

## COMMUNITY FAIR SEPTEMBER 22ND

Arrangements and plans are being made for a big Community Fair and Trades Day in Merkel on Saturday, September 22, a day when the farmers will bring in for exhibition their best farm products, such as cotton, kaffir corn, maize, fetritta, Indian corn, garden stuff, fine poultry and dairy products. Yes, and the ladies are not to be left out for there will be prizes offered for the best of all kinds of fancy work, the best canned fruits and vegetables, the best cakes and pies etc.

A partial canvas of the business men for premiums to be offered has been made and we are glad to say that all who have been visited have responded enthusiastically and liberally. And right here we might urge all those who have not been called upon or those who have not already turned in their premium offer to do so at once, so that same may be announced along with the long list already turned in for publication.

A big double page advertisement with the premium list published in the middle will appear in this paper next week. Watch for it folks, and look over the list of premiums and bring in something and enter the contest. Bring anything, some good maize, or other feed stuff, a fine pig, calf, pen of chickens, some fancy work, or anything you have that will be interesting to your friends and the public.

The business men of Merkel will have their big stocks of fall and winter goods complete and they are going to offer the public some real bargains in their respective lines. Let every man, woman and child in the country make arrangements to come to Merkel on September 22.

A complete announcement of the above Community Fair and Trade Day will be published in next week's Merkel Mail.

## COZY TO OPERATE MORE SHOWS SOON

Manager Groene of the Cozy Theatre informs us that he has arranged to open the Cozy on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights, with a matinee on Saturday afternoons. We learn that Mr. Groene has booked quite a number of the more pretentious screen productions, such as "The Christian", "Gimme", "The Penalty", "Remembrance" and other productions that have proven to be big hits wherever shown. The first special will be next Tuesday when "The Penalty" will be presented.

## FALL SESSION OF MUSICAL LEAGUE

From Mr. W. W. Wood, formerly a prominent and well known grocery merchant of Merkel, but now engaged in that business in Abilene, and who is also president of the Taylor County Musical League, we learn that the organization will hold its fall session with the Salt Branch people on next Saturday night and Sunday, September 8 and 9.

It is announced that a very fine and interesting program is being planned and that a large crowd is expected from over the county. It is said that dinner will be served on the grounds. Every one is invited.

## MERKEL SCHOOLS TO OPEN MONDAY

The Merkel Public Schools will open next Monday morning at nine o'clock. Grades from one to six inclusive will assemble in their various rooms at the main building; the seventh grade will assemble at the "Annex" or what was formerly the South Side Christian church; grades eight, nine, ten and eleven will assemble in the High School Auditorium. All pupils will bring both a book-card and a report card. New pupils were classified on Thursday and Friday; books were also turned in on those days. Pupils not having already attended to these two matters will have to wait until Tuesday at one o'clock before any books can be issued to them.

It is hoped that in spite of the busy times all pupils so far as possible will enter on the opening day. This is especially true of those in the first grade. Just a few weeks getting behind the rest may mean the loss of an entire year for the beginner. Even pupils above the first grade should start not later than the end of the first month. Unless the pupil is an extra strong student, it may be necessary to put him back to the next lower grade if he does not start during the first month even if he was promoted the previous year.

Your continued cooperation is wished for by every member of the faculty and the school board. With it, Merkel will have one of the best schools she has ever had. Without it, your child will not do his school work well, and the entire school will suffer. If you do not cooperate it will be your child and your school that suffer. Let's make it the best year yet. Respectfully,

Roger A. Burgess, Superintendent Merkel Schools.

## THOS. THORNTON DIES SUDDENLY

Mr. Arthur Thornton of this city received the sad news Tuesday night of the death of his cousin, Thos. Thornton, of San Diego, California, which took place there Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Deceased was reared in and near Merkel, was well known here and at Abilene, having been for several years an employe of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of that city. He was a son of J. H. Thornton of that city and has a brother, C. C. Thornton, who also resides in San Diego, California, a sister, Mrs. Roy Savage, of Abilene, another sister, Mrs. A. L. Hogue, of Sweetwater, and a third sister, Mrs. C. M. Ellis, of Fort Worth.

The deceased had been in ill health for the past two years, with his condition more critical for the last two months until the end came last Tuesday.

We join many friends in extending deepest sympathy.

## 1340 BALES OF COTTON RECEIVED TO DATE

We are informed that there has been received at the cotton yard and by the Farm Bureau a total of 1,340 bales of cotton. This is likely a little ahead of the number received up to this time last year, and with the price of 25:50, the best paid in Merkel today, together with seed bringing \$45.00 per ton, we see no reason for anything but happiness and prosperity in and about Merkel.

## TWO MORE IN RACE FOR COMMISSIONER

That the race for County Commissioner in the Merkel precinct promises to be lively and quite a number of "hats in the ring" may be evidenced by the fact that Mr. Phillip A. Diltz, an excellent and well known farmer residing near Merkel, states that at the proper time he, too, will make announcement for the position.

Just before going to press, Mr. Charlie Stevens, well known citizen of Merkel, dropped in at this office and said, "You can tell 'em that I expect to make the race for County Commissioner of this precinct, and will make announcement of same at the proper time."

## PREACHING AT HOPE

We are authorized to announce that O. J. Adcock will preach at Hope Sunday morning and a cordial invitation will be given all. Come and worship with and bring some one with you.

Little Miss Annie Laurie Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard, of Colorado, spent several days here this week with friends and relatives.

## MISS BLAND IS TO GIVE CONCERT

On next Monday evening, at the Presbyterian church, Miss Ona Fae Bland, teacher of Voice at the Merkel High School for the ensuing term, will appear in concert, assisted by Miss Lillian Morrison, Pianiste-Accompanist.

Miss Bland, who is a graduate in voice from Trinity University, has had the best of training in voice, having studied under some of the most widely known and renowned teachers in the nation, and she has also enjoyed wide experience, having served as soloist for some time at the Central Presbyterian Church of Waxahachie and taken the leading soprano part in a number of concerts given by the Conservatory of Music of the above school on different occasions.

Miss Bland has a beautiful dramatic soprano voice and



MISS ONA FAE BLAND, TEACHER OF VOICE

## ONLY FEW UNDERS TO BE ADMITTED

Due to the crowded condition in the Primary department, the Merkel School can admit only unders that are six years old before September 1st, 1923, and who are already able to do either high first grade or second grade work. To be able to do this, the child must have been regularly promoted to either high first or second grade. Any child born after September 1, 1916 will be an under for the entire school year of 1923-24. Tuition for unders is \$3.00 per school month. The above unders should enter school during the first month of school. Unders not admitted to the Public School may find instruction at the Private Primary school at the home of Mrs. W. A. McSpadden. Very truly, Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

Mr. T. J. Toombs recently returned from a visit to his many farms throughout this vicinity and we are glad to state that he found the crops seemingly to be much better than he had formerly expected them to be. He feels that there will be as much or possibly more cotton made in the Merkel country this year than last.

every one who avails themselves of the opportunity of hearing her on next Monday evening, September 10, at the Presbyterian church will be highly entertained as well as learn first-hand the real worth and ability of Miss Bland an instructor in voice.

We would also impress upon all the fact that there will be no admission charge made for any one, but that all are welcome and urged to be present.

Miss Bland will be assisted upon this occasion by Miss Lillian Morrison, of Abilene, who is to head the department of piano at Mc Murry College this year.

## Program

1. O. Lord, Be Merciful. . . Bartlet
2. a. Alba . . . . . Nevin  
b. Goudolier
- c. Buona Notle
3. G. Minor Rhapsody . . Brahms
4. a. Two Roses . . . . . Gilbert  
b. To You. . . . . Speaks  
c. Star Eyes . . . . . Speaks
5. A Spirit Flower . . . Campbell  
Tipton.

## SCHOOL DAY AT THE WEST TEXAS FAIR

Abilene, Texas, Sept 6.—Public school students of West Texas will have one day all their own at the West Texas Fair this year, and that day, according to advance indications, is going to be one of the banner days of the fair.

Tuesday, September 25, has been designated as School Day, and an invitation has been broadcasted to throughout the state for all public school children to be the guests of the Fair, free of charge, on that day.

The day's program will begin at 9 o'clock in the morning when children of all local and visiting schools will assemble at the Court House lawn where they will form for a gigantic parade. Several bands will be on hand to participate in this parade and many schools and classes will carry banners indicating the units to which they belong.

At some point along the route of march, ticket men will be stationed and a free ticket to the West Texas Fair will be presented to each boy and girl in the parade.

In addition to the regular program of amusements and exhibits at the Fair, School Day will be featured by the first football clash of the season for the Texas State Championship. Abilene High and Stamford will be the opposing teams. The grandstand program for the afternoon will include the big hippodrome show and wild animal circus, the Aerial Circus, dog and rabbit races and military exhibitions.

## FACULTY, MERKEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Merkel Public Schools will open on Monday morning, September 10, at nine o'clock. The following comprise the faculty for the coming year:

First Primary, Mrs. Effie Johnson of Merkel. High First, Miss Bessie Louise Yates of McMauley. Second Grade, Miss Alzada Pogue of Merkel. Second grade, Miss Eleanor Harrison of Abilene. Third Grade, Miss Minnie Coats of Merkel. Third grade, Miss Julia Martin of Merkel. Fourth grade, Miss Julia Ann Scott of Abilene. Fourth Grade, Miss Lora Joiner of Tye. Fifth Grade, Miss Mamie Ellis of Merkel. Fifth Grade, Miss Miriam Compere of Abilene. Sixth grade Miss Bonnie Carey Duke of Eldale. Sixth Grade, Miss Hattie Conaway of Colorado, Texas. Seventh Grade, Mrs. Len Sublett of Merkel. Seventh Grade, Mrs. I. L. Jackson of Merkel.

## High School Faculty

Mr. I. L. Jackson of Abilene, Principal and Mathematics. Miss Marie Williamson of Austin, Science. Miss Martha Bird of Merkel, English. Miss Madge Pierce of Alvin, History. Miss Susie Bell Weedon of Brownwood, Spanish. Miss Roberta Gay of Big Spring, Music. Miss Lucy Tracy of Merkel, Expression. Miss Ona Fae Bland of Merkel, Voice. Roger A. Burgess, Superintendent.

Miss Lucile Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Russell, has accepted a position with the City National Bank of Sweetwater, and has entered upon her duties there. Miss Russell is one of Merkel's finest and most capable young ladies and the Mail predicts that she will make good in her new position.

Matinee at The Cozy Saturday

## REV. IRA L. PARRACK CALLED TO GORMAN

As per announcement in this paper last week, Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel, in response to an invitation from the Membership of the First Baptist church at Gorman, Texas, went down to that city and delivered two of his able and soul-stirring sermons on last Sunday, and immediately afterward the church there voted unanimously to call him as the pastor of same.

And while he had not at this writing, (Thursday morning) thoroughly made up his mind to accept the call to the church at Gorman, Rev. Parrack informed the writer that he was thinking seriously and favorably of accepting same. Should Bro. Parrack decide to accept the call to leave Merkel, we feel sure that his action would not only be deeply regretted by the entire membership of his splendid congregation here, but the entire citizenship of the town and community about. For truly he is an able, earnest, honest minister of the gospel. And that he has done a great and wonderful good in Merkel will be attested to by every one.

Should he decide to go to the Gorman church it will have as its pastor one of the most capable, efficient and hard working pastors that ever entered the door of any church. A pastor who first of all is a Christian, as well as an untiring and enthusiastic worker for the cause of his Lord and Maker.

However, this writer, who for nearly four years has resided as near-neighbor to this good pastor and his excellent family, join the entire town in the hopes that Rev. Parrack will yet decide to remain in Merkel.

## ABILENE MEN TALK ABOUT GOOD ROADS

As per announcement in these columns last week that there would be a good roads meeting in Merkel on last Saturday afternoon, Messrs. Dallas Scarborough, J. M. Wagstaff and Grady Kinsolving, Secretary of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, came over and delivered able and interesting addresses in behalf of the proposed plans for a bond issue throughout Taylor County for the issuance of \$350,000.00 with which to meet the state and Federal governments in their offer to spend with the above amount the sum of \$650,000.00. Or, in other words, the State and Federal governments have agreed to spend on the main highways \$2.00 for every \$1.00 that the county will spend on improving the highways of the county.

And, from the favorable expressions made by many of the substantial citizens and heaviest tax payers, it seems that the people of the Merkel country will vote almost solidly for the proposition, and which in the writer's opinion is the best thing to be done.

Infact, we do not see any argument against the proposition, while there are numerous good reasons for voting for the proposition.

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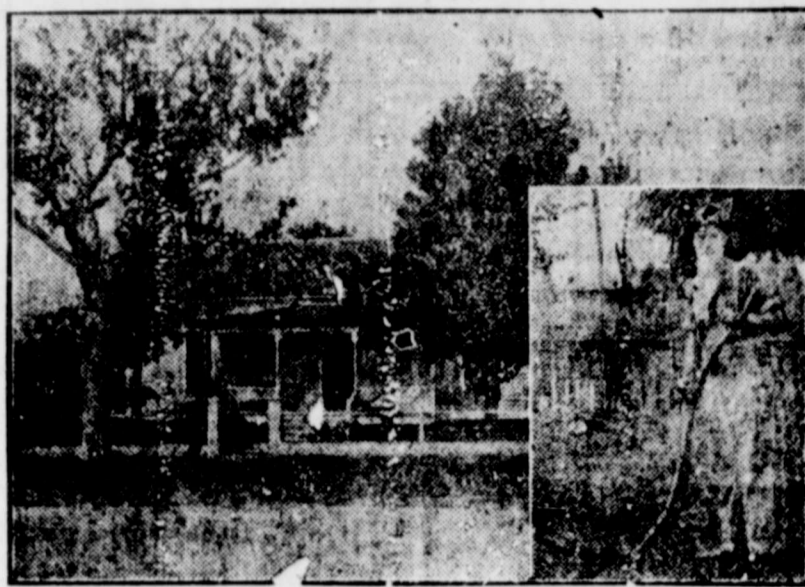
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## A STATE FAIR PRIZE WINNER



Home of J. J. Middleton, Smithville, Tex., with Mr. Middleton himself, shown in the insert. The big tree at the right of the picture is a Japanese persimmon, fruit from which won first prize at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, in 1922. The insert shows Mr. Middleton at work in his alfalfa patch, which he cuts four times a year, despite his seventy-five years.

### TELLS FAIR OFFICIALS HORSE RACING AIDS IN NATION'S DEFENSE

Interesting Comment in Connection With State Fair Race Meet at Dallas, Oct. 13-28

That horse racing contributes to the nation's defense, is a statement contained in a letter making some interesting comment on the State Fair of Texas race meet, at Dallas, Oct. 13-28 next, and written by R. H. Williams, Jr., president of the American Re-Mount Association.

Mr. Williams' letter was addressed to directors of the State Fair, and states the writer's interest at learning racing was to be revived in Texas.

"Racing has made the thoroughbred horse, and is essential to perpetuation and improvement of the breeds," Mr. Williams declares. "Properly conducted, so that breeders derive a pecuniary benefit and are given encouragement, racing has an important bearing on the national defense in that it establishes and maintains the best possible strain of blood for siring horses of a type suitable for general utility and for use of the army."

It is pointed out that just as many horses were required during the world war as in the war of the sixties, despite the latter-day use of motor power, and that there was a distinct scarcity of horses for use by the American forces in France.

"The American Remount Association," the letter says, "comprises the larger portion of horse breeders and fanciers of the nation, and is thoroughly in favor of racing when properly legalized and conducted. Riding horses in war are as essential as ever, and in order that the nation, should the emergency arise, may not again be confronted with a scarcity of proper mounts, this association, with other interested associations, has given and is giving all possible aid to the breeding of thoroughbred horses."

Mr. Williams' letter also contains a quotation from a letter written by Secretary of War Weeks, in which the cabinet officer points out that France went so far as to keep up its racing behind closed gates, during the world war, so that its thoroughbred stock would not depreciate.

There will be seven days of running races, six races a day, at the State Fair this year, Oct. 13 to Oct. 20 inclusive, with the exception of Sunday, Oct. 14.

### SMITHVILLE MAN GETS PUBLICITY FOR FAIR IN FOREIGN PAPER

J. J. Middleton of Smithville, Texas, is a native-born Scotchman, and incidentally a prize winner at the State Fair of Texas. In 1922 Mr. Middleton won first prize at the Fair with some Japanese persimmons grown on his home place.

An account of the Smithville man's effort was sent by G. F. Bastian of the Smithville Times, to The Southern Reporter, published in Selkirk, Scotland, and the Scotch paper carried the full story, with generous mention of the big Texas Exposition. Mr. Middleton lived in Selkirk as a boy, but has for many years been a full-fledged Texas citizen.

### TEXAS MAYORS WILL ATTEND STATE FAIR MUNICIPALITIES DAY

Chief Executive of Orange, Texas, Head of League, Much Interested and Expects Big Attendance in October

Chief executives of many Texas cities, together with other officials of live Texas towns, are expected to attend the State Fair of Texas at Dallas next October, in large numbers.

They will be in Dallas on League of Municipalities Day, to be designated later. At the 1922 State Fair, League Day was Thursday, Oct. 12, the seventh day of the Fair, and the date for 1923, it is expected, will be approximately the same—that is probably the latter part of the first week or the first part of second week of the 1923 Fair—Oct. 13-23.

Mayor W. E. Lea of Orange, Texas, is president of the League for 1923, and has already been in correspondence with Former President A. E. Cockrell, mayor of Ft. Worth; Mayor L. Blaylock of Dallas, and Secretary W. H. Stratton of the Fair Association.

Mr. Lea has expressed the hope and belief that there will be a big attendance this year, and has set the machinery in motion so that fullest publicity will go out from headquarters at Austin, as soon as the date for League of Municipalities Day has been set.

At the 1922 State Fair, "League Day" was also observed as a special day by many other interests and organizations whose causes and effort lay along similar lines as those of the League. On the following day County Judges and Commissioners gathered at the Fair, and it is likely they will come this year along with the city officials.

### KNOWING ONES PREDICT BIG FAIR ATTENDANCE

Veteran concession men and exhibitors—the ones who by training and observation are best qualified to predict—are confident there will be record crowds at the State Fair of Texas, at Dallas, Oct. 13-28 this year.

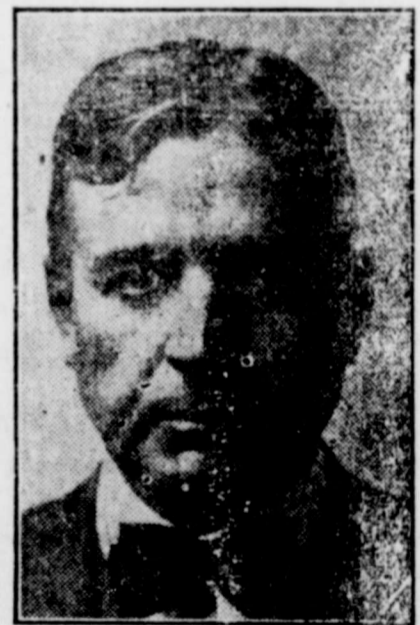
Booking space for exhibits and concessions earlier in advance than for any previous State Fair, these men express the belief that the revival of racing at Dallas, together with the excellent crop outlook all over the southwest, will combine as an attraction and condition, that will send more than a million people to the big annual State Exposition this year.

"We are hearing more talk about the 1923 State Fair, all over the Southwest, than ever before," said one well known and successful concession man and exhibitor. "The State Fair of Texas enjoys an enviable reputation as a 'clean' fair, and every early indication is for a record attendance this year."

In addition to the race program for the first week of the Fair, the Rodeo for the full eight days following, and the horse show on two nights of the second week, are proving attractions of interest to people all over the territory.

Of Interest to Pioneers There is the greatest interest to pioneers at the State Fair of Texas, in the lessons of accomplishment in the latter days of the Fair teaches. In these latter days, the developments of even ten or twenty years are frequently marvelous, and all such developments are shown at the State Fair.

### COMING TO THE FAIR ON HOLSTEIN DAY



GOV. FRANK O. LOWDEN

Oct. 23 will be Holstein Day at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 13-23 this year, and Gov. Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, president of the Holstein-Friesian Breeders' National Association, will be in attendance on that day. He will also attend the annual meeting and banquet of the Texas Holstein Breeders' Club to be given on the night of Oct. 23.

Gov. Lowden is a breeder of Holsteins himself, his 3,000 acre farm near Oregon, Ill., being a model. He also owns Texas and Arkansas lands. Efforts were made to have Gov. Lowden in Dallas for the 1922 State Fair, but his engagements prevented. He has expressed his pleasure in anticipation of the 1923 visit.

Texas oil interests will be well represented at the State Fair, Dallas, Oct. 13-28 this year. There may be a special "oil men's day" as was designated in 1922.

### CLEANING AND PRESSING

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Mrs. C. L. Jones of Shreveport La., was a guest this week of her nephew, Mr. T.W. Clark and family.

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

Subject: Little Books of the New Testament—First John. Leader—Althea Boden.

1. John Describes Jesus—by Lillian Craig.
2. Jesus came into a lost World, by James Swann.
3. Jesus Came to defeat the Devil, by Evelyn Hamm.
4. Father, Son and Spirit at work to save the world, by Nell Swann.
5. Some pertinent questions, by Mrs. Yates Brown.
6. Three Classes of Christians, by Grady Collins.

Misses Minnie and Mamie Coats visited relatives in Big Spring this week.

## MERKEL GARAGE

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### SCHEDULE

- West bound buss leaves Abilene 9:30 a. m.
- West bound buss leaves Abilene 1:00 p. m.
- West bound buss leaves Merkel 10:20 a. m.
- West bound buss leaves Merkel 2:30 p. m.

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- Leaves Merkel - - - 5:00 p. m.

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### Intermediate League Program

Leader: Hallie Pike.  
Song Have Thine own way, Lord Song I Love to Tell the Story. Scripture lesson: Prov. 1:8-9 by leader.  
Announcements.  
What are good manners? Leonal Bailey.  
Good manners and religion, by Stella Wilson.  
Lords Prayer.  
Special Song by Lois Dixon.  
Some Bible Examples, by Elfe Chaney.  
Jesus Helping an Embarrassed friend, by Gladys Milliken.  
The Ungracious Brother, Owen Hutcheson.  
Song; League Benediction.  
League at four o'clock. Be sure to come.

J. A. Horton of route four says he will get a fourth bale of cotton per acre and has plenty of good feed.

### MARRIAGE LICENCES

A marriage license was issued Monday to R. E. Milliken and Miss Vivian Eulda Clemer, both of Merkel. One was issued Saturday to Douglas Lynch of Roswell, N.M. and Miss Mamie Wilkins of Maryneal.— Sweetwater Reporter.

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.

Mrs. Earl Diltz and daughter Phala, formerly of Walters, Oklahoma, left Friday for Hollywood, California where they will make their future home.

Matinee at The Cozy Saturday

## 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

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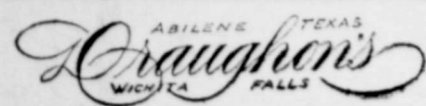
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**W. C. LASLEY**  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Abilene, Texas

**Methodist Announcements**

On last Sunday we had a good day with increased attendance at the Methodist church, but on next Sunday let us make it much better. The vacation days are now over and school days are here, and it is time that all, both young and old get down to work, and surely no Methodist desires to neglect the spiritual work that is so badly needed.

Let us therefore have one of the largest attendances at both the Sunday School and church hours, that he church has ever known.

And it is also hoped that all the young peoples meetings will have full attendance.

Every member must remind him or herself that the Merkel Methodist church is and will be just what the membership make it. Therefore we urge that every teacher be in his or her place on next Sunday morning promptly at nine forty-five. M. C. Hays, pastor.

**Womans Missionary Society**

The Womans Missionary Society met Monday evening at the regular hour with seventeen members and two visitors present. Visitors are always welcome.

In the business session, Mrs. H. C. Williams and Mrs. Tom Largent were elected delegates to an all-day meeting at Luders February 7th. These meetings are very instructive and interesting and it is hoped that a number can attend.

After the business was attended to, Rev. Hays conducted the Bible lesson taken from "The Life and Letters of Paul", telling of the work of the early churches and the resemblance to the churches of today. Next Monday the lesson will be the 7th, 8th, and 9th chapters. A study of the church at Ephesus and Paul's last journey to Jerusalem. Study these lessons and come meet with us; it will do you good. Reporter.

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. 1t

Mr. J. S. Swann was a pleasant visitor at this office yesterday and seemed very happy over the fine rains that have recently fallen over his splendid ranch on Sweetwater creek. He said that there was a fine season in the ground now which would make good winter range for the cattle. In fact he was very optimistic over the future for the cattle industry. Mr. Swann also shipped a car of two-year old steers to Fort Worth recently, which topped the market at \$6.25, and which weighed out 915 pounds on an average. For three years his cattle have been bringing a top price on the Fort Worth market he states.

Mrs. W. N. Stewart of Conway, Arkansas, is here for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. A. R. Booth.

**HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1921 HAVE REUNION**

The palacious home of Miss Loyce Dry was the rendezvous of the members of the class of Merkel High School of '21 on last Monday morning at eight bells, when they assembled for their annual reunion. The boys were attired in big Ben Overalls while the girls wore conventional khaki with accessories to match. After having waited for a while on one of the members who thought it more characteristic of school days to arrive late, they journeyed to the Boaz ranch via automobiles where they enjoyed a days outing of swimming, feasting, story-telling, grass-hopping, ice fighting, singing, etc.

Delicious, appetizing and refreshing eats of sandwiches, chicken, "spud" chips, deviled hen fruit, bottled cucumbers, cookies, ice cold soda water, and watermelon pacified the ravenous and insatiable appetite at noonday.

Those present at this delightful occasion were: Evelyn Hamm Loyce Dry, Mae Beidleman, Wade Darsey, Sewell Harvell, Bill Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent, and the chaperones, Misses Annie Laurie Smith and Lorena Dry.

Those members who could not lend their charming presence to the gracious occasion were: Lucille Russell, Mrs. Roy Doan, and Mrs. Roy Baccus.

Hayden Turner and family, who have been for some time on a visit with the former's parents, left this week for their home at Siloam Springs, Ark. They are mighty fine folks and have many friends here who are always glad to have them here for a visit.

School soon to open, you will want the little folks clothes put in good shape. We are at your service, prices low and work is guaranteed. Ligon the Laundryman, phone 218. 1t

We are indeed grateful to our good friend and most excellent citizen, Mr. J. P. Hutchins, for some of the biggest and best peaches, raised in the garden of Mr. Hutchins. Many thanks, Mr. Hutchins.

**Matinee at The Cozy Saturday**

Dawson Fancy Egg Coal. T. J. R. Swafford, phone 44. 1t

**School Days! School Days!**

Good old Golden Rule Days, when I was taught "Readen Riten and Rithmatic to the tune of a Hickory Stick," there was no place like

**SANDER'S DRUG STORE**

Where you could buy tablets, pencils, art gum, inks, pens, crayolas, infact every thing that a student will need. Our school supply line is absolutely complete.

We realize that business goes where it is invited and stays where it is well treated.

We want you to know that we appreciate your business.

**Sanders Drug Store**



**FOR SALE**

FOR SALE—Pony Buggy Mare. See Marvin Smith. 7t2pd

FOR SALE—A Wagon, row grain drill. H. W. Hester. 1tp

FOR SALE—A 20x30 foot barn. Can be moved. See Clifford Rose

FOR SALE—Large Furn in tub on stand. Price \$10. Mrs. Ira L. Parrack. 1tp

FOR SALE—A good second-hand windmill and tower. See E. A. Patterson. 1tp

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

FOR SALE—Seed Wheat. Good seed wheat for sale, clear of Johnson Grass and weed seed. R. B. Wells. 1t

FOR SALE—1920 Model Ford Car, in good condition. Will sell worth the money. Cash or good note. See Mack Cox, at the Fire Station. 1tpd

FOR SALE—A two year old Jersey cow, giving 3 gallons of

milk daily. At \$50.00. See Rev. Ira L. Parrack. 1tp

FOR SALE—Four-room house, nine lots, good well and windmill, chicken coops and pens. If sold at once, only \$1000. G. F. Holland. 1tp

FOR SALE—Pigs, all ages, all prices. Also clean wheat at \$1.25 per measured bushel. Mebane and Kasch strain seed in season. Leed D. Williams, Merkel. 1t

**LOST**

LOST—Brown Hand Bag wrapped in sack. Reward for return to Mail Office. 1tp

**FOR RENT**

FOR RENT—House. See Mrs. J. S. Burkhead at J. B. Bell's or write box 283, Eastland, Tex. 1f

**WANTED**

WANTED—A few more horses to pasture. See S. H. L. Swafford. 1t

WANTED—Cotton Pickers. Will take you out and bring you back morning and night. J. T. Warren. 1t

ROOMS and Board—Comfortable front rooms and board at reasonable prices. See Mrs. S. A. Freeman. 1tp

**"Slimy Taste"**

"When I feel stupid, get constipated, or bilious, I take a good dose or two of Black-Draught and it sets me straight," writes Mr. George B. Haislep, of R. F. D. 2, Columbia, S. C. "It cleanses the liver and I feel all right, and have not used any other medicine as I do not see the need of it. I am a guard at the State Reformatory, and have been for three or more years. When I first heard of

**BLACK-DRAUGHT**  
Liver Medicine

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."

**Sold Everywhere.**

**THE PERIL OF EDISON-FORD'S MONEY SCHEME**

Would Create More Paper Money Than Russia's Trillions But Add No Real Wealth.

**SOME DANGEROUS FALLACIES**

Would Remove Safe Restraint of Gold Basis and Open Way to Endless Issues of Paper Money.

How the United States would be swamped, under a greater volume of worthless paper money than has ruined Germany and Russia, by the Edison-Ford commodity currency plan is pointed out in the present article, concluding the reviews, prepared by the American Bankers Association, of the recent exposure of the folly of the whole scheme by William T. Foster, Director of the Pollack Foundation for Economic Research. Mr. Foster says:

"The supply of money," says Mr. Ford, "is inadequate. There is more wealth than there is money to move it." He draws a vivid picture of the golden dam to the stream of prosperity. From a hundred quarters comes the demand for the government to speed up the printing presses, in order to crush "the money monopoly," reduce interest rates, and make it easier for everybody to get money.

"Inflating the currency," however, though it enables people to get more units of currency, does not enable them to obtain more purchasing power. It only reduces interest rates. In all her history Germany never had so much money of as high interest rates as in 1922. Money, unlike other forms of wealth, is not easier to obtain simply because the total supply is increased. On the contrary, increasing the supply of money ordinarily increases the demand for money, and interest rates depend not on supply but on the relation between supply and demand.

**A Dangerous Fallacy**

"We are assured, however, that the Ford-Edison plan provides money for the farmer at virtually no expense to the government or to anyone else. All the government has to do is to print the money. What could be simpler? Here we come to the most dangerous fallacy in the whole project. It is dangerous because of the universal desire to get something for nothing.

"Here is the gist of the matter: Money will buy whatever is produced, not a particle more by any trick of alchemy, or legislation, or finance. The Russians, having multiplied their money 257,000 times, cannot buy as much with it as before. When we print more money there are no more goods for money to buy; not a single additional plow, or hat, or potato. "Some of those who get the newly printed money can buy more goods than before; all other people can buy fewer goods than before, because their money has fallen off in purchasing power. Since there are no more plows, and hats, and potatoes, and so on, to distribute, if some people get more, others must get less.

"Inflation under the Edison plan is limited mainly because, on account of its indefensible discrimination, most groups of producers of goods and services are not allowed to participate. If all groups were included, as in fairness and in politics they would have to be eventually, the possibilities of inflation would be vast.

**The Deadly Spiral**

"The total income of the United States is now in excess of fifty billions of dollars. The total money in circulation, including bank deposits subject to check, is not far from twenty-five billions. It follows that the annual production, if used as a basis for new issues on the Edison plan, could at once greatly increase the volume of money in circulation. Every addition to the monetary supply would tend to raise prices. The higher prices became, the higher would be the loan value of a given volume of goods since the size of the loans is based on values and not volume. The greater, therefore, would be the volume of new money that could be issued on the basis of a given annual production. Prices would become still higher; and so on up an endless spiral.

"Even in Russia, where financial printing presses hold the world's record for volume, where new issues of two hundred trillions of rubles per month stagger the imagination, the people complain that 'there is not enough money to do business with.' Without the arbitrary restraint of the gold basis, and with Muscle Shoals inflationists, and sundry other kinds of inflationists constantly pressing their claims upon Congress, it is not at all certain that the United States, once well on the road to financial chaos, would in the end be outrun by Russia."

**BANKS HELP CLUB WORK**

Yakima County Banks in the State of Washington have loaned \$8,670 to boy and girl club members. Yakima County has twenty-nine pig club members, twenty-four poultry club members and forty-three dairy club members. Dairy club members are all using pure-bred stock, local breeders and bankers co-operating with them to the fullest extent.



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With cotton selling at better than 25 cents per pound and seed bringing \$45.00 per ton, which is the price paid on the streets of Merkel today, there will soon be many happy and prosperous farmers in and about the Merkel country.

George H. Bullock returned last Monday from Kansas City, where he had been for some time, and has accepted a position with the Merkel Lumber Company, taking the place of Mr. Earl Thornton, who resigned to accept a similar position with a lumber company at Lamesa. We are glad to have Mr. Bullock back among his friends, and regret to lose Mr. Thornton from among our citizenship. We join many friends in wishing for him and family happiness and success in their new home.

W. O. Johnson of the Mulberry Canyon was in the city first of the week. He states that he is suffering considerably from a fourth cancer, having been treated for same four different times.

Miss Lucille Hogg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hogg, returned Saturday from a three weeks visit with relatives in Dallas, Houston, Palacios and Galveston.

Now is the time to begin to think of those new fall and winter clothes. Call in and look over lines over. The best in America for the money. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

**That's what they all Say**

Mrs. A. to Mrs. B.  
"Do you know I thought I was ruined last week when my washwoman 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.

**Matinee at The Cozy Saturday**

Miss Ona Johnson returned last week from a pleasant visit with her sister at Stanton. Miss Johnson has accepted a position at the Woodroof-Bragg Co., where she has worked for several fall seasons.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bickley of Fisher county, were here this week for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bickley and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney, respectively. The former Mr. Bickley left first of the week for Limestone county where he will teach school this year.

We are glad to learn that Uncle Joe Harris who has been ill for some time, is now able to be up and about again.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pogue are the happy parents of a bouncing baby boy, born on the 4th.

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

Miss Fae Altman, of Fort Worth, was a guest this week of her aunt, Mrs. E. L. Turner.

Seed Wheat for sale free from Johnson grass and weed seed. One dollar per bushel at the ranch. Sam Butman Sr. 7t2

**Matinee at The Cozy Saturday**

**THE ETHICAL SERVICE  
BUSINESS RENDERS**

BY J. H. PUELICHER

President of the American Bankers Association

I sometimes think we lay too much stress on the technical efficiency of our business instrumentalities and too little on their moral services.

Is it enough to say to our radical opponents of the present capitalistic order that it effectively feeds and clothes and houses and furnishes us with physical comforts and pleasures and therefore it is good? That is not enough. They can rightfully tell us that, even though a system may minister to our physical well-being, if it stunts us morally, if it does not positively make us better ethically, it is an inadequate system.

The general answer to this assertion is obvious. The very fact that our industry, commerce and finance serve us so amply with the materials and means for physical well-being gives us the opportunity to build and support our churches, to foster the arts, to develop our great educational system,—to be kind to one another.

But need we deal in generalities? Do we not find in the direct effect of our business upon the individual much to improve his ethical standards? To toughen his moral fiber? Is it not good for the personal character of the race to do business as we are now doing it?

Let us take the business of banking, for example. Is it a mere mechanism or is it a vital moral force? Does it do more than, by facilitating production, raise the physical standard of living, or is there anything inherent in the manner and methods of banking that raises the moral standard of living as well?

Nine-tenths of our business is done by means of credit. The great bulk of that credit is obtained from the banks. It is obtained from the banks because men have character,—because they are honest, because they keep faith,—because they can be trusted.

If they did not have these qualities they could not do business with credit, they could not do business at the banks. We say banks deal in credit. That is but a way of saying they deal in honor and honesty. They build the business structure with the faith of man in man.

The part banking plays in our business life is growing. That means that the faith of men in each other is growing. The more men who come to the banks with characters that entitle them to credit,—the more men who realize that to gain credit at the banks, they must possess themselves with characters that win them unquestioned trust, the higher becomes the ethical standards of the nation.

Is not this a great moral service that banking renders? It is a greater justification for our present financial system than even its wonderful efficiency in providing us with the material things of life. No greater service could be rendered the nation.

**AMERICA'S NEW PLACE**

Many Americans fancy that, because labor is well employed and our industries have been reporting substantial earnings and improvement over the depression period, normalcy has been restored. The truth is, what we must consider normal in the future will be an entirely different thing from what was considered normal prior to the war. One reason is, our new place in the world as the leading creditor nation. That change is a permanent one. We are not going to return to the old position of debtor nation. Bankers in the agricultural communities have come to the conclusion that we cannot afford to maintain an attitude of isolation and that opinion is not a personal one. The men I have talked with are voicing the ideas of the people with whom they have daily business contact.

A great many politico-economists have warned against America's entrance into the European situation, asserting that our foreign trade makes up less than 20 per cent of our production, and therefore is too small an item to be vital or to risk our investment in. They forget, and most people who have listened to them forget, that the unimportant 20 per cent is the difference between full employment of our industries and labor and much unemployment and business depression. If a manufacturing enterprise is running at 90 per cent of capacity, it may be making a fairly good showing of earnings, but it is not running at normal and is not earning the margin which it should earn in order to be fully prosperous, it appears obvious that we shall have to build up foreign investments in this country. But it will be necessary to go slowly in the matter of foreign investments. There must be assurance that whatever we loan will be used for productive purposes.—William B. Knox, Second Vice-President, American Bankers Association.

**OLD TIME CITIZEN  
DIES VERY SUDDENLY**

Mr. L. M. Huffman, 92 years of age, one of the splendid, old time citizens of Merkel and vicinity, died suddenly Monday afternoon while enroute with members of his family from the country where he had spent some time with a son, to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nannie Causseaux. And from which home the funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the First Baptist church, followed by interment in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Deceased had been a citizen of this community for more than forty years and was well known and highly esteemed by all with whom he had become acquainted. The good wife had preceded him to the grave several years ago.

He is survived by two children, three having passed on before. Those surviving besides sixteen grandchildren, are Mrs. Nannie Causseaux, of Merkel and Mr. John Huffman, of Oklahoma City.

The Merkel Mail joins a host of friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives and loved ones.

On September 15th I will offer for sale at my ranch Pigs, Shoats and Hogs. Sam Butman, Senior. 7t2

Mr. L. R. Thompson, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of this city, and Mr. Finley Martin, one of the splendid farmers residing near here are doing valuable work for their county and state, as Grand Jurymen this week. Mr. Thompson was made foreman of that body and is without doubt rendering efficient and capable service.

Mothers! We are specializing on boys two-pant Suits, 100 to select from. The price is low. Brown D.G. Co. It

Mr. C. B. Barnes, formerly a citizen of Merkel for several years, writes from Kansas City, Mo., to have his paper changed from Abilene to Kansas City. A clipping also accompanied the letter announcing the marriage of Mr. Carrol Barnes and Miss Palace Meeke, of Merkel. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. L. M. Dorren, pastor of the Jackson Ave. Christian church at the home of Mrs. Bertha Baughn. We join their many friends here in extending congratulations and good wishes.

**Baptist Announcements**

Sunday School at 10 a.m. and place forever y one.  
Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

All B.Y.P.U.s at seven p.m.  
The pastor urges a full attendance Sunday morning as matters of extreme importance will be considered. Every member or friend of the church who is interested in the future welfare of the church should be in the Sunday morning service.

It is hoped that all Baptists coming to town for the school will come immediately to the church and find places to serve. At this time of the year we always need every available worker, so we urge that every one who is willing to help for the Lord will come and volunteer.

Let all our old members both of Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. come back into the services Sunday. Vacation is over and the time for real service is at hand again. Do not wait for some one to hunt you up and ask you into the services but come on in and help get the other fellow.

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

**Game Plentiful!**



TARGET SHOOTING

is a pleasure, a delight, and appeals to all of us, more or less.

Why not own a Rifle of your own? Why not practice up and show your prowess? It's sport—and appeals to red-blooded people everywhere.

May we have the pleasure of showing you the new things in Rifles?

Game is plentiful this season.

Guns in abundance of all makes and sizes. Also shells and small arms ammunition of all sizes and kinds.

Dove season opens September 1st.

Quail season opens December 1st.

Get you a gun and get ready.

Full line of Hardware of all kinds. If we don't have it we can get it for you as cheap as anybody in the same quality merchandise.

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The Only Exclusive Hardware Store in Merkel

**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. It

Dawson Fancy Egg Coal. T. J. R. Swafford, phone 44. It

**Matinee at The Cozy Saturday**

Mrs. J. D. Cowan, of Hillsboro, spent last Sunday in the G. W. Johnson home.

A. W. Clark and wife of Clovis New Mexico, are here for a visit with T. W. Clark and family.

**Matinee at The Cozy Saturday**

Mr. W. A. Ford, one among the prosperous and hustling farmers residing on route one, has the thanks of the Editor and family for a big, fine five-pound beet raised by Mr. Ford. And if we did not think it such a good one Mr. Ford we would enter it for the championship beet at the coming Community Fair in Merkel on September 22.

Rev. O. B. Annis, pastor of the Methodist church at Kress, Texas, with his family were here last week for a few days visit with his mother, Mrs. S. F. Annis of this city.

100 of the newest boys two-pant Suits received. You will be surprised to find them at such low prices. Brown D.G. Co. It

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson, of the Shiloh community are the happy parents of a bouncing baby boy, born on the 25th.

Mr. Vernon Hill of Midland, is a guest of Mrs. Earl Lassiter this week.

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1923 and 1924 Models

**ALSO---**

One used late 22 model Ford, good as new, runs like a "skeered wolf."

When in need of a Ford.  
Don't fail to see us.

**Merkel Garage**

ROSS FERRIER

H. L. PROPST

**Remember**

That every added subscriber helps to make this paper better for everybody



**"LIVE BAIT NO GOOD FOR CATCHING FISH"**

Perhaps it will be interesting to some of the Merkel people to hear from their old friend and neighbor, John L. Williams. As I, the writer, visited him last week, I will try to let his old friends know he is still alive and enjoys lots of sport.

John L. still likes to go fishing and as he had no work to do on account of drouth, we went fishing on the lake near Post City. As the grasshoppers were plentiful, John L. decided to use them for bait. After an hour or two of sitting patiently holding his cane, he exclaimed in a rather sarcastic manner: "Why can't I catch 'em like you?" I began to investigate and found that his grasshopper was alive and had crawled up and was sitting upon his float-cork looking very wishful at the grass on the bank. His advice to fishermen is "If you use grasshoppers for bait, be sure they are not alive." A Reader.

Our good friend L. C. Patton was in the city one day this week and seemed happy over the fine rains that have fallen recently. He stated that his crops were fair, both feed and cotton. He has just finished gathering 27 loads of feed. A big plenty to do him

Miss Lucille Russell left Tuesday morning for Sweetwater where she has accepted a position in the City National Bank.

**COZY THEATRE**

**Matinee Saturday 2 to 5:30**

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

**RICHARD TALMAGE**

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Tuesday September 11

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**"THE PENALTY"**

**Dye Work Service**

Did you do your dye work yourself and ruin it? Who is stung? Did you send it to Dallas or Fort Worth? It is returned C.O.D. with no inspection, then what? Besides we are at least 50 per cent cheaper, delivered right at your door for inspection and it must be satisfactory. Ligon the Laundryman, phone 218.

Wanted—Cotton Pickers. Will take you out and bring you back morning and night. J. T. Warren.

**THE NEW 1924 MODEL FORD**

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 6.—Introduction of a higher radiator, bringing new and improved body lines to all types of Ford Cars, is announced today by the Ford Motor Company.

The changes have just gone into effect and the various types are now in production.

While the large radiator has been made standard on all types and while it has made possible other betterments in body design, there is no radical departure in construction, but rather a general improvement which has resulted in more graceful lines.

The new radiator sets an inch and a half higher than the former and has an apron at the bottom which joins a similar apron effect of the fender on either side, giving a highly finished appearance to the front of the car. The larger radiator also increases cooling efficiency.

Most conspicuous among the new types is the Ford Coupe which is of entirely new body design and construction, resulting in a more trim exterior appearance, more comfortable seating arrangement and a greater luggage carrying capacity.

From the dash there is a graceful sweep in the cowl to the radiator bringing a pleasing effect to the front. The doors are wide and open forward making access and exit easy. They are heavily framed for rigidity and strength. The compartment at the rear has been enlarged to afford increased carrying capacity. The gasoline tank is under the seat, with divided cushions to afford easy filling of the tank from the right side making it unnecessary for the driver to leave his seat. Ventilator in the cowl and a visor over the windshield add much to the attractiveness of the car. A new rear fender of more sturdy character also is a feature.

Interior fittings are of choice material and the arrangement of the deeply cushioned seat has been effected so that at the rear there is a small recess shelf for carrying parcels. The rear vision window is much larger and oblong in shape. Door windows have been equipped with revolving type window regulators and door locks provided. Side windows are equipped with the lever type lifters.

Marked, too, is the improvement in the Four Door Sedan. Highly popular since its introduction a year ago, because of its low, graceful lines, the car now represents even much better lines and a sturdier appearance.

This has been brought about by the installation of an entirely new cowl with a graceful sweep from the dash blending into the larger hood and radiator. The change also affords an increase in leg room for occupants of the front seat.

In the open types, the Touring Car and Runabout, the cowl has been enlarged and flows in a graceful curve to the higher hood.

The result brings a most pleasing effect to the exterior appearance of both types. The improvement in the Touring Car

which came when the one man top and sloping windshield were introduced, is greatly enhanced by the larger radiator, the car appearing lower and more attractive than ever. The effect on the Roadster is likewise most appealing, giving it a more rugged and sturdy appearance.

The new radiator also is extended to the Truck Chassis, affording improved appearance and better cooling to delivery service.

These new Ford types and the generally recognized performance ability of the Ford under all motoring conditions, promise to bring a greater demand than ever before as the public becomes more fully acquainted with the higher standards and greater values which have been incorporated. No changes are contemplated in prices.

**P.T.A.'s MEET SEPT. 12TH. AT SCHOOL BUILDING**

The Parent-Teachers Association will hold their first meeting of the school year on next Wednesday afternoon at the school building at three o'clock. We have designated this meeting as "Guest Day" and will have as our guests on that day the school faculty. We extend a hearty welcome to every parent in Merkel to meet with us on this date and meet and welcome the teachers to our town and school. Many of our teachers are new to Merkel and it is only just and right to them and to ourselves as well, to get acquainted with them and in every way possible try to help make this the banner school year in Merkel. The program committee has arranged a nice program for the meeting and we are going to expect every member of the

Parent Teachers Association to be present and also to bring another with you. This is not a woman's meeting and all the fathers as well as the mothers are urged to come. The P.T.A. is planning a large program for this school year and if you are interested in the Merkel School you are invited to join us and work with us for the best interest of the school and a closer cooperation between parent and teacher and pupil.

**Program**

Devotional, led by Mrs. Hays.  
A Greeting of Welcome to our Teachers . . . . . Mrs. Cummings  
Response . . . . . Mr. Burgess  
Solo . . . . . Miss Ona Fae Bland  
Our Aims and Purposes . . . . . by Mrs. Dr. Grimes.  
Reading . . . . . Miss Tracy  
Round Table Talks on Aims, Materials, and Practical Accomplishments led by Mrs. Durham.  
Piano Solo . . . . . Miss Gay  
Business Session.

Mr. A. C. Rose, of the Merkel Dry Goods Company, returned yesterday from a trip to Plainview, where he went to look after his lands near that city. He brought back with him some cotton stalks which had been grown on some of the irrigated lands there, and which it is estimated will yield more than a bale to the acre.

Matinee at The Cozy Saturday

**GAINS 4 POUNDS ON ONE BOTTLE**

**Mrs. Curtis Declares Stella Vitae Relieved Her Of Stomach Trouble**

"I actually gained four pounds on my first bottle of Stella Vitae and am now feeling simply fine" said Mrs. G. E. Curtis, a resident of Enid, Oklahoma.

"I suffered terribly from indigestion and my food soured and made me miserable. I had a morbid appetite and wanted to eat all the time, although I would suffer something awful afterwards. Sometimes I felt like I was smothering to death. I was constipated, too, and my nerves were simply wretched. Then my back ached like it would break.

"Stella Vitae relieved my stomach trouble and corrected my constipation. Those smothering spells passed off and I can eat whatever I want without any fear of its hurting me."

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

**THE NEW WEST**

The lonely trail is changing to the crowded thoroughfare

Through valleys green with cotton and with grain

And the grass for ages growing on the prairies everywhere

Must pass and yield dominion with the riders of the Plain.

The riders on the skyline in the distance pass from view.

Though their day was one of grandeur, it is best

For the cotton to be growing where the lonely cactus grew.

Other men must build an Empire in the West.

And the peaceful hills and valleys of the early pastureland

That for ages stood in silence through the past

Must awaken now to living and reward the farmer's hand

With the age-old buried treasure in its vastness long held fast

With many home-fires burning where a campfire long ago

Lit a little glimmer in the prairie's broad domain,

In the span of one short lifetime the cities that we know

Have lit the lights that twinkle on the plain.

And in these years of building in a land our fathers found

As God Almighty made, boundless, broad and free,

With a faith as theirs unswerving and a manhood that is sound

Let us build as they have built it, for the ages yet to be.

With a few short years behind us and the ages on ahead,

And the tread of coming millions hear afar,

The way we build West Texas with our hand and head

Will prove in terms undying the kind of men we are.

—Ulmer S. Bird

**Epworth League Program**

Subject: Psalms of Life IX  
A singing Psalm.

Leader: Esther Roehl.

Scripture: Psalm XCVI:1-3; Acts XVI:25-26; Eph. V:17-21.

Prayer: The Lords Prayer in Concert.

Special Music.

1. A new Song—Rosie Laney.

2. The Psalm of Praise Must Have its center in God—Cyrus Pee.

3. Psalm of Praise Must be True to experience—Joe Reidenbach.

League Benediction.

The Epworth League meets at seven o'clock. All leaguers are urged to be present.

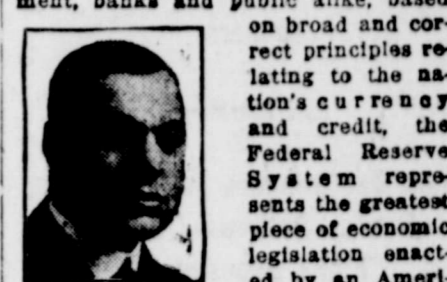
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**WORLD'S GREATEST BANKING SYSTEM**

By CRAIG B. HAZLEWOOD  
President Association of Reserve City Bankers

Conceived in the spirit of common good, for the best interests of government, banks and public alike, based on broad and correct principles relating to the nation's currency and credit, the Federal Reserve System represents the greatest piece of economic legislation enacted by an American Congress.



C. B. Hazlewood

The System's record of achievement through a world war, an inflation period of dizzy heights, and months of serious and costly liquidation. It is a matter of greatest importance that very earnest and patriotic thought be given to the two questions: How far has the system succeeded, and in what particulars has it failed, to give our country as strong and as useful a financial system as human mind can devise?

The hope and expectation of those who framed the Federal Reserve Act that the machinery set-up for the origination, distribution and automatic retirement of currency issue, which should be entirely responsive to the needs of trade and the varying conditions of business, have been wonderfully well realized. Every possible effort must be exerted to preserve the Federal Reserve System from political alliance and to keep its powerful influence entirely devoted to the building up of the greatest banking system in the world.

The first bank of the United States was established in 1791 and failed to obtain a renewal of its charter in 1811, the opponents charging that the bank was a "money trust" controlled by foreigners, a tool in the hands of the Federalists, and that the act chartering the bank was unconstitutional. Note the use of the words "money trust." We have the idea that this is a modern term. The suspicions which animate the demagogue today have not changed in a century.

The second bank of the United States was chartered in 1816 and failed to obtain a renewal of its charter in 1831, the reasons being a widespread belief that the bank was unconstitutional, the hostility of the states, the opposition of the state banks, the rise of democracy, and the envy and hatred which the poor always feel toward the rich.

Both banks functioned well and accomplished much for the country during crucial times. The downfall of both was caused simply and solely by attempts to place the determination of banking policies in the hands of political authorities.

The delicate handling of currency and credit, to the high end that the best interests of all may be served with special privileges to none, cannot be left to others than those who are competent through proven judgment and experience. The danger of politics in the Federal Reserve System is a real one; upon us is placed the grave responsibility of forever keeping the great system clean.

**MAKING CAPITALISTS OUT OF WORKMEN**

**Festus J. Wade Says Anarchy Disappears With the Development of Thrift.**

When the savings pass-book comes into a man's life to stay the red flag goes out. What the country needs is to bring about a condition whereby the man who works with his hands shall take the same interest in his affairs as the capitalist does in his. Probably the best way to do this would be to turn the workman into a capitalist. And this is exactly what he becomes when he saves his money and builds up a reserve fund. He remains a capitalist as long as he holds on to that money. The satisfaction of seeing his money reserve mount up will discourage the waster to take a layoff now and then. It will encourage him to work a full six-day week and thereby increase the labor hours available to production.

The American people can solve any problem they set themselves to. We provided for a sound currency when the greenbackers and inflationists were routed and the gold basis established. The Federal Reserve Bank was established and solved a problem for which most people thought there was no solution. A number of years ago, when there was a crisis or when a bank failed, we all used to shut up our vaults tight and let nothing get out. Instead of bettering conditions we made them worse. Now if failures occur few people, except those directly interested, are disturbed.

Perhaps the most important problem of all right now is to do away with labor waste. It never can be done by preaching, by agitation or by force. It can be done by selling the workman on the idea of becoming a capitalist. This can be brought about by the right kind of bank advertising. Who is there to say that an advertising dollar bringing about this result would not be a constructive dollar?—Festus J. Wade.

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## UNJUST RESULTS OF MONEY PLANS

Unsound Currency Gives Sellers Unfair Advantage Over the Producers.

EXPERT EXPLAINS MONEY

Points Out Dangers in So-Called Energy Dollars—Other Plans Exposed.

How demagogues are using false doctrines of so-called "sound money" to give themselves or the class they represent unfair advantages at the expense of real producers is exposed in the Journal of the American Bankers Association by H. Parker Willis, expert on the money question.

"There is no subject in whose name more crimes against truth have been committed than that of 'sound currency,'" Mr. Willis says. "The term is always resorted to by demagogues. At the present moment there seems to be a danger that it will be used by a potential presidential candidate as representing the 'platform' upon which he expects to run. There is no question that more nearly and directly touches the immediate welfare of every class in the community."

**Purpose of Money**  
Primary functions of money and currency, it is explained, are to serve as a means of exchanging goods and as a means of measuring the value of goods. Mr. Willis continues:

"Demagogues and those who are disposed to mislead the public for various ulterior reasons have succeeded in disseminating an entirely different view of the purpose of money. Some of them contend that the soundest or best currency is that which is so arranged as to bring about a 'fair' redistribution of wealth. They want a constantly depreciating currency—one which keeps playing into the hands of the seller of goods, by enabling him to count confidently upon higher prices in terms of money so that he pays the producer from whom he has obtained them less and less. IT IS A STRANGE THING THAT THIS KIND OF CURRENCY IS OFTEN HIGHLY PRAISED OR FAVORED BY THE PRODUCER HIMSELF, NOTWITHSTANDING THAT HE IS THE GREATEST SUFFERER FROM IT."

### Energy Currency

There is another popular view of sound currency which aims to base it upon "natural products" or "natural forces"—usually it is true, specifying products or forces which have been monopolized or can be controlled by the advocate of such currency. Thus from time to time there have been schemes to issue a currency based upon or protected by farm products stored in warehouses or occasionally representing "units of energy" or horse power.

The rulers of Soviet Russia at one time attempted to introduce a currency representing "labor time," each man receiving a check representing the number of hours of time he had put in at work, while goods themselves were to be valued in terms of hours of production time. Thus one man who put in an hour's time in street cleaning received the same control over goods as he who put in an hour's time at surgery. The theory was that this kind of "sound" currency enabled the "poor man" to get a larger supply of goods.

"The trouble was that when those who could perform a certain kind of labor were not paid in proportion to their effort they stopped making goods. So it was not very long in Russia before the sound currency which was issued in favor of the poor man had brought it about that the poor man could not buy anything with the currency. This was an unfortunate kind of 'soundness.' We do not want something like it in the United States today, yet very similar proposals are now being made in a good many quarters that ought to know better," says Mr. Willis.

### FACTS ABOUT CHECKS

A bank check is a written order on a bank by one of its depositors to pay a specified sum to another party. This instrument must be dated, the amount written in full in the body, and signed the same as the depositor's signature appears on the bank signature card and ledger sheet.

A check is payable on demand, provided it is not dated ahead. If dated ahead it becomes a promise to pay, the same as a note or acceptance, payable on some future date. United States revenue stamps are required on a check dated ahead, at the rate of 3 cents per hundred dollars, or fraction thereof.

In case a check carries two different figures, that is \$2.00 in the figures and "Two Hundred Dollars" in the written part of the body of the check, the latter, or part in writing, always controls.

A check made out to a person "or order," requires identification, and the party presenting the same must assure the bank that he is the payee. A check to a person "or bearer" is payable to the one presenting it at the bank, but a certain amount of identification is necessary, for the bank reserves the right to know that he is entitled to receive the funds.



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Matinee at The Cozy Saturday

Expecting car new hulls. T. J. R. Swafford, phone 44. It

Miss Palace Meeks of Merkel, a sister of Mrs. Roy Baird, who has quite a number of friends in Loraine, was married Monday of this week to Mr. Carrol Barnes of Merkel. They left immediately for Kansas City where they will spend their honeymoon.—Loraine Leader.

Dr. E. A. Swafford and family of Rockdale, were here last Sunday for a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford.

The cool days of fall are coming fast, so why wait any longer. Call 180 and let us come and get your old clothes and doll 'em up to look like new.. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

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Matinee at The Cozy Saturday

### WHITE CHURCH

For the past week it has been threatening to rain almost every day, but so far it has only been real light showers. Not enough to prevent cotton picking. Every body is busy. All who do not have enough open to begin picking are helping their neighbors who have early crops.

Mr. Homer Tye who has been in school at the Denton Normal for some time arrived back in the canyon with his family one day last week for a visit with relatives.

Mr. Clyde Pannell and family of Dallas visited relatives here a few days this week.

Mr. D. R. Snow and family made a business trip to Hawley and Abilene Friday and Saturday of this week.

Mr. Miles Smothers and wife of Abilene visited at Wm. Snow Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Luther Franks came out after her boys yesterday. Mr. Franks is still very weak but they were planning to leave Abilene for Wichita Falls today.

Mr. Fred Burfine and wife came home Sunday after a few weeks stay at Merkel. They were accompanied by a little daughter Joyce Lucile.

The writer does not want to leave the impression that this is all the happenings that would be of interest to the readers of the Merkel Mail who live elsewhere, but some day when we have a better telephone system we are sure that we can do better.

Grady Snow visited at Rev. Lawrence's at Abilene Saturday afternoon. Optomist.

### GOLAN NEWS

Most every one has begun to pick cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens and children of Anderson Chapel, near Anson, visited their daughter, Mrs. Frank West.

Mrs. West's Aunt from Tennessee is visiting her.

Some of the people from Golan have been attending the Methodist Meeting at Sylvester. An evangelist is doing the preaching. The writer does not know his name.

There was a large crowd at Sunday School on last Sunday. Elsie Hill won the prize in the Bible Contest. She read something over 2100 chapters the last three quarters.

Val Byrom conducted prayer meeting Sunday night. We had a wonderful little service.

Every one is invited to the party at Letty Duncan's Friday night. She is giving this party to Bettye Byrom who is going away to school.

G. M. Byrom and family motored to Abilene Wednesday to see Dr. Hunt, president of McMurry College.

P. W. Lawlis, daughter Vera, and Wesley Davis motored to Abilene Friday for the purpose of talking with Dr. Hunt.

We understand that Miss Alice Cross of Newman is going to school at McMurry this year. She is going to take voice.

Miss Vera Lawlis was the guest of her brother, Edward, and wife Sunday.

Val Byrom and wife, Claudie Stribling, wife, and boys, Bettye Byrom and Viola Evans visited Mr. W. T. Duncan and daughter Letty Sunday.

Odie Stribling, wife and baby of Floydada have moved back.

Henry Jenkins of Brushy Creek is visiting his sister Mrs. W. W. Ellerbee. Luther Jenkins of Hico is visiting his aunt, Mrs. W. W. Ellerbee.

Menville Hill left for Anson on Sunday, where she is going to attend school. She rooms with Mrs. John C. Thompson.

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. tf

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