

## MISS BLAND WILL TEACH VOICE HERE

Merkel is indeed fortunate in securing Miss Ona Fae Bland to teach voice in the Merkel High School this year. It has been said with truth that "music, born of mind and muscle, is freely recognized as the characteristic art-form of modern civilization". And when rightly comprehended, it never fails to uplift, broaden, strengthen and sweeten human existence.

Miss Bland will have charge of and direct the High School Choral Club. This club will be open to all who desire to join it, and we hope to see Merkel High School have one of the best Choral Clubs in West Texas. Instruction will be given two days in the week at the High School Building. Tuition will be the same as for piano instruction.

On the night of September 10 at the Presbyterian church, Miss Bland will give a concert. Everybody has a cordial invitation to attend this concert. A full announcement and program will be published in next weeks paper.

Miss Bland is a Merkel girl, and needs no introduction to the people of Merkel. She is one of our most talented and winsome young ladies, and we are proud of her accomplishments; and we predict a great future for her.

Mr. Clark Learning, Dean of Music in Trinity University, of which Miss Bland is a graduate, says of her:

"Miss Ona Fae Bland is one of the most promising and gifted music students we have had in the conservatory at Trinity University since my coming here four years ago. She has worked very faithfully, and has a splendid grasp of the fundamentals of voice production and the methods of teaching. She has had an abundant of experience in the making of music of all kinds, as well as the theatrical training as to how it should be done."

We expect to see the love for real music grow in Merkel, and feel sure that Miss Bland will have a large number of students. If you are interested, be sure and see Miss Bland soon, before all her time is taken up. Let us put Merkel on the map as a town that loves real music.

### A FREAK TOMATO

Mr. B. M. Black brought to this office yesterday, a big, fine, red-ripe tomato, which on one side has grown in a shape that very much resembles that of a human face, while otherwise it is a perfectly good tomato.

The freak is on display at this office, and is quite interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson after a day of two visit and hand shaking among their many friends in and about Merkel, left Wednesday evening for Abilene, where they will spend another day or so with Mrs. Jackson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Houston, after which they will depart for their home in Fort Worth, where Mr. Jackson has for the past two years held a lucrative and important position with the Broadway Baptist church of that city. The best wishes of the entire citizenship of our city go with these good people.

### FORTY KILLED IN MERKEL

Forty killed in Merkel in one night. Rats are coming back. Get a Fox Terrier Pup a real rat dog. See Angus Garvin three miles east of Merkel on Merkel and Abilene pike. Choice \$5. 11

### OFFICERS FIND SMALL STILL NEAR TOWN

We understand that Sheriff John Bond, accompanied by W. H. Laney, City Marshal Jinks Winter and night watchman J. A. Woodard, drove out on a nearby farm on last Wednesday where they found a small still.

We understand the still was found around or near the home of some Mexicans, but as same was not complete, giving no evidences of being in use, the officers made no arrest at that time.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, leaves today for Gorman, where he goes at the invitation of the First Baptist church of that city to preach for them Sunday morning and evening.

## MERKEL FOLKS LAND BIG FISH

Messrs R. O. Anderson, S. D. Gamble, with their families, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. McFarland, and Mr. W. A. Sheppard, left last week for a fishing trip to the Concho River. And on Saturday afternoon Messrs. Bill Sheppard, W. L. Diltz Jr., and Booth Warren left here to join the party.

The entire party returned first of the week and report a fine, enjoyable trip, with plenty of fish. Yes, they were happy in the extreme. And while they did not get so many fish as others who have visited this popular fishing stream, but they do claim to have landed the biggest one; it tipped the scales big and stout at 46 pounds. It was a big, fat, yellow cat, and to use the language of our druggist friend Lige Gamble, "she was some fish".

And for fear that some one might doubt their "fish story" they brought along the head of the big cat as evidence, and it alone weighed eleven pounds.

### FORD SALES STILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE

Detroit, Aug. 30, 1923—July brought two new sales records to the Ford Motor Company. In addition to bringing retail deliveries of Ford Cars and Trucks into the mid-summer season with a new high record for the month, July also carried the sales figures for the year past the million mark.

Increasing popularity of the Ford is most strikingly illustrated in the figures just announced which show that from January first to August first of this year, sales of Cars and Trucks by the Ford Motor Company totaled 1,50,986 in the United States alone. And the rapidity of the increase in demand is further emphasized by the fact that sales for the seven months of the year, during which the million mark was passed, were 391,795 greater than for the same period last year when they totaled 659,190.

July sales mounted to 156, 908, an increase of 36,821 over the same month a year ago. For 16 consecutive months now, Ford sales have been well over 100,000 each month. Production, which, by the way is set at a higher schedule for August than for any month so far, apparently continues to be the only factor limiting sales of Ford Cars and Trucks.

Mrs. J. W. Brown returned last week from an extended visit with her daughter in Kansas.

Messrs. H. L. Propst and Ross Ferrier made a business trip to Sweetwater and Loraine Tuesday.

## 300 BALES ARE RECEIVED HERE

According to Mr. C. L. Tucker, local public weigher, there had been weighed in the cotton yard here up to ten o'clock Thursday morning of this week, 254 bales of cotton, while Mr. V. B. Simpson, in charge of the Farm Bureau platform, reported 43 bales up to the same time.

On this date last year there had been received at the cotton yard 300 bales exclusive of the amount received by the Farm Bureau, and which makes about the same amount received up to this date both this and last season.

Last year at this time the prediction for the cotton crop in this section run from 6,000 to ten thousand bales. A little over ten thousand bales were received. The estimates are now for this year's crop varying from ten to fifteen thousand.

The price last year at this time was from 21:85 to 21:95. This morning at ten o'clock the price runs from 23:15 to 23:25.

The highest price paid on the streets for seed this morning was \$41.00 per ton.

### LOCAL POLITICS SIMMERING

The prospects seem bright at this time that there will be some lively contests next year in the political arena of the country, nationally, state and even locally. That there are those who are making plans for early entry into the fight for local positions was observed Monday of this week, when Mr. H. R. Hicks, excellent local citizen announced to this paper and friends that at the usual time of making public announcements he would declare his candidacy for the office of County Commissioner, and on Wednesday following Mr. T. R. Lassiter, a former splendid Commissioner from the Merkel precinct, who was in the city with a bale of cotton, stated to the Editor of the Mail that he too, would be in the race for Commissioner, and would also make announcement of this at the proper time.

## A FELONY TO DRIVE CAR WHILE DRUNK KU KLUX SPEAKING AT TRENT MONDAY

The new state law passed at the last session of the Legislature, which makes it a felony to drive an automobile or any other vehicle on any public road or highway while in a state of intoxication, is now in effect, it was announced at the sheriff's office Tuesday morning.

The penalty for the violation of this law is made very severe. Two years in the penitentiary may be given the offender, or 90 days in the county jail or a fine of \$500 or both.

Enforcement of this law will be made by the county officers beginning Tuesday, it was stated—Abilene Reporter.

The many friends of Mr. Jas. H. West, who some two weeks ago underwent an operation at an Abilene Sanitarium, will be glad to learn that he improved sufficiently that he was able to be brought home on last Saturday. And we are glad to learn that he continues to improve.

We are indeed glad to learn that Mrs. A. Morton, who last week underwent a surgical operation at Abilene, had sufficiently improved first of the week to be brought home, where she continues to improve.

## A GOOD ROADS SPEAKING HERE

We are asked to announce to the general public that on next Saturday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, there will be a mass meeting of the property tax payers of Merkel and the Merkel country, for the purpose of discussing voting bonds in Taylor county to be used in making permanent roads throughout same.

We are informed that there will be a speaker here who will explain the proposition as it is expected it will be placed before them for voting.

We are informed that the State and Federal governments will put up \$2.00 for every \$1.00 Taylor county will put up on the improvements of the highways through the county; or in other words it seems that there is now available from the State and National Highway Departments the sum of \$656,000.00 and which those departments will spend provided Taylor county will vote bonds to the amount of \$328,000.

### IT WAS A FINE RAIN

A much needed and appreciated rain amounting to .94 of an inch, fell in this city on last Sunday and Sunday night, according to Mr. B. M. Black, who keeps a record of the rain fall here.

And while the precipitation is not as much as is indeed needed, it will be of much benefit to some crops and help to cool the intensive heat-wave that had been sweeping the country for the past two months.

Over at Abilene one day this week two men drew heavy fines for being drunk. One drew a fine of \$50.00 and \$8 costs while another was fined \$100 and \$8 costs. And besides the above, 7 men in "penny ante" poker game paid a fine each of \$18.

The Mail is in receipt of a communication announcing that on next Monday evening at the Tabernacle in Trent there will be a public speaking on the Ku Klux question, and that every one is cordially invited.

It is said that a very able and strong speaker will be present, and that those who hear him will hear and interesting address. It is expected that one of the largest crowds ever assembling in that city will be present to greet the speaker.

Postmaster G. E. Comegys, who with his grandsons, Messrs. Jack Anderson and Bill Comegys left this city about four weeks ago for a visit with friends and relatives in Missouri, the former's old home, returned Wednesday this week. They made the trip overland by auto, and report good luck and a most delightful visit among friends and the scenes of the P.M.'s boyhood home.

Our fellow townsman and splendid citizen, T. A. Beidleman received news from his farms in Stonewall county first of the week to the effect that fine rains had fallen there, which insure a fine crop of cotton.

### RURAL LETTER CARRIER MEET AT ANSON MONDAY

The Rural Letter Carriers Association for this district meet in convention Monday of next week at Anson, where a most interesting and elaborate program will be carried out.

Among those appearing on the program we notice the name of Mr. O. J. Adcock, carrier for route No. 5, out of Merkel, who will address the convention on the subject, "Things Nearest My Heart in the Service". Mr. Adcock is not only a very capable and competent servant in the service of Uncle Sam, but an able and fluent speaker, and those who hear him will be highly entertained as well as enlightened as to the work of a rural carrier.

## FOOT BALL BOYS TO MEET FRIDAY

Mr. I. L. Jackson, elected Principal of the Merkel schools, who will also teach Mathematics and have charge of Athletics in the High School, with his wife and baby moved over last week from Abilene, taking rooms at the home of Mrs. W. A. McSpadden. We also understand that Mrs. Jackson has been elected to a position in the school as teacher of the seventh grade. Both come to our city most highly recommended as excellent teachers and instructors in their respective positions.

Mr. Jackson requests the Mail to announce to the High School boys who expect to take part in athletics and especially foot ball to meet him at the school building this afternoon, (Friday) at six o'clock, at which time plans will be discussed regarding the athletics for the term. He asks that the boys bring all foot ball equipment they may have.

### B.Y.P.U. HAS CHARGE OF BAPTIST NIGHT SERVICE

1. Scripture Reading by Nell Tracy.
2. Special Music.
3. Song by Juniors.
4. Loyalty to Christ by Bill Haynes.
5. Quartet by Intermediates.
6. Playlet by Juniors.
7. Reading by Jessie Anderson.
8. Obedience by Valerie Dye.
9. Duet by Intermediates.
10. B.Y.P.U. Song by all unions.

Every one is invited to hear this program.

Mrs. W. A. McSpadden and boys returned last week from their extended visit with the mother of the former at Cisco, much to the delight of their many friends here. Mrs. McSpadden will again open her Kindergarten School in this city on Monday, September 10. Mrs. McSpadden is highly capable and most excellent teacher of Kindergarten work, and those who have children they wish to send to school, and who are too young to enter public school, will do well to patronize Mrs. McSpadden.

Mr. L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, returned Friday evening from accompanying the Abilene Trade Trippers on their four days trip. Mr. Thompson is enthusiastic in his praise of the fine business spirit of the people of Abilene and says that nothing can stop the growth of the city in which every man is a booster. He predicts that Abilene will more firmly establish itself as the educational center of West Texas and that it is destined to be a great industrial center. In his opinion, property in Abilene is a good investment.

## UNION REVIVAL A SPLENDID SUCCESS

Last Sunday evening's services brought to a close the Presbyterian and Methodist Union Revival, which had been going on for two weeks previous, and which without doubt brought a great spiritual uplift to the town and community, besides the some 12 or 15 who were converted and aligned themselves with some of the churches of the city.

That Dr. E. E. Hendrick, who came from St. Louis to conduct the meeting is really one of the greatest revivalists and gospel evangelists of the country, will be attested to by many, and the further fact that some of the largest crowds were present to hear him were evidences of his ability and great Christian character. Especially were there great throngs of people out to hear him at the evening hours.

That the members of the two church congregations sponsoring the meeting, as well as some of the other denominations and the public in general, appreciate his able and untiring efforts in behalf of the Christian religion, may be realized by the handsome free-will offering extended Dr. Hendrick at the close of the meeting, when they contributed to him more than \$650.00. The incidental expense of the meeting amounted to about \$230.00, which with the free-will offering brought the financial returns up to above \$850.00.

Dr. Hendrick left on the Sunshine Monday for his home in St. Louis, where he will rest for a few days before going to some point in Kansas where he will hold a meeting.

Mr. Hilbert Kratzer, Soloist and Choir Director, who assisted in the meeting, left Tuesday for his home in Dayton, Ohio. It was his first visit to Texas, and by his gentleman-like manners and Christian spirit made many friends in Merkel.

Miss Lynn Thompson, daughter of L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, will leave Monday evening for Glenns Ferry, Idaho where she has accepted a position as teacher of History and English in the High School at that place. Miss Thompson taught in the Merkel High School two years ago, gave excellent and universal satisfaction and was reelected for a second term but declined on account of ill health, but which she has now entirely overcome. She is a most excellent young lady, highly qualified and capable of rendering the best of service in the position to which she has been elected, and her host of friends here, while regretting very much that she is to leave Merkel, congratulate the school in Idaho that has secured her valuable services.

### Preaching at Butman

The Merkel Mail is authorized to announce that Rev. W. H. Hughes will preach at the Butman school house under the arbor there on next Sunday afternoon at four p.m., and will continue to preach there on each first Sunday thereafter.

The varied services of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank are at the service of the community. If you are in doubt about the policy and services of the Bank come in and talk it over.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL NOTICE

I will open my primary school on Monday, September 10, at my home. Your patronage solicited. Mrs. W. A. McSpadden. 11



## Deposit Your Cotton Checks in this Bank

During the fall months is a good time to build your next year's credit structure. Be sure, and patronize a bank that has always taken care of the Farmer.

Ask Our Customers

You insure your Home and your life, why not your deposit?

Only Guaranty Fund Bank in

Merkel

**THE FARMERS STATE BANK**

John Sears, President  
R. O. Anderson, Cashier



### FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD SUPPORTS CO-OPERATIVES

PLENTY OF MONEY AVAILABLE FOR EXECUTION GRADUAL MARKETING.

### NECESSARY SERVICE

Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association Conducting Membership Campaign in Interest of Co-operative Marketing Texas Cotton Crop.

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 23, 1923.—That the Federal Reserve Board at Washington heartily indorses gradual and orderly marketing of the cotton crop this fall and stands ready to lend every assistance which will further this end, was the opinion voiced by George R. James of the Federal Reserve Board who arrived in Dallas recently to observe conditions in this district.

"There is plenty of money available to member banks for the execution of a gradual marketing program," he said, "and the Federal Reserve Board is very much in sympathy with co-operative marketing associations. With efficient management they perform a very necessary service in aiding the grower to receive the full benefit of his labor."

The Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association is at present conducting a "More Money for Cotton" campaign in Texas, with a view of doubling their membership of last year in the co-operative marketing of the Texas cotton crop. The organization and operation of the Association is basic with the co-operative marketing program which is receiving the endorsement of banks, bankers, Federal Reserve Board and the Government. Last year the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association through its co-operative marketing program, paid their members \$25.80 per bale more profit than would have been possible through the usual street sales.

### CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING WILL STABILIZE PRICE

DECLARES SPINNERS OF ENGLAND IN ENDORSING CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING COTTON CROP.

### VISIT SOUTHERN STATES

Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association Receives Endorsement From English Visitors. Declare Movement for Farmers Advancement. Represent 120,000,000 Spindles.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 22.—Spinners of England and the world, through their representatives here today, declared that the cotton co-operative movement of the South will act as the greatest stabilizer of the price of cotton that the industry has ever seen, and that the movement for the farmers' advancement is cordially welcomed by the spinners throughout the world. Similar endorsements have been given by American Cotton manufacturers.

Arno L. Pearce, Manchester, England, general secretary, and Arthur Foster, of the Lancashire district, member of the International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers Association, representing 4,000 separate cotton mills and an overwhelming majority of the cotton manufacturing industry of the world outside the United States, made the announcement.

"The spinners of the world cordially welcome the co-operative marketing movement of Texas and southern farmers as they see in it, the means of achieving greater stability for the price of cotton."

The federation which is represented by the two Englishmen comprises in its membership of association, owners and operators of approximately 120,000,000 spindles of the total world, including the United States spindleage of 100,000,000.

### MORE MONEY FOR COTTON CAMPAIGN CLOSES SEPT. 1

TEXAS VICTORY WEEK AS LAST WEEK IN AUGUST TO BE DEVOTED TO SIGN-UP ACTIVITIES.

### 8,000 NEW TEXAS MEMBERS

Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association Last Year Paid Members \$25.00 More Profit Than Secured by Non-members Through Street Sales.

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 22.—September 1st closes the "More Money for Cotton" campaign which is being conducted in the cotton growing sections of the State under the direction of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association. It was announced here today by officials of the organization.

"More than 8,000 new members in Texas have joined the association since the campaign started," John T. Orr, president, announced. "We have formulated our plans, however, for the intense sign-up work to be done the last week, and with an increased membership of 8,000 already, we are hopeful of doubling last year's membership and baleage," he said.

"Last year we paid our members \$25.50 more per bale for their cotton, than non-members received through street sale process," Mr. Sloan Simpson, treasurer of the Association, said. "This was possible through the use of business principles in the handling of the crop; efficient gathering, grading, warehousing, and marketing as needed by consumers, instead of dumping it on the market at one time."

### TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS LOANED COTTON ASSN.

TEXAS FARM BUREAU COTTON ASSOCIATION EXTENDED TREMENDOUS LOAN FOR 1923 CROP.

### MORE AVAILABLE

Texas Co-operative Marketing of Cotton Receives Backing of Commercial and Financial World Through Large Loan. Association Expects to Handle 200,000 Bales This Year.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 22.—Twenty million dollars credit has been extended the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association by New York banking interests for use in financing the 1923 cotton crop through the co-operative method, according to recent advices from New York, and confirmed by Mr. Sloan Simpson, treasurer and trustee of the Association. Mr. Simpson recently returned from New York where he went for the purpose of arranging this loan.

"This initial credit will be supplemented with additional funds if needed," he said, "and in view of preliminary reports indicating that the Association will handle in excess of 200,000 bales of cotton this year, we will possibly need a total of from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000. The Texas banking institutions will have an opportunity to loan on this additional amount."

According to John T. Orr, president of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association, this tremendous line of credit extended the Association again this year "attests to the sound and substantial standing of the Association in the commercial and financial world, and the extent to which the business element respects the co-operative marketing of the Texas cotton crop as handled by our Association. I am sure this information will greatly interest our large membership and have a tendency to interest thousands of prospective members who will be approached to join the association during the "More Money for Cotton" campaign now being conducted."

## THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank



"Once a Customer--- Always a Customer"

This is the Ambition of our Bank.

We offer the safety and Services of this bank to

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in this Community.

We want YOUR Business

J. T. Warren, President L. R. Thompson, Cashier  
Booth Warren, Asst. Cashier Owen Ellis, Asst. Cashier

DIRECTORS

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

### A Mystery Tea Party

On September eighth, Saturday night before the second Sunday, the Nubia Leaguers are going to give a Mystery Tea Party at Mr. Bob McLean's, two miles south of Nubia, for the purpose of buying an instrument for the church. Everybody is invited. The whole menu will amount to forty cents. Every body come and bring your forty cents or more, and see what we will have at the Mystery Tea Party.

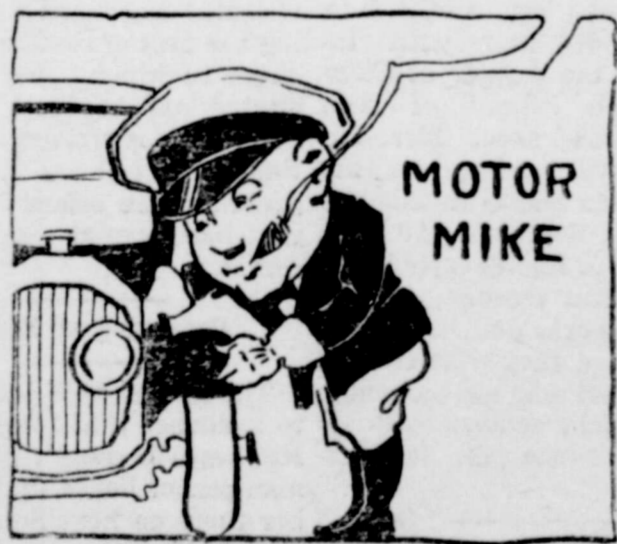
Wm. Winter a substantial citizen of Snyder, was here several days this week the guest of his brothers, Messrs. Sam and Joe Winter.

### That's what they all Say

Mrs. A to Mrs. B. "Do you know I thought I was ruined last week when my washing woman went to the cotton patch, but I had Ligon the Laundryman do my entire washing and ironing the Semi way and like it fine."

Mrs. B. to Mrs. A. "Yes, I am just fixing mine up now to phone him." Ligon the Laundryman, phone number 218 for service.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. W. D. Hutcherson who underwent an operation at Abilene first of the week for throat trouble is reported as getting along nicely at this time.



They never get too cold or hot To take a friendly hike, And pick you up and help you out If stuck down on the pike.

If your car has symptoms or knocks, don't put off but come down at once and see us. We can fix it and we will.

"You tell 'em Cushion Pad, you've been set up"

**McFarland Garage**

## REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS FIRE INSURANCE

There is just one day when it is wise to insure. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow may be too late. Today, the day Before you may suffer a loss by fire, or Theft, is the one wise day to cover yourself fully with insurance.

Today we can protect you from tomorrow's possible loss. Today is the only day you can be sure you are in time. Call on us today—be insured in time.

**W. O. BONEY**  
MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.



The many friends of Miss Ouida Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, will be glad to learn that she is now improving slowly from a severe attack from typhoid fever.

The Trinity University Male Quartet rendered a most interesting entertainment at the Presbyterian church in this city on last Monday evening.

Services at Noodle Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11 and Sunday night. Bro. Russell Pike of Merkel will preach.  
U. S. Bird.

Mrs. Arthur Hays of Houston is here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Talley and other relatives.

It is always better for the borrower and for the depositor to do business with a conservative bank. The Farmers and Merchants National Bank solicits your business on that basis and will have plenty of money to supply the needs of its customers.

**"COULD NOT EAT OR SLEEP"**

"I had stomach trouble so bad I couldn't eat or sleep. Tried everything without results and got worse instead of better. The only way I could rest was sitting up. The second night after taking FERRASAL, I had my first night's rest in two weeks. FERRASAL has done wonders for me and I keep it in the house all the time. I cannot say too much for this wonderful preparation."

Mrs. J. P. GUINN  
1029 Cameron Ave., Dallas, Tex.  
Ninety per cent of the health troubles are caused by excess acid. It causes indigestion, chronic bowel disorders, ulcers, bloating, constipation, kidney trouble, rheumatism and chronic catarrh. FERRASAL gets at the source of the trouble—the stomach—and neutralizes the excess acid, expelling it from the system. TAKE FERRASAL NOW. It will help you or your druggist will refund your money.



50c per box at Merkel Drug Co.

**THE HOME GUARDS**

LIVERGARD and LUNGARDIA  
LIERGARD is the New Laxative we can not improve; excels all others. When a Laxative is needed, makes laughing babies of puny ones, keeps old folks young.  
LUNGARDIA has no equal for Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat; unsurpassed in removing deep Coughs of long standing. One trial convinces.  
Lungardia Co., Dallas, Texas.  
For sale by MERKEL DRUG CO.

To cure constiveness the medicine must be more than a purgative; it must contain tonic, alterative and cathartic properties.

**Tutt's Pills**

possess these qualities, and speedily restore to the bowels their natural function.

**The Abilene National Farm Loan Association**

Will loan to the Farmer and Stockman 5 1/2 per cent money on 35 years time, to take up the debt on his land or buy land. This is your opportunity to own a home. If you are going to need a loan this fall, to take up a debt on your land or buy land, you should write for information NOW and not wait until fall.

**W. C. LASLEY**  
Secretary-Treasurer

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**THE MERKEL DRY GOODS CO.**

Our buyers have just returned from market, and while there they selected a full line of merchandise. These goods are arriving daily and regardless of the price and quality you want it is sure to be found in these shipments, as they endeavour to bring to your home town the same merchandise that you will find in the larger markets and cities.

Our Ready-to-Wear Department is complete with the best line of dresses and coats to be found any where. Among these are the "Welmade" dresses. A dress that is known for it's style, quality, and as the name implies for it's wonderful workmanship.



**"Gold Medal" Hats**

As usual our Milliner has shown discretion in the selection of her "Gold Medal" hats. These are composed of hats for all occasions, from the niftiest of sport hats to those for the best of dress wear.

**Piece Goods Department.** We have never had a better stock of piece goods; all of the best materials and colors in sport goods for dresses and skirts. We are sure you will want to see our skirting. Just the thing to be worn with the popular balkan and straight line sweaters, of which we have a complete selection in styles and colors.

In addition to canton, satin back, and flat crepes; which are shown in all colors we have the new materials such as Veldyne and Broadcloth Trico in Navy, Orange, Mauve and Tan.

The Hart Schaffner & Marx line of Men's clothing needs no other advertisement than to say we have the most complete stock of this line of clothing ever shown in Merkel.

In Ladies dress shoes we are showing the latest styles in Beige, Fawn, Otter, Cinnamon, Buck, and Sued. Also several different styles in Black Satin.

We could say a great deal about Florsheim shoes, but the shoes themselves can tell you more. Their good looks, long service and satisfying comfort, speak louder than words. This is the kind of shoe we sell.

**The Merkel Dry Goods Co.**

Evangelist W. G. Cypert will leave for Rotan Saturday where he goes to hold services for the Church of Christ Sunday.

Mrs. Rose returned Saturday from Big Spring where she had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jim Black.

Come to the Merkel Mail office or your Counter Charge pads.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred S. Rogers spent Tuesday in Abilene the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland.

"Take a peep" in our men's window this week and see these "Specials". Brown D. G. Co. It

Misses Annie and Josie Smith spent Wednesday in the Canyon visiting with relatives and friends.

**TWO WEEKS MADE BIG DIFFERENCE**

Mrs. Johnson Gives Stella Vitae Credit for Building her up From Weakness

"Two weeks made such a difference in my feeling after starting on Stella Vitae that I was actually surprised at my improvement," said Mrs. Essie Johnson, 813 Saulneir St., Houston, Texas.

"My kidneys troubled me something awful and I was terribly bilious. I suffered from pains around my stomach and my back hurt like it would kill me. Headaches were constant, and blind, dizzy spells would come on. Even my legs hurt so it was painful for me to try to walk and my nerves were all on edge.

In a couple of weeks after I started taking Stella Vitae, I noticed an improvement and in a little while I was feeling about as good as I could expect or want. This is the best tonic for ailing women I have taken and I gladly add my name to others who praise it."

Stella Vitae may be obtained from any druggist and the purchase price will be refunded if it fails to bring relief.

Mrs. Arthur Rose and two daughters, Ona Fae and Louise, and son Billie, and Roy Propst are visiting in Big Spring. They went by auto.

Superintendent R. A. Burgess and wife returned Wednesday from Lubbock, where they visited home folks and attended the Big Tech celebration.

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**FOR SALE**

FOR SALE—Cord Wood, \$2.75 a cord, three miles southwest of Merkel. J. M. Provine. 31t2pd

FOR SALE—20 head of cattle very good, \$250.00 cash. 1tp

**LOST**

LOST—Eastern Star Pin. Finder please return to Mrs. Will Smith. 1tp

**FOR RENT**

FOR RENT—154 acres land for rent. Wagon, horses, farm tools and bundle oats for sale. S. H. L. Swafford. 1t

FOR RENT—For light house-keeping, two rooms, unfurnished. See Mrs. S. F. Haynes. 1tp

J. R. Baze is sporting a new silver watch this week a present from his wife and children on his fifty-seventh birthday.

Charge Pads for sale at the Merkel Mail office. tf

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**A Wish**

"I HAVE TAKEN Cardui for run-down, worn-out condition, nervousness and sleeplessness, and I was weak too," says Mrs. Silvie Estes, of Jennings, Okla. "Cardui did me just lots of good—so much that I gave it to my daughter. She complained of a soreness in her sides and back. She took three bottles of Cardui and her condition was much better.

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The Woman's Tonic

**THE FARMER'S NEW POSITION**

By WALTER W. HEAD,

First Vice-President American Bankers Association



Walter W. Head makes it necessary for the farmer to understand and assist in solving these problems if he is to succeed. In this new role—as a business man—the farmer steadily has advanced to a better position.

There was a time when the farmer was dependent wholly upon private marketing agencies, whose interest was not always identical with his own, whose greed for profits sometimes out-matched consideration of the farmer's need. Today there are many great co-operative marketing organizations that handle a large part of the farmer's crop and win for him more liberal treatment from the private agencies which still handle the bulk of his production.

Today the farmer also has his own co-operative agencies of credit. If not satisfied with the terms upon which his local capitalist is willing to advance money upon a land mortgage, the farmer can go directly to the Federal Land Bank, which, by reason of tax-exemption and other advantages incidental to its governmental character, can loan money at a rock-bottom rate of interest.

In addition, the federal government has established another group of banks which permit the local bankers—by rediscount privileges—to extend the farmer credit for his current operations on a more favorable basis than ever before. If he thinks his local bank is not sufficiently responsive to his need, this same legislation enables him to join with other farmers in a co-operative marketing association and arrange for credit direct from the government banks.

**New Credit Facilities**

For years it has been the farmer's complaint—with considerable justification—that he, alone of all producers, has been forced to market his crop on the buyer's terms because of his inability to use his products, in storage, as a basis for credit. Today the agricultural credits act authorizes the acceptance of warehouse receipts, on non-perishable agricultural products, as collateral for loans, the same as in the case of sugar or other commodities of commerce.

These developments have relieved the farmer from what seemed to be persecution by short-sighted, tight-fisted, grasping grain dealers, landlords and bankers—for there were some bankers who were guilty of this very thing, who thought of the farmer principally as a weak and ignorant opponent in a game whose only stake was the collection of a high rate of interest. The farmer's suspicion of the banker arose because of misunderstanding, because he judged bankers as a class by the derelictions of a few. Today, with these sources of government-controlled credit available at his call, the farmer cannot charge or even suspect that the bankers are conspiring to do him harm.

As the real farmer has taken advantage of these opportunities, he has made himself a business man. Like other successful business men, he is equipped with credit to finance his operations, he is able to make use of labor-saving machinery, he is able to barter with buyers of his products as their equal.

**COMPULSORY THRIFT**

In Kansas a group of power and telephone companies is trying a compulsory thrift plan, which affects about 1,200 employees and applies to every member of the organization from the president to the humblest day laborer. The plan requires that each shall save and invest monthly at least 10 per cent of his income.

Every month each employee must make a report to the general office of how much he has saved, and in what he has invested it. The investment must be approved by a committee competent to advise. Government securities, savings bank accounts, building and loan stock, payment on a home, even payments on furniture are allowed. If debts have been incurred, these must be listed and payments may be arranged on them, but no more are to be assumed. The idea is to make the employee live within his means and also lay aside something in a definite form.

Reports for the first nine months show that about 13 per cent of the wages have been saved, no single employee falling below 10 per cent. This amounts to over \$100,000. Failure to report or to save brings dismissal, but in only two instances among the 1,200 employees was such action needed. Budget books are distributed and their use explained as a helpful method in establishing a working scale of living that will allow for thrift.



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**GOLAN NEWS**

We have had two good rains  
now, and every thing does not  
look so dry.

Our Baptist meeting that began the 11th day of August closed Sunday morning. We had a good meeting. There was one conversion, five reclaimed and five joined, three of whom were immersed Sunday at four p.m. The Baptist church called for their pastor, Rev. T. M. White, another year. He preaches this week at Boyds Chapel.

Rev. J. A. Wheeler, our Methodist pastor and Mr. Carter of Abilene came out to Golan last week getting scholars for the McMurry College, at Abilene. Wallace Hill, Bettye Byrom and Vera Lawlis signed up for their rooms. Wesley Davis and Wesley Northcutt are going down to Abilene this week to see Dr. Hunt about getting in school down there this year.

Mr. Val Byrom, wife and baby Chester Duncan, wife and children visited Mr. W. T. Duncan and daughter, Lettye, Sunday.

Chas. Dean, wife, four daughters and niece, Jonnie Ruth, and Jessie Jewel Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Byrom and daughters, Bettye and Gertrude were the guests of Mr. W. M. West and family Sunday.

Don Hudspeth, mother and sister to Hobert, Oklahoma, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hudspeth. William Fox and wife of Floydada are visiting W. R. Hudspeth also.

Pearl West and Mr. J. T. Garnes spent Saturday night with Frank West and wife.

Minnie Hill is going to school at Anson this winter. Think school starts there the 3rd. Jess Greene and family, W. C. Hill and family have been attending the Christian meeting at Newman the past week. There was an all-day service and dinner there Sunday until the rain and then every body got wet.

Mrs. Sam Jones and two little daughters who have been here the past two weeks the guests of J. E. Hendrix and family, left Friday for Colorado City to visit before returning to their home in Allen, Oklahoma.

Mr. Whitten Swafford and wife of Eugene, Oregon, came in first of the week for a visit with home folks and friends.

J. Ben Campbell and daughter Miss Mary Kathrine, were visitors in Abilene Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. L. B. Scott returned first of the week from her visit to relatives at Spurr, accompanied by her stepfather, Mr. A. A. McCrary, of Arlington, who spent a day or so with Mr. and Mrs. Scott before returning to his home.

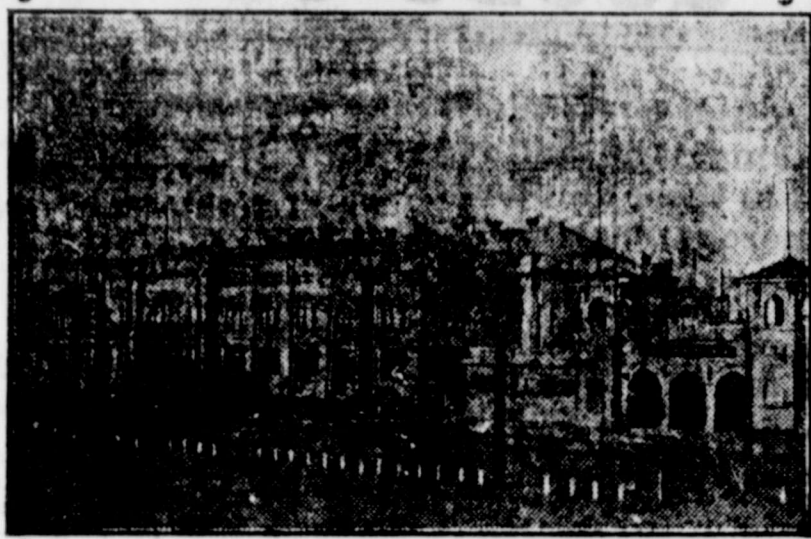
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buford returned last week from an extensive vacation trip to San Antonio Galveston and other South Texas points. They report a very fine trip.

See our 9 and 10 foot cotton sacks made of best duck to be had. Brown D. G. Co.

**SERVICE TRUCK**—Haul anything, anywhere, anytime. Clifford Rose.

James Brown who has been working in Dallas for some time is home for a visit.

**NEXT YEAR'S AGRICULTURAL BUILDING**



Coliseum Building to be given over to Texas Agricultural interests as exhibit hall for 1924 State Fair of Texas.

**NEXT YEAR TO SEE  
NEW AGRICULTURAL  
BUILDING AT FAIR**

Agricultural interests of Texas and particularly the numerous county exhibits which do so much to demonstrate Texas' agricultural wealth, will come into their own with the 1924 State Fair of Texas, with an agricultural building right at the entrance to the great Fair grounds.

Under an agreement between the City Park Board and State Fair officials, the present Coliseum will become the Agricultural Building for the 1924 State Fair.

Agricultural and county exhibits will be housed in the present agricultural building for the 1923 Fair, but it will be the last year that building will be so occupied.

It had been the earnest desire of Fair officials to make this change for the thirty-seventh State Fair, but the arrangement could not be made in time. Under the agreement with the Park Board, however, the new agricultural building will be ready in ample time for 1924. Of course numerous changes and alterations will be made, so as to properly adapt the structure to its new use.

**IN CHARGE OF LIVE  
STOCK AT STATE FAIR**



J. E. BOOG-SCOTT  
DR. A. E. FLOWERS

J. E. Boog-Scott, chairman of the State Live Stock Sanitary Commission, will again be general superintendent of the live stock department at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 13-28.

With him in the live stock department, Dr. A. E. Flowers, official veterinarian, will see to the well being of all entries in the department.

No two men in the Southwest are better qualified for their respective places, and the full success of the live stock show at the 1923 fair should be assured under their management. Dr. Flowers will also be active in the racing department, in connection with the revival of the State Fair race meet for the 1923 Exposition. There will be seven running races daily, Oct. 13 to Oct. 20 inclusive, with the exception of Sunday, Oct. 14.

**EDUCATION, NOT PROFIT,  
IS AIM OF STATE FAIR**

Education, not profits, is the aim of the State Fair of Texas—education of the people of Texas and the Southwest as to the possibilities of their section, and at the same time similar education to those outside the Southwestern territory, as to what it has to offer in advantages as a place in which to make their homes and investments.

More of this sort of education will be given at the 1923 State Fair of Texas—Dallas, Oct. 13-28—than ever before. Every industry, craft and science, will be represented. By a proper balance between art and industry, science and agriculture, the State Fair is made thoroughly representative of Southwestern life in general, a great summary of community achievement in all lines of endeavor.

His highness, the horse will come into his own at the State Fair of Texas this year, Oct. 13-28. There'll be seven days of running races, with a number of important events for which liberal purses will be offered.

**STATE FAIR RODEO TO  
DETAIL RANCH LIFE IN  
TEXAS PIONEER DAYS**

Recent Story by Eminent Author  
Might Have Been Scenario for  
State Fair Show.

The late Emerson Hough, author, just before his death, wrote a magnificent story which he called "North of '36."

It was a tale of old Texas—in the days of late sixties, and of the first cattle drive made up into Kansas and the railroad.

The rodeo to be given at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, during the second week of the Fair, Oct. 21 to Oct. 28 inclusive, is to give in detail, the manners and customs of those days—to re-live before the eyes of the spectators, the thrilling experiences of the round-up and ranch.

On each afternoon before the race track grand stand, the rodeo program will be carried out. There will be a whole corral of the wildest horses of the old ranges, and some of the best riders from the range country will take part. There will be roping and branding; cutting-out and rounding-up—all the interesting, skillful work of the range and corral that those hardy sons of Texas were called upon to do, when a ranch was an empire and the owner a king in his domain.

There are many native Texans, who have come into man's and woman's estate during the last two or three decades, to whom such an exhibition will be brand new. There are, too, thousands of loyal Texans by adoption, who will flock to the State Fair for this true-to-nature demonstration of the pioneer life of the Lone Star State.

**IMPLEMENT SHOW AT FAIR  
OF BROADEST INTEREST**

Weldon Martin, an eleven-year-old Collin county lad, broke sixty acres of ground this summer with a tractor, establishing a record that many a man might envy.

It may be that young Mr. Martin got his inspiration and suggestion as to what a boy may do with latter-day farm machinery, at the State Fair of Texas.

The implement and tractor show at the State Fair is always of the broadest interest, because Texas is an agricultural commonwealth, and thousands of farmers come to the Fair to see the latest in agricultural equipment. There will be no exception at the 1923 State Fair, Oct. 13-28, when the implement exhibit will be of a most comprehensive character.

**HUNT COUNTY DAY AT  
FAIR TO BE OCT. 18**

Hundreds of Hunt County citizens will attend the State Fair of Texas at Dallas on Thursday, Oct. 18, according to advices sent State Fair officials by the chambers of commerce of a number of hustling Hunt County towns.

Hunt County Day arrangements were begun by Secretary V. E. Conroy of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, and plans anticipate a general caravan and "trek" to the Fair by automobile, on the part of residents of the county which, it is declared, has "the blackest land and the whitest people" in the State.

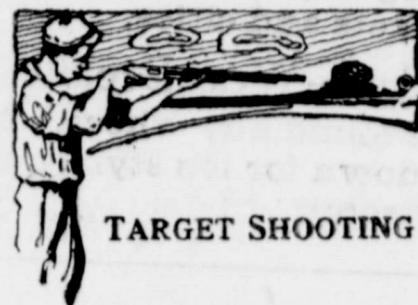
**CATTLE JUDGING BEGINS  
OCT. 15 AT STATE FAIR**

Cattle judging at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 13-28 this year, will begin on Monday, Oct. 15, when beef cattle, hogs and sheep will be passed upon by the judges. Judging continues daily through to Tuesday, Oct. 22, inclusive, with a grand parade of all prize winning animals before the interested crowds on Saturday, Oct. 27.

Judge Jerseys Oct. 18  
Jersey cattle will be judged at the State Fair of Texas at Dallas, on Thursday, Oct. 18. The Texas Jersey Cattle Club will hold a session at the State Fair on that date, with all officers and many members expected.

Fish from the Gulf of Mexico, as a part of a South Texas exhibit, seen alive in their native waters, are to be an interesting exhibit at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 13-28.

**Game Plentiful!**



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"Take a peep" in our men's window this week and see these "Specials". Brown D. G. Co. It

Mr. and Mrs. Haden Turner and little daughter of Silome Springs, Ark., are here for a weeks visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Turner, and other relatives and friends, north of Merkel and in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are former citizens of Merkel and have many friends here who are glad to see them again.

James Black, a former Merkel citizen, was here Sunday from Big Spring.

E. H. Jones of route one was in the city first of the week and in speaking about the rain of a few days ago, stated that he felt sure that his crops were considerably helped, especially ate cotton and feed, of which he has some of both.

Mrs. W. M. Gambill and children left last week for Kentucky where they will visit Mrs. Gambill's parents.

Miss Mary Katherine Campbell, who has been attending the teachers' Normal at Canyon returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Simpson announce the arrival of a son on August 24th.

Miss Ona Fae Bland, who played the piano for the Union Revival here the past two weeks, returned to her home in Abilene Tuesday.

Bring your cotton checks to the Farmers and Merchants National Bank for deposit. If

Messrs. E. D. Teuton and Lee Acuff were among those of this city who attended the Tech celebration at Lubbock Tuesday.

Jasper McCoy shipped two cars of cattle and A. B. Sheppard one car to Fort Worth Monday.

Miss Roberta Howell, of Anson, was a guest of Miss Julia Martin several days this and last week.

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### WHITE CHURCH

"There's good in each wind wafted seed that waits its natal hour." We have been taught this since childhood, yet some of us grumble about the weather. Perhaps though our rain this week will help the late cotton. Some say it rained enough to put water in their tanks and of course it is a great help to have plenty of stock water.

Quite a few are preparing to begin cotton picking before another week rolls around. While it will be some time before others will have any to pick. The only inconvenience to this, as we can see now, is that it might cause the opening of school to be later than we would like for it to be.

Miss Mae Patterson of Abilene has been employed as our principal this year, and Miss Lorena Frazier of Merkel her assistant. A nice collection of books have recently been added to the Library and again we urge the people of our community to fall in line. The school belongs to all of us. Don't leave it to the trustees and teachers to make it a success. We sincerely hope our trustees have selected teachers who are rural minded because it is very difficult for a city-bred man or woman to really assume the farm attitude no matter how hard they try. Select teachers having a love for farm life and our problem is half solved. However, the case may be this year, be they from city, farm or ranch, let us all help them make this term worth while.

Messrs Frank Demere, W. E. Malone, Olin Clinton are prospecting on the South Plains this week.

Mr. Luther Franks of Wichita Falls who had been visiting his sister, Mrs. Raymond Demere, is fast improving from an operation for appendicitis at Abilene.

The little three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Clinton who fell and seriously injured her hip a few weeks ago is able to walk again.

Rev. Frank Wilson preached his first sermon here Saturday night. There were services again Sunday a.m. and Sunday night. It has been announced that Bro. Wilson will be with us again the fourth Sunday in September. This will give us two churches during the month as Bro. Bird will fill his regular appointment on the third Sunday. Let's all go and encourage these two young men in their chosen life work.

The Mormon minister preached to quite an audience at Mr. Grimes' on the Costephens farm Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. The writer was not present and failed to learn

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### A Family Reunion

The home of Mr. J. R. Frazier was the scene of much joy and gladness Sunday, August 26, as all the children returned home to celebrate their mother's seventy-second birthday and to enjoy a family reunion.

They brought well filled baskets to spread a bountiful feast and many beautiful and useful presents. While it was mother's birthday, father was not forgotten, he receiving some presents also.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. X. Hodges and family of Clarendon, Mr. and Mrs. John Jones and family and Mrs. Minnie Strickland of Rochester, Mrs. Mary Colburn and family of Olden, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Teaff and family, Walter Frazier and family, W. H. Frazier and family all of Merkel, making a total of forty-four children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### Methodist Church

Now that our splendid revival is over, and we have each received many glorious spiritual blessings, let each and every member continue in prayer that the work of our blessed saviour may continue with the renewed vigor and spirit, in keeping with his commandments and wishes.

On next Sunday we trust that there will be one of the largest attendances upon both Sunday School and church services that we have ever had. Let both the old and young show their loyalty and devotion to their Lord by being present. For by loyalty, devotion and cooperation will our church grow and prosper as it should.

So, remember to come and let us make the services on next Sunday all that the Lord would ask. The pastor will preach at both the morning and evening hours.

### BARGAINS

Spectacles and Jewelry at a bargain. Watch repairing, satisfaction guaranteed. I have been in business thirty-eight years, and came to Merkel for my health, and I am permanently located here. I do most all kinds of repairing. R. A. Tarbutton. tf

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## The Woodrum Filling Station

### Presbyterian Church

who they were or where they were from.

Uncle Bill and Charlie Brown, being the first settlers in this community, use to know "where the west begins". They were as eager as school boys to get to the "Jubilee" last Tuesday to see the further development of West Texas. Others who went from here were Mrs. Charlie Brown, Mose Brown, Wm. Snow and Grady Snow. We have not heard of any of them coming in so we are supposing they are having a wonderful time.

### Baptist Announcements

Sunday School at 10 a.m. with places for all. Special Business Men's Class meeting at the Gem Theatre at 9:45.

In the absence of the pastor, Judge Cummings will address the congregation at the morning hour and the young people of the various B.Y.P.U.s will have charge of the evening service.

Let's make Sunday a good day with full attendance at all services. Last Sunday showed a marked advance in our attendance with good interest. The chart Sunday will show Merkel forging to the front with both other schools falling back. Let's keep our line headed toward the upper corner. Let each one seek to be on hand and enlist another. If each one does his part we will have 350 Sunday.

Let all the Sunday School stay for the address by Judge Cummings Sunday morning, stay even if you have been in the habit of leaving on other Sundays. He will have a message that you will enjoy and one that will help you and every member of the church.

Let every body be on hand Sunday evening to hear our young people in the special service for everybody.

Regular church conference on Wednesday evening.

A cordial invitation is extended to all and a warm welcome will greet all who come. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

### Church of Christ

Regular services Sunday morning. Prayermeeting Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. Ladies Bible Study Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock.

You are invited to attend any and all these services. Strangers and visitors to the city will be given a hearty welcome. Come and worship with us.

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## WHO INFLATED THE CURRENCY?

George E. Roberts Gives Common Sense Explanation for Currency Increase and Decrease.

### GOVERNMENT TOOK NO PART

Due to Changes in Supply, Demand and Prices of Commodities Caused by War—Federal Reserve Not to Blame.

The mistaken notion that the currency is inflated and deflated by the government in the United States from motives beyond the understanding of average people is effectually set at rest by George E. Roberts, noted banker and exponent of sound money, in an article in the Journal of the American Bankers Association.

"There has been inflation by the governments of Germany and other European countries, which have issued money for the purpose of paying their expenses," Mr. Roberts says. "The United States Government has done nothing of this kind since the Civil War.

"There is a genuine need for elasticity in the volume of currency, and for machinery to adjust it to the legitimate needs of the country. The means provided are the Federal Reserve Banks, authorized to issue currency to their member banks, either in payment of deposits or for loans.

**Side-Tracked Like Freight Cars**  
"More currency is needed in September, October, November and December than in January and February. As business slackens, currency naturally retires from circulation. Money accumulates in the member banks and they send it in to the Reserve banks, which in effect retires it, as freight cars are retired when traffic falls off.

"What caused the great inflation of credit and currency? It was due primarily to the war, which made extraordinary demands upon the industries and caused a great rise of wages and prices. It was inevitable that more credit and money would be called for to carry on business.

"The boom year of business that followed the armistice was likewise abnormal. The end of the war released a great many demands that had been held in check. The foreign demands upon us at first increased. There was a temporary stimulus, but the volume of business was abnormal and could not be sustained. Agricultural production in Europe revived, the prices of agricultural products moved back toward normal, importations from the United States fell off, prices declined, "deflation" began.

"Some say 'inflation should not be permitted,' but if war occurs inflation is unavoidable. Recruiting armies makes a labor scarcity. Contractors bid above going wages to attract men. The war industries did the same and the peace industries raised wages to hold their men. Governments of Europe sent representatives to this country to buy food and they bid up prices on the grain exchanges. Higher levels of wages and prices meant that more credit and money was required to handle business.

**More Business, More Money**  
"The increased issues of currency was a result of allowing business to go ahead, upon the rising level of wages and prices. When a factory pay-roll doubled, twice as much currency had to be furnished for it. When cotton rose from 10 cents a pound to 30 and 40, more currency was required to handle the crop, and so all around the circle.

"Deflation did not come by an act of the government or the Federal Reserve authorities in suddenly withdrawing money from circulation. Deflation came naturally when business fell off and prices declined. Just as an increasing volume of business at higher prices called more currency into use, so a decreasing volume of business at lower prices released currency from use and caused it to return to the Reserve banks.

"There has been absolutely nothing new or strange in these price movements related to the war. Inflation and deflation have been just as always when wars have occurred. The only new factor has been the population. That is always being renewed, and most people do not learn by the experience of others. When hard times come it is always the thing to lay the blame on somebody, and this time the Federal Reserve System has taken most of it."

### AMERICAN SAVINGS INCREASE

New York.—Continued increase in the savings of the American people is indicated by the latest national compilation just completed by the Savings Bank Division of the American Bankers Association. Savings deposits in banks and trust companies of the United States were reported at \$17,300,000,000, June 30, 1922, the last available nation-wide figures, as compared with \$16,620,000,000, June 30, 1921. This is an increase of \$680,000,000 or 4.1 per cent.

The number of savings depositors, as indicated by the number of accounts, shows an increase of 4.9 per cent, with the states reporting for the first time in 1922 excluded. The third annual report of the Savings Bank Division on school savings banking also shows increased American thrift, 1, 571,500 pupils having savings accounts during the school year of 1921-1922 as against 567,500.



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Have on display five hundred new patterns in gingham and shirtings for the school girl and school boy. This seasons red seal gingham are prettier and the price not changed, the yd. 25c.

If you haven't been up stairs you've missed something. The hats, dresses and coats are beautiful and "they say" so very reasonably priced.

In our Ladies' shoe department you'll find the best style in the different widths and lasts priced for quick "turn over" to keep new shoes always coming.

If you are not a customer of our store, come in and let's get acquainted. Meet your friends, our regular customers here and ask them about the service and satisfaction we always try to give.

## The Woodroof-Bragg Company

THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Smith have moved to California and Will Cox is now occupying the premises vacated by Mr. Smith.

Mrs. Caudle and daughter, Gladys, of Mangum, Oklahoma, who have been spending some time on a visit to Marfa, Texas, stopped over here for a few days visit with Mrs. W. L. Harkrider this week.

### Wash Day Problems

We can actually save you money, worry and backache. We have three services to sell. Flat work, Semi Finish, or Rough Dry. Let us explain them all. Ligon the Laundryman, phone 218.

Dr. N. J. Smith and little daughter, of Hamlin, were here Wednesday.

See our 9 and 10 foot cotton sacks made of best duck to be had. Brown D. G. Co.

Jack Durham accompanied by his sisters, Misses Blanche, Dorris and Tommie, returned Wednesday evening from a visit to relatives at Crosbyton, and while away took occasion to attend the big Tech Jubilee at Lubbock on Tuesday.

A Banking connection next year may be very valuable to you. The Farmers & Merchants National Bank will have plenty of funds to take care of all conservative business.

J. M. Booth and family of Snyder, were here last week guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Toombs, Mr. Booth being a brother to Mrs. Toombs.

## NEW GOODS EVERY DAY

For 10 days new Goods from the Mills and Wholesales have kept us busy.

Quality and Style Stamp the Merchandise we have for you and the **PRICE VERY MODEST**

You are most cordially invited to make an early Inspection of our lines.

**WILL BE A PLEASURE TO SHOW YOU.**

## The Brown D. G. Company

### TO THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF TAYLOR CO.:

I interviewed the State Highway Commission at Austin Monday and learned the Highway Department's attitude toward furnishing State and Federal aid for Taylor county. If Taylor county will build a first class pavement through the county, north and south and east and west, the State and Federal Governments will jointly furnish \$2.00, if Taylor County will furnish \$1.00. The funds that are available for Taylor county at this time from the department is \$656,000.00. In order to get the Highway Department to spend that amount of money in Taylor County, it will be necessary for the county to raise 328,000.00. The Bankhead Highway is almost completed from Texarkana to El Paso. It is undoubtedly the most important highway in the south. Our neighbor Callahan County on the east has ordered an election, which if carried, will insure a connection on the east. As you know, a part of Highway No. 1 and a part of Highway No. 30 in our County is in bad condition. If the Callahan County road is built it would be highly desirable to connect with Callahan County's road, a pavement of first class construction, which would give us a connection to the east. In view of the fact that the maximum amount allotted to any one county is 800,000.00, and Taylor County has already received 144,000.00, this leaves a balance of 656,000.00 that is available from the Highway Department for Taylor county. In view of this condition and that no additional State or Federal aid can now be obtained for any part of Taylor County if this proposition is accepted, it seems nothing but fair to all of the county that the project be made an entire county affair, and the money spent throughout the entire county on its highways. In other words, it would hardly be fair for Precincts Numbers one and two to vote bonds and match this fund and order it all on Highway no. 1 and thereby cut off any other aid for the balance of the county until all of the county has had an opportunity to either accept or reject the proposition. The Highway Department also states that when the construction is completed that the State and Federal Governments would forever maintain these roads. Mr. Riney the county Engineer advises that it will now take \$20,000.00 per year to maintain our north and south and east and west highways on the present traffic but as the traffic increases our maintenance cost will increase, whereas if we build these roads our interest and sinking fund will decrease as the bonds are retired. This burden of maintenance will be entirely off of us if we accept this proposition. The interest and sinking fund on this issue would cost us \$22,960 the first year and would be reduced each year as we retired the bonds, thus resulting in securing the roads with practically no cost to Taylor County. In other words, Taylor County is simply lending it's credit to build the roads and will be able to retire the bonds and pay the interest out of the funds that we would be forced to spend for maintenance if the roads are not built. This proposition seems too good to be true, but such are the facts and such is our opportunity. Just how long this proposition will be open I don't know, but in view of the fact that it is available now, it seems to me that it is a golden opportunity to secure for this county a system of roads that will be a permanent benefactor to the people at a very small cost.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dallas Scarbrough.

If you have some old clothes that you are at a loss as to what to do with, let us send them away to be dyed. We represent the largest dyeing plant in the south. And where, if it can be dyed at all, it will be dyed right. Mrs. C. L. Cash.