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GALA DAY EXPECTED ON NEXT FRIDAY, JUNE 29TH.

Plans Have been Made to Care for the Largest Crowd Ever in Merkel

Tentative plans and arrangements for the Big Barbecue and picnic to be held in Merkel on next Friday, June 29, have all been completed and everything will be in readiness for making the occasion a grand success.

We understand the barbecue committee has secured some very fine, fat young heaves and those attending will be assured some nice, tender, well cooked barbecue, which is always in order and appreciated on such occasions. And, in this connection it is urged that everybody in the city and surrounding country take it upon themselves to come and bring a well filled basket of good things, such as pies, cakes, chicken, etc., and all spread same together and help to make this a time when all citizens come together for a day of hand shaking and mingling together once again in the old fashioned way.

On another page in this paper will be found the program and an advertisement concerning the day's events. Read it and be governed accordingly. But by all means let's all lay aside our work, and cares of the day and take the same off for a genuine good time in Merkel on June 29. There is going to be many attractions and things of interest for all who come, so you will miss something really worth while should you fail to be here.

BLOCK SELLS

By a deal which was closed the latter part of the week, W. R. Costephens becomes the owner of the single story brick business block on the West side of the square, now occupied by M. J. Vaughn and The Style Shop. The property was formerly owned by C. H. Boyd of Abilene and the reported consideration was \$15,000.

Both Mr. Vaughn and The Style Shop have leases through the year 1924.—Sweetwater Reporter.

Mr. Castephens is well known in Merkel having been a resident of Merkel and the Merkel country for many years.

Mr. J. N. Lipham, a prominent farmer and fruit raiser of route two, Anson, was here first of the week with a nice lot of very fine peaches, which he found a ready market for. He states that his peaches are fine and that he will have quite a lot to market during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown returned Wednesday from their honeymoon trip to points in South and East Texas, and will be at home to their friends, in the splendid and handsomely fitted cottage previously prepared, and which is located in the south part of the city just opposite the handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Pat Jones and family departed Wednesday for their ranch near Sierra Blanca where they will reside in the future.

W. O. Boney, popular real estate man of this city, made a business trip to Cisco first of this week.

L. B. Scott, hustling manager for the Merkel Motor company, made a business trip to San Angelo last week.

MERKEL COUPLE IS MARRIED IN ABILENE

The mail is informed that Mr. Doyle Pogue and Miss Ena Toombs, two of Merkel's popular young people drove over to Abilene Wednesday afternoon, where they were happily united in marriage. They were accompanied by several couples of their young friends who witnessed the happy event.

The groom is a son of Mrs. Mary Pogue of this city and is an honest, industrious and splendid young man who has many friends.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. H. H. Toombs, who by her charming and womanly characteristics has won the good will and admiration of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

The Merkel Mail joins these splendid young people's many friends in extending best wishes to them for a long, happy and useful life.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m. with a place for you.

All classes meet at the church except the Business Mens' Bible Class which meets at the Gem Theatre at 9:45. All men and young men not in some other Sunday School class are urged to attend this service.

Rev. R. L. Holt Baptist minister and Railroad conductor from Atlanta, Ga., will preach at the 11 o'clock hour.

Rev. Mr. Holt brought us a soul inspiring message last Sunday evening and those who heard him at that time will need no urging to come back Sunday morning. This preacher that is constantly associated with men of the world, through his work of conductor and through his work as welfare secretary for six thousand working men and their families in the city of Atlanta, Ga., brings a message that is both interesting and uplifting. His human interest sketches given from actual experience are well worth hearing.

All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at the church at 7:15.

The evening service will be a special program by the Intermediate department. They will have a "make-believe" radio program. There will be readings, special songs, music and speeches of general interest. Let's give them a full house and encourage them as well as getting the benefit of the program ourselves.

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

A nice coat of paint on the front and interior of the building recently vacated by the Lyle Dry Goods store and known as the Star Store building, adds much to the appearance of the building.

Mrs. Hood, who has been here on a short visit with her relatives, J. T. Darsey and family, left for her home at Gail Wednesday morning.

Rev. R. B. Twitty, able pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Abilene, with his family, spent Thursday in this city, guests of Rev. and Mrs. Fred S. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris returned Friday from a three weeks visit with their children at Caddo and Eliasville. We are glad to learn that Mrs. Harris, who was quite ill for a few days on their trip, is now improving nicely.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN BED AT EARLY HOUR

Death is Due to Natural Causes According to Attending Physicians

Merkel, Texas, June 20—Mrs. Amma E. Knox, wife of W. C. Knox, was found dead in bed at her home at Eskota at an early hour Monday morning. Death was due to natural causes according to Dr. Leach and Justice I. W. Brashear of Sweetwater, who were called out to the Knox home.

Mrs. Knox was sixty-seven years of age and had been in failing health for some time. She was a pioneer citizen of the Eskota country, having lived there for thirty years and had a host of friends who will regret to learn of her death.

The funeral was held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. C. Williams, her next door neighbor, at Eskota, conducted by Rev. White, a Baptist minister of Abilene, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, and the burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery, Merkel, at 12 o'clock, in the presence of many sympathizing relatives and friends.

Mrs. Knox was the mother of eight children, five of whom are still living, three boys and two girls, as follows: Henry Knox, Eskota; Mrs. G. C. Williams, Eskota; Ed Knox, Roby; Will Knox, Sweetwater; Mrs. J. B. Hassell, whose home is on the Plains, and all the children were at the funeral except Mrs. Hassell.

WILL HOLD UNION PRAYER MEETING

At a joint meeting of the officials of both the Presbyterian and Methodist churches at the Methodist church Wednesday evening, it was decided that from now on until the Union revival to be held by these two churches, beginning on August 12, the two congregations would hold joint prayer meetings each Wednesday evening, beginning at the Presbyterian church next Wednesday evening and alternating thereafter.

The membership of both of these churches are urged to be present and help the churches prepare for the great revival which it is hoped will be held as above stated.

Mrs. C. B. Smith is happy this week to have as visitors her daughters, Mrs. G. L. Farrar and son of Seminole, Mrs. C. W. Whitaker and little daughter, of Houston, and her sons C. B. Smith and wife of Stamford and Fielden Smith of Houston.

Mrs. E. T. Hood arrived Tuesday evening from her home in Greensburg, Kansas, to spend a part of the summer with her daughter, Mrs. L. R. Thompson. Mrs. Thompson, who has been in ill health for some time, is we are glad to learn, improving nicely at this time. Her host of friends sincerely trust that she may continue to improve until she has again regained her usual good health.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Sublett returned Wednesday from their trip to points in South Texas. They report a very pleasant trip.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Clark and daughter, Miss Evorie, returned Sunday from a three weeks visit with relatives at Clovis, New Mexico.

SPEED DEMONS TO CONTEST IN JULY 4TH RACES

Third Annual Racing Event Promises to be the best Ever Held

Abilene, Texas, June 21—The biggest entry list of cars and drivers that has ever been recorded for the July fourth automobile races here is assured for the coming Independence Day speed contests. With the date for the closing of entries still more than a week distant, already ten drivers have filed their official papers and a last minute flood, as usual, is expected to put the total number of entries to around the thirty mark. Twenty-five hundred dollars in cash prizes, coupled with the best dirt track in the state and one of the most enthusiastic race audiences is the loadstone that is drawing the best of the racing talent of Texas and Oklahoma to this meeting.

Drivers and cars already entered are officially announced as follows:

Earl S. Graham, Chevrolet Special, Dallas; Oliver Reeves, Reed Special, Dallas; Wayne Northington, Ford Special, Mingo; C. O. Mauzy, Buick Special, Dallas; C. N. Whitney, Ford Special, Dallas; Joseph F. Miller, Miller Special, Abilene; Ed H. Eckenroth, Southwestern Special, San Antonio; Matt L. Ward, Essex Special, Burkburnett; Roy Trimmer, Ford Special, Amarillo; Henry Sanders, Ford Special, Abilene.

While these early entries comprise some of the fastest cars and best drivers of the state, there still are many of the "big ones" to come. Speculation as to whether Red Shafer with his space eating Dusenberg and Glenn Breed with his new Hudson will again lock horns on the Abilene track is rife among the fans, but both drivers, as usual, are pursuing their established policy of saying nothing until the last possible minute.

The race program is scheduled to begin promptly at 2:30 o'clock on the afternoon of July the fourth.

Miss Armstrong Entertains Clarendon College Quartette

On last Monday evening, after the Clarendon College Quartette had rendered their splendid program at the Cozy Theatre, the members of the company and their business manager were entertained with a lawn party at her home by Miss Lola Armstrong. The entire lawn, which had been freshly mowed and prepared, was well lighted with electric lights. A unique feature of the affair was the manner in which punch was served to the guests. A small well-top was placed near the center of the lawn, from which the punch seemed to be drawn in a plentiful supply, and the guests were permitted to refresh themselves as often as they desired. Music, games and various forms of entertainment were enjoyed, but the most exciting and fascinating game of the evening was a horse-shoe pitching tournament. A few scattered drops of rain threatened to break up the party at the beginning, but it was soon clear again and everything was carried out to the enjoyment of all in attendance.

Miss May Collins returned last week from Colorado, where she taught in the city schools during the past session. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Collins.

PARENT-TEACHERS MEETING WEDNESDAY

Announcement is made that there will be a "get-together" meeting of the members of the Parent-Teachers Association, at the home of Mrs. R. O. Anderson from 4 to 6 o'clock on next Wednesday afternoon. A business meeting will be held from five-thirty to six o'clock.

Every member is urged to attend this meeting as a genuine good time is assured all, and then you will be doing your bit towards helping to keep the organization in the splendid working condition desired by the leaders during the vacation period.

JOINT PICNIC

Members of the local Christian church are making plans for the joint picnic to be held Friday at Merkel with the Abilene Christian church. A big time is in prospect, according to the committee.—Sweetwater Daily Reporter.

REVIVAL CONTINUES AT THE TABERNACLE

The meeting at the Tabernacle is still in progress. Rev. Hendricks is preaching some soul-stirring sermons, and every one in and about the city should hear this man of God.

Interest is increasing and some souls are praying through. There will be divine healing services at the tabernacle Saturday at 10 a.m. Services on the street at 3 p.m. and at the tabernacle at 8:15 p.m., and three services during the Sabbath. Everyone is cordially invited to come and take part in this revival.

Emma Jones.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

The usual services next Sunday. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8:30 and the Ladies Bible Study each Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock at the church. These meetings are profitable and every one should avail themselves of the opportunity to learn more about the Bible.

Keep in mind the fact that the protracted meeting begins at the Tabernacle Sunday week. Bro. Millholland of Vernon will do the preaching and there is no more able teacher in the brotherhood than he, but he cannot make the meeting the success it should be without your hearty cooperation and prayers. So begin now to prepare for the coming event.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lamar and daughters, Minnie Maud and Lu Nell, accompanied by Miss Lena Bond of Abilene, left first of the week for Strawn, Fort Worth and Mexia to visit friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Snow of the Canyon, accompanied by Miss Ola Chamberlain, of Goree, were pleasant and appreciated visitors at the Merkel Mail office one day recently.

The building occupied by the W. W. Campbell Grocery and M. D. Angus, oil dealer, and owned by Mr. John Sears, now has a new awning which adds much to the comfort and appearance of same.

W. R. Bigham, an erstwhile Merkelite, was in the city Saturday.

Mrs. H. C. Williams leaves today for an extended visit among friends and relatives in Fort Worth and Dallas.

PLANNING A BIG UNION REVIVAL ON AUGUST 12TH

Presbyterians and Methodists Join in Effort to Have Big Meeting

At a meeting of the official boards of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches some month or so ago, it was decided that these two churches would join in a cooperative meeting during the summer, and a later meeting set the date for holding same on August 12, continuing two weeks or longer if necessary.

Rev. E. E. Hendrix, a Presbyterian Evangelist, of St. Louis, has been secured to do the preaching, and he will have associated with him, Mr. A. L. Carter, a singer of splendid ability and nationally known. And since Rev. Hendrix is recognized as one of the ablest preachers in the nation, Merkel may expect, with the efforts and cooperation of the local pastors, Rev. Fred S. Rogers and Rev. M. C. Hays, one of the greatest meetings the town has witnessed in many years.

In order that preparations for the big meeting may get under way in ample time, a joint meeting of the church pastors, church leaders and official members of both churches was held at the Methodist church Wednesday evening, when the following committees were named:

Rev. Hays was elected chairman of the general committees with H. C. West, Secretary.

Publicity Committee: Jas. H. West and Thos. Durham. Arrangement Committee: W. L. Diltz, H. C. West, W. D. Hutcheson, L. W. Cox and Eli Case. Entertainment Committee: Dr. S. W. Johnson, A. T. Sheppard, Mrs. Jas. H. West, Mrs. Chas. H. Jones, Mrs. Amy Sears and Mrs. Geo. Brown.

Finance Committee: T. G. Bragg, L. R. Thompson, A. T. Sheppard, Dr. M. Armstrong, W. L. Diltz, H. C. West, W. M. Elliott, and Dr. S. W. Johnson.

A Treasurer is to be elected by the committee on finance.

Music committee: Cyrus Pee and W. H. Barnett, who will select three others to serve with them.

The above appointments were made with no intention of naming chairmen of same; hence each committee will name its own chairman at their first meeting. And it is expected that other committees will be named from time to time.

SWIMMING PARTY GAY AFFAIR OF THE WEEK

On Tuesday of this week Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cranston chaperoned a merry crowd to the river for a swim. After a jolly time in the water, an appetizing picnic lunch was spread and enjoyed by the following: Mr. and Mrs. Roger Garrett and little daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Spurgin, Etcyl and Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. John Cranston, Mr. and Mrs. John Chanston Jr., Miss Gracie Lee Cranston, Jerrie Hampton of Anson, and the hostess.

Every Saturday is Cinnamon Roll and Coffee Cake day at the Bakery. Come early. 2212

Quay Hamblett came in Wednesday evening from Breckenridge on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamblett.

Mrs. W. D. Proctor of Winters is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Proctor.

Is It Not Reasonable

that State Laws, above all others, should afford opportunity for the progress and development of the State and its people.

In the enactment of the Guaranty Fund Law, the State of Texas has demonstrated its interest in the welfare of this commonwealth by thus rendering service to meet the needs of its people.

We are proud to have back of us this law which works so much good to the people of this community.

We pay interest on Time Deposits. Call and let us explain our Savings Plan.

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The Only Guaranty Fund Bank in Merkel

FORD TOURIST NOW ENJOYS A GREATER "AT HOME" FEELING

That satisfying "at home" feeling which the Ford tourist always has felt wherever he has gone will be stronger than ever this summer. There are now nearly 6,000,000 Ford Cars in the United States and he will come upon more members of the great Ford family in the towns and cities and along the highways of the nation than in any year heretofore.

In the last year alone 1,500,000 new Fords have gone into use throughout the country. And the Ford owner who goes touring enjoys what no other car owner enjoys, the satisfaction of knowing he has the greatest service facilities at his command, assuring him of a pleasant journey no matter where his travels may take him.

In addition to the Ford dealer organization of more than 9,000 there are over 14,000 authorized Ford service stations in the country, making a total of more than 23,000 points of contact with the motoring public. Naturally the increased use of Ford Cars has brought a corresponding increase in service responsibilities. Ford dealers, everywhere, acting under the definite service policy of the company, are fully prepared to meet the new responsibilities, their mechanics, many of them graduates of the Ford service course, are expertly trained in meeting all service requirements and the dealers have provided themselves with special and approved equipment which enables them to meet any demand, promptly and efficiently, thus affording the Ford owner every facility which contributes toward making motoring as inexpensive and as enjoyable as possible.

The high excellence of Ford performance under all road conditions has made it the most popular of cars for general touring and also the most economical, for service it always close at hand when any minor adjustment is necessary.

INTERMEDIATE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

Fellow Endeavorer, are you planning to go to the "Buffalo Gap Encampment"? We hope so, for Merkel C.E. wants to have a good representation. If you are going you will gain very much from it; if you are not, then you are letting a most remarkable chance pass you by. Endeavorers, think of it—Drs. Burma, Irving, Green, Overstreet, Webb and other great leaders are coming prepared with red hot messages for your soul's deep need and mine. You will find programs for this encampment at the Presbyterian church. Let every member go if possible, some time during this great encampment.

The topic for Sunday is "How may we win friends and keep them?" The one who wins friends must show himself friendly. He must accept friendship as it is offered and return it in like measure. True friendship is helpful, but one must beware of imposing on the good nature of friends. An English paper once offered a prize for the best definition of a friend, and this was the winner: "The one who comes in when all others have gone out." The friend who is true in time of trouble as well as prosperity is the one to tie to. Friends must have that natural consideration and unselfishness which gives much and expects little. Friends may be won without great effort, but to keep them there must be self-denial. Bring your friends and parents. We urge this because we want them to learn the lessons of life that we learn.

And above all things come yourselves and don't forget to boost Merkel C.E. and make others love and appreciate it. Yours in this blessed work, T.C.E. Publicity Committee.

KALE NEWS

The farmers are very busy in their crops since the rain.

Some of the farmers were afraid the grasshoppers were going to eat their crop up and now they are afraid the weeds will take them. Better get busy.

On account of the rain last Saturday evening there were only a few young folks at the party given by Mr. Jonnie Dunn. There was no league last Sunday night because the lights all went out.

There will be Sunday School and preaching next Sunday morning.

Singing in the evening and the League will render their program Sunday night. After the league will be church. Every one is cordially invited to come.

Miss Ruth Hartline visited Miss Lois Barnett Sunday.

Mr. Floyd Newberry and sister, Mary Lue, visited Lola and Velmer Shelton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Robert Davis, who has been at Ovalo chopping cotton, returned home Saturday.

Miss Mae Douglas from Stanton, who has been visiting her grandmother and other relatives of this community, went to Truby Sunday to visit relatives there.

Mr. Charlie Braune, wife and two little boys of the View community visited Mrs. Ollie Skidmore and children Sunday.

Miss Flo Ella Barnett visited home folks Sunday afternoon.

Miss Jewel Skidmore and two little brothers visited Mrs. Alpha Williams Monday evening.

Mr. West and wife of Merkel visited Mr. Houston Clark and family Sunday.

Mr. Edward Blackwell and Mr. Willie Chancey visited Mr. Thomas and James Harris Sunday.

Mr. Ocie Douglas and wife visited Miss Lola Peterson Sunday. Miss Mildred Matthews and Miss Hila Morton of Merkel spent Sunday with Miss Grace Bynum.

Mr. Newberry, wife, and two sons visited Mr. McRee and family Sunday afternoon. 'Curly'

PIONEER BURIED

The funeral of Ed Lodge, pioneer Fisher county citizen, Civil war veteran and well known in Sweetwater, was held at Palava Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, following his death which occurred early Sunday.

Mr. Lodge was over 80 years of age and owned a farm near Eskota. He came to West Texas in the early days and served as commissioner of Coleman county before moving to Fisher county.

He was related by marriage to S. W. Crutcher of this city who with J. W. Herndon and other friends attended the funeral from here. A number of children survive him. During the Civil War Mr. Lodge served in the Federal navy.—Sweetwater Reporter.

JOIN THE LIVE OAK B.Y.P.U.

If you want a place for service, with a group that is steadfast and true, There's a place waiting for you in the Live Oak B.Y.P.U.

We are just a band of young Christians, Training for the work of life to do;

If you too wish to train for service, Join the Live Oak B.Y.P.U.

"We study that we may serve", Is our motto and our aim,

If you desire to do better service Come and make your motto the same.

We have no place for slackers; Those who would their duty shirk, But we do have a place, young Christian For those who are willing to work.

So if you would become more efficient, In the work God has for you, Begin now to get your training, Join Nubia Live Oak B.Y.P.U.

By Leland Oran Neill

LAUNDRY SPECIALS

Why break your back over the wash tub, when you can have your entire family washing and ironing done at such a small cost, a trial will convince you just how good and cheap it is. Ligon, the Laundryman, Phone 218.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail.

Mrs. Hattie Enman and children left for their home in Midland Friday morning, after a weeks visit in the home of J. B. Bell and family.

Seal Flour, none better. Every sack guaranteed at Bob Martin Grocery Company.

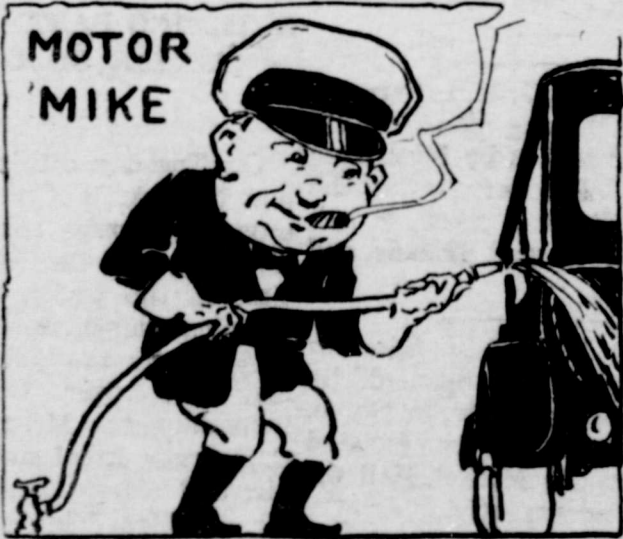
INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Subject: Heroes of faith—Mary Slessor.
Leader: Gladys Milliken.
Song; Scripture lesson (Philippians 1:29); Lords Prayer.
The Life of Mary Slessor: Stella Wilson.
Song.

First Station in Calibar by Ema Toombs.
A Station of her own: Elf Chaney.

Announcements; report of delegates; League benediction.
Our League meets at 4 o'clock every one is urged to come and bring some one with you.

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McFarland Garage

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All Victory Loans have been called for redemption on or before May 20th We shall be glad to serve you in sending them in.

CONDENSED STATEMENT Close of business, April 3rd, 1923

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$331,064.83
Cotton	None
U. S. Securities	13,600.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	27,672.19
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Other Real Estate	4,100.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX	135,933.72
Total	\$520,033.24

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	9,366.29
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
DEPOSITS	439,416.95
Total	\$520,033.24



THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank OF MERKEL

J. T. Warren, President L. R. Thompson, Cashier
DIRECTORS
J. T. Warren, Geo. F. West, L. R. Thompson, Sam Butman Sr., Henry James

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express to the people of Merkel and Abilene, our thanks and appreciation for the kindness and love they showed us during the illness and death of our darling baby little J. D. Bland, who the angels bore away to heaven on June 4, 1923.

We sincerely thank Miss Grace Ely, his special nurse for her faithful attention during his illness. We also wish to express our gratitude for the many beautiful flowers presented by the Woodman Circle and others. We thank the men who sacrificed at home to work in our crop Wednesday. May God's richest blessings rest upon each of you. Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bland.

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PARENT-TEACHER CLUB

It is the purpose of the Parent Teachers Club to hold their regular monthly meetings on during the summer in the homes of the members. This month, Mrs. R. O. Anderson was to have entertained the club, but owing to the illness of Mrs. Anderson at the regular meeting date, the meeting has been postponed indefinitely. The time and place of next meeting will be announced later. The club expects to do some valuable work during these vacation months and consequently are sorry to have to postpone this meeting, but owing to circumstances, it was found necessary for this time.

(Above items crowded out last week)

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Blue bugs, mites, stick-tight fleas, chiggers, body lice and all other blood-sucking or skin-eating parasites,

Positively will Not Stay on Your Fowls if you Use "Star Parasite Remover" in their drinking water or milk as we direct.

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SWAT THE FLY!

The ant is a very small animal but is persistent in its endeavors to lay by for the future, while the grasshopper sits on the fence and makes a loud noise with his hind legs. Which are you doing?

The crop conditions in this part of the country are very flattering indeed, and with only a few scattering showers along through the balance of the summer, it is highly probable that there will be one of the largest crop yields harvested in this community ever experienced.

What are you going to do with that large crop of weeds that is now growing along the streets and on the vacant lots and alleys of Merkel? 'Tis a sad commentary indeed upon the intelligence and civic pride of her citizenship to thus let them stand.

The Trade Trip last Thursday night to Comper was well attended by both the Merkel and Comper communities, and a big, fine time was enjoyed by all attending and taking part. Let the good work continue for there is nothing better for any town and community, than an occasional social meeting to-

gether, where they can talk over the things that are of interest and best for both.

The day's work is usually full of vexation; in business, at the desk, behind the plow handles, or sitting in the cab of a speeding engine there is one thing and another to make the surroundings different than you would like to have them. When the time comes to quit, you draw a sigh of relief and feel that you can go to a little retreat—to a little kingdom of sympathy, mutual understandings and love. That place is home—your castle, whether surrounded with luxuries and magnificence or just a small cottage, with pretty vines about the windows and a face of a loving wife at the door. There you will find harmony, the self same interest, and a heart that beats in accord with yours. It is grand to enter such sacred premises and to know that the inmates believe in you, want you, help you and above all trust you. A little heaven like that is the surest foundation that ever rested beneath a government; it is a better guarantee of the nation's future than any law that could be placed upon its statute books or any leader who might be chosen. To foster such an institution is the noblest work of the patriot. Out of that kind of a home will come the best manhood and womanhood of tomorrow, and the wife the mother who presides there today is a greater help to society, to civilization and the republic than all the woman politicians the world has ever produced, seen or heard.—Temple Mirrow.

Seal Flour, none better. Every sack guaranteed at Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf

Mr. J. A. Madale, of Dallas, was a guest in the J. H. Craig home first of the week.

ONE DAY **BIG** ONE DAY
FREE BARBECUE AND PICNIC
JUNE 29th - - JUNE 29th
AT
MERKEL

WILL EXCEED THE BAILEY CELEBRATION OF YEARS AGO

FREE

No Entrance Fee will be charged. All Attractions Free

In a well selected program something will be doing every minute during the day.

This barbecue is made possible by the business men of Merkel who have contributed several hundred dollars to assure its being a success.

PROGRAM

- 9:30 Band Concert
- 10:00 Welcome Address
- 10:15 Wild Hog Race, Steer Riding, Goat roping, etc. \$10.00
- 11:30 Speech, Mayor Coombes, of Abilene. Band play.
- 12:15 Dinner until 1:30
- 1:30 Band Play
- 1:45 Speech by Farm Bureau Man, one hour.
- 2:45 Old Time Singing, thirty Minutes.
- 3:15 Fat mans race, and sack race, \$2.00, \$5.00
- 3:40 Base Ball Game.
- 5:40 Polo Game, Band Play
- 7:30 Band Concert, 30 min.
- 8:00 Readings, and glee club.
- 9:00 Old fiddlers contest, all over 50 years old. \$20 and \$5.
- Cracker Eating Contest, \$1.00

AN OLD

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Among one of the committees is John Sears, James "Jim" Patterson and Dave Beasley who will superintend the preparing and serving of this sumptuous feed.

OTHER COMMITTEES

have charge of other affairs including the intertainment, all of which will be done up in apple pie order.

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Elder W. G. Cypert left Saturday for Hext, Menard county, to hold a ten days meeting.

Mr. Bowers of the firm of Bowers and Hamner, Trent, was a business visitor to Merkel on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lassiter have a very sick baby with pneumonia at their home in north Merkel.

C. C. Campbell and family were visitors to the Whittenburg ranch near Sweetwater on last Sunday.

Quilts, Cotton Blankets, and Counterpanes continued thru June at 25s each. Ligon the Laundryman. Phone 218.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland returned last Thursday from Waxahachie where they had been to witness the graduating exercises of Trinity University, from which institution their daughter, Miss Ona Fae received her B.A. degree. Miss Ona Fae accompanied her parents on their return home.

County Attorney, Carlos D. Speck, and a Mr. Stewart were in the city Saturday from Abilene.

Miss Grace Horton, of Rising Star, is a week-end guest of Miss Mary Cleo Booth.

Daniels, the Front Street Cafe man, is still putting out the good eats, Cold Drinks, Candies, Canned Goods, Sugar-cured ham and Bacon at prices that are moving the goods. Get his prices on what you need before buying. Open at night. It

The HOME of the Everlasting rease. Well pressed is well dressed. Cash Tailor Shop. Phone 180. tf

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Morton are entertaining a new daughter at their home in north Merkel since Monday.

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FOR SALE—Good second hand Buggy Harness at A. L. Jobes' 15t2

FOR SALE—A few odd sizes in Cord and Fabric Tires at attractive prices. A chance to equip that car you are going to trade. Get our prices. West Co. tf

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WANTED—To rent out land to plant feed. Also need help in cotton. Oats 3½ cents bundle. S. H. L. Swafford, Sr. It

WANTED—1000 Quilts and Blankets at 25cts each through June. Over 500 done through

May. Ligon, the Laundryman. Phone 218. tf

WANTED—Frying chickens from 1 1-2 to 2 1-2 pounds, Merkel Produce Co. tf

LOST

LOST—Sunday night, Watch Chain and knife with initials G.P.D. Reward for return to Guy Darsey tf

LOST—A Masonic Charm, with emblem 32nd degree on one side and 18th on the other. Finder please return to Farmers and Merchants National Bank and receive reward. It

"Grandma" Pike left Tuesday morning on an extended visit with relatives at Bagwell, Red River county.

Mrs. Ruth Darsey arrived Tuesday morning from McGregg or on a visit with her son, J. T. Darsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holt of Ballinger, were guests of Mr. J. S. Thomas and family last week.

\$500 REWARD

On June 18, a fatal accident occurred near Abilene, Texas, when a piece of copper wire was thrown across the Abilene-Tuscola high voltage line of the West Texas Utilities Company. One man was killed and two men suffered burns.

Vandalism of such a dangerous nature must be immediately stopped. The destruction of expensive property is secondary to the public risk incurred.

The high voltage lines of this Company are of powerful construction, and will not break from ordinary causes. But extraordinary causes of too frequent recurrence, such as wires thrown across lines or the shooting of insulators from cross-arms, burn down lines, destroy service and greatly endanger human lives.

Every safety device known for the protection of life in emergencies is employed by this Company, but complete success in the elimination of death hazards is paramountly dependent on the cooperation of the public. We earnestly appeal to the Public's sense of fair play in helping us prevent other fatal accidents.

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Miss Olive Teaff spent a few days visiting friends at Simmons College last week.

Miss Ruth Leach of Blackwell is the guest of Misses Mary and Hattie Proctor.

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Buy Folgers Coffee at Bob Martin's Grocery Company.

Loring Hamblett left Sunday for Breckenridge to spend a week or ten days.

Buy Folgers Coffee at Bob Martin's Grocery Company.

Miss Doris Pike is visiting relatives in Bagwell. She will be absent for a month or more.

Misses Osee Teaff and Annie Mae Swann are in Simmons for the Summer Term.



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and the good medicine it was, I had been having a tired feeling when I'd get up in the morning. I would be stiff and sore, and had a slimy, bad taste in my mouth, but didn't think so much of it till I began to feel stupid and didn't feel like eating—then I knew I needed medicine. It was then I began Black-Draught, and I felt all made over, ready for any kind of work, ready to eat and sleep. So, for any return of this trouble, I take Black-Draught, and for 25 years it has been my medicine, and I wouldn't be without it at all. My work is constant. I am on my feet a lot. I am out of doors, and fresh air and Black-Draught are all the medicines I need. I recommend it to others for I know it is good."

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Beginning on last Friday night, and continuing intermittently for four days, the entire western part of the state has received bountiful and appreciated rains. The fall in Merkel according to Mr. B. M. Black, who has for many years kept an accurate account of rainfall here, amounted to three and one eighth inches. And while crops in this section were not in special need of rain, the fall at this time was indeed timely and very much appreciated.

And regardless of the fact that some damage has been done in some places by grasshoppers the condition of all crops here is considered very fine; in fact it is doubtful if conditions were ever better for the prospects of one of the best and largest yields of cotton and feed stuff this country has ever seen. All early feed seems almost assured.

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Commissioner W. H. Frazier informs the Merkel Mail that he expects to spend the next two months superintending and working the roads over his precinct.

ADVICE TO THE AGED

Age brings infirmities, such as sluggish bowels, weak kidneys, torpid liver.
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have a specific effect on these organs, stimulating the bowels, gives natural action, and imparts vigor to the system.

Friendship Club Notes

The club met June 8th with Mrs. V. B. Sublett.

First quilt scraps (previously cut), threaded needles, and thimbles were passed. Mrs. Sam Owen pieced her block quickest and received a beautiful hand-painted picture as a prize.

Each volunteering to piece more, caused more scraps to be passed and eighteen blocks were pieced for the club quilt.

We were then invited to visit the zoo. Objects were placed about in the room representing different animals. Mrs. Stanley King received a bunch of nice fresh beets for finding the largest number.

Plates of refreshments of ice cream and dainty little cakes, with carnations and nasturtiums as plate favors were passed by Mrs. Stanley King and Miss Maurine Tyler of Abilene.

We want each member to bring their thimble at the next meeting. We want to set our quilt together. Mrs. B. T. Sublett, Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jones loaded out their household effects this week, shipping them to Sierra Blanca, near which town they own a splendid ranch. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are making the trip overland in their car. It is indeed regrettable that these splendid people decided to leave Merkel, for no town ever had better people. They have a host of friends here with whom the Merkel Mail joins in wishing for them health, happiness and prosperity in their new home. We also wish to announce to them now, that should they ever desire to return to our city, the latch string will be hanging on the 'outside' with a hearty welcome awaiting them.

Mrs. R. L. Adcock and little daughters, Berdell and Frances, left Saturday on an extended visit with relatives at Menard.

PILES CURED

I will be in Merkel from 12 to 3 p.m. next Wednesday for the purpose of treating Piles. Treat them without knife or detention from work. Dr. E. E. Cockrell, rectal specialist, Abilene, Texas. 1tp

June corn, Cane and Maize Seed to plant at John S. Hughes Cash Grocery. 1tp

W. W. Campbell left Sunday for Shreveport, La., in response to a message stating that his father was seriously ill.

When any of your folks get sick, send for the doctor. When you need washing and ironing done, or the very best in cleaning and pressing, send for Ligon the Laundryman. Phone 218. tf

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And we wish to call your attention to the fact, that should you care to do some shopping, we are prepared to fill your ever desire even though it be in mid season, when it is hard to find just the things one may desire. In this connection we have a very complete stock of the most seasonable goods to be found in this part of the country. In fact we strive to keep our stock complete in every department; therefore our customers have no trouble in making selections when they visit us.

The Big Picnic will be Friday, June 29, and on this day we will have many specials to offer you. So, just come in, make yourself at home, and take advantage of the bargains we will offer.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sherriff or any Constable, of Taylor County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that by making Publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Taylor, if there be a newspaper published in said County, but if not, in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof you summons Gregorio Corondo, whose residence is unknown to be and appear before Hon. Justice Court in and for Precinct No. Five of Taylor County, Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the County of Taylor, at Merkel on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1923. The number of said cause being 2 then and there to answer the petition of J. B. Stuard filed in said court on the 7th day of April A. D. 1923 against the said Gregorio Corondo, and alleging in substance as follows: suit on verified account for the sum of Thirteen and eighty hundredths (\$13.80) for goods and merchandise sold and delivered to the defendant Gregorio Corondo, at his own suggestion and request. Plaintiff prays for judgement for the amount of his account and all costs of this suit expended.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you then and there before said court this Writ with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand, in Merkel Texas, this 30th day of May A. D. 1923.

Attest: W. W. Wheeler
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5 Taylor County Texas. 1t4.

Every Saturday is Cinnamon Roll and Coffee Cake day at the Bakery. Come early. 27t2

DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS AND BIRDS

It is quite a common cry now to hear of the grasshoppers and boll weevils destroying the crops all over Texas, which reminds us of last fall and winter when the hunters, both country and city, were out killing the quails and birds for mere sport. We know a farmer who boasted of killing as many as thirty quails in one afternoon hunt and now the grasshoppers have eaten his entire crop and he will not only lose time but money as well as having to replant.

Most birds are beneficial to the farmer because their food consists chiefly of harmful insects and weed seeds and should be protected during all seasons. However, the Dove and English Sparrow do eat grain and damage fruit and should be destroyed. If one has noticed the Meadow Lark and other birds that fly into a freshly plowed furrow, they will see them after worms, grubs, and other insects and not for newly planted seeds.

The Quail feeds largely upon insects and weed seeds. However, if they do eat some of the grain and feed, it will be far more beneficial to the farmers than to loose their entire crops by grasshoppers and other pests. It would be less expensive and lots more value to the farmers to save the birds than to destroy them and go to the trouble of poisoning the insects, which nine times out of ten proves unsuccessful. It will be noticed that when the most birds are, the crops are the best.

Perhaps when it is too late, the people will be made to realize the value of birds, and not kill them merely for sport or food and help to enforce the game Law or else place a no hunting allowed sign over their

pasture gate, until they do the crops will not be safe.—An Observer, Sylvester, Texas.

WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES

On next Monday afternoon the missionary Society will have a memorial program for Miss Belle H. Bennett.

We are very anxious to have a good attendance at this meeting. Besides the program there is some important business to come before the society. Our all-day district meeting for this quarter will be held at Anson on next Wednesday, the 27th. We are urged to send a good representation from this society. Our reports must be sent on the first day of July and if possible let us pay up our dues and as much on the pledge as possible. We are also being urged to send in our Dormatory pledge as soon as we can conveniently do so. Following is the program for Monday:

1. Song. 2. Prayer.
 3. Bible Lesson, Isaiah 6:1-8 by Mrs. Bob Martin.
 4. Topic, Obedient to the vision, by Mrs. C. B. Smith.
 5. The Scarritt Bible and Training School carrying the Gospel, by Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson.
 6. The Greater Training School by Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.
 7. Why a memorial to Miss Bennett, by Mrs. Sandifer.
 8. Poem to Miss Bennett, Mrs. Robert Grimes.
 9. The memorial fund, how shall we raise it, by Mrs. H. C. Williams.
- Song, Benediction.

Miss Martha Jane Swafford, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.H.L. Swafford, left for Pacific Coast points Thursday night. Miss Swafford is a teacher in the Houston public schools and plans to spend her vacation at the University of Oregon.

GOLAN ITEMS

We have had so much rain the past week that it will be the following week before we can work any.

We did not get to have Sunday school Sunday on account of so much rain.

Darwin Hill returned home from school at T. C. U. Ft. Worth, but he returned to Ft. Worth again Tuesday to enter Summer session there.

Every one enjoyed the singing at the home of Mr. W. C. Hill's Sunday night.

Clara West visited her brother Frank for a few days.

Mr and Mrs. Chester Duncan are the proud parents of a fine baby girl. She has been real sick, but seems to be improving.

Mrs. W. R. Hudspeth has returned home from Floydada, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Rapp Green, who has an eight pouny boy.

Gertrude and Betty Byrom visited Edith and Audra Hudspeth Monday afternoon. Tuesday they visited Lettie Duncan.

Chester Duncan and father motored to Abilene Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs. R. C. Bureson of Jayton are here.

Eugene William has been visiting his brother Clyde, in the Canyon.

Mr Hugh Jeffery and wife are visiting Mrs. Jeffery's brother, Clyde Williams, in the Canyon.

Card of Thanks

We take this way of expressing our appreciation and thanking our many friends and neighbors for the kindness shown us at the time of the illness and death of our little daughter and sister, Gale. May God's blessings be upon you. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Toombs and children.

Earl Thornton returned Sunday from Lamesa by auto where he had been to bring home his wife who had been there visiting her mother, Mrs. T. H. Christopher.

Hot Weather Sale for Boys!

Saturday and Monday, June 23 and 25

The Bragg Dry Goods Company will sell all boys Summer Wearing Apparat at Big Reductions

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All Boys \$9.00 to \$12.50 suits Saturday and Monday at \$7.95

All Bays \$7.50 to \$8.50 suits Saturday and Monday at \$5.95

Boys Tom Sawyer wash suits, all materials fast colors, regular \$3.50 values, Saturday and Monday at \$1.95

Boys good style low cut shoes, cheap at \$4.50 priced for Saturday and Monday at \$3.60

Hat and cap styles and prices are too numerous to mention here, but if you'll come in you'll find just what you want at about one half price.

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THE BOY SCOUTS

Remember, folks, the Merkel Boy Scout troop is still progressing. Lets get behind it. For your boy's sake, and for his training, get interested in the group of Boy Scouts in this community. It is a blessing, not only to your boy but for the good of a community as well. Come down and visit us some Friday night and help us to get to work.

Here is a little poem, which one of the boys, a member of the troop, handed to me and requested me to have it published.

Mother, let me join,
Oh let me join today.
I'll be your helpful son
And do a good turn each day.
On the streets I'll never be—
Never fight with Johnny;
If you will say "all right!"
I'll never use cigarettes—
Never smoke or chew
If you will let me join the "Boy Scouts",
I'll be a loyal son to you.

Almost every boy, whether good or bad is just like the little fellow in the poem. No boy really wills to be a bad boy, it is usually through bad environment that he turns to the wrong sickle. The Boy Scouts offer splendid environment, teaching the boy loyalty, uprightness, and in fact everything that is high and noble. The oath that a boy must take before he is a full pledged scout requires helpfulness to others as well as loyalty to God, and keeping himself fit to meet the difficulties through which he must pass in after life. So, why not get behind the organization and help to train our boy for the trials of his later years? It will help to make a man out of him.

We need some good, influential citizen who has passed over the same road of youth that the boy Scout has to give us a good, uplifting talk next Friday night. Let us see if we can't

have one. Scouts, remember the time and place, and let us make the the meeting 100 percent!— Scout Scribe.

STEAM THREASHER RIG FOR SALE

In first Class condition. Can be seen at Oscar Clayton's place two miles west of Cumby, or will ship any where in West Texas, if I can get freight paid. Bryan Stewart, Campbell Texas. 15t3p

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rister at their home near Comper Tuesday afternoon, a girl.

Junior B.Y.P.U.

This program is to be rendered June the 24th.

1. Introduction: William Shepard.
2. "Lagos": Mary Bell Ligon.
3. "Buying Food in Youba land" by D. O. Huddleston.
4. "Queen customs of the natives" by Clara Pilcher.
5. "African Children" by Christene Rister.
6. "Mission Boys" by Louise Booth.
7. "Visiting the out-stations" by Marietha Hurley.

I am still cleaning and pressing men suits, ladies coat suits and plain dresses at \$1.00. Trousers and plain skirts at 50c. One day service with no gas odor. Ligon, the Laundryman. Phone 218. tf.

THE BACHELORETT.

On last Tuesday afternoon the club was the guest of Miss Lilley Pratt Sears and Miss Lynn Thompson at the home of the former on Oak street.

The reception rooms were beautifully decorated in Nasturtiums. The feature of the afternoon was the teaching of some of the members to play bridge under the direction of Mrs. Chas Jones and Mrs. R. I. Grimes. A suitable name for the Club was discussed. When "Bachelorettes" was mentioned everyone was unanimously in favor of choosing this suggestion.

The color scheme of pink, green and white was carried out in the service plate in a most effective manner, in the marshmallow pudding and iced tea, with pink sweet peas as favors.

While the refreshments were being served the club was favored with several solos by Miss Christene Collins.

The members present were: Misses Blanche Durham, Lula Mae Boaz, Evelyn Hamm, Ruby Hamm, Willie Toombs, Hazel Harkrider, Iva Bragg, Christene Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Lynn Thompson and Lilley Pratt Sears. We were very happy to have as our guests, Mrs. R. I. Grimes, and Mrs. Chas. Jones, and Miss Edith Brown.

Next week the Club will meet with Misses Lula Mae Boaz and Lola Armstrong.

Club Reporter, Lola Armstrong

Miss Lula White, daughter of J. J. White, is now at home from a visit with relatives in east Texas.

H. C. Floyd was in Abilene Tuesday.

Homer Easterwood was a visitor from Trent Tuesday.

J. D. Porter and family were visitors in Sweetwater Sunday.

Buy Folgers Coffee at Bob Martin's Grocery Company. tf

Judge N. D. Cobb was a business visitor to Abilene Tuesday.

J. C. Tucker was in Sweetwater Sunday mingling with old time friends.

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Mrs. W. A. Thornton returned Sunday from Lamesa where she had been on a short visit.

Claud Riney left Friday afternoon for Lamesa, Plainview and Amarillo on a business mission.

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