

Farmers State Bank

In the protection that we afford our customers, and in the service that we render, we strive to make this a "100 per cent bank."

Only Guaranty Fund Bank
in Merkel

MISS HOBGOOD WILL GIVE A PROGRAM THURSDAY EVENING

As was announced last week, in the Merkel Mail, Miss Hobgood, teacher of expression at Simmons College, Abilene will give a miscellaneous program at the School building on next Thursday evening, April 19th. Miss Hobgood is thoroughly capable of putting on a program that will interest and entertain both the grown ups and the children and since this program is sponsored by the Parent-Teachers Club, we are very anxious that every patron of the school and every school child will be there.

The price of admission will be 15c and 20c and 40c. All the grade pupils will be admitted for 15c, all high school students will be 20c and the adults, 40c. These prices are within reach of every one in Merkel, and you can't afford to miss this program. Let us train our children to appreciate the better things of life.

"WAY DOWN EAST" Cozy Tues. Apr. 17th

SCOUT MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

Let every scout in town be present at the meeting Friday night. Dr. Robert I. Grimes will be present and talk to the Merkel Scouts for a while. After this talk the Scout Master will plunge further into the organization of the scouts. The Scout Master urges that each age have their patrol complete.

Remember the place and the time. Presbyterian church at Seven thirty.—Scout Master.

Beginning Monday, April 16, the Banks of Merkel will close their doors each day at 3:00 p. m. instead of 4:00 as done here to fore; except Saturdays, when they will remain open until 4:00 p. m.

ALBATROSS FLOUR deliver for \$2.15. Ray at Blair. It

GOLAN

Health of the community is very good at present. Several from here attended the convention at White Pond Sunday.

S. W. Turpin of Truby and friend motored to Golan Sunday afternoon.

Messrs Eugene Williams and Edward Lawlis, Misses Vera Lawlis, Eula West, and Bettie Byrom started to the convention at White Pond Sunday and deciding not to go they spent the afternoon in Sylvester.

After staying a while they and some friends from Sylvester took supper out on the river. After eating supper they attended the singing at Mrs. West's. They reported a wonderful time.

Every one enjoyed the party Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lawlis.

Miss Minnie Hill took dinner with Messrs Orvel and William Hill Sunday.

An accident happened Saturday night. As Cecil Jasey from Sylvester was digging the sand out of the ruts, for his car, some boys came by horseback riding and ran over Cecil, hurting his shoulders and legs.

Miss Thelma Cooper, Messrs. Cecil Jasey and Vergie Reid motored to Anson Sunday afternoon after Katie Davis.

Miss Davis was sick two days last week and was unable to teach school, so Eula West taught in her place.

We were sorry to hear of the awful tragedy that occurred in Sylvester last Thursday morning. Mrs. Garland Barnes suddenly died from drinking a bottle of Carboic acid.

Funeral services were conducted at Methodist church at Sylvester by Rev. H. W. Hanks of Lorraine and pastor J. A. Wheeler. The remains were laid to rest in the Roby cemetery.

SAND BURR

The health of this community is fine.

Saturday night we had a real good singing at Truby School house. It was very interesting

to all who attended.

The singing at Tye Sunday was enjoyed by several of the Sand Burr people.

We had a very nice entertainment at Hodges Friday night, April 6th. Most all of the Sand Burr young people attended it.

Mr. Swealt went to Anson on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Owens went to Anson Friday to shop a little.

Sand Burr school will be out May the 4th.

Willie Ellington went home, from school last Thursday because she was sick. She is able to be back at school again.

Mr. Miles and Keller West visited Mr. Ed Vantresse Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan visited Mr. Fred Kelso Sunday.

Mr. Nolan Swealt and Mr. J. Yerger went to singing at Hodges Sunday afternoon.

April 13, there will be a party at Mr. Ed. Vantresse. Every one besure to come.

Sarah Welsh was absent from school today.

Willie Lightsey went to Merkel, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mary Kate Lightsey spent the night with Miss Odell Sloan Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Wills and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lightsey.

Guy Jones went to Merkel Saturday afternoon.

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

OF MERKEL

A Strong Bank Thoughtfully Managed

Member of the Federal Reserve System

Our Reputation is a guaranty of Safety Unexcelled by any bank in Texas.

We buy and sell Liberty Bonds

We pay 4 percent in our Savings Department

We Solicit your business and offer you an unexcelled SERVICE



THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

OF MERKEL

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



Just received a car that good Bell of Wichita Flour, also Bran Corn, Corn Chops and Chicken Feed. Hamilton and Case. It

Learn Shorthand at Private school. Telephone 70. Call or write for information. Miss Esther Roehl, Merkel, Texas. It

Come by the Bakery every day noon for those delicious sweet milk rolls. It

"WAY DOWN EAST" Cozy Tues. Apr. 17th



Your Voice

Direct—Persuasive—Accurate

Your voice conducts your business. Directions that you give personally are quickly and accurately executed, because your associates cannot fail to understand you.

Each inflection has a meaning for them.

You would not think for a moment of writing a letter to your assistant in the outer office. How about your representative in Kalamazoo or Sacramento? The telephone will bring him to your desk in a few minutes' time. It is not necessary to trust the cold written word—send him your voice—yourself—by Long Distance telephone.

Ask the Long Distance operator about Station to Station calls. If possible, take advantage of the low rates prevailing after 9:30 p. m.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO.

Your Voice is You—Put Them by Telephone

\$5,000.00

in

CASH PRIZES

Don't fail to attend our Devoe Paint and Varnish Demonstration next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16, 17, 18. We will have a Special Demonstrator. Also get the Contest blanks and try to get some of this money the Devoe people are giving away in advertising. Also we are headquarters for Hardware and do not forget that when you need anything in the Hardware line.

LIBERTY HARDWARE CO.

Only-Exclusive Hardware Store in Merkel

SATURDAY

at

3:30 P. M.

We will give away the
Parlor Suit
Bring your Tickets and
be at our Store at
3:30 P. M.

**Saturday, April
14th. 1923.**

BARROW FURNITURE CO.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday school at 10 a. m. with places for all.
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. by visiting preacher or layman.

Monday is to be a big day for Baptists of Sweetwater Association.

On that day Merkel will be host to the Baptists of three counties. The day will be filled with good things with the main addresses at 11 a. m. by Dr. L. R. Scarborough. Dr. Scarborough is a native son of the west. He was converted at Merkel and entered upon his eventful career from this place. Now he has won every honor in the reach of a Baptist minister. He was selected from among the 36,000 Baptist Ministers of the south and put at the head of the 75 Million Campaign. When the great Dr. B. H. Carroll realized that he was near the end of his earthly pilgrimage he looked over the entire Southern Baptist Convention to find a man to carry on his most cherished work, The Theological Seminary at Fort Worth. He selected Dr. L. R. Scarborough, and Dr. Scarborough has carried that great institution forward in a great way.

We feel sure that every one will want to hear Dr. Scarborough at 11 Monday morning.

Every one is invited to attend this meeting but Baptists are urged to come and hear one of the greatest men of our denomination as he speaks to us out of his great heart the message that the Lord sends to us by him.

Lunch will be served in the Basement for all.

Come find a place to work and to worship. Ira L. Parrack.

A few pieces 36 inch flaxon floral and stripped patterns. Values 35c to close at 25c.—Lyle.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Turner is reported very sick with pneumonia.

Now is the Time

Now is the time to begin thinking of the hot days and nights we are to have.

Doctors tell us to be careful of our Diet in warm weather; to avoid heavy food and to GET A GOOD NIGHTS REST. People can stand very high temperatures if they rest well at night.

It has been our experience that a summer sleeping room, or sleeping porch, is indispensable in this climate if we are to enjoy the warm season and keep well.

If your home is not equipped with either sleeping porch or summer sleeping room, we would be glad to talk to you about it and advise you of the cost.

Come in and look over our Plan service. We will be glad to assist you in any way we can.

We are handling and selling dependable building materials. We want our customers to be lifetime customers, coming back again and again because of fair treatment, square dealing and continued satisfaction with our goods.

Our office latchstring is always out. Come in to see us, Telephone us, write us, whatever may come, our dealings with you are going to be just as fair as we can make them.

Burton-Lingo Company

**Lowe Brothers High Standard
Paints & Varnishes
Builders Hardware and Glass**
Phone 74

We are informed that Messrs. A. B. and W. F. Patterson have this week sold their interest in the Patterson Brothers Meat Market to Messrs. J. A. Patterson and Fred Baker, who will continue to render the same splendid service in the future as has been the custom of the firm in the past.

Courtney Hunt and family of Haskell, are here this week the guests of relatives and friends.

We are informed that a message came this week to the effect that R. L. Godwin, a former citizen of Merkel, but now residing in Wichita Falls to the effect that he had sustained serious injuries. No facts were given as to how he was injured, we are told. We are informed that Mr. Godwin is a son-in-law

of Mr. S. A. Freeman.

ICE NOTICE

When you need ICE call 27, and your wants will be cared for. Merkel Ice Company.

The ladies of the Church of Christ met at the pleasant home of Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert on Tuesday afternoon and packed a box for the Orphans Home at Canadian Texas. Plans are now under way and as soon as completed the home will be moved to Tipton, Oklahoma.

J. M. Booth and family of Snyder, were here over last Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Toombs Jr. Mr. Booth is a brother of Mrs. Toombs.

Poor teeth, faulty vision, weakened bones in grown ups are traceable to lack of vitamins in youth. Watch your child's health. At first sign of loss of weight, give Ironized Yeast, the reliable vitamin tonic. If it fails to restore health. Merkel Drug Company will refund purchase price.

ELECTRIC RANGES ARE---

CHEAP

Economies, obvious and subtle, obtain in the operation and use of Electric Ranges. An exceedingly low current rate exists for range users, and electric cooking saves the wastage of food which occurs under the old methods of cooking.

CLEAN

No smoke, no fumes, no burnt matches are found in kitchens where electric ranges are employed. It is the **One Clean Way** to prepare food for human consumption.

CONVENIENT

The concentrated heat of an electric range means rapid cooking, and its high efficiency eliminates the unnecessary discomforts of the constant attention and adjustment which must be given to non-electric ranges. In warm weather, the electric range contributes nothing to a kitchen's heat.

Electricity is the intelligent way to cook. Call, write or telephone for prices.

West Texas Utilities Company.

THE M. E. MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES

The Woman's Missionary Society met Monday afternoon in Mission study. Our study Book "Building with India", is a very interesting one and our study was doubly interesting on last Monday because of the illustrative posters, on this book that were loaned us by the Abilene Ladies study class. On next Monday afternoon, we will have another lesson from this book, and we would be very glad if every lady of the church whither you belong to the society or not would meet with us and study from this book. Our attendance has been good this year so far, but we would like to have every lady of the church present at every meeting. Meet us at the church next Monday afternoon at 2:30.

Mrs. Dr. Cranford left this week for San Antonio, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. L. D. Gaither.

Try Admiration Coffee. Can't be beat for fine cup of coffee. Hamilton and Case. 1t.

Workmen have been busy for some time putting the old Bonney Livery Stable building in condition for a garage, which will be owned and operated by H. H. Hand. This will be a fine location and Mr. Hand who has a popular and growing business will no doubt do well in his new location.

12 Pieces 32 in. French Gingham, 35c and 50c. Values Saturday only 25c the yard.—Lyle.

Mr. J. T. Biggs, of Snyder, was here last week the guest of T. J. Toombs, J. L. and Arch Harris.

Misses Lilley Pratt Sears and Hazel Harkrider entertained their Sunday School Classes Saturday with a picnic out on Blow-out Mountain.

NO 7481

Report of the Condition of

**THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
AT MERKEL**

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on April 3, 1923

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts	\$331,064.83
Overdrafts, secured, \$471.54 Unsecured, \$ 215.01	686.55
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)	\$6,250.00
All other United States Government Securities	\$7,350.00— 13,600.00
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	30,522.19
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	4,100.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	31,812.81
Cash in vault and amount due from national Banks	102,390.27
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	787.94
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	\$103,128.31
Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located outside of city or town of reporting bank \$300.00	
Miscellaneous cash items	6.05— 306.05
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
Total	\$620,033.24

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits	\$15,492.95
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	6,122.66— 9,366.29
Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the U. S. and foreign countries (other than items 21 22)	10,458.28
Cashiers checks on own bank outstanding	295.27
Total of Items 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25	\$10,753.55
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	365,720.28
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	1,700.00
Total of demand deposit (other than bank deposits)	
Reserve, Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31 \$367,420.28	
Certificates of deposit	26,044.00
Other time Deposits	35,199.12
Total of time deposits subject to reserve,	
Items 32, 33, 34, and 35	\$61,243.12
Total	\$620,033.24

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:

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

L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of April, 1923.

J. T. HOWARD, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:—G. F. WEST.

J. T. WARREN

SAM BUTMAN Sr., Directors

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FOR INSERTION IN THAT
WEEK'S ISSUE OF THE MAIL

Foreign Advertising Representative
THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

A modern sewer system certainly would add much to the sanitary condition of our city. This alone it seems to this paper is sufficient to make every man and woman in the city vote for the bond issue.

You Merkel folks who did not make the trip to Stith, along with the business and professional men last Friday evening, missed a real treat. Besides the fine program of entertainment, there was a treat in having the opportunity to mix with those fine Stith citizens.

The man or woman that stands out in the open for clean living, progress and improvement is certain to make enemies and encounter opposition; for they are certain to run up against and become antagonistic to that respectable element of the community that always raise a howl when some one gets on their toes.

A public official that never encounters opposition seldom ever leaves as a monument to his official career a record for having achieved anything worth while. A man must do something in order to make a record of achievement, and when he does, he is sure to make enemies

Because a man differs with you on whether Merkel should or should not install a modern sewer system is no reason why you should dislike them or say mean things about them. Every one has a right to their own private opinion about the matter.

Do you hop out of bed these mornings, glad to see another day and full of pep for the coming work? That's the kind of glowing health the use of Ironized Yeast will give you. Get it on Merkel Drug Company's guarantee or your money back if you're not satisfied.

Mrs. Ira Shaffer and children returned to their home at Texline Sunday morning, after a pleasant visit here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. All-day.

Dr. S. W. Johnson, local Dentist informs us that he will be absent from his office several days next week on account of being in Fort Worth attending the state Dental Association.

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\$5.00

Deposited in this Bank
will Enroll You
in the

Ford Weekly Purchase Plan

Most of your neighbors drive motor cars. They can go where and when they choose. Their cars play a large part in their daily life, furnishing them with quick and convenient transportation for both business and pleasure.

Realizing what the automobile means to the average family in bringing them greater enjoyment of life, we have arranged to extend the facilities of our bank to those who desire to become owners of Ford cars thru the new Ford Purchase Plan.

Under this plan, you can begin with an initial deposit as low as \$5.00. Then select the type of Ford car you want -- Touring Car, Runabout, Coupe, Sedan, etc. -- and arrange to make weekly deposits on which interest will be computed at our regular savings rate

Come in and let us further explain the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan to you, or, if you wish, go to the nearest Ford Dealer for further details. Start today, and before you realize it you will be driving your own car.

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

FORD PUTS ON NEW PURCHASE PLAN

In this issue of the Merkel Mail will be found the new Ford purchase plans, which are explained in two half page advertisements; one from the Ford Company through their local representative, the Merkel Motor Company, and the other by the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, and to which the reading public's attention is called.

It is indeed a unique plan and will enable any person who is desirous of owning a car to do so on a plan that will cause them to hardly miss the price of same, if adhered to as per directions.

ANOTHER WEDDING

At his home in this city on last Saturday evening, April 7, Rev. A. L. Jobe, pronounced the words that made man and wife, Mr. R. W. Moore and Miss Lillie Mae Tucker, both well known young people of this city. The groom is connected with the local telephone company, and has a host of friends, with whom the Mail joins in extending congratulations and good wishes.

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

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The Farmers State Bank

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of
at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 3rd day of April, 1923, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 13th day of April, 1923.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$273,826.66
Loans, real estate	15,000.00
Overdrafts	2,877.37
Bonds and Stocks	1,961.25
Real Estate (banking house)	8,000.00
Other Real Estate	9,304.85
Furniture and Fixtures	5,200.00
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	62,207.21
Interest in Depositors' Gty. Fund	6,277.85
Asst. Depositors, Gty. Fund	22,047.59
Acceptances and Bills of Ex. cotton	7,944.37
Other Resources	23,508.80
Total	\$440,406.05
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	9,972.73
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	
Individual Deposits sub. to check	333,341.69
Time Certificates of Deposit	31,146.90
Cashier's checks	945.03
Bills Payable and R. discounts	
Other Liabilities, War Finance	
Total	\$440,406.05

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, John Sears as president, and R. O. Anderson, as cashier of said bank each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
John Sears, president.
R. O. Anderson, cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of April A. D. 1923. N. D. Cobb
(SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas
Correct--Attest: M. Armstrong, H. L. Propp, H. H. Toombs, Directors

ALBATROSS FLOUR delivered for \$2.15. Ray at Blair. It

"WAY DOWN EAST" Cozy Tues. Apr. 17th

DEVOE
Paint and Varnish Products
Prevent Destruction

Endangered by the fiercest fire that burns!
Day in, day out, the sun scorches your house with fingers of flame. Its hot claws leave behind a trail of warped seams, deep cracks and gaping joints.
Into these openings rush the enemies of wood to rot and gnaw its vitals. Helplessly your house awaits its doom.
Save it with Devoe Lead and Zinc Paint! Put on a shield of oil and metal that fells heat and rot and rot!

Liberty Hardware Company

Enamel Your Woodwork

ENAMEL makes a beautiful as well as an economical finish. Used on woodwork, it makes the room look larger. Has the same effect on furniture.
Its greatest economy lies in the fact that cheaper wood may be used, because the grain is completely covered.
the most economical enamel because it goes further; therefore it costs less.
Easy to use. Flows on like cream, and clings to edges and sharp corners without pulling on the brush.
Goes on white and stays white. Has great lastingness.
Come in and ask for descriptive booklet.

Burton-Lingo Company

Lowe Brothers
Paints - Varnishes

THE SEWER QUESTION

There has been a good many questions ask regarding the installation of the sewerage system for our town. We endeavor to answer these questions as nearly as possible, as we believe and understand them. Will the system cover the entire town. Yes. There are but very few houses in the city limits but what are within easy reach of the mains. Can this be installed for \$60,000.00. The estimate has been prepared by an engineering firm who's ability and integrity are unquestioned. It is reasonable to suppose that one who makes a speciality of this business and who have done the engineering work for a number of cities of similar size could make a correct estimat of the job. Have we an adequate water supply for such a system. Yes. The water for this purpose may be taken from any ordinary water supply system such as is in use by most of the home owners. The city could supply the water for any that are in reach of the mains, who would care to use it, at the regular water rates.

What would be the maintainance of such a system? The Maintainance cost is very low. The only expense that is ordinarily incurred is the cost of the chemicals to treat the contents of the tank and about an hour's work per day for one man.

What would be the cost for connection? This would depend largely on the class of fixtures that one would care to install, and the distance from the main. The cheapest fixture installed on the property limits would be about \$40. The high grade fixtures installed in the home about \$75 to \$85.

Will connection be made compulsory? No. Unless, perhaps, within a portion of the business district of town.

How much more will it cost me in taxes? At the present valuation it would only add \$3.50 per \$1000.00 valuation.

What will be the monthly charge for connection? The exact rate has not been decided, but will be but very little, if any more, than the present charge for civic service.

Will there be any other expenses necessary in connection with the system? If you do not connect to the sewer there will be no expense except the tax. If you connect the only expense necessary will be the installation of the fixtures and the monthly charge for connection.

See us Saturday for a full line of Fresh Vegetables. Hamilton and Case. 1t

"WAY DOWN EAST"
Cozy Tues. Apr. 17th

PREVENTION
better than cure. Tutt's Pills taken in time, are not only a remedy for but prevent
SICK HEADACHE
biliousness, constipation and kindred diseases
Tutt's Pills

Real Estate, Farm Loans and Insurance

INSURE SUCCESS

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 loose these blessings through misfortunes by fire or theft.

We will insure your past success and make more sure your future success.

To be sure—ASK US TODAY

W. O. BONEY
MERKEL, TEXAS

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

TAKE NOTICE

If you want the Best money making business in town for the least money, come to see me. Better hurry. W. P. Duckett. 13t2

Last your appetite? Take Ironized Yeast and if appetite doesn't improve in three days, come get your money back! Merkel Drug Co. 1t

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Office over Farmers State Bank
Office Phone 306

Miss Lois Hogue will be Miss Sweetwater at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention at San Angelo, May 21, 22 23. Miss Hogue's name has been forwarded to the committee in charge of this phase of the Convention program.—Sweetwater Reporter.

Miss Lois, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hogue, former citizens of Merkel and have many good friends here.

Men's Standard Brand fleece made Overalls, for Saturday and Monday, Special \$1.25, \$1.50, and \$1.90. None better made.—Lyle. 1t

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

FARM BUREAU BUYS
POULTRY

In their effort to pool the egg and chicken business in this community recently, thru the local Farm Bureau, that organization made quite a success in it's undertaking. On the day advertised 12,000 pounds of chickens and 540,000 dozen eggs were purchased from the farmers of this community.

17 cents was paid for chickens and 16 cents for eggs.

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CARD OF THANKS

I take this method of extending my sincere thanks and appreciation to all who in any way assisted during the late illness and death of my beloved wife. Especially do I thank the good ladies, who were so good and kind. May the Lord bless and care for each and all is my prayer. W. H. Hathaway. 1tp

The latest in Silks just received—"Brown D. G. Co." 1t.

I am now prepared to do your cement coping at the Cemetery. If interested see me at once. J. M. Garrett. 1t

We regret to learn that W. O. Boney is on the sick list this week.

L. A. Freeman, who went to New Mexico the first of the year to take up a land claim is here for a stay of several weeks.

Sans Souci

VARIETY SKETCH

Comedians Balladists
Chimes 20 Voices

Male Glee
In Novelty Vaudeville Sketch
Thursday, April 19th

COZY THEATRE
Admission and War Tax, 40 and 50c

WHITE CHURCH
(John Reynolds)

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown and Mrs. Emmie Scott motored to Merkel last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Lem Dudley from Elm was visiting his mother, Mrs. H. West Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Nath Riggan went to Merkel Saturday.

Mr. Arthur Coats was in Merkel for a while last Saturday.

Mr. Wilson, Jesse, Arthur, Ruby and Pearl motored to Trent last Saturday and attended the Rodeo there.

Mr. Reynolds spent the weekend at home in Trent.

There was a singing at Mrs. Joe Brown's Sunday night. A large crowd was present and a good time was had by all.

The Tabor girls from Noodle were visiting their relatives, Mr and Mrs. Dolph Coats last week. While here they visited the school.

Mr. Arthur, and Ray Coats, were visitors in the school last Friday.

Rev. John M. Kiddell, pastor of the Baptist church of Trent visited our school Monday of this week, and gave us a splendid talk.

Mr. H. E. Farmer, Mr. W. E. Malone, Mr. G. L. Shuff went to Abilene Monday of this week in the interest of the school.

r. Frank Demere was elected as trustee for the school to fill the place of Mr. Farmer, whose time had expired.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown, and Mrs. H. West went to see Mr. and Mrs. (Uncle Druce) Tucker Monday afternoon. They report him doing nicely, but Mrs. Tucker has a cold and La-Grippe.

The teacher spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Coats Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. West went to Dora last Sunday afternoon. While they were there they had the pleasure of hearing an interesting program at the Baptist church given by the Volunteer Band from the First Baptist church, Sweetwater, Texas.

"WAY DOWN EAST"
Cozy Tues. Apr. 17th

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

Expecting car of Feed. Swafford. South Side. It

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

Do you tire easily? Underweight? You need Ironized Yeast, the concentrated extract of brewer's yeast in union with iron. Builds firm flesh and rich blood. Recommended and guaranteed by Merkel Drug Co. It

See our line of Berthas and Collars.—Lyle. It

Eat Quality Bread as good as can be made. tf

Dan Simpson preached at Sylvester Sunday.

BERT LATHAM DIED AT DALLAS

The many friends in Merkel of Messrs Fred and Bert Latham, were grieved Monday of this week when the news came that the latter had passed away at his home in Dallas.

The deceased with his brother Fred, were in the Cafe business in Merkel during 1920 and have many warm friends here. The following concerning the death of Mr. Latham, is from the Dallas News:

Latham— Funeral services for Bert C. Latham, who died Monday afternoon at his home on the Fort Worth pike, will be held from Brewer's Funeral home at 2 p. m. Wednesday. The Rev. W. M. Anderson Jr. will havecharge of the services. Burial will be in Merrill Cemetery. Mr. Latham is survived by his father, A. Latham and two brothers, C. F. Latham and E. H. Latham, all of Dallas.

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And—	PATHE REVIEW	And—	NEWS OF THE DAY

Tues. Apr. 17 **"WAY DOWN EAST"** Admission and war tax 20-40
One night only

NOTICE

If you want a well drilled or your old windmill worked over, your pump repaired, or any thing in the well line, see J. T. Coats, or phone No. 2, and I will be on the job. J. T. Coats. 13t2p

Expecting car of Feed. Swafford. South Side. 1t

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

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Cozy Tues. Apr. 17th

Expecting a car of Oats, Corn, Chops and Bran in a few days. Garrett & Company. 1t

It will pay you to call on **R. B. JOHNSON**
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Everything found in a First Class Drug Store
Merkel, Texas
Phone 49

HAPPY DID YOU SAY?

Well, we should say so. Mr. C. M. Largent, known the nation over for raising some of the finest cattle not only to be found in the United States, but the entire world, came hurriedly into our office today, Thursday, and seemed just as happy as a little boy fifty years ago, when he received his first pair of red top boots, and all on account of the fact that he was Grandfather again. Yes, a big boy, weighing a little over 13 pounds was this day born to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent, at their suburban home three miles north.

LOCAL MEN ON GRAND JURY

We are glad to note that this part of Taylor County is ably represented on the Grand Jury for this term of court which is now in session, by the following excellent citizens: Mr. John Sears, banker; D. W. Hutcheson merchant, W. C. Neal, farmer; W. J. Armour, merchant at Trent.
SUPERIOR Chicken Feed is SUPERIOR. Try it. Swafford. South side.

Come to the school building on the evening of April 19 and enjoy a good program. Miss Hobgood of Simmons College, Abilene will render this program.

Expecting car of Feed. Swafford. South Side. 1t

Just nine bushels pure Mebane Cotton Seed left. \$2.75 per bushel. Come quick. A. L. Jobe.

A. Champion of Bardwell, Ellis county, Texas, is here on a visit to his brother-in-law, S. J. Roberts.

T. B. Etheredge has moved here from Abilene to reside, coming in Friday.

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The latest in Silks just received—"Brown D. G. Co." 1t.

FOR SALE

If you want Groceries, plates cups and saucers, Bowls, Platters, Buckets, Milk Pans, Stewers, Dippers, Dish pans, Tin cups, kitchen vessels. Get my prices before buying. A. L. Jobe Kent Street. 13t2

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 Georeette 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

Win the \$1,000.00 Cash Prize OR one of the other 217 Prizes

Come to the
Devoe Demonstration
at this store April 16-17-18.

On these dates, a Devoe Factory Expert will show how to use three famous Devoe Products:

- Devoe Velour Finish—for beautifully painting and and mottletoning walls and ceilings.
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- Devoe Motor Car Finish—for making old cars new looking again.

Watch the Demonstration. Get a Contest Blank from the Demonstrator---then

Simply write a 25-word description of:
"The benefit I got from the

Devoe Demonstration."

Hand in your answer within 2 weeks---That's all.

The prizes will be awarded for ideas, not literary merit. Every one has an equal chance to win!

Come to the Demonstration. We offer useful information; helps in beautifying your home and motor car; and a chance at \$5000 in prizes!

\$5000 in Prizes will be distributed as follows:
1st. Prize \$1000 5 Prizes of \$100
2nd. Prize \$700 10 Prizes of \$50
3rd. Prize \$300 200 Prizes of ... \$10

(This Devoe Contest is being held on a national basis. The winning answers will be selected by Devoe and the winners will be announced as soon as possible after the answers are in from the last Devoe Demonstration to be given in the Spring of 1923.)

The Liberty Hardware Co.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Ford Sedan for Cash or good notes. Pat Jones. 13t2p

FOR SALE—Stock Cattle. 75 head of good grade cows. Phone Oto or F. S. Roberts, Nugent, Texas. 13t3p

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

FOR SALE—Female hound pups. E. C. Ray, route five. 1t.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Automobiles. See McDonald Motor Company. Two Ford Coupes in A-1 condition. 1t.

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. Cargill. Merkel Route 5. 6t4pd

LOST

LOST—White Kid Glove Saturday afternoon between Cozy Theatre and Merkel Dry Goods. Finder please return to Merkel Mail office. 1t

WANTED

WANTED—A few more milk customers. We deliver every evening. Phone 246 J. Ben Campbell. 1t.

WANTED—Man to Plow 30 acres of sod land at \$2.50 per acre. Sam Butman Sr. 13t2p

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 posit-

ion Contract sent on request. Special rates now. Write today. Abilene Draughon Business College, Box 39 W. Abilene, Texas. 6t2p.

COMING TO COZY THEATRE

Attention is called to the advertisement in this paper to the fact that on Thursday, April 19, the Sons Souci Glee of Abilene, will offer a professional program at amateur prices, at the Cozy Theatre.

There will be vaudeville and novelty program with ballads, chimes, violins, comedy. There will be 20 people in the company

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Forasmuch as it has pleased Almighty God in His wise providence to remove from our midst, the soul of our deceased sister, Mrs. W. H. Hathaway: Be it therefore resolved: 1st. that the T. E. L. Class has lost one of its most efficient and devoted workers and the church one of its most faithful members. And that we as classmates shall not cease to thank God for one so helpful and one so willing to serve as we always found her to be.

We pause in prayerful recognition of her Christian influence and bow in humble submission to God's will.

2nd.: That a copy of these resolutions be included in the minutes of the class:

3rd. That a copy be published in our local paper.

4th. That a copy be forwarded to members of her family.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Sam Swann, Pres.
Mrs. Burl Scott
Mrs. Andy Brown.

FOR SALE—A good work horse. See him at Hellums Wagon yard. J. T. Warren. 1t

I am now prepared to do your cement coping at the Cemetery. If interested see me at once. J. M. Garrett. 1t

Mr. Sam Butman Sr. was in the city first of the week from his splendid ranch south of Merkel some fifteen miles, and reports his cattle as having come through the winter in fine condition, and now with the fine rains that have fallen he feels that early grass is assured in abundance, all of which gives bright prospects to the cattle industry. Mr. Butman who is a pioneer in the West, also realizes the great menace in the mountainous country of the deadly rattle snake to both live stock and human beings, reports that one of his sons went out on the mountains one day last week and killed ten big rattlers; finding them just beginning to come from their dens under the big boulders.

Dr. W. M. Gambill, splendid local dentist expects to leave the last of the week for Fort Worth, where he will attend the meeting of the State Dental Association.

See that wonderful shoe they are all talking about—"Selz Six."—Brown Dry Goods Company. 1t.

Dr. Ed. Waller, Proprietor of Waller's Drug Store, Hubbard, Texas, says Ironized Yeast gave him a fine appetite and restored his weight from "skinniness" to normal. Says he now has that "rearin' to go" feeling all the time. Get Ironized Yeast at Merkel Drug Company on a guarantee that it will make you feel better or money will be returned. 1t

Purina Chick Startena feed, with buttermilk especially prepared for baby chick. Garrett & Company. 1t.

We are glad to learn that our good friend and most excellent citizen, Mr. J. A. Collins, who forsometime has been quite ill, now improving nicely and we trust that he may continue to do so until he has again regained his former good health. 1t

THE MERKEL MAIL

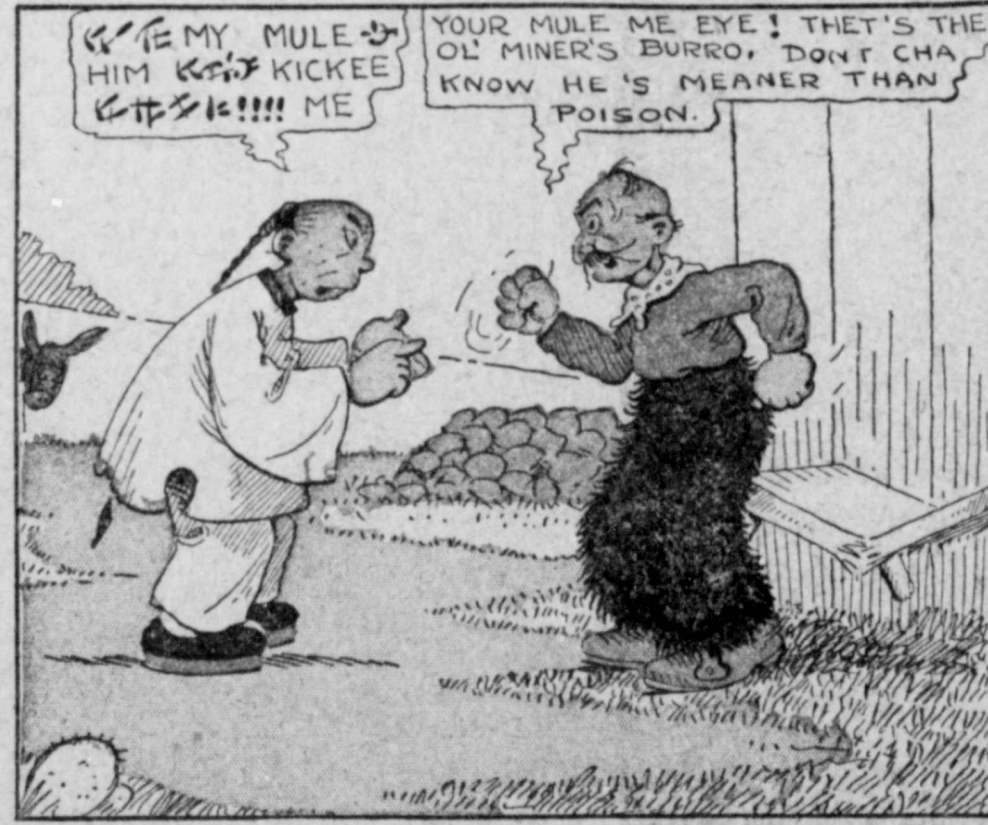
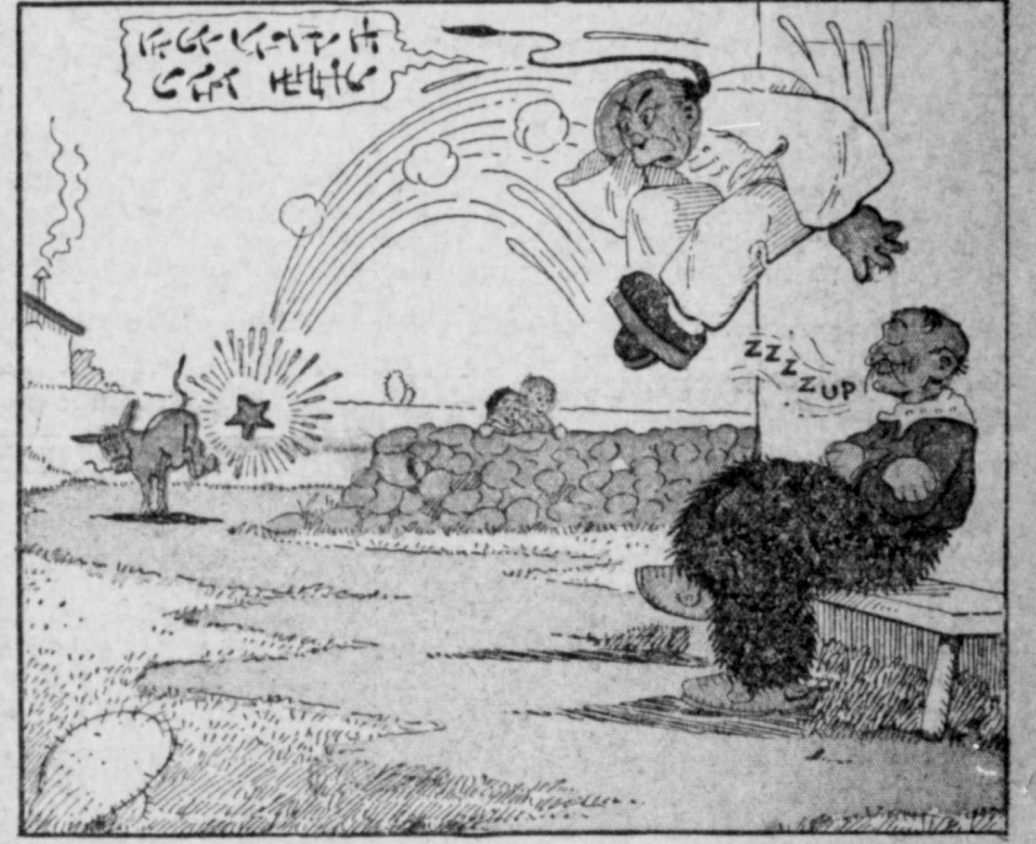
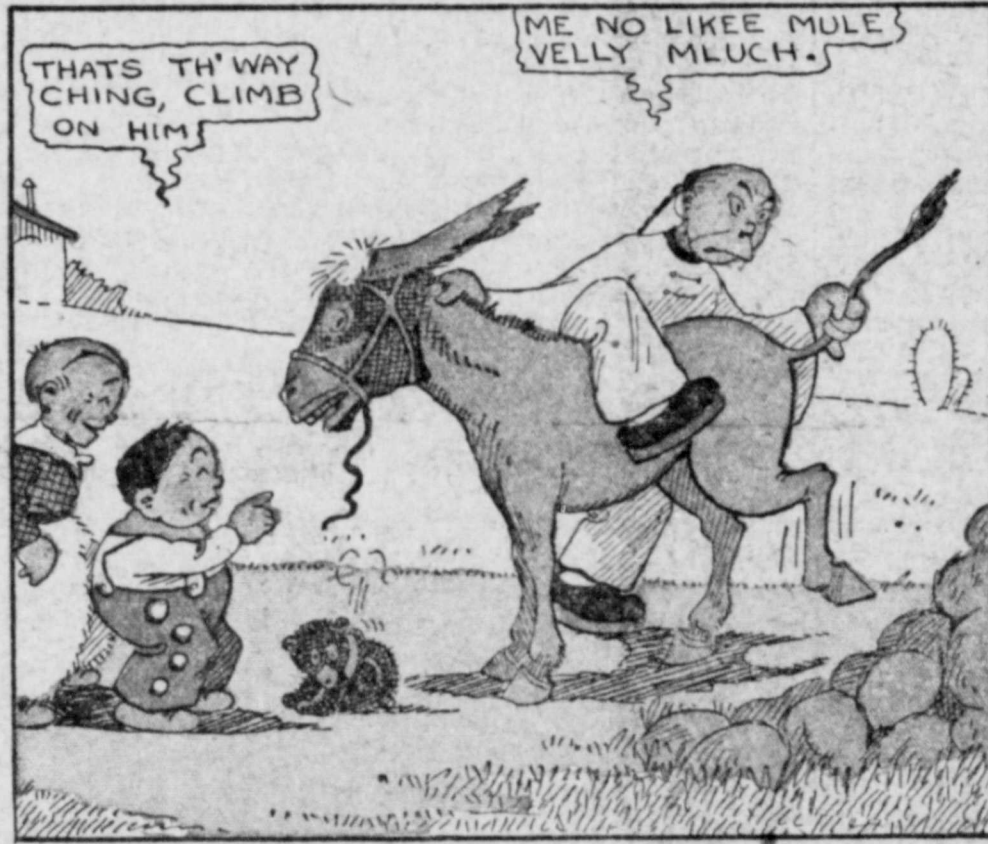
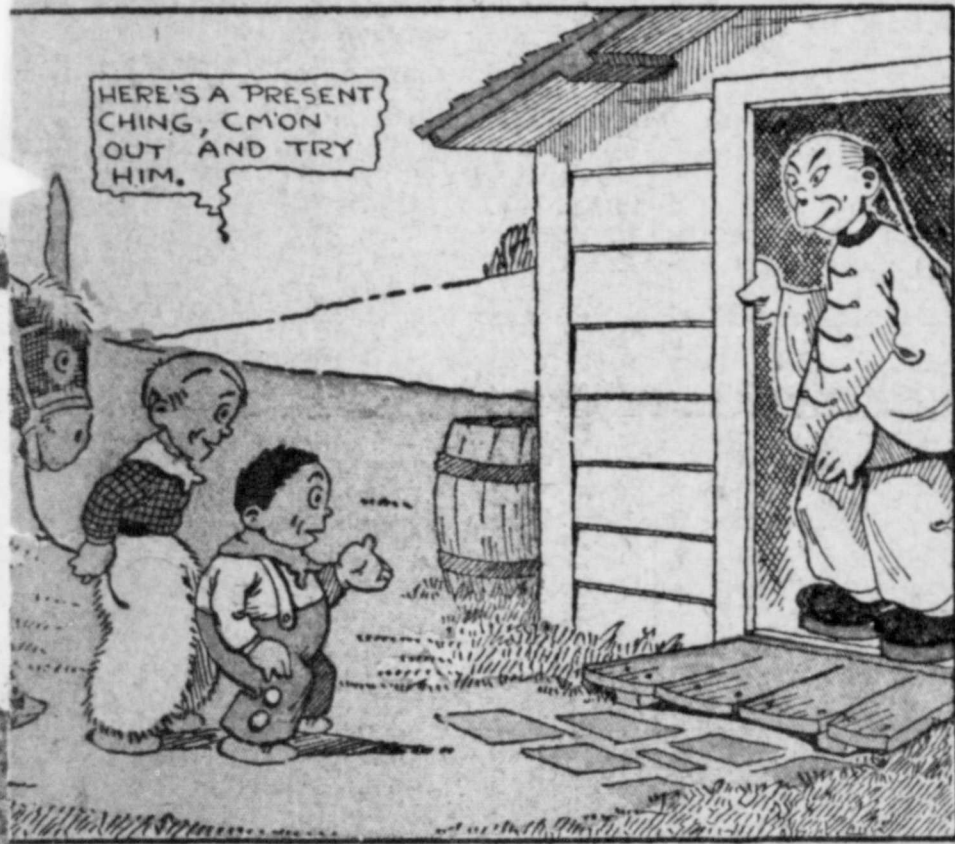
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PETE AND PINTO

The Cow-Kids of O-Joy Ranch

By M. M. BRANNER



CURRENT COMMENT

By J. H. LOWRY



“Stay with the job until the money is in hand or a better job is cinched,” is about the best motto one can write on the tablets of the heart or hang over the desk or work bench. Quick fortune and big salaries have a way of appearing unto people, pretty much as the Devil appeared unto the world's Savior, and showing them the bright lights of prosperity and wealth, and alas! too many yield to the voice of the tempter, look upon the bright lights and hang up the hoe or lay down the spade. I had a neighbor many years ago who was tempted to run for an office, to which a good salary was attached and which called for just enough work to keep one interested. The neighbor was doing fairly well when he listened to the voice of the siren. He was able to meet his grocery bills, and dry goods bills, and other current expenses on the first of each month, provided the doctor's visits had not been too numerous and the drug bills were not unduly large. The friends of this good neighbor assured him he could be elected without any trouble or heavy expense—all he would have to do would be to let the people know he would accept the place, and the voters would flock to his standard like ants to the bung of a molasses barrel. The neighbor, listening to the appeal and advice of his friends, gave notice of his candidacy through the papers, and when the announcement of his candidacy was made public he met with the wonderful encouragement accorded all new candidates for office. Some whose support he had not expected assured him they were for him to the bitter end and spoke for a clerkship for one of their sons. Others whom he had good reason to believe were unfriendly assured him of their loyal support and even went far enough in the friendliness to borrow some money or ask him to endorse a note. Sentiment seemed so unanimous in favor of our friend, the new candidate, that he actually grew sorry for his opponent and began to hope the poor fellow would get a few votes as balm for his wounded feelings. As the campaign proceeded and visions of easy work and a fat salary flitted before my friend, the grind of his workaday routine became irksome and chilled his ideals and his dreams of better things. Really, he felt that he was degrading himself and his family by engaging in such humble toil, and since he was seen to begin pulling down several hundred dollars a month, there was no need for him to soil his hands and weary his

back with his dull routine of drudgery, and so he resigned his place, put on his good clothes and awaited the coming of his honors and his fat salary. But fortune is fickle, and voters are liars, and so when the ballots were counted my friend was far in the rear and the bands played paeans of victory at the home of his successful opponent. Next day he had to sell the office furniture he had purchased in advance of the election, shuck his Sunday clothes and suffer the humiliation of having to beg for the old job he had so proudly quit.

Come to think of it, as well as I can remember, I was persuaded to run for a fat office once upon a time. Such unimportant matters pass quickly from me and do not stick in my memory as do the greater things of life, but as I now recall it, it was the United States Congress that the friends of mine asked me to serve in and render service unto. It is difficult for me to refresh my memory on this matter and get the particulars straight, but I believe it was about nine years ago, and that it was the position of Congressman at large I was persuaded to seek—or rather to accept—as it was a clear case of the office seeking the man. I recall, as I take up the retrospection, that four or five men, who claimed to be my friends, came to me and plead our country's cause with great zeal and ardor. They told me our country was rapidly going to the dogs, and forced me to admit it. They went on to say that the rich were growing richer and the poor were growing poorer, and if something wasn't done quickly the great government for which our forefathers suffered, prayed, toiled and died would soon perish from the earth. Previous to their visit I had been of the opinion that we had about the best government on earth, but these friends convinced me of the awful fact that John D. Rockefeller and the railroads had captured the country, bag and baggage, and were upon the eve of dividing it between them. They explained to me fully why and how such a dire calamity had come to our country and government, and were so strong and learned in their presentation of the troubles that I found myself in perfect agreement with all of their contentions and explanations. The men the people had elected to represent them in Congress, they said, had not the ability to meet the representatives elected by predatory interests, neither had they the courage to stand up against the money minions and boldly speak for the plain people. These friends implored me to accept the position of Congressman and save our country from those who were about to destroy our government and enslave our people. I told my solicitous friends that I was very busy, further-

more that I didn't want any office under the sun. My friends replied that they knew I was not an office-seeker, but they knew also that I was patriotic to the core and would not turn a deaf ear to the woes of our people when our country faced danger and peril. These friends went on to say there could be no doubt of my selection, that the people of our great commonwealth were standing up as one man, pleading and demanding that I put down my work, even as Cincinnatus left his plow, and answer the call of my country to serve her in the national law-making body. And finally, in the name and for the weal of my country, I consented.

It was my intention to proceed calmly with my accustomed work and let the people elect me, as I was assured they would do, and I did go on with my work—a few minutes. But as I thought the matter over, it seemed that in performing a work of drudgery I was not treating myself or my family right, neither was I showing my constituents proper respect. Why should a man who had been called out to silence the money minions, down the plutocrats and save his country from predatory interests toil on with greasy hands and grimy face, in a dingy den, arrayed in soiled, sweaty shirt and de-gabled pants? Why not leave the den of toil, don habiliments in keeping with the position I was soon to occupy, and get out and accord the people the gracious privilege of beholding the savior of their country—the veritable St. George who was soon to slay the dragon of political corruption? And so, after considering the matter about five minutes, I dropped pencil, and wrench, and ink knife, washed my hands, turned my back on the dingy workshop, went home and put on my best clothes.

I am sure my readers would not be interested in the details of the campaign which followed, and since I am not interested in them to the slightest degree, I will not worry them with a recital of much that transpired. I haven't tried to store very much concerning the unhappy affair in memory's golden casket, but I do recall that I had a splendid platform. I stood for lower taxes, and showed the people how the country could be run without taxation. I was very severe on John D. Rockefeller and promised the people to have him wearing stripes in a penitentiary within six months after I entered the congressional hall. I also promised the people better garden seeds, and intimated that I would have the Agricultural Department send out seeds that would grow rapidly and produce in abundance without work. There was also, as I now remember, the question of prohibition,

which some voters insisted upon making an issue in the campaign. Not wishing to stir up hard feelings over this troublesome issue, I contented myself with the statement that “if prohibition was a good thing I was for it, but if it was a bad thing no man could be stronger against it.” This, I hoped, would quiet all “Texas parties” and make the vote virtually unanimous in my favor.

I made one appointment to speak, and sent out some hand bills announcing the feast of oratory the people of the fortunate town were to be treated to. Under ordinary conditions I am sure I would have had a large crowd, but it so happened that a phrenologist, accompanied by a negro dancer, held forth on the corner of the square, and only nine people, including the janitor, showed up at the court house, where I was advertised to speak. The man who introduced me spoke of my great work in behalf of buttermilk, which caused two anti-prohibitionists to leave, and I spoke to an audience of seven. Finally election day came on, but as you do not care to know the result, and I am not interested at all in the election returns, I will not worry you or myself by attempting to give the figures. My best recollection, however, is that another man was elected Congressman and the race was not close enough to justify a contest.

What I started out to say, and the point I am laboring to make is, that it is a bad policy to quit a job on prospects of another, or on hearsay evidence that fortune is coming your way. I managed to get my job back after the election, but the work seemed much harder, and people who had seen me dressed up and strutting during the campaign were moved to paroxysms of laughter when they passed the shop and saw me toiling with greasy hands and grimy face, arrayed in the same old soiled shirt and de-gabled pants. One small boy couldn't resist the temptation to say, “don't he look like a Congressman now?” and on the second day after my return I heard one lady say to another, as they passed the shop window, “behold the savior of his country.”

I assure you, readers of this Magazine Section, that the foregoing recital has been as painful to me as it has been tedious to you, but please remember that I am trying to make a point and drive home a moral, and that the ancient history brought to light is only incidental. The point I am trying to make is set forth in the caption, “Stay With Your Job, until something better comes or you get a lead-pipe cinch on fortune.” Some one, I am sure, is ready to ask, “What has this to do with ‘Current Comment’?” Read a little further and you will see that in all this “Current

Comment” is decidedly current, and is dealing with an important and interesting item of the day. I have just read in the daily papers of a young woman in one of our western towns receiving the glad news that she is a millionaire. The young lady is a working girl, receiving a fair salary for stenographic work. A few days ago the news was flashed to her over the wires that oil had been found on her land in Arkansas, making her a multimillionaire. Did this young woman knock her typewriter from the desk and slam the office door in her hurried leave for the scene of her fortune? Nay, verily. She kept right on with her work, saying she could use the money later on, if the good news proved true. I am hoping the splendid, sensible young woman will receive all the telegraphic message promised, but I am also commending to you her sensible decision to remain with her work and calmly await developments.

Having connected my story with “Current Events” my comment, of course, becomes current, and I wish now to go back into the past again and make my point stronger, if possible. I am a sufferer today because some of my people failed to stay with their jobs and await developments when the good news of fortune came. Right now my relations and I own the City of Baltimore, but for some reason or another we can't get possession of it. It was many years ago that a stranger appeared at the home of my forebears in Tennessee with the startling news that the land on which Baltimore stands belonged to our family. There were a few papers to be fixed up before my folks could take possession of the city, and my kinnery gladly gave the stranger a few dollars to enable him to go to Washington and perfect the title and give them possession. But my kin, unfortunately, failed to heed the admonition I am here giving—they didn't stay on the job while awaiting developments. My grandfather and my uncles quit work, and my aunts began immediately to dress and entertain beyond their means. What became of the stranger who brought the good news none of us knows—possibly he died of heart disease on his way to Washington, or was eaten by bears. But, sad to relate, the stopping of work by grandfather and uncles, and the extravagant dressing by aunts, caused debts to accumulate that could not be met, and the farm had to be sold. Since becoming entangled in connubial bliss I have learned that my wife's people own the city of Philadelphia, but for reasons unknown to me they can't get possession of their property. And so here I am, part owner, by consanguinity and affinity, of two of the world's most important cities, and yet I have to split kindling and carry in wood.

Judas of the Angoras

An Old “Billy” of Southwest Texas That Has Led 500,000 Sheep and Goats to Slaughter

If the sheep and goats of the world had a language and a radio system, there is no doubt but what Judas, the Angora goat of this story, would be proclaimed a cruel monster from every broadcasting station. There is no other billy on earth that has led so many sheep and goats to the shambles. Judas' shrewdness is diabolical. By devious ways he wins the confidence of his fellow sheep and goats, then coolly leads them to the butchers. Although just a few months past eight years of age, he has “betrayed” five hundred thousand victims and seems to enjoy his treachery.

Judas, be it remembered, is the lead billy at the great Fort Worth packing plant of Armour & Company. When he was a little kid he romped just like all other little kids, over the hills of Southwest Texas, enjoying the open, free life and living on brush, grass and weeds. Perhaps if some gypsy seer of goatdom had placed her fingers upon his horns and told him that some day he would be a great leader, he wouldn't have believed it. But one day a grower of that section sent a consignment of sheep to market and something happened that changed the entire career of Judas. The young goat got into the grower's flock and accompanied the shipment to Fort Worth, where he might see the sights of a modern city and the great packing plants, and then be slaughtered along with the rest of the flock. But a kind fate intervened for Judas.

known as “Budweiser,” who is foreman of that department, goes to the house-pens on the fourth floor, where the animals for slaughter are kept, and turns the old billy in with them. Judas mills around among the flock for a few minutes and then lifts his head in the air, as if to say, “Follow me; I know of something that will be really exciting for a bunch of country mutton-heads.” Then he walks out of the pen and they all trail after him, as he leads them up a gangway to the fifth floor and along a narrow corridor which enters the killing room. Sometimes only fifteen head are taken at once, while again as many as a hundred are led up together. When they enter this part of the building a shackling force is present and each animal is shackled and carried on up by a great revolving wheel, to which the shackles are connected. At the top of the wheel they are taken off and slaughtered and slid forward to men who dress the carcasses.

When Judas gets the sheep or goats into the chute where they are to be shackled, if the lot is a small one, he turns around and quietly retraces his steps, out of that part of the building and back down to the house pens after another lot. If, however, he brings up a large number at a time, so many that he cannot very well get back through them, he has to jump a little obstruction in the front and return by a different route. This he doesn't like to do, for hard-hearted as he seems to be, he doesn't like to cross the pool of blood from the animals that are being continually slaughtered near by. The pool of blood is several feet wide and must be jumped in order to keep from carrying grave evidence of foul-dealing back to the animals below.

The old billy balks at this point and all but threatens to throw up his job. But the foreman steps forward and says a word to him in profanity that would make nearly any man fight, and sternly commands him to “jump.” And he jumps, clearing the curb and clearing the pool of gore. During the more than seven years that he has been performing this task his feet have never once touched the blood. He avoids getting them “wet” just as if he knew that it



JUDAS OF THE ANGORAS.

would be a reflection upon his good name.

Rides “the Death Wheel.”

On numerous occasions new men at work have shackled old Judas, not knowing him from the other animals. More than once he rode “the death wheel” to the top, where his identity was established just in time to save his life. No doubt he has had more hair-breadth escapes during his service at the Armour plant than the average moving picture hero. But the superintendent says: “He is unlike any other goat that I ever saw, being the only one among the many thousands that have been shackled in this plant who failed to beat or cry. And undoubtedly that is what saved his life on several occasions. The men above saw that he was meeting his fate as cool as a cucumber, and it caused them to pause long enough to discover the identity of the old chap before the knife reached his vitals.”

Judas does the work of several hands just for his lodging and board, and all

that he eats is a little hay and some Purina, while he saves thousands of dollars to the company each year. If men had to do this work it would take two or three of them to each lot of sheep or goats destined for the shackling place, while the old billy leads up sometimes as many as fifty lots in one day, and never complains of being tired. Union horns are maintained for him, however. Foreman Wieshler, who is very fond of Judas and generously contributed to his early education, and who is partly responsible for him being a leader, sees to it that he gets time and a half for all overtime put in if his duties called for longer hours. Just how this pay could be given, though, is something that would be hard to figure out, for Judas doesn't care a thing for luxuries, and while he chews tobacco, Mr. J. B. Davis, the courteous purchasing agent of the firm, declares that his bills for dissipation of this kind only amount to a mere bagatelle. “In fact,” he said, the old fellow had just as soon chew the stub of

a five-cent cigar as a piece of the best natural leaf on the market.” Efforts have been made a number of times to reward his faithful service by treating him to an armful of grass. But Judas has been off the range so long that he refuses to eat grass; about all he does with grass is to make a bed of it to lay down upon when tired.

Assistant Superintendent F. D. Green of the Armour packing plant, did not have in his mind any definite figures as to the exact number of sheep and goats that Judas had led to slaughter, but it was approximated roughly at half a million. “These animals,” he explained, “come mostly from the Southwest, be from Mexico. That includes the biggest end being muttons and lamb. The cooling and refrigerating capacity of the plant to take care of carcasses is far ahead of the present needs. There is room at the shipping docks for the cars at a time in which the meat is to be packed out. This meat goes into specially constructed refrigerator cars, but is frozen only where shipments are made to foreign markets.

Judas' Understudy.

Old Judas has an understudy—one “Benedict”—who is two years old, and also of Angora stock. He accompanies his trainer into the house-pens and walks by his side up the gangway that leads to the shambles. Superintendent Wieshler calculates that a new leader will be needed some of these days. It is the case in the statesmanship of a nation, and just as Clemenceau and Lloyd George fell in France and England, old Judas is going to see the time when he can no longer command leadership. Age will get him; he will be forced into retirement, and then Benedict will step to the front and claim his right to the place. In fact, he has already been out and did mighty well on his first trip. Judas, however, still looks and he shears about eight pounds of hair each year. But his front teeth are all gone and in the matter of personal beauty—well, just any cheap range goat will bear comparison with him.

The longest number of years that (Continued on Page 7.)

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HOME PROBLEMS

Good Water for Farm and Small Town Houses.

Last month we discussed general locations and conditions concerning our water supply. This month I shall take up the type of wells and their construction. The shallow well is by far the most common type used. It is a hole dug into a layer of earth that is saturated with water. When such a hole is dug the water in the soil runs into it and fills it to the level at which the water stands in the earth. As the water is taken out of the hole it again fills up. Very few such wells, except in limestone rock, are supplied by real, flowing streams. Most are supplied by slow seepage from surrounding soil. The water is usually the same water that fell on the ground within a few hundred feet of the well and gradually seeped into the soil until it reached a layer of clay, rock or hardpan, which was water-tight. This layer constitutes the water tables. The height varies with the season and amount of rainfall. When it falls below the bottom of the well, the well goes dry. As the water falls on the ground and passes into the soil it carries with it pollution from the privy and barn, and also disease germs. As it passes through the soil, the soil acts as a filter and purifies it to some extent; the greater amount of soil it passes through the greater the purification. Some soils are better than others, too. Limestone soil is very poor filter as the water passes through crevices and caverns and practically no purification takes place. In this way disease germs may reach the water and give rise to outbreak of disease. Another danger perhaps even greater of pollution is thru the cover, defective or lack of curbing, dirty bucket and rope, or loose and leaky well casing. The cover should be absolutely water tight; inspected regularly and frequently. This should rest on a good substantial curbing. The curbing may be of brick or masonry laid in cement mortar or best of all solid concrete. In any event, it must be water tight and should extend two feet into the ground and rise one foot above the surface. The casing is the most expensive and difficult part of the construction. It must be heavy enough to prevent the earth from caving in and water-tight from the top of the well to where it is intended to admit the water. The casing may be of brick or stone laid in cement joints. Where terra-cotta sewer pipes can be obtained at a reasonable price it makes the cheapest, most substantial, and most durable of all casings. It requires no special skill to lay it and to make it water-tight. Pipe two feet in diameter is best; but 18-inch pipe can be made to answer. Brick and masonry casings require skilled labor to install and are difficult to make water-tight. Timber casings often add to the taste and odor of the water. They are never water-tight and rot so quickly, and they are the most expensive in the end. The space between the casing and side of the well should be filled with dirt as the casing is put in and packed solidly. If sand is available for this purpose it should be used, as it is a good filter and packs readily. The construction of the part of the casing within the water-bearing layer should be of such a character as to permit the ready entrance of water yet strong enough to prevent caving in.

LATE FASHIONS
This cunning pillow can be made up in any number of ways, according to its use. Various color schemes and many different designs can be made effective with a little planning and work. The one I have is made of black satin; the applique design was cut from a cretonne remnant sewed on with a fine satin stitch.

QUESTION BOX
Question: Give me a recipe for chocolate creams. What kind of fruits should I use?
M. B. R., Crowell, Texas.
Answer: The recipe will be in next month's issue.
As to the kind of fruit you should use, unless you are suffering with some kind of illness (in which case you should consult a doctor), I can say any fresh fruit is good. Where it can not be obtained a standard brand of canned fruit is better than none at all. Fruit in the past was considered a luxury now we know it is a necessity. Oranges contain many valuable vitamins and should be given to every child daily after six months old. There will be further discussion on this in my articles on "Food."
Question: What is a good remedy for head lice on baby chicks?
M. L. K., Fort Worth, Texas.
Answer: As soon as the baby chick is out of the egg remove from under the hen and place in a covered basket and anoint its head thoroughly with a few drops of olive oil. Be sure and keep the chicken warm. The temperature should be at least 100°. Chilling is more dangerous to chicks than lice.
Question: When should trees be pruned?
Answer: Any time between November 15th and March 15th.
Note: I will welcome any questions pertaining to the Home. Address Box 1012 Fort Worth, Texas. (Mrs.) Margaret Stute.

FOOD.
Its Use to the Body and Proper Preparation.—Continued.
Last month we left off because of the lack of space, with digestion in the mouth. The food then passes into the stomach through the oesophagus (the throat channel). Here the next process of digestion begins. The stomach is a hollow pouch placed obliquely in the left side of the upper portion of the abdominal cavity. It is a muscular organ and the alternate contraction and relaxation of the muscular fibers causes the food to be carried around and around in the stomach, and subjects it to considerable pressure. It is here that the protein or such a substance as is found in meat, vegetables, milk, eggs, cereals and gelatine are digested. These are for building and repairing muscle tissue. After the food has become a thin, greyish fluid it is passed into the small intestines. It is here that everything that has escaped digestion is taken care of. The digestive juice that is mixed with the food has remarkable power and finishes the process of digestion. All material to be used by the body is absorbed into blood through walls of the intestines and carried to all parts of the body. Some of the foods are further digested and stored in the liver, which is like a warehouse, so that it can be used in emergency, as when sickness attacks the body or forces fasting. Undigestible and indigestible food then passes into the large intestines where some of the fluid is taken up and the rest is finally passed out of the body. This is as important to good digestion and good health, as any part of the process. As a furnace choked with ashes will not give much service, so the body filled with rejected food will become listless and powerless. Final auto-intoxication occurs and if allowed to go on death will be the result. Proper foods, proper exercise and regular habits will do more to accomplish this than all the medicines in the world. However, if neglected or long standing cases a reputable physician should be consulted and his advice followed. In no case resort to "patent medicines" unless recommended by your physician for a cure. I have no doubt many are very good and they are all they are represented to be. But the general public is not in position to discriminate between the useful and the harmful ones. In dwelling on this part of my subject so long I am sounding the cry of every doctor and nurse in the world. Because proper elimination is the keynote to "Good Health."
(To be continued next month.)

PRIZE LETTERS.
Miss Bettie P. Miller of Normangee, Texas, Route 4, is winner of the first prize. The prize is two (\$2.50) dollars and fifty cents in cash.
First Prize Letter.
"As Mrs. Stute has kindly invited us to write her a letter, I will avail myself of that pleasure. In answering the question, what the Woman's Page means to us, will depend to some extent upon what we make it. But with its tested recipes for cooking, information on gardening and flowers, new ideas on clothing and styles, and having help to solve our household problems, it should mean a great deal to us all. I suggest we give ideas and information on fancy work, something most of us are interested in. Also if consistent give us an exchange column or section, in order that any one having more of any article than they need, may exchange with others for something they have and be mutually benefited. If we have a remedy or any idea we think will help others along, why not give it? In fact, show the best we have, with others remembering, 'if we have had a kindness shown, it was not for us alone.' Just 'pass it on.' Fearing I have reached the word limit, I'll go. Wishing the Woman's Page success."
(Signed)
"MISS BETTIE P. MILLER."
Second prize of two (\$2.00) dollars goes to Mrs. J. D. Vaughn, Tulsa, Texas, Box 796. Letter will be published next month.
Miss Miller's first prize letter is replete with good and helpful suggestions. We should "pass on" to others any kind thought or deed that may help to lighten life's responsibilities.

TESTED RECIPES
Scalloped Potatoes.
In a well buttered pan to hold sufficient quantity for your family, put a layer of thinly sliced potatoes, sprinkle with salt and pepper, with dots of butter and a very thin sprinkle of flour. Fill the pan in this manner, putting layer after layer. When almost to the top cover with milk, then add a thin layer of buttered cracker crumbs. Bake in the oven until thoroughly done. The time depends on the quantity.
Carrots.
Wash and scrape new carrots (about four medium sized). Slice very thin, put in a pan, add 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon sugar, 1 tablespoon butter; cover a little better than half with milk or water. Bake in a moderate oven until tender.
Stuffed Peppers.
Remove the tops of six small peppers and seeds carefully, boil peppers in salt water 10 or 15 minutes. Stuff with the following ingredients that have been previously mixed together in the order named.
1 can corn.
1/4 teaspoon pepper.
1/2 teaspoon salt.
1/2 cup rolled cracker crumbs.
1 egg beaten (slightly).
1 tablespoon melted butter.
2 tablespoons chopped pimento.
Cover with buttered cracker crumbs. Put on a shallow pan which has a small amount of water in it. Bake in a moderate oven 10 or 15 minutes. Peppers can be stuffed also with ground round steak and a small quantity of uncooked rice, season well before putting in peppers with salt and pepper. Cook in a covered deep pan with meat broth and tomato juice equal parts, sufficient to cover peppers. Boil slowly for 1 1/2 hours for medium sized peppers.
Rhubarb Pie.
Prepare rhubarb enough to fill a pie-plate full. Then plunge it into the boiling water for ten minutes and drain. Line the greased pie-plate with a good short crust, put in the rhubarb, sprinkle with two cupfuls of sugar in which dessert spoonful of cornstarch is mixed and a half cupful of water. Put on the crust and bake in a medium oven about forty minutes.
Note: All measurements are taken level unless otherwise stated.

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