

## LIVESTOCK RAISERS TO MEET HERE 21ST

Are you interested in livestock and better livestock on the farms in Taylor and Jones Counties and West Texas, as a whole? Whether you are a farmer, a live stock raiser, or a man in other kinds of business, the Taylor County Purebred Livestock association would be glad for you to come to its meeting on April 21, the third Saturday of April at 2:30 p. m. in Merkel.

The Association needs every one's help in making it one of the best County Association in the State of Texas or in any of the Southern States or the United States and with your help; it will be the best or next to the best Association there can be found anywhere.

The President of the Association is planning now to have a "Big Get together meeting" in Abilene some time in June, perhaps the last Saturday in June. This will be decided upon at this meeting on April 21st. Therefore let all members be at this meeting.

Every boy and girl that received one of the pigs or calves that were given away this year by the members of the Association are requested to be present and if possible be able to tell about the pig or calf they have. Carey Deavers.

## 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 Ridenbach.  
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, . . . . . Brannic 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.

After visiting here for a few days, Miss Lula Mae Boaz returned to T. W. C., Ft. Worth.

..Doss Green left for Dallas last week in his Touring Car.

## METHODIST NOTES

Last Sunday was one of the best days the Merkel Methodist church has had in many months therebeing 292 in attendance at Sunday school. It was indeed an inspiration to have this number present, and as your Superintendent, allow me to urge that we, each and every one strive to be present every Sunday. Now that the weather is warmer and the days longer, let's do our duty. If it is our duty as church members to attend church and Sunday school at all, it our duty to be punctual and regular upon same.

I would impress upon the minds of every Methodist the fact that the Merkel Methodist Church will be just as active and beneficial as a church as we members are active and helpful, for we constitute the church. Let's make the attendance 300 next Sunday. L. W. Cox, Supt.

## BOY SCOUTS ARE ORGANIZED HERE

Tuesday night at the Presbyterian Church there gathered about twenty boys who were interested in the Scout movement. Boys from the ages of 12 years to 16 years of age are to have a Patrol of their ages. Temporary patrol leaders have been appointed and the boys are working fast and hard to see which age can get their patrol completed first. There was a local committee appointed to assist in this movement. Let the town get behind this movement and make it go. It is the greatest training of today for boys. In that it prepares them to make better and more business like men.

Friday night at 7:30 the Scouts will again meet at the Presbyterian church. Every boy in town who is eligible to become a scout is urged to be present. The local committee is: Rev. Rred S. Rogers; Thos Durham; H. M. Rose.

For Scout Master, Bill Stevens has been selected and he is going to help the scouts go. Russell Pike, has been elected assistant Scout Master.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The first Sunday in our new church year was a great day for us. We had the largest attendance in several months at Sunday school, and a splendid morning service. A large crowd attended the program Sunday night, given by the Junior department of the Sunday school. This was one of the best programs we have had in some time, and a good offering was sent to our Foreign mission Board.

Sunday, April 8, we expect to continue our fine attendance so come and meet your friends and study with us the word of God. At every service we seek to preach the "old Faith" as a healer for the present age. The Presbyterian church always seeks to serve humanity, and it always has a welcome for visitors and strangers, in all of its services.

Next Tuesday at Buffalo Gap Abilene Presbytery will meet for two days, we hope to have a large attendance from this church, our report to Presbytery will measure up by the side of any made; and we face the new year, with assurance of a larger service for the master. Fred S. Rogers, Pastor.

Mrs. E. L. Turner accompanied her sister, Mrs. Deering, of Bomarton, to San Angelo and Sterling City this week. Mrs. I. N. Adams also of Bomarton, Mrs. Turner's mother, is also here for a visit with the latter.

## OFFICERS TAKE A SUIT CASE LIQUOR

On last Friday night while nightwatchman J. A. Woodard was making his rounds, he stopped at the waiting room of the depot, and noticing a suspicious looking suit case set to one side, he picked it up and shook it lightly and found that it contained some kind of a "fluid." Mr. Woodard goes out and gets the City Marshal, J. L. Winter, and the two return and take charge of the suit case, which proved to contain a gallon and a half of corn whiskey.

There were several Mexican about the station, but of course, none of them would own the suit case, and hence the officers have as yet found no clue as to the owners of whisky.

## PARENT-TEACHER CLUB

The Parent-Teacher Club will meet in regular meeting next Wednesday, April 11. This is the time for the election of officers, and there is other business to attend to, so it is very urgent that every member be present.

Come and learn what we are doing and planning to do. Unless you attend you cannot keep up with all the work.

The banner is beautiful. Come help your child secure it for his room for the next month.

The next entertainment will be a program by Miss Hobgood the expression teacher of Simmons College on Thursday evening, April 19. The place and admission will be announced later.

The trees have been planted, and a committee will see that they are watered during the summer. Each year the pupils and patrons will appreciate them more. The money for these trees was secured by public subscription and took nothing from the treasury of the club.

Joe Nally and sister were here from Trent Tuesday. Mr. Nally is one of the R. F. D. carriers out of Trent.

Largent & Sons shipped to Burton, Texas, Monday a fine Hereford calf to A. S. Whitner, who ranches near Houston.

## REPORT CARDS TO PARENTS ON 11TH

On Wednesday, April 11th, the report cards of the pupils of the Merkel Public school will for the fifth time this year be sent to the parents for their examination and signature. These reports will cover the work for the six weeks period ending April 6th. This is the fifth report for the year, there being one more at the end of the year.

Parents will please examine these reports very carefully. Many pupils who are right along the "dead line" of failure may possibly make the work with a little extra co-operation on the part of the parent and teachers. Remember to be passing a pupil should be making a general average of 85 percent and making not less than an average of 75 percent on each subject. Your cooperation along this line even on the "home stretch" may mean a year saved for the child's school work. There are very few who have failed so badly but what extra effort during these last few weeks of school would put them over. Your earnest cooperation will certainly be appreciated.

Very Respectfully,  
Roger A. Burgess, Supt

## WEST, BONEY AND SHEPPARD ELECTED

In one of the most interesting and closest elections ever held in this city, Mr. H. C. West, present Mayor was re-elected by eight votes, over Judge N. D. Cobb, and Messrs W. O. Boney and A. T. Sheppard, were re-elected Aldermen, over Messrs. W. N. Farris and J. A. Buford by 35 votes.

Either of the gentlemen mentioned would have made good, honest officers; serving the public to the best of their ability. But now that the majority of the voters have expressed their wishes, the Mail feels sure that all participating in the contest will gladly lend their support to the successful and present officials in their effort to serve the public in their respective positions.

No doubt each of them by their experience, will be better able to serve more efficiently, as well as profit by and overcome the mistakes of the past; should they have erred, as most men in both public and private life usually do.

Let's give them our hearty co-operation, which will help them to render us the service to which we are entitled, and which the Mail feels sure these men and the other city officials desire to render.

Capt. G. W. Johnson, was for the fifth time re-elected without opposition, which is indeed befitting of the most excellent and accommodating service he has rendered as City Tax Assessor and Collector. In fact, we doubt if there is a public official in the state who can boast of a better record; one that is clearer of criticism, than has this man enjoyed during his tenure of office in this city.

And before coming to this city, from Tennessee, some 19 years ago, Mr. Johnson served his county as County Clerk continuously for twenty years.

H. L. Propst and A. C. Rose made a business trip to Plainview this week.

Car Hulls on the track. Swafford, South side.

## LAYMAN TO TALK SUNDAY AT GEM

The Business Men's Class of the First Baptist Church which has been holding special down town meetings each Sunday morning at the Gem Theatre for sometime, announces that beginning with next Sunday morning one of their laymen will deliver an address on a subject of his own choosing, before this growing and splendid Sunday School class of business men. Mr. L. B. Scott, of the Merkel Motor Company, is to be the speaker on next Sunday morning and it is urged that every member be present and a special invitation is extended all men, who are not already affiliated with some other Sunday school to be present.

## WILL SELL HOT COFFEE, SANDWICHES, PIE

The Parent-Teachers Club will have a booth down town on Saturday, April 21. Hot coffee, Sandwiches, Pie and home made candy will be on sale at this booth. Don't forget to visit us and help the Parent-Teacher Club.

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## MISS HOBGOOD TO GIVE INTERESTING PROGRAM

On Thursday evening, April 18, Miss Hobgood, teacher of expression in Simmons College will render a miscellaneous program for benefit of the Parent-Teachers Club. This program will be one that both old and young will enjoy. Miss Hobgood has a pleasing personality and a way of presenting her programs that reaches and forcefully impresses her audience. Don't forget the date of this program and arrange to come hear something worthwhile.

Messrs. H. M. Rose and Roscoe Sharp returned last week from a trip to Brownfield. Mr. Rose reports that a live progressive town, growing and prospering. He also reports that city handsomely supporting a large and well organized band.

## A MUSICAL REVUE COMING HERE

The Merry Madcaps Musical Revue which is playing all this week at the Palace Theatre, made a big hit on their opening night. The theatre was packed and jammed and many were turned away. The large audience was delighted with the performance and many words of praise were extended to Manager Hodge for bringing such a delightful high class show to Abilene. It is one of the biggest and best shows ever brought here. The company carries special scenery and a splendid band and orchestra.—Abilene Reporter.

The above Company will be at the Cozy Theatre the first three days of next week. They are playing their second return engagement at Abilene this week, and that is proof of the fact that this is a strong company, such as is the desire of Mr. Groene to bring before his patrons here, and for which he is to be complimented. He calls your attention to the big display advertisement concerning same in this paper.

## ATTENDS STATE VETERINARY MEETING

Dr. J. E. Bell, local Veterinary Surgeon and Physician, returned last Saturday from Lampasas, where he had been to attend a meeting of the State Veterinary Association. Dr. Bell reports some thirty-five members in attendance, and one of the best meetings he ever attended.

He also praises Lampasas in the loudest terms for her fine spirit of hospitality, which her citizenship so splendidly manifested during their last two meetings there.

## A PLAY FOR CHURCH BENEFIT AT SHILOH

The Mail is pleased to announce that there is to be a splendid home talent play at the Shiloh Baptist church on next Friday night, April 6th; the proceeds of which will go towards beautifying and improving the Church.

"An Old Fashion Mother" is the title of the play, and those who are familiar with same say it is very fine. Every one is invited and urged to be present and help in this worthy cause. The price of admission being on ly 25 cents, all can well afford to come.

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## AL IS SET FOR TRIP TO STITH TONIGHT

We are informed that all arrangements have been made and plans perfected for the big trade trip to Stith to-night. It is expected that the band boys will head the delegation, which will be composed of the business and professional men of the city.

Every one who has a car and can possibly go, is urged and expected to meet at the Post Office at not later than 6:45 from which point all will leave in a body.

A fine program of music, readings, speech making etc., has been arranged for the occasion, and we understand the meeting will be in the Baptist church at Stith. Let's all go out and mix with the fine citizenship of that community for an hour or so.

## BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday school at 10 a. m., with places for all.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

All B. Y. P. U.'s at 6:45 p. m. Training class examination following teachers meeting on Monday at 7:45 p. m.

Ladies Missionary Meeting Tuesday at 3 p. m. with training class at 2 p. m.

Prayermeeting Wednesday at 7:45 p. m., followed by Choir practice.

Action will be taken Sunday in regard to our Spring revival. The matter was discussed at the conference meeting Wednesday night and left open for wide discussion Sunday.

In the Sunday school every teacher will have pledge cards for each pupil that has not signed a card and an opportunity will be given for each one to sign thus saving the finance committee from having to hunt up each individual and ask them to sign. It is hoped that every one will cooperate in this. Parents should instruct their children how much to pledge by the week. Each one that pledges will be furnished with a package of envelopes that will last one year using one each Sunday.

These envelopes are in a neat carton that can be hung on the wall in a convenient place and the little folks can keep their Sunday school paper in the carton also. If every one will help out as they should we will be able to announce that the budget is subscribed by Sunday night. Come find a place to work and worship. Ira L. Par-rack, pastor.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

We are authorized to announce that Elder Mead, of Abilene, will occupy the pulpit at the Church of Christ Sunday morning and evening. Elder Mead is said to be a good speaker, a logical reasoner and you are cordially invited to hear him. Bible lesson at 10 o'clock. Be on time.

## PREACHING AT HOPE

On account of Elder Cypert being engaged in a revival meeting at Crosbyton, Elder O. J. Adcock will fill the pulpit at Hope Sunday Morning. Go out and hear him. You'll hear something worthwhile. Bible study at 10 o'clock.

## CARD OF THANKS

The Parent Teacher Club takes this opportunity of publicly thanking each one who so generously contributed to the Special fund to buy the trees for the Campus.

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1. Song—America.
2. Business—
3. Daily Bible Readers Drill.
4. Introduction by Leader—Ina Mae Martin.
5. The Boyhood of Furman, Ella Murlen Weed.
6. Revolutionary Activities, by Wylie Elliott.
7. Furman, as a pastor, by Lela Brown.
8. President of Convention, by Ray Garrett.
8. Preacher, Delbert Polly.
10. His thoughts, Winnie Muri Teaff.
11. Leaders ten minutes.

### Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject—The short books of the New Testament—Titus.  
Leader—Lloyd Hardy.  
The Author of the letter—Bro Parack.  
Titus, Pastor at Crete, Mr. Deutschman.  
The Cretan Christians, Ruth Boden.  
The contents of Letter, Lillian Craig.  
Rebuking Error, Vennie Heizer.  
Chapter Two—Ola Sharp.  
In the third Chapter, Mr. Bird.

Mr. O. J. Adcock made a business trip to Dallas last week.

### MAYOR WEST IS THANKFUL

I shall appreciate very much if my friends will accept this as an expression of my gratitude for the work they did for me in the recent election. I assure you the knowledge of the fact that I had so many friends that would remain faithful thru years of association, is a much greater joy to me, at this time, than the fact that I have been elected.

It is indeed a source of pleasure and satisfaction to know that there are those who can look past your faults and past your mistakes and still believe that your intentions were good. That are still friends in spite of your mistakes and shortcomings. I am also grateful to those who could lay aside personal difference and give me their support.

I shall endeavor, in the light of the past experience, with it's mistakes, to measure up to your fullest expectations as to what should be my duty.

I am also thankful to those who have, by their vote, called my attention to the failure that I made to do what you expected me to do. I believe that those who differed with me in opinion, are my friends and that we are all now ready to unite in our efforts to make the best community, that we know how, in which to live. That we face the new era with determination and hope for a period of progress, prosperity and good-fellowship. Your friend, H. C. West.

### PROGRAM FOR PARENT TEACHERS CLUB

Devotional, Rev. Hays.  
Piano Solo, Boog Sears.  
Reading, Miss Travis.  
Lesson, in "Parent Quiz"—Mrs. Briggs.  
Reading, Hattie Proctor.  
Lesson in "Teachers Helps", conducted by Mrs. Tabor.  
Business session.

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### Intermediate Epworth League

Subject, "Right and wrong uses of the Lord's Day."  
Leader, Godie Richie.  
Song.  
Announcements.  
Poem—Hallie Pike.  
Scripture lesson, Isaiah lviii, 13-14, Emma Toombs.  
Doing Good, Matt. xii 8-13, Mary Ellen Smith.  
Enjoying friends, Luke 5 38, 39, Juanita Patterson.  
Lifting burdens, Luke 8, 10-17 by Anna Lou Russell.  
Instructing followers, Luke 4 17-21, Gladys Milliken.  
Going to church, Luke 4, 16, by Stella Wilson.  
Healing the sick, John 6 1-16 by Elfe Chaney.  
Talking to God, Luke 15, 45-46, Eva Mae Johnson.  
Song; Benediction.

### SUB SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Introduction, Roxie Sharp.  
The Author of the Letter, by Evan Allen.  
Titus, Pastor at Crete, Floyd Dowell.  
The Cretan Christian, Emory Jones.  
The contents of the letter, by Eulalia Deavers.  
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Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald, left Wednesday for a trip to Glen Rose, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes were up last Sunday from their home at Breckenridge, guests of relatives and friends.

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

### THE DEATH OF HASKELL LAWLIS

Haskell Lawlis, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lawlis, died at the Alexander Sanitarium at Abilene, Wednesday, March 21, 1923.

He was born in 1907 in Oklahoma, and came to Texas with his parents in 1917.

His home was at Golan, near Sylvester. He took his bed the 22nd day of February and on the 27th he was carried to the Sanitarium. He gradually got lower and was operated on three times and was probed with a needle several times. He had something like the peritonitis.

Haskel was a good little Christian boy, being a member of the Methodist church of Golan, joining, August, 1921.

He was loved by all, who knew him and God only knows why he was taken away from us.

It was hard to give him up but someday we will meet him in Heaven, where there will be no more partings.

He was survived by two sisters, four brothers, a father, mother and grandmother.

Elton Lawlis of Georgia, Ben of Oklahoma, and his married sister of Oklahoma were not present at this time.

Funeral services were conducted at the Golan Methodist church by Rev. H. W. Hanks, the former pastor and Rev. Wheeler of Sylvester, the pastor at present, and the corpse was carried to Newman for burial.

May God's richest blessings rest upon each and every one of them and may they all be prepared to meet little Haskel in that great beyond.

One who loved him:

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### WHITE CHURCH BY John Reynolds

Miss Belle Shuff went to Merkel last Saturday.

There is quite a bit of sickness now. Mr. Spencer's folks are all sick. They are improved but his father is very low.

Mr. Clifton Bickley's baby was taken bad with spasms last Monday night, and Dr. Cranford of Merkel was called.

Mr. Whit Farmer, Bell Farmer and Kile Blair went to Merkel Saturday.

Mr. Reynolds spent the week end at home at Trent.

Columbus Riggan was in Merkel Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. West and Hoyt Wills went to her son's Mr. John Dudley over on Elm Saturday. Mr West returned Saturday but Hoyt stayed until Monday morning.

Mr. Reynolds took his school for a picnic Monday to the hill sides. The day was spent in climbing hills, and kodaking.

T. P. Scott and wife spent Saturday and Sunday at Trent with Spurgin Scott and wife.

Mrs. Mack Perkins has been sick. We hope she will be well again soon.

Mr. Ernest Conally, Mr. Curtis Connally, Mr. Arthur Wilson, Mr. Nath Riggan and Mr. Bell Farmer and Mr. Kile Blair visited the school last Friday afternoon.

Mr. N. Reynolds of near Blair visited his brother Mr. John Reynolds the teacher, for a short while last Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Emmett Patterson went to Merkel Saturday.

Mr. Snow is still improving.

Mr. H. West, Mr. Pearly West and Mr. Bickley went to Merkel Wednesday of this week.

B. F. Cox and family, formerly splendid citizens of Merkel, now making Abilene their home were over last Saturday visiting friends. While here Mr. Cox renewed his subscription to the Mail.

### WE THANK YOU

To everyone who contributed to the success of our Bazaar last Saturday, we extend sincere thanks. We are especially grateful to Mr. Charley Russell for donating all the hauling of tables and chairs, stoves etc, to and from and we assure you, Mr. Russell, that your kindness is very much appreciated. There were many who helped to make our Bazaar a success and we are grateful to each and every one who helped in any way. M. E. Woman's Missionary Society.

### The Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

The story of a pile of stones. Introduction, Max Swafford. The order to cross the Jordan by Iris Garrett.

The River is High, by Irene Perry.

Jos orders the lines of march by Clarence Sharp.

A wall of water and dry land, by Kenneth Mayfield.

The twelve Stones by, A. R. Tyson.

The monument, by William Sheppard.

Mr. O. J. Adcock, the very efficient and accommodating carrier on rural route number 5, out of Merkel, returned last Saturday from Fort Worth, where he had been to attend a state convention of Postal Employees. Mr. Adcock reports post al employes in attendance from all over the state. He also reported many high officials there from the department at Washington, and that he enjoyed the trip very much.

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### THE PASSING OF A GOOD WOMAN

Early in the morning on Monday of this week, the call came to our Sister, Mrs. W. H. Hathaway to come higher up. Mrs. Hathaway, lived with her husband and little daughter, Oma Lee Hathaway, in their happy country home, three miles south of Merkel.

There is not a nobler character in our community than this patient little woman. Always faithful in her home and in her church. Until failing in health, made it impossible she was always on hand in Sunday school and at the preaching services of her church. She found real joy in the worship of her Lord both at home and in the house of the Lord.

She leaves besides her husband and daughter, a widowed mother, three brothers and one sister, together with a host of friends who mourn her going. To know her was to love her. Many of us will walk a little nearer our Lord because we knew her and saw her tender devotion to the Lord.

Mrs. Hathaway was born on January 7, 1894 in Denton County, Texas. She was converted at Lebanon Texas on August 19, 1908 and immediately joined the Baptist Church at that place. Since then her Christian character and her deep devotion to the Lord has been an inspiration to all who knew her. She was married to Mr. W. H. Hathaway, October 29, 1910 at McKinney, Texas.

The funeral services were conducted from the First Baptist Church here where her Sunday school class had decorated the building. The house was well filled with friends who came to the service to show their appreciation of her and to show their sympathy for the family.

While we all join in sympathy with the family and relatives, we have that blessed consolation and hope that she has entered into the rest of the people of the Lord. May her loved one say as David said, when his own child died, "I cannot bring him

back but I will go to him". True we cannot bring her back, but with the help of the Lord we can go to her in that home over there. Her pastor, Ira L. Par

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Morton, R. E. Morton, Lee and Robert Morton of View, were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morton, on Kent street Sunday.

Attorney J. T. Sanders returned Saturday night from Dallas and Eastland where he had been on legal business.

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Mrs. Flora Reece was among those from Merkel who attended the Jones County singing convention at Anson Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. Bankhead was called to Eronte Tuesday evening on account of the death of her Aunt, Mrs. Wash Best. Mrs. Best was ninety years of age.

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FOR SALE—A good work horse. See him at Hellums Wagon yard. J. T. Warren.

D. Lucas and family of Clyde were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Smith last week.

H. F. Gaines of Bagwell, Texas was the guest of Twyman and John Collins the latter part of last week.

Mrs. W. H. Strawn of Dallas says her lost strength of six years is coming back and her weight has increased from 108 pounds to 126 pounds by using Ironized Yeast. Merkel Drug Co. guarantee it to bring back your health. It

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**West Texas Utilities Company.**

Elder W. G. Cypert returned Monday from Rotan.

Ford Exide Six Volt Battery only \$17.00. Exchange, can you beat it? Merkel Motor Company Authorized Ford Dealers. It

Miss Hattie Conway of Simmons was the guest of Miss Lola Armstrong last week-end.

Why not get you a tailor made suit? We can sell you one as cheap as \$25.00. And on up to \$77.50. You know it pays to get the best. And we do not sell anything else. Come in and look over our lines. Cash Tailor Shop

Have you looked our used cars over. We have some fine bargains. Merkel Motor Company, Authorized Ford Dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Groene and their son, L. A. Groene and wife of Abilene, were guests here last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Groene.

Our prices are worth investigation. Get them before you buy. Merkel Motor Company, authorized Ford Dealers. It

Eat Quality Bread as good as can be made. It

Mr. J. T. Vantress of route four, was in the city one day recently and had us send the Merkel Mail to relatives in Armstrong County.

Mr. L. P. Kimbrough with his wife and baby, have arrived in Merkel to make their future home. Mr. Kimbrough is opening in this city an Auto Paint Shop.

### PAINTING

This is the season of the year to paint your car so it will look new in the early Spring time. Let us figure on the job. We guarantee our work. The place to get what you want, when you want it.

**KIMBROUGH'S PAINT SHOP  
MERKEL TEXAS**

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Foreign Advertising Representative  
THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

Fruit growers and gardeners  
of this section are now convinced  
that the severe freeze of several  
days ago did not hurt the fruit  
crop as much as was first  
thought, and so much as was  
expected.

Idleness, often produces rest-  
lessness rather than rest.—Plain  
view news.

Idleness not only produces  
restlessness, but it produces  
back-biting, envy, and jealousy.  
It produces a state of public  
mind when every man is after  
his fellow man. Idleness is in-  
deed the devil's work shop.—Ec

We are pleased to have a let-  
ter from our good friend and  
former excellent citizen, Mr. L.  
B. Howard, who is now in the  
dry Goods business at Brown-  
field, stating that he wanted us  
to keep (great religious weekly)  
the Merkel Mail coming that  
way. Yes, Merkel has given two  
good business men and fine citi-  
zens to Brownfield. And from  
all accounts these men have ab-  
solutely fallen in love with that  
thriving, hustling and growing  
western town, for they are al-  
ways boosting that town when  
writing their many friends here.  
And we are also pleased to  
have numbered among our ex-  
changes the Terry County Her-  
ald, published in that city,  
which we count as among the  
best weekly papers coming to  
our desk. It's pages also be-

speaking a progressive enterpris-  
ing bunch of business men.

Newspaper men come in for a  
liberal share of criticism, and  
they are used to this kind of re-  
ward. While it is hard to go a-  
long returning kindness for the  
many unkind things said about  
the editor, yet that is part of  
life's work. Editors are never ap-  
preciated until after they are  
gone. Their lives in the commu-  
nities are like people when death  
has come in and called them  
hence. It is then that the man-  
tle of charity is thrown around  
them. Flowers are brought, soft  
hymns are sung and they are  
then carried away. While during  
life, perhaps, many unkind  
things have been said and no  
flowers and sunshine came to  
them. So it is with newspaper  
men. They toil in season and  
out of season for the public  
good, and their work is taken as  
a matter of fact, but when they  
are gone, flowers of memory  
are there. But who can change  
human kind. Bear it, rejoice in  
it, for you are leaving footprints  
on the sands of time, that in  
after life may lead some weary  
traveller towards life's ideals—  
safely into careers of usefulness.  
The writer has always had his  
critics and his friends. We fall  
lot to these as a part of our  
profession. But after all, who  
can gainsay that newspaper  
men are just mortals like the  
rest of humans, and flowers for  
the living are indeed appreciat-  
ed by them. A good word now  
and then instead of criticism  
would enable the editor to get a  
much better paper out. Criticism  
is deadly poison administered  
to the soul of men and women.  
It casts shadows before them,  
and makes their destiny all the  
more uncertain. Some time it is  
said that adverse criticism mak-  
es better editors, in spurring  
them on, but we doubt serious-  
ly that any writer has ever been  
benefitted by being the target  
of bitter criticism.—Lockney  
Beacon.

# BIG RUG SALE

## From April 7th to April 14

Special prices for one week on our entire rug stock. Spring is here, and of course you want a new rug. We have the largest, best assorted stock of rugs ever shown in Merkel. Our rugs were bought before the price advanced. We are able to sell you rugs much cheaper than they can now be bought and sold for. In face of the advance in price of rugs, we are offering for one week only, prices that mean a saving to you from 15 per cent to 25 per cent. Come in this week and select the rug you want.

We Quote below prices for one week.

|   |                 |         |
|---|-----------------|---------|
| 9x12 Fringed Wilton rug, Regular price \$65.00              | price this week | \$52.50 |
| 9x12 Axminster Rug (Extra Heavy) Regular Price \$85.00      | price this week | \$71.50 |
| 9x12 Axminster Rug (Good Grade) Regular Price \$45.00       | price this week | \$36.75 |
| 9x12 Axminster Rug (Medium Grade) Regular Price \$40.00     | price this week | \$34.85 |
| 9x12 Extra good quality Tapestry Rug, regular price \$32.50 | price this week | \$25.50 |
| 9x12 Velvet Rugs regular price \$35.00                      | price this week | \$26.75 |
| 9x12 Brussel (Good Quality) regular price \$25.00           | price this week | \$21.25 |
| 9x12 Brussels (Good Assortment) regular price \$22.50       | price this week | \$18.95 |
| 9x12 Grass Rugs   |                 | \$5.75  |

Remember we give you tickets with each \$1.00 purchase that entitles you to a draw for the \$150.00 parlor suit to be given away April 14th.

Come this week, buy your rugs and save money.

# BARROW FURNITURE CO.

## "Planting Season Approaching"

Planting season is just about here, and with the underground season we have, looks like we are again scheduled for a Bumper Crop. The best thing left up to us to do is plant right and cultivate right.

We are prepared to deliver a very few more double row implements and plenty of one rows. Better buy now.

Also we have a complete stock of wind-mills, pipe, and plumbers supplies.

If its Hardware you want, Call

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We will do the Rest.

## LIBERTY HARDWARE CO.

Only Exclusive Hardware Store in Merkel

### TRADE AT HOME

Communities grow in proportion to the support given them by their residents. You cannot boost (your city or town) by trading elsewhere or placing business in other localities that could be placed at home. Folks who try to save pennies often-times lose dollars. The home merchant is generally honest and offers honest values for your money. He can't afford to be otherwise. He depends for his living from the community and must give the community what it wants at a fair price. When you are tempted to trade outside and purchase "just as good merchandise at greatly reduced prices", you should think twice before buying. If you are "stung" by your home merchant he will no doubt be glad to make an adjustment. The out-of-town merchant is not personally interested in you. He is intent on selling you this once and probably does not expect to sell you again. He does not have to take great care in preserving your good will. More than owing it to your community to trade at home, thus keeping your money at home, you should give the home merchant, first opportunity to serve you, from a sound economic standpoint.—Exc.

### 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

### KILL HEN HOUSE BUGS

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

### CLASSIFIED ADS

#### FOR SALE

FOR SALE OR TRADE—2 Ford Coupe's and one Buick Roadster. See McDonald Motor Co. 1t

FOR SALE—Second hand Lumber. See Marvin Boney. 1t

FOR SALE OF TRADE—A good Piano. A bargain if taken at once S. R. Thompson, Trent, Route 2. 6t2p

FOR SALE—A good work horse. See him at Hellums Wagon yard. J. T. Warren. -t

FOR SALE—Two good Bill Planters. See them at Liberty Hardware. 1tp

FOR SALE—Kasch Cotton seed First Year Pedigreed. \$1.50 per bushel. Have Kitchen Cabinet, cook stove, sewing Machine and other household furnishings. The price is right. John L. Carrill. Merkel Route 5. 6t4pd

#### 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.

#### WANTED

WANTED—19 MEN and 6 WOMEN to take, by Mail or at College, specialized training under contract for \$1,000 to \$1,200 a-year positions as bookkeepers bank clerks, stenographers, or telegraphers. Guarantee position Contract sent on request. Special rates now. Write today. Abilene Draughon Business College, Box 39 W. Abilene, Texas. 6t2p.

#### LOST

LOST—A Wire Tire Wheel Cassing. Between Comper and Mer-

kel. Finder take to Merkel Garage or phone Thelma Merritt, and receive reward. 1tp

### MY TOWN

My town is the place where my business is situated; where my vote is cast; where my children are educated; where my neighbors dwell, and where my life is chiefly lived. It is the home spot for me. My town has a right to my civic loyalty. It supports me and I must support it. My town wants my citizenship; not partisanship; friendliness; not selfishness; cooperation; not dissension; sympathy not criticism; my intelligent support, not indifference. My town supplies me with law and order, trade, friends, education, morals recreation and the rights of a free-born American. I should believe in my town and work for it.—Trode.

The Hereford Brand complains that about twice a week, or oftener it is the object of criticism. The Brand is not alone in that irritating situation. Every man or woman who is alive and active gets criticised but a news paper should not be worried about such things. Criticism is often proof that a newspaper is doing something worth while and it may be counted to its credit that it has stirred up sentiment. A wide-awake news paper is expected to lead the way in progressive thought and in doing so it must necessarily run counter to the old established order and come in conflict with opinions of others but when it knows its ground a little bit of adverse criticism can do it no harm; in fact it can have a consciousness that it is doing good service.—Amarillo Tribune

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. 1t.

**WE STRIVE TO PLEASE**

Occasionally we have printed little essays on the country editor and have found some of them reprinted in exchanges. We happen to know a few things about the daily grind of a country editor and a fellow can write best about the things he knows. Editing a country newspaper is not always as easy as it looks and the editor naturally makes many mistakes. The most frequent cause for regret to the editor does not come from things he prints in his columns, but from the things he leaves out. We know by experience that more readers of the paper are offended because something in which they do not endorse is printed. To miss your personal item is taken as a direct slap from the editor.

A worth while country editor or reporter never lets his personal animosities creep into his columns of the newspaper or play any favorites in giving his readers the news of the community. We try hard in this office to avoid any appearance of playing up items regarding any set of people. But we just can't make some people believe this. We would not intentionally hurt the feelings of the most sensitive reader of the News. Sometimes the compositor skips an item or turns two pages of copy instead of one. The proof reader works under pressure just before going to press and fails to notice the oversight. The item is left out and the person to whom it referred looks in vain for it when the paper comes out. The disappointed subscriber immediately charges the editor with purposely cutting out the paragraph, when the editor in fact, never knew it had been written. Another great cause for regret in the newspaper office is the last minute ruthless killing of good items to make room for an advertisement that was received too late to give time for extra pages to be made up to take care of it. The business man rushes in at the last minute with his copy for a big advertisement, begs for space and threatens to boycott the paper if he doesn't get it. We yield to a jingle of the dollar and in the dash to make a place for the store announcement the item about you or your family is omitted. But to the average person who knows nothing about the limit of a newspaper chase, the editor is charged with a personal spite against you and purposely leaving out the very item in which you were the most interested. And so it goes. We seldom hear of the nice things we say about people, but let something be overlooked or lost in the shuffle and we are roasted to a finish.—Chillicothe Valley News.

**ADVICE TO THE AGED**

Age brings infirmities, such as sluggish bowels, weak kidneys, torpid liver.

**Tutt's Pills**

have a specific effect on these organs, stimulating the bowels, gives natural action, and imparts vigor to the system.

**AT THE COZY THEATRE  
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**20 People**

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**12 PIECE  
LADIES  
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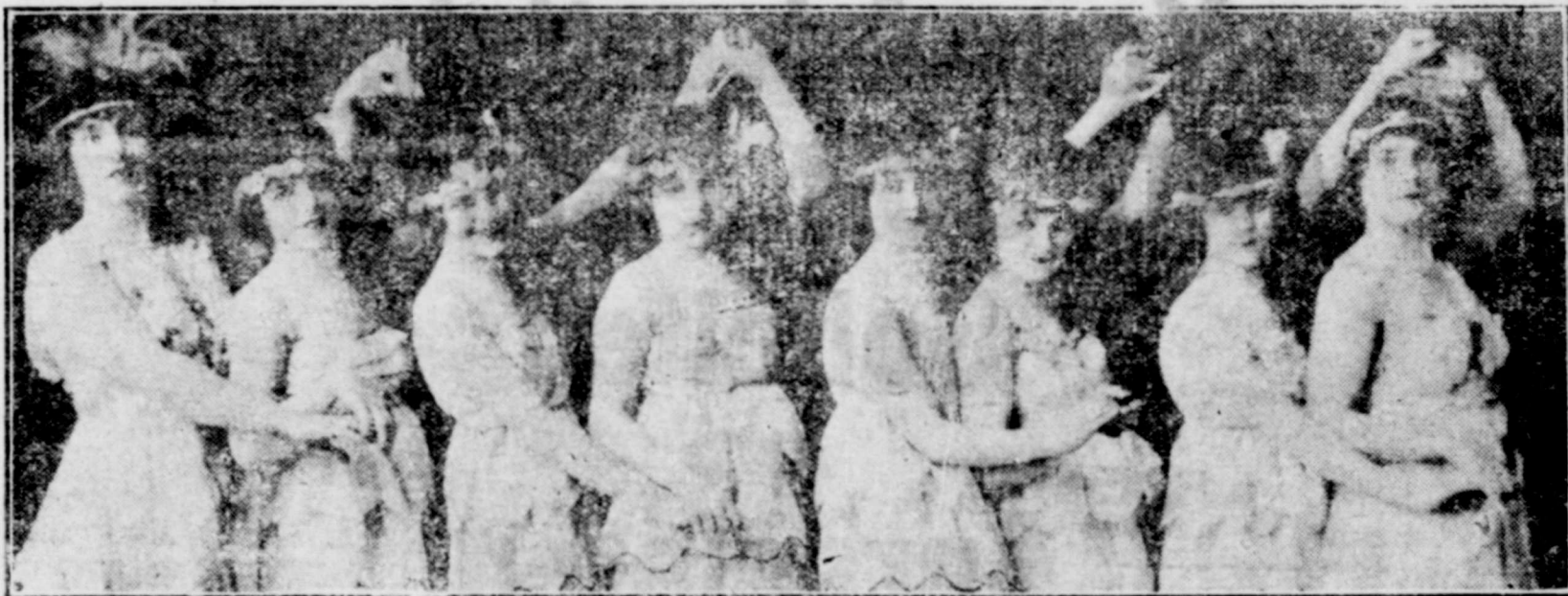


HARRY HEARN—Irish Comedian

**20 People**

**Novelty Musical  
Entertainers**

**Chorus of Pretty  
Singing & Danc-  
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**Acrobatic Dancers; Special Scenery and Electrical Effects.**

**A Show that Pleases The Whole Family**

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**STREET CONCERT AT 4 P. M.**

**Complete Change of Program Daily**

ADMISSION & WAR TAX 20-40-60c

Misses Maude Green and Venie Grayson, of the Shiloh community were in the city one day this week and made this office a pleasant call, and arranged for an announcement in the Mail for the Home Talent Play at Shiloh next Friday night, April 6.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY  
CALLS ATTENTION TO  
VIOLATIONS**

County Attorney Carlos D. Spec, in a statement issued Saturday, called attention to what he termed numerous violations of many laws of the state, and asked the cooperation of the citizenship in obtaining a better observance of the laws. The statement follows:

To the Citizens of Taylor County: From the numerous complaints coming to me I fear that considerable number of our citizens are growing careless with respect to the enforcement of a number of our helpful and practical laws. I desire to call to the attention of you who have stock the fact that we have a stock law in this county and that if you don't in some way prevent your stock from trespassing upon the yards, gardens and crops of others, they will be compelled to resort to their legal remedies for vindication. The injured party has two remedies. He may impound your stock and hold them for damages and he may also prosecute you under the stock law. It is not my official duty to assist him in the enforcement of his civil remedy, but I do feel that he is entitled to my cooperation in the enforcement of the criminal statutes and I shall

complaints whenever, in my judgement I feel the facts warrant them.

Complaints come to me that some are butchering stock for the purpose of sale without making their reports to the commissioner's court and giving bond as required by law.

Country merchants tell me that butter and other products which are sold by pound are frequently of short weight; that they buy butter, for instance, as of full weight, sell it to the city merchant at its actual weight, who in turn sell it to the consumer as of full weight.

Many of our citizens—good citizens—persist in operating their motor vehicles without lights, without their number plates properly displayed and with little regard for the "law of the road". Some seek to justify their failure to properly display their number plates by calling the officers attention to the fact that they have paid their license. One purpose of these number plates is to assist the officers in apprehending car thieves and to recover the stolen car. Your failure to properly display your number plates aids the criminal and greatly handicaps the officials.

I feel that a number of those who violate these and other similar laws are among our best citizens and will be glad to have this matter called to their atten-

tion in order that they may avoid the penalty and assist the officers in their enforcement.

We earnestly urge you good citizens to cooperate with us in the enforcement of these practical laws and to support us with the same enthusiasm you showed before election and thereby

**METHODIST WOMEN'S  
MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

On last Monday afternoon, the Womans Missionary Society had an unusually interesting meeting. This was our regular business meeting day and we were glad to have our district secretary, Mrs. E. T. Brooks and two other Abilene women as visitors. We are always glad indeed to have Mrs. Brooks with us for she always brings us a message that fills us with encouragement and bids us take a new hold on our work and press forward with more zeal and earnestness.

This meeting began a new quarter and all officers made splendid reports for the Quarter just ending. Our secretary seemed much pleased with our reports and paid us some splendid compliments on our work.

Mrs. Brooks also urged that we pay our 1 dollar per member offering for which every Missionary Woman is asked, that the Methodist dormitory at the State University may be built. The Society pledged to pay this one dollar per member and immediately 13 women placed their dollar in the hand of the treasury for this fund. Others are paying later and we feel sure we will be ready to send in this amount in a few days. Our financial report is very gratifying. We have enough money to pay our last hundred dollars on McMurray College pledge. Our Bazaar was quite a success, netting us around \$60.00 with several orders for Sun Bonnets and aprons yet to fill. Our attendance all the year has been good but there are other members who should meet with us and we urge that every member of the society find her way to the church on Monday afternoons.

There were about 40 members and visitors present and an enjoyable social hour was spent at the close of the meeting. Tea and wafers was very daintily served by Misses Thompson and Brown. Mesdames Thompson and Brown were elected delegates to our Annual conference which convenes at Snyder the last of the month.

Next Saturday night when you drive the old gas wagon in the car shed, turn off the lights and choke the engine to a horrible death, and wonder what friend wife is going to say because you loafed too long at the barber shop, remember there is just one pass word that will make her face light up like the Statute of liberty, that will make her face one solid wreath of smiles, that will make her clasp you in her arms with the fever of the honeymoon days and that pass word is cooperation.—Exc.

help us to fulfill our pre-election promises. Respectfully, Carlos D. Speck, County Attorney.

For Sale or trade, 2 Ford Coupes and one Buick Roadster See McDonald Motor Co. It

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If you have made a success in Business—  
If you have acquired property or own your home—

If you are fortunate in Possession of  
valuables—

You should assure yourself that you will  
not lose these blessings through mis-  
fortunes by fire or theft.

We will insure your past success and  
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MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer or Doctor.

**The Right Way is to**

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And  
Get our Prices**

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He does our weighing.

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If you have unimproved property or two years  
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yourself, you should know that you will  
Yours should be a success through this  
not these, these business through this  
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We will handle your best interests and  
make your success your future success.  
To be sure - ASK US TODAY

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MERKEL TRUST

Advertisement text, partially obscured and mirrored, including phrases like "The Right Way is to" and "He does not ship".

# COZY THEATRE

Matinee Saturday From 2 to 5:30

Friday  
**Bebe Daniels**  
 IN  
 "Nancy from Nowhere"  
 Also— ROLIN COMEDY  
 And— PATHE REVIEW

Saturday  
**Helen Gibson**  
 IN  
 "The Wolverine"  
 Also— PATHE COMEDY  
 And— INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY**  
 "THE MERRY MAD CAPS MUSICAL REVIEW"

Fred Hale, who ranches over in Nolan County, was in the City Wednesday.

L. Z. Titsworth, a real estate dealer of our sister city Trent, was in the city Tuesday.

Mebane Cotton Seed—Pure Seed and only small amount left. Seed bred by Mebane Cotton Breeders Association. Price \$2.75 per bushel. Homer Easterwood, Trent. 6t2p

Homer Easterwood, a prominent business man of Trent was in the city Wednesday afternoon.

**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

J. M. Bryson, Leonard Jenkins and Mr. Lamb were over from Dora Tuesday.

Oleta, the ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Moore is very low with pneumonia at their home a few miles southeast of Merkel.

We have just unloaded 1-3 car Ford Parts. Get our prices. Merkel Motor Company, Authorized Ford Dealers. It

T. B. Etheredge of Abilene has purchased the cottage on the corner of El Paso and Pecan streets, now occupied by C. S. Higgins. Mr. Etheredge will move here in a short time.

The Mail wishes to thank Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock for a nice bunch of fresh onions. We enjoyed them very much folks!

Have contract for 50 cases of eggs for Saturday. Always pay market price. W. F. Hamblett. It

Merchants, get your Sales Books at the Mail office. It

Mrs. J. C. Frederickson leaves shortly for a visit to Phoenix, Arizona.

T. N. Kelso and daughter were visitors from Stith community Wednesday.

H. L. Propst and A. C. Rose were in Plainview this week on business matters.

For Sale or trade, 2 Ford Coupe and One Buick Roadster See McDonald Motor Co. It

**COMING TO ABILENE—DR. MELLENTHIN**

Specialist in Internal Medicine for the past twelve years. Does not operate. Will be at the Grace Hotel Friday, April 6th. Office Hours 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. One day only. No charge for Consultation.

Dr. Mellenthin is a regular graduate in medicine and surgery and is licensed by the state of Texas. He visits professionally the more important towns and cities and offers to all who call on this trip free consultation, except the expense of treatment when desired.

According to his method of treatment he does not operate for chronic appendicitis, gall stone, ulcers of stomach, tonsils, or adenoids.

He has to his credit wonderful results in diseases of the stomach, liver, bowels, blood, skin, nerves, heart, kidney, bladder, bed wetting, catarrh, weak lungs, rheumatism, sciatica, leg ulcers and rectal ailments.

If you have been ailing for any length of time and do not get any better, do not fail to call, as improper measures rather than disease are very often the cause of your long standing trouble.

Remember above date, that consultation on this trip will be free and that his treatment is different.

Married women must be accompanied by their husbands.

Address: 336 Boston Block, Minneapolis, Minn. 23t3p

We are informed that Mr. L. P. Jones has this week sold through W. O. Boney, local Realty dealer, his home in this city, to Mrs. S. A. Huskey, who recently came to this city from Amarillo. We understand the price paid for this property, is around \$1600. It is close in and well located and well worth the money paid for it. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have moved to the B. F. Cox residence in the west part of the city on the north side. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Burgess will continue to make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Jones until school is out.

T. L. Grimes splendid citizen who writes "Old Line Insurance" in and about Merkel, is spending several days in Breckenridge this week.

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 Notary Public.  
 Office over Crown Hardware Co. Merkel — Texas

## Our Beautiful Line of Spring Goods

Never before has there been offered the people of Merkel and surrounding country, a better and more carefully selected stock of fashionable and up-to-date Spring and Summer Dry Goods than is shown in this store. We are absolutely prepared to fit you out in every item of your Spring needs. In fact, your Gown, your Wrap, your Suit, if selected from our stock will be one of Fashion's Foremost—and well within your price range.

In silks you will find all the latest, such as Paisley crepe, silk pongee, silk chiffon taffeta, Canton and Georgette crepe, in all the fast colors, and a handsome line of silk Petticoats that are unexcelled anywhere.

In White Goods—this department is absolutely alive with all the wanted shades of fancy inegrie. See the beautiful Organdies, Ratines Voiles, Dimities, Muslins Etc.

In Foot Wear—we have the best balanced line of Ladies', Misses and Children's foot wear to be found in the city. Come and inspect them; you are sure to be pleased and find what you want.

## Max Mellinger's Dry Goods Store

on the corner

Elder W. G. Cypert leaves for Crosbyton Saturday where he goes to hold a ten days revival meeting for the church of Christ. Elder Cypert is considered one among the strongest and most successful ministers of the church.

Mrs. Margaret Morgan died at the family home at Noodle Sunday night and the funeral was held at the residence at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. Elder W. G. Cypert of Merkel conducting the services. Mrs. Morgan was about sixty years of age and her remains were shipped to Irving Texas, for burial, her old home.

Purina Chick Startena feed, with buttermilk especially prepared for baby chick. Garrett & Company. It

Little Miss Mary Olive Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Simpson, will be taken to an Abilene Sanitarium this week, where she will undergo a throat operation.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott returned last week from their visit to Arlington and Dallas. The former on business and the later to visit her mother.

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

Planting Cotton—Corn—Cane Maize—Sudan. Swaford. South side. It.

30-3 1-2 Diamond Cord casing, \$12.50. Merkel Motor Company, Authorized Ford Dealers.

Miss Lola Armstrong visited relatives and friends here last week. She returned to school at T. W. C.

Plenty Coal and Cow and chicken feed. Swaford. South side. It.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McNeese returned last week from San Antonio, where they spent the winter. Mr. McNeese reports having enjoyed the climate of that country, but reports Mrs. McNeese as being in very poor health for some time. This we regret to learn, and trust that she may improve with their return to their home here.

Messrs. H. L. Propst and A. C. Rose returned Wednesday from a business trip to Plainview and other points on the Plains.

30-3 1-2 Double Diamond Non Skid \$8.70. Merkel Motor Company, Authorized Ford Dealers.

Mrs. Snow Frost of Eastland is a guest in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell. She will return to her home Sunday.

Mr. L. B. Scott and A. T. Lyle were in Roby and Rotan Wednesday of this week on business.

Wilbarger County got \$1,000-000 from chickens. What are you getting? Full line of Chicken Feed at Swaffords. South Side. It

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hellums returned last week from Comanche, where they spent some time with relatives.

**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. 16t4.

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 Paint and Varnish Products  
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Wild Horses Could Hardly Do Worse!

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"I WILL WRITE you in regard to Black-Draught liver medicine, as I have been using it more than 18 years," says a letter from Mr. S. F. Mintz, of R. F. D. 2, Leland, N. C. "I keep it in my home all the time, for it is mostly our family medicine. When we begin to feel feverish or sluggish, with trouble from the liver or stomach, we take a dose of Theford's Black-Draught and the trouble is soon over. I mostly buy a dollar package at a time, and it has saved me many a bill." Theford's Black-Draught is a purely vegetable remedy, acting on the liver, stomach and bowels. It is made from selected herbs and roots, and contains no calomel or other mineral drugs. It has been found of great value, in indigestion, stomach trouble, sick headache, constipation, and lazy liver, helping to relieve the symptoms caused by these troubles, and to put the digestive system into proper working order. Get a package of Black-Draught liver medicine from your druggist or dealer, today. Be sure to get the genuine—Theford's.

**Theford's BLACK-DRAUGHT**  
 A Purely Vegetable Liver Medicine

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 39 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 they are here long, they are ready to be sheared."—London Times.

# BETTER BUSINESS==

Better business for us means better prices to you. No wonder business is good; the following low prices on new Spring Merchandise tells the reason why.

More new, Spring and Summer hats arrived this week and are on sale at special prices. If we don't have what you want in stock let us make it for you. Ask to see the trimmer she will gladly plan your hat with you and we guarantee satisfaction.

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| \$16.50 new spring suits special Easter price..... | \$12.95 |
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| \$16.95 new spring coats special Easter price..... | \$13.95 |
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We hope your size is here, also the style you want, in these wonderful dress values, because the prices will surely please you

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| \$19.95 Crepe and Taffeta dresses, Easter special..... | \$16.95 |
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| What does your child weigh? Underweight is danger signal. Ironized Yeast will bring child back to normal, build up weight and restore health. Get it at Merkel Drug Company. Guaranteed. | Mrs. J. L. Winter and baby left first of the week for a visit to Mrs. Winter's parents at Greenville, Texas. | Miss Laurie Click is spending the week end at Abilene.  | Doctors say decayed teeth and weak bones traceable to lack of vitamins. Ironized Yeast is a reliable and dependable vitamin tonic. Merkel Drug Co., recommended and guaranteed. |
|  | Car Hulls on the track. Swaford. South side.   | W. L. Barbee who has been here for several days left this week for his home at Ysleta, It. Texas. |   |

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# The Brown Dry Goods Company

## "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 fancy 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 afloat, 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 envying, 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 lap-dog, the teeny, weeny itty darling that snarls and gorges his way through a unappreciated 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.