand, to authorize other companies or persons to use the same poles for the same purposes upon the payment to the owners thereof of a proper compensation to be determined between the parties concerned, or by the city council in default of such agreement all permits will be subject to this provision and in accepting a permit the applicant binds himself to abide thereby.

Section 4. All poles hereafter to be erected shall be placed two inches inside the curbstone in a perpendicular position and so maintained.

Section 5. That all sidewalks in the city of Merkel are hereby declared to be 10 feet wide on streets 80 feet wide, 8 feet wide on streets 60 feet wide, 7 feet wide on streets less than 60 feet wide.

Section 6. All poles now erected where the streets are improved or opened to their full width, not conforming to Section 4, shall be made to conform within 12 months from the passage of this ordinance unless the written permission of the city council signed by the mayor is obtained to let them remain.

Section 7. That each line of poles shall be run on one side of the street only, except where absolutely necessary to cross to the other side; This may be only with the permission of the City Council.

Section 8. No two lines of poles bearing a like class of conductors or used for the same purpose shall be erected on the same street.

Section 9. No two lines of poles shall be erected on the same side of any street.

Section 10. All supports of electrical conductors or telephone wires and cables must be constructed of substantial and durable material capable of sustaining a weight of ten times that normally upon them.

Section 11. Any individual, partnership or corporation which hereafter shall build, erect, or construct any pole, line, carrying electric or telephone wires for any purpose in the City of Merkel shall be, and is hereby required not to carry more than forty wires exclusive of cables, on any pole, and to locate all wires and cables on any and all poles so that there shall not be over six feet of perpendicular space from the lowest wire or cable on said pole to the highest wire on cable on said pole.

Section 12. Each individual, partnership or corporation now owning or controlling any pole lines carrying electric wires for any purpose or telephone wires, in the city of Merkel, in hereafter changing, enlarging, altering, extending, or increasing said pole lines, or the wires on the same, shall so construct locate and build said lines that all wires and cables on any given pole shall be within a perpendicular space or distance of six feet, and no pole shall carry over forty wires, exclusive of cables; provided, that no wires or cables shall hereafter be constructed or located on any poles or line of poles to come within less than 14 feet of the ground.

Section 13. That all guy poles or guy wires hereafter erected or constructed in this city shall follow the line of the curbing and no such wire shall extend out onto or across the street at any corner, or other place, and no such wire or pole shall be located or constructed across the street.

Section 14. All lines of poles carrying wires, hereafter erected,

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Miss Ona Fae Bland visited relatives and friends here last week. She returned to Waxahachie, where she is attending Trinity University.

E. H. Thompson and family and Mrs. T. C. Allen and daughter visited their uncle, Quit Collins of Sweetwater, Friday.

To the Methodist Missionary Society, Merkel Texas, We reach Merkel on Friday, night, March 30th. I am ready and happy to unfold the Future of all those who live in Merkel and it's vicinity on Saturday, March, 31st. Takashee Kamatsoo. 1t

Tissues and French gingham in all the new shades, also plaids.—Lyles. 1t.

BUY TREASURY CERTIFICATES

With an increasing month-to-month demand for the Government's Treasury Savings Certificates regularly reflected in this postoffice's reports, the local investment per capita of safely salted away money is moving upward at a steady and gratifying rate, according to Postmaster G. E. Comegys.

"Because of their loss-proof features, which eliminate any possibility of loss or depreciation, plus the attraction of compound interest, Treasury Savings Certificates here have become a great favored security for the investment of funds. This is all very pleasing, because every safely invested dollar and every coin added to a growing bank account means a more prosperous and solid community."

"Treasury Savings Certificates of the 1923 Series", it was pointed out by Postmaster G. E. Comegys, are to be had in three denominations, with the individual purchase limited to \$5,000, maturity value, this year. Persons who bought the 'limit' last year are privileged to buy the 'limit' this year also. The denominations are \$1000, \$100 and \$25; these cost \$820, \$82 and \$20.50 respectively.

All 1918 War Savings Stamps should now be turned in at the post office, he declared, as they matured January 1 and no longer bear interest. They may be cashed or invested in interest-bearing certificates.

Persons having Victory Notes, which mature in May, have the privilege of redeeming these bonds now and may invest the proceeds in Treasury Saving Certificates. Information may be obtained from the postoffice or may be had by addressing Dinsmore W. Hume, Federal Savings Director, who is located in the Federal Reserve Bank at Dallas, the Postmaster said.

Mr. W. L. Barbee who some few months ago moved with his family to Ysleta, Texas, has been here several days this week.

Don't wait till every thing is sold or picked over. Go to the Bazaar early and get what you want. Lots of things are sold all ready. 1t.

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Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith, Misses Ora Smith and Lillian Tedford were visitors from Trent Wednesday.

HORN NEWS

Brother Williams filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Mr. F. Deutschman and wife spent the Sunday afternoon with Mr. Lee Williams and listened in on the Radio.

Mr. Rines and family spent Sunday with Mr. Crawford and family.

Quite a large crowd of young people spent the afternoon Sunday Kodaking and hunting. They also enjoyed visiting with Miss Ola Wardlow.

Mr. John Rosson and wife spent Sunday with Mr. Fred Deutschman and wife.

Mr. Connie Leopard and wife of Merkel spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Porter Leopard, and wife.

Our meeting will start the 6 day of July. Bro. Will Horn will be asked to help hold the meeting.

Bro. Williams married Mr. Jean Benningfield and Miss Pearl Crawford. We wish to congratulate them, and wish for them much happiness.

Sam Daniel made a business trip to Abilene last Saturday. White Dove.

Stamped Sheets, Scarfs, pillow cases and Luncheon sets, with all colors of thread to match.—Lyles. 1t

Mr. A. Champion from Bardwell, Ellis County, in company with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Tyler, and family from Abilene, and Mrs. R. H. Denton of Tye, and Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett of Merkel were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Roberts Sunday afternoon.

I now handle the J. R. Watkins lines in the Barbershop formerly run by H. M. Rose. Have almost a complete Stock. Come in and see me. Try it once and you will not do without it. W. B. Petty. tf.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

I will pay as much for chickens, eggs, hides, etc, as any one in town, and save you money on everything I sell you. Come and see me. W. P. Duckett. 30t2

Why not meet me at the Easter Bazaar next Saturday. Every one will be there and we would hate to miss out on any fun. Any way I want some aprons and at least one bonnet.

Mr. J. A. Collins, splendid citizen and popular hotel man of this city has been for several days in a very critical condition from an attack of Appendicitis. He is seventy years old and for a man of that age, is withstanding the attack well, and yet he is critically ill. He has hosts of friends with whom the Mail joins in the sincere hopes that his condition may take a turn for the better. His son, Grady was called to his bedside first of the week from Houston Texas, also his brother-in-law, Mr. J. J. Zucarello, and sons-in-laws, Messrs. R. N. Hays and Willie Dugger, of Pulaski Tenn. arrived Tuesday and will remain some time, or until a change in his condition takes place.

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Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

Ratine and Ratine Voil in the New Shades.—Lyle. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan, of route five, are the happy parents of a bouncing baby girl, born on March 17. The young lady has been christened Mary Francis Doan.

Elder W. G. Cypert returned Tuesday night from McGregor where he had been in a ten days meeting.

Miss Hattie Conway of Simmons College, was a visitor in the homes of Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin this week.

W. C. Calvert of Sweetwater, was here recently for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin. On his return, Mrs. Martin accompanied him for a few days visit in that city.

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Nervous Break-Down

MRS. ANNIE LANGE, of R. F. D. 1, Burlington, Tex., writes as follows regarding her experience with Cardui: "Some time ago I had a nervous breakdown of some kind. . . I was very weak and so nervous. I had fainting spells and suffered a great deal, but more from the weak, trembly, no-account feeling than anything else. I knew I needed a tonic, and needed it badly. I began the use of Cardui to see if I couldn't get some strength, as I knew of other cases that had been helped by its use. I soon saw a great improvement, so I kept it up. I used seven bottles of Cardui, and can say the money was well spent, for I grew well and strong. Am now able to do all my housework and a great deal of work besides."

If you are weak, run-down, nervous and suffer from the ailments peculiar to women, it is very likely that Cardui will help you, in the way it helped Mrs. Lange and has helped thousands of others, during the past 40 years. Ask for, and insist on, Cardui.

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MARKED EPOCH IN HISTORY

Founding of First Public Library, at Alexandria, Egypt, Was of the Highest Importance.

The first important private library of which we have definite knowledge belonged to Aristotle. It was later brought to Rome by Sulla. Such private collections indirectly influenced public libraries.

The largest library of the ancient world, that at Alexandria, is said to have been prompted by Phalaris; the actual founder was either Ptolemy I. Soter, or Ptolemy II, Philadelphus. Possibly the father had gathered a fine private collection and the son threw it open to scholars as a real library; for it occupied quarters in the royal palace, near the famous museum.

This library marked a new epoch in history. It was the first scientifically administered institution of the kind, and upon its existence depended the scholarly labors of the students at the museum. It was here that classical philology had its cradle, and linguistic study received its first impetus.

From the beginning, there was a second library at Alexandria, though much smaller in extent. It occupied the temple of Serapis, and its relation to the larger library resembled that of a city library to a university library.

Under the direction of distinguished scholars and able organizers the larger institution grew with what we may call American rapidity. Its history during this period has become better known through a papyrus discovered a few years ago.

The eagerness of the library authorities to secure new books and rare books sometimes led them to adopt devices that would not be countenanced by modern ethics. So keen was the rivalry with the library at Pergamon, that the Egyptians tried to hamper the latter's growth by a rather futile embargo on the exportation of papyrus. Thereupon the people at Pergamon invented the book material which received its name from their city—parchment.

Demetrius Phalereus reported that in his day there were two hundred thousand rolls or volumes in the library at Alexandria. The poet Kallimachos, under Ptolemy II, reckoned their number at nearly half a million. When the library was burned in 47 B. C., it was supposed to contain seven hundred thousand books, while the library at the Serapeion, in the same city, contained 42,000.

After this fire, which destroyed most of the books, which Caesar had already stored on the wharves for transportation to Rome, Antony presented Cleopatra with the library of Pergamon. In 272 A. D. the museum library was destroyed, and in 381 A. D. the same fate overtook the library at the temple of Serapis. The story of their destruction by the Arabs is a myth.—Prof. William V. Wyss in the Neue Zürcher Zeitung. (Zurich, Switzerland.)

Odd Legal Decision.

A curious verdict just returned in a French court acquits a man of murder according to the unwritten law, which always exists in France, but requires him to pay a heavy fine to the widow of the victim. Valat kept a wine shop in Paris. His neighbor, a retired locksmith, became a friend of Valat and further sought to win the friendship of the wine dealer's wife. When he discovered the intimate relations which existed between his wife and the locksmith Valat decided to avenge himself, but not desiring to kill he asked the locksmith to pay him 40,000 francs which he needed to complete the purchase of his wine shop. The locksmith refused, whereupon Valat killed him. Probably because of his heroic conduct at Verdun Valat was acquitted, the unwritten law being recognized, but the jury, finding him partly guilty, sentenced him to pay 10,000 francs damages to the locksmith's widow.

Fitting Suits by X-Ray.

The latest idea in the trade of tailoring comes from Paris where clothiers propose to fit their customers without the aid of chalk or tape-measure. By the use of an X-ray photograph they can eliminate all danger of misfits and avoid all necessity for "trying-on." The X-ray silhouettes of the regular customers which would have to be very different from ordinary X-ray pictures, would be stocked in the fitting cupboards, and so quick and cheap do they expect the process to be that the ready-to-wear suit would be put out of the market.

Chinese Letters.

Chinese scholars and patriots have recently accomplished the onerous task of reducing the 10,000 old Chinese characters to a simple alphabet of 30 symbols. The object is twofold—to enable the entire Chinese population to read and write—hitherto these were scholarly feats—and to enable the inhabitants of the various Chinese provinces to understand each other. The establishment of a national Chinese dialect will go far toward making China a nation.

Minister Who Was Worldly Wise.

A minister met two of his parishioners at the house of a lawyer whom he considered too sharp a practitioner. The lawyer put the question: "Doctor, these are members of your flock. May I ask, do you look upon them as white sheep or black sheep?" "I don't know," answered the minister, "dryly, whether they are black or white sheep, but I know that they are here long. They are certain to be seen."—London Times.

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Try a sack of Molasses feed for wour cows. At G. M. Sharp's grocery.	New Oxfords for men, young men and boys.—Lyle.	Fresh Vegetables at Hamil- ton & Case.	Just received, a car of oats, chops and corn, at G. M. Sharps Grocery.

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"FIDO" AS HE IS

Literature Promised for the Lovers of Dogs.

Some Probably as Worthy a Place in History as Any Human, but Who Shall Determine?

It is announced from Foughkeepsie that Vassar college is to have a collection of dog literature and that it is to be called "The Mary Ann Collection." There will be gathered together all the printed matter concerning dogs that can be found, says the Boston Evening Transcript. There will be books and pamphlets about dogs, newspaper clippings, reprints—everything that has to do with Towser and Fido. Here the enthusiastic dog lover may sit and read for days about dogs. This is bound to be an interesting collection and we are sure it will be another good feature added to Vassar college, but it will probably confirm the idea that some appear to have that a dog is about as good as a human being—which he is not. He is neither so good nor so bad as some human beings, he is just a dog and has no more intellect than what one's fency may credit him with having. Dogs are all right in their place, but the caresses lavished on them by some and the gravity of attention to their performances by others are rather unpleasant than otherwise. Such things show that a sense of proportion is lacking. Furthermore, dogs smell bad and we ask you, kindly reader, whether you have ever been acquainted with any dog who clamored to be given a bath? We trow not, though we agree with Mill that merely because we have not cognizance of a phenomenon it is not impossible. At this writing, we do not remember that the philosopher made any study of the washing of dogs, but we are sure that he would agree with us.

We do not dislike dogs. On the contrary, we like them very much, indeed, and for this reason would not make them ridiculous by seeing in them qualities and attributes that range them with Socrates and Casablanca. We think a good-natured, healthy dog is a very good companion and makes a pleasant object in the landscape. It is splendid to see him charging here and there, investigating everything, trying to frighten cats, finding mysteries in sticks of wood and old shoes or little dark places in the ground, and then galloping back to you, his tail aslant, a wide and honest grin upon his face. He is soaked in cold, fresh air, the brisk sun shines upon him—he likes you, you like him, you are both sportsmen and care little for introspection and tea parties and Bolshevism, and the cost of living. Such a dog is a brick, a Signore and the real thing. He never heard of Pan, he never will, but none the less is the intermediary of Callisto's son. He comes to you and by his covetings, his plain fidelity and his magnificent digestion quite innocently stirs in you hopeless dreams of being a happy, care-free animal. It cannot be; you are a human and must sweat with the ordained travail of thinking. You may conceive from this that Bingo has rather the best of the bargain, but remember that even he has had a bone or some toothsome hoard stolen from him. At all events, we must all like Bingo and treat him friendly for he deserves it.

But there is another side to this picture. Shrinks the affrighted gaze from its contemplating, but to no purpose. It is that of the dear little lapdog, the teeny, weeny itty darling that snarls and gorges his way through a contented and offensive existence. Is he any use? No. Can he do anything but overeat? No. Does he cost a sum that would keep a city editor in opera hats? He does, the little mutt. Does his presence add to the sum of the world's blessings? Well, hardly. But those who like him find in him an intelligence far beyond that of a young intellectual and a sagacity beside which that vaunted of B. Franklin seems slight indeed.

Films Explain Tick Eradication.

From 1,500 to 2,000 persons living in rural districts, often remote from railroads and cities, are each week seeing government motion pictures dealing with the eradication of cattle ticks and related subjects. The bureau of animal husbandry, United States Department of Agriculture, has a portable motion-picture outfit which is constantly on circuits in parts of the South where preliminary tick eradication is being conducted. Preliminary work consists in the explanation of the purpose and benefits of eradicating cattle-fever ticks which in the past have taken an enormous toll from the live stock industry. Depending on weather conditions and density of population, attendance ranges from 75 to 350. Showings are made during the day and evening. To many persons the government motion pictures are the first ones they have seen.

Safety at Sea.

It is announced that Professor Langevin of the College de France, who did valuable work during the war as director of physics in the artillery department at the ministry of war, has invented an apparatus which will enable vessels at sea to discover the presence of obstacles beneath the surface and to ascertain at any moment without sounding the precise depth of the water. It will be necessary only for the wireless operator on board to press a button controlling this device in order to have the information before him.