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## IT WAS BIG DAY FOR THE BAPTIST

In spite of mud and threatening weather, there was more than 200 out of town Baptists registered for the workers rally at the local Baptist church on Monday. Many others were in attendance but that number registered. All who came including the members of the local church and many local friends, were well repaid for their trip over almost impassable roads.

The program as printed in the papers was carried out by substituting speakers for those who could not get here. Each speaker seemed primed and full of the theme, and interest grew from the beginning.

At the eleven o'clock hour Dr. L. R. Scarborough brought the main address of the conference, when he spoke of the great Baptist Five Year Program. He brought from the Word of God a message that stirred the hearts of all that heard him. Many that have heard Dr. Scarborough many times said that this was the greatest sermon they had ever heard from him or any one else as to that. It seemed that the whole audience was swept with him as he presented the plan and showed how it corresponded with the plan that Jesus had for His people.

When he spoke of the father that called his children around him as he was ready to die, and asking them to hear his will read, after which he asked each of them if they were satisfied with the will. When they all said they were satisfied with all of it even the part that left some of his property to the Lord's work, then he asked them if they would see that his will was carried out. Then Dr. Scarborough showed that the Lord had left a will to His children and that will included the carrying on of the work included in the Baptist 75 million program and that the Lord had a right to expect every one of us to do our best for the carrying out of his will. It was in this climax to the address that all of us purposed in our hearts to try harder than ever to see that the will of our Savior was carried out.

After this matchless address, the people went to the basement of the church, where the good women of the church and those from nearby churches had prepared a feast of good things to eat.

Some four hundred people were fed and such a feast as it was. One man who said he had been attending meetings of this kind for eighteen years among Baptists and that the banquet served by the good women here was better than he had ever found any where.

Then the afternoon was full of good things including addresses by Rev. Jeff Davis, general field man for middle West Texas and Dr. J. C. Burkett, pastor of South side Baptist Church of Abilene.

But the day was not yet ended as Dr. Scarborough brought a great gospel sermon at the evening hour that stirred the hearts of all.

At the conclusion of the message Dr. Scarborough asked for any to come forward and confess Christ as a Savior, and Mr. T. J. Toombs, ranchman, banker and honored citizen of Merkel responded. It developed that they were old friends in those early days when they both rode these prairies as cow boys. We were also reminded that it was in Merkel 29 years ago that Dr. Scarborough was converted and joined the Baptist church. This account would not be complete without a word about the wonderful message brought

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We would be glad to see our attendance continue to increase next Sunday, as it has for the past few Sundays. To this end may we not urge every member of the church and Sunday school to be present. At the morning hour your presence will inspire your teacher, and encourage the pastor. And you always have a part in the worship of this church.

At 8 o'clock a special service will be held for the Merkel Boy Scouts. Seats will be reserved for them, and they will attend in abody. The Merkel Band will furnish the music. Come early and get a good seat. We are always glad to welcome visitors and strangers. Fred S. Rogers.

## SEWER BONDS DEFEATED

In the election held in Merkel on last Tuesday, April 17, 1923, to determine whether or not the city should issue bonds to the amount of \$60,000, for the purpose of installing a modern sewer system, the issue was defeated. The vote being 162 for, and 231 against; a majority of 69 against. There was 398 votes cast, four being thrown out on account of irregularities.

More ladies, especially the older ones, voted in this election than ever recorded in an election here before, and many of them voted for the first time in their lives.

Be particular about your cleaning and pressing, have it done the right way. It doesn't cost any more. No gas odor— one day service. Ligon, the laundryman. Phone 218.

## INFANT BABY DIES

The Month old Baby of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan, who had been named, Mary Frances, died at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon of pneumonia.

Little Mary Frances had not been in the world long, had not time to fill a very large place, but she was very much cherished by her parents and other loved ones. And at the time of the separation caused the deepest sorrow. Friends extend their heartfelt sympathy in the sad hour.

The little baby was laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery on Sunday afternoon, Rev. M. C. Hays, conducting the funeral.

The Parent-Teachers Club will appreciate your patronage next Saturday. They will have a booth at the Gaither Building where you will find good things to eat.

by Mr. Ollie Weeb, Assistant Passenger Agent of the Texas and Pacific Railroad, whose home is in Dallas.

Mr. Weeb spoke as a layman to laymen and he stirred the hearts of all with his appeal to the men to do their part in bringing in the Kingdom of God. He told of instances when he, busy railroad man that he is found time to fill an office in his church and also found time to lead the lost men that he came in contact with to trust Christ.

Some of the human interest stories made many of our men feel that they would undertake to follow his example. On the whole this was one of the greatest days ever enjoyed by the local Baptists and their friends. At the close of the days work Dr. Scarborough promised that if the Lord spared him till that time he would come to Merkel for a meeting in the summer of 1924. When we remember that he has invitations by the hundred to hold meetings with the largest churches in all the land, we feel that Merkel is to be congratulated over this promise. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

## PARENT-TEACHERS ELECT OFFICERS

The Parent-Teachers Club, held their regular monthly meeting in the high school auditorium last Thursday afternoon, and a very pleasant time was had by all. Prior to the opening of the business session the following short program was carried out: Talk by Rev. M. C. Hays, pastor of the Methodist church: His subject being, "Teaching Pupils to Think," was timely and to the point.

Piano Solo, Miss Boog Sears; Reading, Miss Travis, "That Old Sweetheart of Mine", Lesson in Current Review, Mrs. D. Briggs; Reading, Miss Hattie Proctor, "The Youngest of the Family"; Teacher Helps, Mrs. Tabor.

The election of officers resulted in the following for the ensuing year: Mrs. Thos Durham, President; Mrs. Fred S. Rogers, 1st. Vice-President; Mrs. A. C. Rose, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. A. R. Booth, 3rd Vice President; Mrs. E. S. Cummings Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Lige Gimble, corresponding secretary Mesdames Fred S. Rogers, and Thos. Durham were chosen as delegates to the State Federation Association at Amarilo, in May.

The secretary reported one hundred and four names enrolled but only eighteen for State Federation, while it requires not less than twenty-five.

## MISS HOBGOOD HERE NEXT WEEK, APR. 26

Early Thursday morning, Miss Hobgood telephoned that she was sick and would be unable to fill her appointment with the Parent-Teacher Club to have the entertainment at the school building. She will be here the coming week on Thursday evening. All those having tickets please keep same as they will be good at this time. Don't forget the Date, Thursday evening, APRIL 26 at 8:15.

Can get the market price for Poultry, Eggs, Cream, Butter and Groceries. W. F. Hamblett.

## TO MT. PLEASANT THIS, FRIDAY NITE

We are informed by the program committee that plans are all made and everything set for the Business Men's Trade Trip to Mount Pleasant to night. A very interesting program is being arranged; one of the best ever rendered on a similar occasion, and it is expected and hoped that every one in the Mt. Pleasant community will come out and enjoy same.

It is also urged that every business and professional man who can will go; infact every one in the city who can go is cordially invited to go along. It is hoped that all who will go will assemble themselves in front of the Post Office at not later than 6:30 this afternoon and all go in a body.

It is expected that as usual, the band will head the delegation, and any one who can take one or more of the boys in their car is urged to do so.

The Mail would urge upon the business men the fact that these trade trips have so far, proven very interesting and beneficial; therefore all should cooperate.

The following is a part of the program as is planned for the occasion: Music, Merkel Band; Address, L. R. Thompson; Number by Glee Club; Reading, Miss Sharp; Address, H. C. West, Number by the Glee Club; Reading, Miss Dennis; Address, Judge E. S. Cummings; Music, by the Band.

Hot coffee, Sandwiches, pie, home made candy at Gaither building next Saturday, April 21st.

For Fresh Vegetables see Hamilton and Case.

J. E. Richardson, efficient and clever manager for the Merkel Lumber Company, left first of the week for Oklahoma City, where he went to attend the annual meeting of the managers of the Wm. P. Carey Lumber Company, and of which the Merkel Lumber Company is a subsidiary.

## ABILENE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Trent, Texas  
Thursday and Friday  
APRIL 26TH and 27TH

### FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

9:00 to 9:10 Devotional Service.—E. D. Landreth  
9:10 to 9:30. Organization.  
9:30 to 11:00 Reports of Pastor  
11:00 to 11:10 The Centenary Collection.—Aubry Ashley.  
11:10 to 11:20 "How to Organize and Manage Boy Scouts."—John Price, H. G. Scoggins.  
11:20 to 12:00. "How to Direct the Energies of the Youth Life of the Church."—M. C. Hays.

### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

2:30 to 2:40. Devotional Service.—R. E. L. Stutts.  
2:40 to 3:00. "Leadership Training for Sunday School."—W. M. Pearce.  
3:00 to 3:20. "Unifying the Sunday school with the Preaching Service."—L. N. Stuckey.  
3:20 to 3:30 "The Importance of Sunday School Day."—T. W. Brabham, George W. Montgometry.  
3:40 to 3:50 "How to Organize the Adult Class."—J. M. Cochran.

### FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION

8:00. Christian Education, with reference to McMurry College.—J. W. Hunt.

### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

9:00 to 9:10. Devotional Service.—W. U. Coughran  
9:10 to 9:30. "How to Keep the Epworth League Going."—W. E. Hamilton.  
9:30 to 9:40. "Our Epworth League Conference."—Joe Ridenbach.  
9:40 to 9:50. "How Generate Interest in the Mid-Week Prayer Meeting."—G. D. Durham.  
9:50 to 10:00. "How To Do Pastoral Work."—C. S. Cameron.

10:00 to 11:00. "The Place of the Laymen in the Church."—J. L. Walker.

11:00 to 12:00. "Soul Winning."—C. B. Meador.

### SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

2:30 to 2:40. Devotional Service.—J. T. Rea.  
2:40 to Adjournment. Routine Business.

## BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Special attention is called to the Business Men's Class that meets at the Gem Theatre, with Judge Cummings as teacher. This Class meets at 9:45 and has a brief business session, then an address on some topic of current interest. This address is delivered by some local man, or by some visitor, and is quite an interesting feature.

While this class does not want any one that is in another class to quit their class to come to it, it does seek to reach every man that is not in Sunday school. You will be welcomed as a visitor or as a new member.

All the regular services as usual. After our great inspirational services of Sunday and Monday surely we will all want to be in our places Sunday. Let us make it a big day for the Lord.

Visitors and strangers are welcomed at all services. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

## WILL TEACH IN MCMURRAY COLLEGE

The Mail is glad to learn that Miss Lola Armstrong, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, of this city, who will receive her degree this year from the Texas Womans College, at Fort Worth, has been employed as instructor in the domestic art and science department at McMurray College which is to open for the first term this fall.

Miss Lola is one of Merkel's excellent and accomplished young ladies, who without doubt will be found highly capable and qualified for the position offered her in this, to be one of the greatest of Methodists schools. We join her host of friends in extending congratulations.

## GLEANOR CLASS

Mrs. D. H. Vaughn, Mrs. Guy Tabor, and Mrs. Duncan Briggs entertained the members of the Gleanor Class with a business meeting and social meeting on Tuesday night, April 10th in the church parlors.

Business was attended to. The class voted to pay five dollars towards paying for linoleum in the church kitchen.

A Committee was appointed to select and make a curtain for the chancel rail. Kangaroo court was staged with Russell Pike acting as Judge and Miss Esther Roehl as court clerk. This caused much merriment throughout the room.

A contest of "old time songs" kept us laughing until refreshment plates of cream and cake were served.

About twenty five guests expressed themselves as having spent an enjoyable evening.

## METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

It was indeed a fine day at the Methodist church last Sunday. Everyone enjoyed the fine program by the Sunday school, for each and every number was interesting and impressive.

On next Sunday lets all be in attendance upon Sunday school. We have a place for each and all the young and the old. So let's all be there to give expression of our faith and desire to work and worship the master. Let's make it the biggest day in the Merkel Methodist Sunday school in the way of attendance. If you are a Methodist, it is your Church and Sunday school, and the church and Sunday school will be just what you make them. In other words, the church and Sunday school is just what the membership is. Come to Sunday school and stay for the church service. L. W. Cox, Supt.

## FORD'S WEEKLY PURCHASE PLAN

"The Ford Weekly Purchase Plan is going to be a boon to many families and permit them to buy a car much quicker than they ever dreamed." Mr. L. B. Scott local Ford dealer said today in discussing the new Plan, which is creating such widespread comment and which is being enthusiastically received everywhere.

"In my experience as Ford dealer, and I believe it is true with every other dealer and salesman as well, I have met many people who expressed their desire to own a Ford, and who frankly told me that somehow they never could get together enough money to make the initial payment on one.

"The result was, of course, that they went on wanting a car and hoping that some day something would turn up where by they could get a car.

Now that 'something' has turned up: The Ford Weekly Purchase Plan simplifies it all and makes it easier to come into the ownership of a car.

It is constructive automobile buying in the simplest and easiest form and presents to count less families all over the country the long wished for opportunity of enjoying motor-car benefits and pleasure.

Right here in our own city it will be more than welcome. Take the family where, say, the father is not the only wage earner, but where perhaps a son or a daughter or two are at work. The family never has enjoyed a car, yet every member times without number has expressed a desire to own one.

Under the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan there is no reason at all why such a family should not soon own a Ford car. If each member contributes just a little of his or her earnings each week, it will hardly seem any time at all before the whole family will be enjoying a car.

What is true of the family is also true of the individual who wants a car.

And one of the most appealing features of the Plan is that it is adaptable to the means of practically every one. The weekly payments, which are deposited to the credit of the customer in the bank and draw interest at the regular savings rate, may be fixed to suit the desires of each purchaser. What could be easier than that?

## CHURCH OF CHRIST NOTES

Regular services Sunday morning. Don't forget that the Bible Classes assemble at 10 o'clock for study. This doesn't mean 10:30 nor 10:15. Be in your place exactly at 10 o'clock. This will mean much to you and an inspiration to others. Come, a hearty welcome awaits you.

The lesson for the Women's Bible study next Tuesday afternoon at the church is the 1st chapter of the Roman letter.

## EXTENDS THANKS

The First Baptist Church of Merkel extends thanks to every one who contributed to the dinner that was served on Monday at the church. We especially thank the Liberty Hardware Company and Mrs. J. M. Dry for dishes and Mr. McGhee for bread. Committee.

Voile, Crepe, Taffeta, China silk, and wool dresses, Coat suits, Men's suits, boys suits, cleaned and pressed by help who know how. One day service—no gas odor. Ligon, the laundryman, Phone 218.



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## SCOUT ORGANIZATION GONG ON SPLENDIDLY

The Boy Scouts of Merkel had a splendid meeting last Friday night. Dr. Grimes could not be there for some reason, but that just gave them more time to go further into the organization. Three patrols were organized; also a Scout Scribe, Secretary and treasurer, and a Sergeant at Arms, were elected.

The Boy Scout movement is one of the most, if not the most, popular and best organizations in the world for the training of boys, both physically, and spiritually, and morally. A troop in a town is a very great credit; and a blessing to that town. They are interested not only in the training and development of a boy, but as a whole, they are the very promoters of civic pride. A troop of this kind can do wonders in a town if backed up by the business men and citizens of a town.

In view of this, let the business men and the citizens of Merkel get behind this splendid group of boys, especially the Commercial Club, and help them put things over. They can do a great deal by themselves, but if backed up by the population in general, there is hardly any limit to their achievement. So let us help the development of this organization.

Friday night, April 13, the following patrols, with their officers and the officers of the troop were organized and elected.

Panther Patrol, Age 15:—W. L. Harkrider, Patrol leader; Robert Mayfield—Assistant Patrol leader. Color—Yellow.

Beaver Patrol, Age 16:—Montie Daniels—Patrol Leader, Wylie Elliott—Assistant Patrol Leader. Color—Blue and Yellow.

Lion Patrol, Age 14.—Joe Bailey Toombs, Patrol Leader. Ray Helman, Assistant Patrol Leader. Color, Yellow and red.

The officers of the troop elected are: Brannic Bailey, Sec. and Treas.; Owen Hutchison, Scout Scribe; Claude Dye, Sergeant at Arms.

The Scout Master has requested the pastors of the town to hold special services for the scouts. Therefore, Bro. Fred S. Rogers, chairman of the local scouts, has agreed to hold a special service next Sunday night at 7:30. Let everyone be present.

Formerly the Scouts have been meeting in the basement of the Presbyterian church, but the Scout Master has seen fit to move the meeting place, so henceforth, the hall will be in the building, where Mrs. C. L. Cash's Tailor shop formerly was. Scout's don't forget the place just named and be present at the meeting next Friday at 7:30. Scout Scribe, Owen Hutchison.

### SALT BRANCH ITEMS

A Slumber Party was given by Miss Edna McClean to the following young ladies last Tuesday evening; Mrs. A. E. Higgins, Misses Fay Hays, Ethel Allen, Lola Jaynes, Gertrude Higgins, Myrtle Higgins, Dora and Alice McClean. Music, night lunches, and ghost scenes were enjoyed until daylight and these were followed by Kodaking, dramatics, and flower gathering thru' Wednesday.

Are you an Epworth leaguer? If not be one. We invite you to join Sunday afternoon at 5.

Accordion, box and knife pleating. If you want to look dressy, have me do your cleaning and pressing. No gas odor—one day service. Ligon, the Laundry man, phone 218. tf

Ground is being broken for the foundation for a new Ice house, just west of the Fire Station.

Johnny Ray, the merchant Prince of Blair, was in the city Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ellis and daughter, Miss Mayme, visited relatives in Abilene Sunday.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By Ruth Pike

The report cards were handed out last Wednesday and quite a number of the students were disappointed.

On a few of the pupil's lip's were these words, 'I'm passing.' On those of the majority, I'm failing on one or more subjects.

In spite of the fact that some of them are failing, these few remaining weeks of school are being spent in some hard study on the part of the student body.

Every one seems to think that while there is life there is hope.

Wanted: A mechanic to work 11th grade physics problems. See the Senior class.

Some one to help Miss Bird grade English papers.

Mr. Burgess: "What no supper ready? This is the limit; I am going to a cafe."

Mrs. Burgess: "Wait just five minutes."

Mr. Burgess—"Well will it be ready then?"

Mrs. Burgess: "No, but I'll go with you."

Miss Williamson: "Maude, will you sit down for a bit."

Maude—"I will for two bits."

Miss Bird—"I once knew a man who pleased everyone."

Alva—"He died in the poor house."

Last but not least, few who deserve sympathy get it.

Think of the many pupils who have to go to Merkel High school, when nothing happens worth publishing.

## INTERMEDIATE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Last Sunday afternoon, we organized our Executive committee, which consists of the officers of the society and the chairmen of the committees. Everyone has the spirit to go to work. The committees are going to do their duties.

Our girls have been practicing ball every Friday afternoon and they are doing fine work. We expect them to win the game against Albany this summer while at the Encampment, at Buffalo Gap.

Every one please try to be at our meeting Sunday afternoon at five o'clock. The topic is "Train for leadership" and the program will be very interesting. For about fifteen minutes before the service, we will (all who care to) partake in a prayer service in the Pastor's study.

Remember you are always welcome to this inter-denominational organization. C. E. Publicity Committee.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U. Program Group I.

1. Introduction, by leader, Fannie Belle Boaz.
2. In old Virginia, Gilbert Walton.
3. In College, Ona Tatum.
4. In China, Godie Richie.
5. In the Southern Baptist convention, Comer Patterson.
6. Lotie Moon's Christian offering, Mary Ellen Smith.
7. Gone home, Delbert Polly.

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### FRIENDSHIP CLUB NOTES

The Friendship Club met Friday, April 13, with Mrs. Lutie Sanders.

First, came a contest, which when finished and read was a biography of each guest.

Next was a watch contest in which, Mrs. Sam Owens proved to be the best jeweler and received a lovely box of talcum.

Plates of delicious sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate were passed to club members.

We would like for every member to be present next meeting which will be Friday, April 27, at Mrs. Earl Stanford's. We have some important business to discuss.

C. R. L. Crick, of route two, was in the city first of the week and reported that a mad dog was killed at his place this week. Mr. Crick was fearful that the dog had bitten his milk cows as he was found in the lot where the cows were.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Smith of Abilene were the guests of their son, Alton, Monday.

### TAKE NOTICE

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PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church met with Mrs. Jim Boaz on last Monday afternoon. Interesting papers were read by Mesdames Marvin Smith and Charles Jones. Mrs. Bland gave the biography of two of our older Missionaries. Our President, read a beautiful poem from the Mother of a Missionary. Mrs. Rogers, our delegate to the Presbytery at Buffalo Gap, was asked to make a report which was very interesting. We were glad to know that our society is doing about the best work in West Texas Presbytery, there being only two others that are one hundred per cent efficient. The meeting was closed with prayer, by Mrs. Geo. West. We were then invited into the dining room where a dainty refreshment plate was served. We were indeed made to feel welcome and reluctantly left, feeling glad that we could meet in this hospitable home. We will be entertained next Monday at Mrs. Bland's home by the losers of our last contest. All members and their friends are cordially invited.

It pays to buy where you get the best goods for the least money. We are going to give 25 percent discount on each extra pair of pants sold with an Edd V Price or Kahn Suit for the next 30 days. Cash Tailor Shop. tf.

Mr. R. A. Tarbutton, a jeweler, from Emory, Texas, with his family has moved to Merkel and will make this city their home. Mr. Tarbutton has opened offices at the R. B. Johnson Drug Store, where he will be pleased to have you call on him.

THINK IT OVER

After God had finished making the rattlesnake, the toad and the vampire, He had some waste material left of which he made a knocker. A knocker is a two-legged animal with a corkscrew soul, a water soaked brain and a combination backbone of jelly and glue. Where other men have their hearts, he carries a tumor of decaped principles. When the knocker comes down the road, honest men turn their backs, the angels weep in heaven, and the devil shuts the door of hell to keep him out. Therefore, don't be a knocker. You can't saw wood with a hammer. —Exchange.

L. R. Thompson, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, returned Monday night from his trip to Kansas, and Missouri, where he had been on business and for a visit with his mother. He reports a pleasant and profitable trip.

We handle that Good Belle of Wichita Flour. Let us send you a sack. Hamilton and Case. It

All kinds of Hats Cleaned and blocked for \$1.00. Guaranteed. Ligon, the laundryman, phone 218. tf.

FRIENDS TAKE NOTICE

I take this method of notifying my friends as well as the public, that I am now interested in the Patterson Meat Market, and would be glad to have a share of your meat business. Fred A. Baker. It

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9 yards of yard wide brown domestic for <b>\$1.00</b>		
7 yards good stout gingham for <b>\$1.00</b>		
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NOTICE TO ODD FELLOWS

Mr. T. W. Collins, member of the local Odd Fellows Lodge, asks the Mail to announce that this organization as well as the Rebeccas, have considerable degree work on for some time, and it is urged that all members of these organizations attend all meetings as much as possible.

If you get hungry next Saturday come to the Parent-Teacher's lunch stand at the Gaither building and get coffee, sandwiches, pie and candy.

J. A. Ellison of route one, Trent, washere this week and has our thanks for his subscription to the Mail.

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

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

If you don't acknowledge that it is cheaper and done better you will be the first one. Try me next week with your entire family washing and ironing. Ligon the laundryman, Phone 218. tf

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By a Majority of sixty-nine votes, the proposed sewer bond issue was defeated on last Tuesday. This paper is of the opinion that for the present and future best interest of Merkel it was a bad act. However, we are willing to submit to the will of majority, and continue to work for the things that we think are to the best interest of Merkel and her citizenship. We hold no ill will or feeling toward any one who opposed our view. And we hope that every citizen will now forget any little ill will or feeling that may have crept into the issues of the past two or three elections, and that all will meet as men, men who are willing to allow other men the privilege of exercising their opinions as they think best upon any question that may arise.

PURITY BLACKLEG AGGRESSION

One treatment immunizes Calves for life. Burl Wheeler, Agent, Abilene, Texas. 20t4p

Meet your friends at the Parent-Teachers lunch stand at the Gaither building next Saturday. You will find a place to rest, and nice things to eat.

THE STORK HAS A BUSY WEEK

Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. McAninch, a daughter on the 14th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lee Baker, on the 12th a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Womack a son on the 7th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jim Trawick a nine pound girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Heeter are the happy parents of a fine baby girl, born on the 14th. The young lady has been christened Helen Rebecca Heeter. She tipped the scales at seven pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rose have a very sick baby with tonsillitis.

Dr. Chas. F. Williams

Chronic Diseases, Laboratory Examinations.

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Foreign Advertising Representative THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

Two optimists are a couple of drunks in a speeding auto singing "Nearer My God to Thee".

Johnny Rockefeller, Jr. makes only a million a month, but perhaps he gets his gas at cost.

Now they say a Pennsylvania man has 16 wives. Police think he is insane. So do we.

San Jose (Cal.) Chinaman bit off a bandit's finger and then cops caught the rest of the man.

Tokio lawmakers had a fight and threw ink stains, which made a blot on their reputations

Georgia peach crop has been killed twice this spring. Jack Frost will have his little nip.

A perfect lady never chews tobacco in public or shoots any man unless he is her husband.

The difference between a dance and a bootlegger's conviction isn't as much as it should be.

Ford has a plan to burn coal twice. We want one not to burn it at all.

There is something radically wrong with one who is too radical.

All of us know what we would do this spring if we could afford it.

A learned professor, says college women should not marry; but then, of course, he never was one.

An optimist is a book agent.

The man who bombed Wall Street in 1920 has been caught again. He is rather early this spring.

A Detroit auto thief, disguised as a girl, was caught by police instead of pneumonia.

Take the ego out of some men and you have nothing left but a wad of meat and bones. Take the vanity out of some of the female tribe and you have the same thing left but usually it is protected by a good thick coat of paint.—Ford Co. News.

Thank God for the privilege of living in a country where men are free to express their wishes by an untrammelled ballot. But the man who after expressing his wishes by the ballot and then get sore because he loses is too narrow to be the admirable citizen of the community.

My! But a little paint artistically placed properly throughout the business and residence section of Merkel would be of much help in more ways than one. Let's try it.

Our business continues to grow and get better week by week. Come let us serve you. Hamilton and Case. It

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS

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Showing next week at Queen Theatre, Abilene 3 days, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday APRIL 26, 27, 28

Show starting at 1:30, 4:00, 6:30 and 9 o'clock

NOTE—Continuous show on Saturday from 8 A. M. to 12 P. M.



**PROMISE YOURSELF**

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.  
To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel there is something in them.

To look on the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and to have a smile ready for every living creature you meet.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world—not in loud words, but in great deeds.

To live in the faith that the world is on your side as long as you are true to the best that is in you.—Exchange.

We are thankful to Mr. D. D. Coats, prominent and well to do citizen of our five, for his subscription to the Mail for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Ellis of Lubbock, visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ellis Saturday and Sunday, returning home Monday.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

Collins Bros. shipped a car of cattle to the Fort Worth Market last Saturday and will ship another on next Saturday.

**Epworth League Program**

Subject—The Christian Law of Truth.

Leader—Esther Roehl.

Hymn.

Prayer, Joe Ridenbauch.

Leader opens program by an introduction to the "Lie" Family.

1. Gutter Lies, by Brannic Bailey.

2. Respectable Lies, Marie Williamson.

3. White Lies, Julia Martin.

4. Unspoken Lies, by Russell Pike.

5. Lie of Dishonest work, by Sie Hamm.

6. Polite Lies, Blanche Durham.

7. Lies we tell our selves, Lily Pratt Sears.

Leader intervenes with scripture reading on this subject.

8. Short Prayer, by Rev Hays

Announcements  
League Benediction.

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

1. Song.

2. Moffatt, by A. R. Tyson.

3. Dr. Philip, by Clarence Sharp.

4. Campbell, by Max Swafford

5. What else do we know about Robert Moffatt, by Kenneth Mayfield.

Mr. J. W. Jarvis, of route 1, Trent, was here first of the week and has our thanks for the renewal of his subscription to the Merkel Mail.

Hot coffee, with real cream, and sugar, good ham and chicken sandwiches, delicious custard pies and home made candy will be on sale at the Gaither building next Saturday. A nice lunch at small cost. Parent-Teachers Club.

The many friends of Stanton Johnson, were indeed glad to see him again on the streets this week after five months continued illness. Young Johnson states that his health has been improving for some weeks and that he feels that it will be only a short time now until he will be able to go about considerably. We sincerely hope that he may continue to improve rapidly until his former good health has been regained.

Herman S. Johnston, accomo dating employe of the Merkel Garage, was called to his home at Santo, first of the week by a message announcing the death of his grandmother. He is expected to return about the last of the week.

Miss Mary Lou Chism of Memphis Tennessee, arrived in Merkel first of the week for a short visit with her aunt, Mrs. Geo. Brown, and to accompany her grandmother, Mrs. S. L. Britian, who for several months has been a guest in the Brown home, on her return home in the above state.

Mrs. J. L. Harris received the sad news yesterday of the death of her brother, Rev. W. C. Harris, which occurred at the latter's home in Dallas on Wednesday. Rev. Harris had visited in Merkel a number of times and had many friends among those of our citizens with whom he became acquainted, and with whom we join in extending to the bereaved, deepest sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Compton were called to Ranger recently to attend the bedside of their son, Robert, who has been very low from pneumonia. We trust the young man may soon make a turn for the better and regain his former good health.

THE VALUE of well-printed neat-appearing stationery as a means of getting and holding desirable business has been amply demonstrated. Consult us before going elsewhere

Hon. O. B. Webb, Assistant General Passenger Agent of the Texas & Pacific Railway, was here Monday from his home in Dallas; being on the program of the Sweetwater Baptist Association Conference, which met here Monday, for an address. Mr. Webb is not only a big rail road man, but likewise a church man. Mr. Webb, favored this office with a visit of a few minutes which was greatly appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morton of the View community was here Wednesday visiting his father, Miles Morton on Kent street.

We handle that Good Belle of Wichita Flour. Let us send you a sack. Hamilton and Case. It

Mrs. Gladys Frost, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell, returned to her home at Eastland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Smith were in Abilene Tuesday afternoon.

**If You Want**

**RESULTS**

YOU can get them by advertising in this paper. It reaches the best class of people in this community.

Use this paper if you want some of their business.

**Use This Paper**

**LOOK OUT FOR THE CARS**

DO YOU know of anyone who is old enough to read, who has not seen that sign at a railroad crossing?

If everyone has seen it at some time or other, then why doesn't the railroad let the sign rot away? Why does the railroad company continue to keep those signs at every crossing? Maybe you think, Mr. Merchant, "Most everybody knows my store, I don't have to advertise." Your store and your goods need more advertising than the railroads need to warn people to "Look Out for the Cars." Nothing is ever completed in the advertising world.

The Department Stores are a very good example—they are continually advertising—and they are continually doing a good business.

If it pays to run a few ads 'round about Christmas time, it certainly will pay you to run advertisements about all the time.

It's just business, that's all, to **ADVERTISE IN THIS PAPER**

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**DR. R. I. GRIMES**  
Physician and Surgeon  
Hours 10 to 12 a.m. 2 to 5 p.m.  
Phones 105-163 Res. 165

**CUMMINGS & SANDERS**  
Attorneys At-Law  
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**V. B. SUBLETT**  
Watch and Jewelry repairing  
All Work First-class  
Located at Merkel Drug Co.


**DR. S W. JOHNSON.**  
Surgeon Dentist  
Office over Farmers State Bank  
Office Phone 306

**THOS. C. WILSON**  
The Jeweler  
Watches, Clocks and Jewelry Repaired.  
All work guaranteed.

**G. W. JOHNSON**  
Insurance—Notary Public  
Over Woodroof—Bragg's Store.  
Merkel —:— Texas

**W. W. WHEELER**  
Real Estate, Fire, Accident and Tornado Insurance Agent.  
Notary Public.  
Office over Crown Hardware Co.  
Merkel —:— Texas

Say it With  
**Printing**  
==Flowers die



**THE MERKEL MAIL PRINTING CO.**



# COZY THEATRE

Matinee Saturday From 2 to 5:30

Friday  
**Constance Binney**  
 IN  
 "Midnight"  
 Also— HAL ROACH COMEDY  
 And— PATHE REVIEW

Saturday  
**Richard Talmage**  
 IN  
 "Putting it Over"  
 Also— ROLIN COMEDY  
 And— PATHE REVIEW

Tuesday April 24th } **"THE GLORIOUS FOOL"**  
 ONE NIGHT ONLY }

A Goldwyn Production, featuring Helen Chadwick and Richard Dix

**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

Special prices on your entire family washing and ironing. If you will try it out once, you will be a regular customer. No bother, just a laundry service that is within reach of every family who appreciates good work at low cost. Ligon, the laundryman phone 218.

We are informed that the Mt. Pleasant school will close Friday.

**NUXFERRONE**  
 Good Spring Tonic

**R. B. JOHNSON**  
 Prescription Druggist  
 Merkel, Texas  
 Phone 49

**Intermediate Epworth League**

Subject—The Christian Law of Truth.  
 Leader, Mary Ellen Smith.  
 Announcements  
 Song.  
 Quotations about truth:—  
 1. Exodus 34, 6 by Ruth Jenkins.  
 2. Acts 5 1-4, by Intha Bird  
 3. Proverbs 12 9, by Leonald Bailey.  
 4. From leaders of ancient times, Doris Pike.  
 5. From a modern Leader, by Enna Toombs.  
 6. Truth a girdle, by Godie Richie.  
 7. Truth, a testimony, Eva Mae Johnston.  
 League Benediction.

**REPAIRING**

R. A. Tarbuton, now located in Merkel, can do all kind of Watch, Clock, Spectacle and Jewelry repairing. Come in and test your own eyes. You can save money on specks. Satisfaction guaranteed. Your patronage appreciated. Located at R. B. Johnson's Drug Store. tf

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail.

**HONOR ROLL**

The following pupils of the Merkel High School have been neither tardy nor absent, have made 90 percent or more in department, have not made less than 75 percent on any subject, and have made a general average of 90 percent or more for the six weeks grade period ending April 6, 1923. For reaching this high standard they have had their names placed upon the honor roll of the School.

1st. Grade (Mrs. Johnson)  
 J. C. Bishop, 92; Zeldia Belle Miller, 92; Myrtle Dyess, 90. H. C. Toombs, 90.  
 High First (Miss Pogue)  
 Jack Patterson, 91; Jim Patterson, 90; Burnard Carter, 90.  
 Second Grade (Miss Tracy)  
 Willie Evelyn Boaz, 93; Lola Mae Tittle, 93; Ida Mae Derstine, 92; Mary Catherine Cummins, 91;  
 3rd. Grade (Miss Smith)  
 Lee Tucker, 94; Elvis Richardson, 94; Alvin Parrack, 94; Lynn McSpadde, 92; Narvell Matthews, 91; Ruby Lee Slater, 91; Vera Richie, 90; Kathleen Mashburn, 90.  
 3rd. Grade (Miss Coats)  
 Louise Booth, 93; Mattie Lou Largent, 93; Page Johnson, 93; Beth Hamm, 91; Mary Ligon, 90; Hazel Highsmith, 90; Preston Henderson, 90.  
 4th Grade (Miss Martin)  
 Frances Frederickson, 95; J. T. Darsey, 94; Florence Ligon, 94; Nadine Tippet, 93; Missie Dye, 93; Maybelle Ligon 92; Tracy Campbell 92; Fred Guitar, 91; Alva Hayes, 90  
 4th Grade (Miss Travis)  
 Edith Smith, 95; Leona Rose, 92.  
 5th Grade (Miss Ellis)  
 A. R. Tyson, 94; Raymond Earthman, 92; Gladys Hardy, 92; Irene Campbell, 92; Conley Sanders, 91; Lester Patterson, 90; Mary Ellen Ashby, 90; Lorene Dixon, 90; Bernice Lassater, 90.  
 6th Grade (Miss Travis)  
 Majorie Bland, 97; Gladys Deuschman, 97; Iris Garrett, 96; Annie Marie Brown, 95; Flora Frances Anderson, 94; Pearl Avery, 93; Lois B. Dixon, 91; Berdelle Adeock, 91.  
 6th Grade (Mrs. Sublett)  
 Burnis Tucker, 95; Elizabeth Harkrider, 95; Vera Matlock, 94; Agnes Sanders, 94; Thelma Jordan, 93; Mildred Hamm, 92; Sallie Mary Campbell, 92; Rubijo Higgins, 92; Irene Perry, 91; Mildred Holloway, 90; Lois Suber, 90; Ruby Johnson, 90.  
 7th Grade  
 Orpah Patterson, 96; Tommie Durham, 95; Joe Cypert, 94; Joe Ben Ashby, 93; Clyde Mayfield, 93; Tolbert Proctor, 91; Inice Brown, 91; Mary Hughes, 91; Claude Wills, 90.  
 8th Grade:—  
 Lia Bird, 96; Eva Mae Johnson, 95; nna Toombs, 93; Ona Tatum, 93; Lola Dennis, 93; Godie Richie, 92; Ruth Jenkins, 92; Juanita Beene, 91; A. J. Tucker 91; Leron Chaney, 91; Vernon Chaney, 90; Owen Hutcheson, 90; Isla Mae Hughes, 90; Anna Lou Russell, 90.  
 9th Grade:—  
 Pauline Pinckley, 95; Effie Grayson, 95; Ona Faye Rose, 93; James Harris, 93; Ruth Pinckley, 93; Opal Patterson, 93; Mary Butman, 92; James Swann, 91; Nell Swann, 91; Lucille Guitar, 91; Mildred Matthews, 91; Evelyn Curb, 91; Byron Curb, 91; Roy Elliott, 91

**ATHLETIC FEATURES  
 SAN ANGELO**

Mamie Coats, 90.  
 10th Grade:—  
 Johnnie Sears, 95; Maurine Tipton, 94; Ena Toombs, 92; Dorothy Sanders, 91; Boog Sears 91; Irene Henderson, 91; Harry McCandless, 91; Myrtle Daniel, 90; Willard Reeves, 90.  
 11th Grade (Seniors)  
 Hattie Proctor, 95; Carvel Tucker, 94; Vinnie Heizer, 94; Marvin Mayfield, 93; Mabel Toombs, 93; Tina Mae Moore, 92; Dixie Blair, 91; Roberta Hughes, 91; Ruth Pike, 90; Ruby Reagan, 90; Quinnie Roundtree, 90.  
 Very Respectfully  
 Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

The Barrow Furniture Company has recently added much to the appearance of their store, both inside and out, by putting on a couple of fresh coats of paint. Let others go and do likewise, for surely it is helpful especially at this season of the year to do a little painting and cleaning up.

Drs. W. M. Gambill and S. W. Johnson, Merkel's two splendid Dentist, returned yesterday from Fort Worth, where they attended the meeting of the State Dental Association.

The Swastika Sign is probably the oldest emblem known. It is found among the ruins of the Egyptians and is supposed to be the omen of health, happiness and good luck. You'll have happiness and good luck burning Swastika's Domino.

**T. J. R. SWAFFORD**  
 Superior Chicken Feed  
 Phone 44 South Side

Listen, all ye towns that have GOLFERS, TENNIS Players, TRAP SHOOTERS (not Crap Shooters) and SWIMMERS, to say nothing of COWBOYS and FIRE FIGHTERS (not fire-eaters.)

The San Angelo Country Club will be turned over to Convention guests. In addition to that, there will be trophies and prizes offered by the San Angelo Entertainment Committee for the team and individual championships in the above sports. Individual skill in swimming will be rewarded with appropriate medals. Cowboy contests will be for cash prizes. Town teams will compete in trap shooting, tennis and probably golf if sufficient interest is shown. The teams winning will be given cups to be held by the winners until the next convention.

San Angelo and Ballinger have already ribbed up a water fight between the fire departments of the two cities. Any other towns having game fire fighters who "want in" on this fray get in touch with the San Angelo Board of City Development.

The San Angelo committee will circulate full particulars in regard to all these events in a short time. Meantime get all your sport fans to practice up. There will be plenty doing at the Convention. San Angelo Convention Committee.

Two pair of Trousers always doubles the life of a suit. For the next 30 days we will give a 25 percent discount on each pair of extra trousers sold with an Edd V Price or Kahn suit. Cash Tailor Shop.

"JOHN"—That wonderful mule Jack, better known as the Grayson, or Wimbley Jack, is standing the season at the BAKER FARM, 1 1-2 mile north of Largetons, on Bittercreek. Terms, \$10.00, on time.



**FOR SALE**

FOR SALE—A good short horn Durham Male. See T. W. Neill, Trent. 20t2p

**FOR SALE**

A Bargain in used Cars. 1921 Touring Car, Good Shape, \$190.

A Dandy 1917 Model Touring Car. Good tires all around, \$75.

Good 1921 Touring Car. Looks like new, \$225.00. 1t

We have several other good bargains in used cars. Call and see them. Merkel Motor Company, Authorized Ford Dealers.

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—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—A small diamond knife pin on the streets between Dr. Grims office and the Post Office. Return to Merkel Mail office. 1t

LOST—A fat Jersey Bull Calf, about five months old, in Merkel. If you know of this animal please notify J. A. Patterson and he will come and get him. 1t

**WANTED**

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

**Ford**  
 TOURING CAR

**\$298**  
 F. O. B. DETROIT

**A Greater Touring Car Value**  
 The present price of the Ford Touring Car is the lowest ever made.  
 And yet the car itself is a greater value. It is better looking with slanting windshield, a one-man top and improved seats. And there are many refinements in chassis construction.  
 The demand is so great that deliveries will soon be impossible. To protect yourself, order now. Make a small down payment, the balance on easy terms.  
*Ford prices have never been so low  
 Ford quality has never been so high*

**Merkel Motor Co.**

**Make It Profitable**

Of course you are coming! Everybody is coming, and while you are in Merkel next Saturday, mixing with your friends and enjoying the big event, drop into our store for a rest. We extend everyone a welcome, and should you want something in the

**DRY GOODS LINE**

we invite you to look carefully over our complete line of the seasons most choice and up-to-date wearing apparel.

We are prepared to furnish you in anything needed for the entire family, and a comparison of our prices, quality considered will convince you of our ability to save you money.

Remember the  
**BIG DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 21st.**  
 and while in Merkel make this store your headquarters.

**MAX MELLINGER**  
 The Store On The Corner



GOLAN NEWS

We have had enough rain the past week for farming to begin, and we have good prospects for a good crop.

Menvil Hill is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Byrom were in Merkel Monday afternoon.

There were very few who attended Sunday school Sunday, it was so muddy, people were afraid they would get their cars muddy. Rev. White was not with us Sunday and Saturday.

Eula West was the guest of Menvil Hill Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Doan and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. West visited Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Green.

Mr. J. D. Green's mother is staying in Merkel taking an electrical treatment.

Mrs. G. M. Byrom is also taking electrical treatments.

Every one is invited to be with us the Saturday before the fifth Sunday of this month. There is going to be a dedication service of the Golan church. A Big dinner will be spread on the ground. Let all come and bring some one with you.

Every one has a special invitation to be at the party Saturday night at the home of Med Herron.

There will be preaching at the Golan Methodist church Sunday and Sunday night.

Messrs. W. R. Hudspeth and W. W. Ellubee were in Trent Wednesday.

Edith Hudspeth has been real sick the last two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stribbling of Flaydada, are visiting their son Mr. C. C. Stribbling. They are planning on going on a big fishing trip before they leave.

Program for Baptist Ladies Missionary Society

Leader—Mrs. Jud Sheppard. Subject—Christianity's Influence upon Educational Ideals. Song—Jesus Shall Reign. Prayer—For School Teachers of America, Mrs. Cummings.

Song—O Zion Haste. When the doors of the school

Opened in America, Miss Valerie Dye. The Little Red School house, Mrs. Sam Swann.

Women in Education, Miss Maxie Banner. On the wrong side of the school door, Mrs. Parrack.

Duet—Just outside the door, by Mrs. E. Lassiter and Mrs. L. B. Scott.

Who is to Blame?—Mrs. Roy Miller. Opening the school door in foreign lands—Mrs. Casseaux.

In Latin Lands, Mrs. Albert Booth. The light that Lighteth, Miss Ola Sharp.

Prayer, By Mrs. Scott.

# Woodroof-Bragg Company

The Place Most People Trade

Meet your friends here Saturday. We want you to feel at home in the store where you get a dollars worth for a dollar. Our policy is one of

## Quality in Merchandise

Each piece of goods we handle must contain the greatest amount of Quality possible for its price.

In merchandise there are many grades. In our stocks each is an Honest Value, sold exactly for what it is---

## A Full Dollars Worth.

Saturday we will feature trimmed hats at Special Prices-- two special lots at \$3.95 and \$1.95---all ready-to-wear priced Special.

In every department you will find new Spring Goods priced right---

## A Dollars Worth for a Dollar.

# Woodroof-Bragg Company

THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE

WHITE CHURCH NEWS (By John Reynolds)

The baby of Mr. Herman Doan who lives south of Blair died Sunday, and was buried at Merkel. Mr. Doan is a brother to Mrs. Adrian Farmer who lives at White Church.

There was a social given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pressley last Friday night.

Mr. Wilson and boys went to Merkel last Saturday.

Mr. Reynolds spent Saturday night with Mr. Geo. Smith, and had the pleasure of listening in on the radio.

Mrs. Geo Smith is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Costphens of Merkel.

Rev. Bird, pastor of the church here filled his regular appointment Sunday night, but did not preach Sunday morning on account of the weather.

Friday, the 20th will be our last day at school. We will have the play at the school house on Saturday night. There will be a small charge of 10c and 15c

Mr. Reynolds went to Merkel Monday and attended the Meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association. While Mr. Reynolds was away, Mr. Geo Smith taught school. All were pleased.

Mr. Burl Brown and Johnnie Fraizer went to Merkel Monday.

Mr. John Conner went to Merkel Monday.

Mr. Malone was in Blair on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Scott of Trent visited Mr. T. D. Scott and wife Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Riggan spent Tuesday evening with Mr. T. D. Scott and wife.

Mr. H. West and Mr. Pearly West motored to Merkel Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Scott visited the school Wednesday. Mrs. Scott is a sister of the teacher.

Mr. Wilson, Mr. A. Farmer, Jess, and Arthur went to Blair Tuesday.

Roy Coats was in Blair Monday afternoon of this week.

Uncle Bill Brown has a "brand" new Dodge Car.

Miss Mary Riggan, and Miss Ada Berry were visiting Mrs. Frank Demere Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Belle Shuff is staying in Merkel the first of the week.

Mr. D. D. Coats and Mr. G. L. Shuff are in Abilene attending Court this week.

WHITE CHURCH SCHOOL TO PUT ON PLAY SAT. NIGHT

The School at White Church will put on a play, "Farm Folks" in four acts at the White church school house Saturday evening April 21st at 8:00 o'clock. Admission 10c and 15c.

Mrs. R. R. Adams is in Post visiting her mother, Mrs. James Burress.

Make your garden all vegetables, and a yard wide.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL RENDERS FINE PROGRAM

At the Methodist church on last Sunday morning the services for that hour was given over to the Sunday school department for the fine program, which had been arranged by the various departments.

It was one of the best and most interesting this organization has put on for some time, and much credit is given those in charge of same; especially the ladies of the primary department. Every number was very fine and well carried out, and those in charge are to be complimented.

HORN NEWS

There was no Sunday school here Sunday on account of the rain.

Rain and more rain! This is one time that we are about ready for it to stop for a while.

We had a good singing at Mr. J. N. Hatfield's Sunday afternoon.

Sam Daniel spent Saturday in Abilene.

Mrs. Scott of Post City returned home after visiting here.

Miss Eno Hatfield and Mr. Sie Eubanks motored to Post City and were married there. They will spend their honeymoon on the Vansaul Ranch, we hear.

This couple are among the the most popular and well liked young people of this community. We congratulate them and wish for them much happiness and success. —White Dove.

Mrs. W. B. Lindsay of New York, for some time has been the guest of her brother, W. T. Bird of this city.

Fred and John Morton and families were in Tuesday from the Mt. Pleasant community, visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morton.

Everything washed as white as snow, all the flat worked finished, starch pieces ninety percent finished at the rate of 10 lbs. for \$1.00. Ask your neighbor, Ligon, the Laundryman, Phone, 218.

Owen Ellis visited in Abilene Sunday, the guest of friends and relatives.

Mrs. Castleberry of the Mt. Pleasant Community, was the guest of Mrs. C. W. Morton Wednesday.

Our business continues to grow and get better week by week. Come let us serve you. Hamilton and Case.

"MISS MERKEL"

Miss Blanche Durham daughter of Editor Thomas Durham, of Merkel Mail, has been chosen to represent her home city in a pageant at San Angelo. "Miss Merkel" will be her title. Miss Durham is one of the most attractive young ladies of her section, and having been practically reared within the environs of a newspaper office, is certain to be a creditable sponsor for the Taylor county municipality. Her "dad" Tom Durham, is one of the best known and most highly regarded newspaper men in West Texas, and deserves all of the success that has come to him.—Van Alstyne Leader.

Both "Miss Merkel" and the Editor of the Mail appreciate the above kind words, coming as they do, from the versatile pen of our friend W. J. White, of the Van Alstyne Leader.

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Program for Methodist Ladies Missionary Society, Apr. 23.

1. Song.
2. Bible lesson, Jesus the conquer, John 20, Mrs. M. C. Hays.
3. Prayer.
4. A talk with general information, Mrs. Geo. Brown.
5. Under the thrall of Demons, Mrs. Bailey.
6. Seoul Evangelistic Campaign, Mrs. Sanders.
7. America's world obligation by Mrs. L. R. Thompson.
8. Stewardship, Mrs. Thos Durham.

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Intermediate C. E. Program

Topic—Train for leadership. Leader—Mildred Smith.

1. Song.
2. Scripture: Exodus 3 7-12; 4: 10-12.
3. Leaders Talk.
4. Scentence Prayers.
5. Christian Endeavor Training for Leadership.
  - a. Melba West, b. Mildred Hamm, c. Helen Booth, D. Lewis Tucker.
6. Song.
7. Christian endeavor leaders, Bro. Rogers.
8. Questions on Topic.
9. A reading, Majorie Bland.
10. Report of information by committee.
11. Missionary story, in charge of Missionary committee.
12. Announcements: Mizpah.

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