

COMMUNITY FAIR OPENS TOMORROW; BIG CROWDS EXPECTED

A REAL BOOSTER FOR PROGRESS

Merkel, Texas, Sept. 16. Editor of the Merkel Mail. Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that we are soon to have a community fair, this reader is wondering if you will print the sentiments of one who is interested in the welfare of the Merkel trade territory.

The idea of a community fair is a good one to my notion and should be supported by all the citizens as well as the merchants, since the idea back of it all is the promotion of the welfare of our district. Let me say now that I am for Merkel and any thing that the people support as an upbuilding affair.

I am for a better town in which to live, I am for a better trade center, for better citizenship, for better schools, for better churches and churchmen etc. Don't get the wrong impression though from my saying this. We have a good town, and good business men, good citizens, good schools, churches and so on but they could be better and we would be more proud of them than we are. Our schools are better than many schools and our churches are better than those of many other towns of the size of Merkel but I think we would be proud of the fact if it were the standard that other towns patterned after and we can make it such if we get behind such movements as the community fair and BOOST and not be the one to KNOCK. We all like to be on the side that wins so let us all line up with this movement and put it over the top.

Then let us not stop when we have done that but go ahead and keep the thing going after we have it started. Let us get behind the law, and the church, and the school. We are all proud of a good citizen so let us put the things in the reach of every body that will help to make the boys better men and the girls better women. We can do this by supporting the thing that will keep them interested in Merkel and her territory. Do not let them have to go to Abilene or some other town for their "Sunday" clothes, or their education or their amusements, see that they are provided for here. Do not let the money that should be kept in this community get out of it, do not let the best of our boys and girls be drawn away from us. Give them some thing to keep them here.

BOOST and if you fail the blame will be on the other fellow. KNOCK and you are as guilty as any. Let's adopt the motto: "I'll BOOST or keep quiet."

Sincerely yours, A BOOSTER

IN SEARCHING FOR STOLEN COTTON FINDS STILL

While searching for some stolen cotton at a Mexican camp in the country near here one day this week, City Marshal Jinks Winter not only found the cotton, but also discovered a complete little whiskey still, which he took charge of. The still was not in operation, and therefore no arrests have as yet been made.

Mr. Clyde Sears and mother Mrs. F. Sears returned first of the week from a trip to the Clyde and Bud Sears ranch near Menard.

CALLAHAN VOTES 6 TO 1 FOR BONDS

On last Saturday the voters of the northern part of the Callahan county voted in favor of a \$200,000.00 road bond issue by a majority of six to one, for the purpose of building a concrete or permanent highway through that county. The state and federal governments some time ago offered to put up \$2.00 to where Callahan, Taylor and Nolan counties would spend \$1.00 on the highways and will spend in Callahan county \$400,000.00.

Now Callahan county has by a handsome majority accepted the proposition and on October 16 Taylor county will vote on the question while on Oct. 26 Nolan county will do likewise.

It seems to this paper that it will be only just good business for the people of these three counties to accept the proposition as laid down by the state and federal governments.

ATTENDS OPENING MCMURRAY COL'EGE

Mr. L. R. Tompson, Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, accompanied by Mrs. Tompson, were among those of our citizens who attended the opening session of McMurray College yesterday.

Mr. Tompson, who is one of Merkel's most substantial and progressive citizens, who always lends his aid and support to any move for the upbuilding of his town and community, was among the first to lend support, both financially and morally, in the move for the establishing of McMurray College, and was appointed as a member of the board of trustees, which position he still holds. And through the efforts of such men as he, McMurray College starts off as one of the best equipped institutions of its kind ever launched in the state.

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING AT BLAIR

Look out Folks, the fifth Sunday is almost here and you know we want to have a big time at Blair. Big singers from all over the county and state you might say are coming, so let every one come and bring some one and something to eat. Other places take care of these things, so lets show everybody Blair can do so too. So Blair people come right along, lets be on the job 100 percent strong for the singing, for the dinner and for every thing else thats good for the betterment of the country, singing and humanity. Thanks for what you are going to do. Tom Spears.

WILL DRIVE STAR CAR ON THREE WHEELS

The Jackson-Savage Motor Company announce that there will be a demonstration of the Star car in Merkel on next Saturday afternoon, when this machine will be driven around on three wheels. It will be interesting, don't fail to see it. It.

WEST TEXAS FAIR BE THE BEST EVER

Abilene, Texas, September.—The complete program for the West Texas Fair which opens Monday indicates that there will be a greater variety of amusement and exhibit features this year than ever before. Record breaking crowds are expected. Low rates have been announced by all railroads.

The outline of the official program for the week is given as follows:

- Monday, Sept. 24 8:00 a. m.—Completion of entries in all departments. Livestock, Agriculture, Merchants and Manufacturers Exhibits; Automobile Show; Home Economics and Educational Exhibits. 2:00 p. m.—Swine Judging at Livestock Arena. 6:30 p. m.—Grand Decorated Parade of the Queen of West Texas. 8:00 p. m.—Opening Pageant at Grandstand. "The Court of the Queen of West Texas." Afternoon and Night: Wortham Shows on the Midway. Tuesday, Sept. 25—Public School Day—Stamford Day 8:00 a. m.—Gates Open. 9:00 a. m.—Judging begins in all departments. 10:00 a. m.—Grand Parade of Public School Children of West Texas. (All children in parade issued free tickets to Fair.) 2:30 p. m.—Hippodrome at Grandstand: Wild Animal Circus; The Dellamead Troupe; The Earle Sisters; The Ferris Wheel Girls; Joe Kiljoy, Comedian; The Aerial Schones. 3:00 p. m.—Football—Abilene High vs. Stamford High. 4:30 p. m.—The Southern Flying Circus; Famous French War Aces in Spectacular Stunts, Wing Walking, Trapeze Work, Parachute Jumps. 5:00 p. m.—Mounted Exhibition Drill by Battery E. 131st Field Artillery. 5:30 p. m.—Greyhound Races. 8:00 p. m.—Special Concert by Red Hussar Band. Hippodrome. 9:00 p. m.—The Battle in the Clouds. Illuminated Planes in thrilling exhibition of Night Flying with Bombs and Rockets. Afternoon and night: Wortham Shows on Midway. Wednesday, September 26. Abilene Day; Albany Day; Anson Day; Baird Day. Albany Day, Merkel Day, Confederate Veterans Day; Automobile Race Day. 8:00 a. m.—Gates Open. 9:30 a. m.—First Annual Dog Show of Abilene Kennel Club. 10:00 a. m.—Abilene Civic Parade. 2:30 p. m.—Automobile Races Hippodrome Acts between races. 6 p. m.—Special Concert by the Red Hussar Band. Hippodrome. 9:00 p. m.—The Battle in the Clouds. Afternoon and Nights: Wortham Shows on the Midway. Thursday, September 27 Christian College Day—Ford Automobile Day. 8:00 a. m. Gates Open. 9:30 a. m.—Second day of Dog Show. 10:00 a. m.—Ford Car Parade. Prizes for many freak classes. 10:30—Abilene Christian College Parade. 2:30 p. m.—Hippodrome at Grandstand. 3:00 p. m.—Football: Abilene Christian College vs. Mederian College. 4:30 p. m.—The Southern Flying Circus.

Afternoon and Night: Wortham Shows on the Midway.

Wednesday, September 26. Abilene Day; Albany Day; Anson Day; Baird Day. Albany Day, Merkel Day, Confederate Veterans Day; Automobile Race Day.

8:00 a. m.—Gates Open. 9:30 a. m.—First Annual Dog Show of Abilene Kennel Club. 10:00 a. m.—Abilene Civic Parade.

2:30 p. m.—Automobile Races Hippodrome Acts between races. 6 p. m.—Special Concert by the Red Hussar Band. Hippodrome. 9:00 p. m.—The Battle in the Clouds.

Afternoon and Nights: Wortham Shows on the Midway.

Thursday, September 27 Christian College Day—Ford Automobile Day.

8:00 a. m. Gates Open. 9:30 a. m.—Second day of Dog Show. 10:00 a. m.—Ford Car Parade. Prizes for many freak classes. 10:30—Abilene Christian College Parade.

2:30 p. m.—Hippodrome at Grandstand. 3:00 p. m.—Football: Abilene Christian College vs. Mederian College. 4:30 p. m.—The Southern Flying Circus.

Afternoon and Nights: Wortham Shows on the Midway.

Friday, September 28. Abilene Day; Albany Day; Anson Day; Baird Day. Albany Day, Merkel Day, Confederate Veterans Day; Automobile Race Day. 8:00 a. m.—Gates Open. 9:30 a. m.—First Annual Dog Show of Abilene Kennel Club. 10:00 a. m.—Abilene Civic Parade. 2:30 p. m.—Automobile Races Hippodrome Acts between races. 6 p. m.—Special Concert by the Red Hussar Band. Hippodrome. 9:00 p. m.—The Battle in the Clouds.

Afternoon and Nights: Wortham Shows on the Midway.

MISS ARMSTRONG MCMURRAY TEACHER

This paper hastens to congratulate the board of trustees and officials of McMurray College in their selection of Miss Lola Armstrong, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, of this city, as instructor in Home Economics.

Besides the necessary education and equipment in a literary sense, Miss Armstrong has all the natural attainments and qualifications that are needed by one taking this important and responsible position in a college such as McMurray is destined to become, and this paper predicts a brilliant career for her from the beginning.

She left yesterday for Abilene where she will take up her duties as above stated. Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong accompanied her to be present at the opening session of this new and splendid institution.

OPENING ABILENE FAIR BIG EVENT

Abilene, Texas, Sept. 17. The youth and beauty of West Texas will assemble here Monday, September 24, to participate in the spectacular opening pageant of the West Texas Fair. Duchesses, their maids of Honor and escorts from a half hundred West Texas cities have accepted invitations to participate in this event, and thousands of dollars already have been spent in preparing what is expected to be the most brilliant and colorful spectacle ever seen here. A gigantic open air stage in front of the big grandstand at Fair Park is being set for the occasion, and a large force of carpenters, painters, decorators and electricians in charge of nationally known pageant directors are busy preparing the setting for the gorgeous presentation.

Colorful costumes of six nations will be employed in picturing the history of Texas, and the pageant will close with a stupendous fireworks display.

Football and automobile races will feature the week's amusement at the Fair this year, with one of the biggest and best hippodrome shows ever brought to West Texas. One of the daily and nightly features will be the Flying Circus, composed of famous French pilots in a series of thrilling aerial acrobatics.

Entries for exhibits in all departments are heavier this year than ever before and record attendance figures are forecast.

4,600 BALES RECEIVED TO THURSDAY NOON

According to reports from the local cotton yard in Merkel there had been weighed up to noon Thursday, 3,611 bales, and at the Farm Bureau platform there had been weighed up to the same time, a little more than 1,000 bales, making in all 4,600 bales for Merkel.

The best price for cotton during the week according to our information was 29;50, while seed we are told is still bringing \$46.00 per ton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Toombs accompanied their son, Joe Bailey to Abilene Tuesday, where the latter went to enter A. C. C. for the term.

CEMETERY ASS'N IN NEED OF FUNDS

Most of the citizens of Merkel and surrounding country are aware of that fact that Rose Hill Cemetery, just east of town is without doubt one of the cleanest and best kept cemeteries throughout the country.

And most every one knows that Mrs. R. O. Anderson, who is at the head of the Cemetery Association, and who not only gladly assists in any public undertaking that is for the upbuilding and benefit of the entire town and county has taken the lead and done everything within her power to raise funds and do what she could to make clean and beautiful the city of the dead.

And now we are informed that the Association is without funds with which to carry on this much needed and necessary work, and Mrs. Anderson, with other members of the Association as well as other interested and public spirited citizens, are this week making a drive for the needed funds to carry on this work. And during the Community Fair next Saturday these good ladies will maintain a booth in the center building between the two in which the various exhibits are to be shown, where they will sell to the public sandwiches, candy, coffee, and other good things to eat.

Now the Merkel Mail is always interested in any and all such splendid moves, and this paper is going to suggest that all the ladies of the town and county, who can, bring in a cake pie, or something of the kind, turn same over to Mrs. Anderson and her assistants for the purpose of allowing them to be auctioned off to the highest bidder; the receipts of which to go into the Cemetery Fund. We are also going to suggest to the ladies who bring in cakes to be entered for the various cake contests in the Community Fair, to also donate them for the purpose of selling to the highest bidder, and thereby help to carry on the splendid work of keeping the cemetery in fine shape for the next year.

Next Saturday is going to be "Cemetery Tag Day", so if you are approached to buy a tag, just go down in your pocket and give a dime, quarter, half dollar or as much as you care to help in this matter, it will be for a good cause and you will be doing your bit to help a worthy cause.

BOY ELEVEN PICKS 258 LBS.

Mr. C. A. Hudson, of the successful and splendid farmers of the Stith community was in the city recently, and in speaking of his crops, stated that he believed his cotton would turn out close to a third of bale per acre. He also reports having plenty of feed and the same to do him for another year.

But then there are other reasons why Mr. Hudson is able to succeed, he has a little son 11 years of age, who only weighs 65 lbs., but who recently picked 258 lbs. cotton in one day. His name is Jessie. Who can beat him, age and weight considered.

J. Parker Sharp, splendid representative of the Citizens Mutual Life Insurance Association, of Abilene, and not the Abilene Mutual, as stated by this paper last week, came in first of the week from a business trip to Fort Worth.

MORE PREMIUMS BEING OFFERED

Interest beyond all expectation is being shown in the coming Community Fair to be held in Merkel on next Saturday, Sept. 22. Indications are that there will be hundreds of contestants for every one of the more than sixty premiums offered by the business men and citizens of Merkel.

Under the direction of Mr. H. M. Rainbolt, general Supervisor the plans and work of making the necessary arrangements for holding the fair is well under way, and will be complete and all set, by Friday afternoon.

The place of holding the fair will be in the vacant buildings just across the street opposite the Post Office. The fine arts, Textile, Fancy Work, Cakes, Pies, and Bread and baby contests will all take place in the Rainbolt building, directly opposite the post office, while the poultry and agricultural exhibits will be shown in the concrete building on the east side of this block, and directly in front of the Woodrum Hotel. These buildings will be open to receive any and all exhibits Friday morning the 21st. Also the old Relic and the World War Relics Exhibition will be held in the Rainbolt building.

The Committee on Arrangements also announce the following citizens appointed as Superintendents and Judges of the various departments.

POULTRY Mr. R. A. Ellis, Superintendent, and who will either appoint the Judge for this department or act as judge him self.

AGRICULTURE Judge: W. W. Wheeler, Supt. Judges: T. J. Toombs, Lee Williams and J. T. Warren.

FANCY WORK Mrs. A. R. Both, Supt. Judges: Mrs. Fred S. Rogers, Mrs. E. M. McDonald, Mrs. L. R. Thompson.

CANNED FRUIT & JELLIES Mrs. Amy Sears, Supt. Judges: Mrs. W. G. Cypert, Mrs. H. C. West, Mrs. C. M. Largent.

CAKES, PIES AND BREAD Mrs. John Sears, Supt. Judges: Mrs. Robert Hicks, Mrs. Thos. Durham, Mrs. J. T. Warren.

OLD RELICS Miss Blanche Durham, Supt. Judges: R. A. Burgess, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, Mrs. H. C. Williams.

PRETTIEST BABY CONTEST Judges: Mr. J. C. Mason, Mrs. M. C. Hays, Mrs. Jas. H. West.

ESSAY CONTESTS Judges: Rev. Fred S. Rogers, Mrs. Sam wann, Rev. M. C. Hays.

LIVESTOCK Jas. A. Patterson, Supt. Judges: John Sears, J. E. Boaz, W. H. Laney.

The announcement is also made that the vacant lots adjacent to the buildings where in the other exhibits are to be held will be roped off and arranged for holding the livestock exhibits, including the Swine.

It is also announced that the judging of all exhibits will begin promptly at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, hence all exhibits must be entered and on display by not later than 1 o'clock.

and his family will look carefully over the Community Fair Premium list as published in this paper, and which is to be held in Merkel on to-morrow, Saturday, Sept. 22 and decide to bring something to exhibit.

(Continued on back page)

## 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

## LOWER RATES TO THE DALLAS FAIR

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 15. Announcement has been made by the Texas and Pacific Railway Company of the lowest rate for the round trip to the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 13-28, that has obtained in years.

A special round trip rate to apply Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 13-14, Oct. 20-21 and Oct. 27-28, of 75 percent of the regular season rate, will apply from all stations on the Texas and Pacific lines, from Marshall on the east to Big Spring on the west.

Tickets will be sold for trains leaving all stations on Oct. 13, Oct. 20 and Oct. 27, and arriving in Dallas the following Sundays. They will be good, returning, on trains leaving Dallas Sunday night following the dates named.

The rate from Big Spring and return will be \$8.10. From Marshall to Dallas and return \$4.10 with commensurate reductions applying to intermediate stations. From Sweetwater, for instance, the rate is \$6.35; from Longview \$3.45; from Abilene \$5.20 and from Mineola \$2.20.

It was declared the special low rate has been granted because officials of the Texas and Pacific believe a visit to the State Fair, as the big Texas educational institution will mean benefit to every Texan who makes the trip.

General Passenger Agent Geo. D. Hunter said a number of special trains would be operated from Marshall and Big Spring, into Dallas, on the dates of the special rate, so as to properly take care of the anticipated heavy travel to the State Fair.

Roger Hamblett and wife of Breckenridge are here visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamblett.

Our Superior brand Feeds have met every test satisfactorily. T. J. R. Swafford, South Side.

Misses Dota and Olive Garrouette left first of the week for a visit with friends and relatives in Austin.

## EDISON-FORD PLAN'S ATTACK ON INTEREST

Abolition of Rent No More Plausible Than Abolition of Pay on Loans, Expert Shows.

It is no more unreasonable to pay interest on a loan of money than to pay rent on a house, declares William T. Foster, Director of the Pollack Foundation for Economic Research, in exposing the fallacy of the attack on interest charges by Henry Ford and Thomas A. Edison in their commodity money scheme to do away with the present financial system. Mr. Foster's argument is reviewed in the present article which is one of a series prepared by the American Bankers Association.

"The Ford-Edison commodity money plan is regarded as a step toward the abolition of all interest charges," Mr. Foster says. "Interest," says the Dearborn Independent, "is a tax that few ancient tyrants would have dared impose. Interest in actual modern practice is a contrivance whereby all production is taxed by parasites, and whereby money is given a supremacy over men, material and management which it cannot sustain."

**Renting Money**  
"But is there really anything more terrible about paying for the use of money than about paying for the use of anything else? Suppose a farmer finds himself in need of a harvesting machine, and without enough money to buy one. In that case he can either borrow a machine of Neighbor Brown or borrow money and buy a machine. The farmer would consider it right to pay in some way for the use of the machine. Why should he expect to borrow money—which is honored in the markets in payment for the same machine—without paying for the use of the money?"

"Now let us suppose that the farmer uses the machine so successfully that he saves a thousand dollars. With that money he can buy a farm and he can let Neighbor Brown have the use of it. Neighbor Brown naturally would expect to pay rent. Instead of buying the farm, however, he could lend the thousand dollars to his neighbor in order that his neighbor might buy the farm. In that case Neighbor Brown should expect to pay for the rent of the money. All this seems clear. When the transactions are as simple as these it is plain that there is just as great propriety in charging for the use of money as in charging for the use of things that money will buy."

**Loaned Money Builds a School**  
"We may assume, however, that the farmer does not want to buy land and Neighbor Brown does not want to borrow money. In that case the farmer deposits his thousand dollars in a bank and the bank pays him interest for the use of his money. But the bank can pay interest only if it makes profitable use of his money. Now the bank finds that the city needs a high-school building, and has decided to borrow enough money to construct it. In order to obtain the money the city has issued bonds, each of which is a promise to pay one thousand dollars at a specified date, and interest in the meantime at a specified rate. The bank buys one of these bonds. Thus the farmer has had a part in providing the city with a school building; and the farmer has just as much right to expect interest for the use of his money as though he had loaned the money directly or indirectly to Neighbor Brown."

### "CAPITALISTS"—AND DON'T KNOW IT

A good many people who fall against capital are beating their own backs. Some are savings bank depositors, some have shares in building and loan associations; some have bought a liberty bond; some have ordered a stock of goods for their store. All of them, without knowing it, have performed a great miracle, for they have turned the work of their hands or their brains into a new product which, while it helps them, is helping thousands of others. Every one of them is a capitalist as most of us are—unless we are tramps or paupers or ne'er-do-wells—and we may well be proud of the name. For capitalism, instead of being the devilish invention of a few selfish interests, is the great material force that has lifted millions from poverty, degradation and slavery.

Like other human institutions, capital can be abused. So, too, can eyesight and health and education and love. Part of America's great job is to remedy and prevent such abuses. Sane people, however, do not cut off their feet to get rid of their corns.

Capital is today's surplus. It is what gives us a better start tomorrow than we had today. If we don't save it, we don't have it, and when we have it, it is useless until it is put to work.

If thrift is right, then it is right that people should acquire funds as the result of their industry and self-denial. But money that is merely hoarded is like water that becomes stagnant; it is harmful, not helpful. When money is put to work, it is like water power; it turns the wheels of industry, increases employment and raises the general level of comfort.

When every producer can create a surplus and that surplus can be gathered into a common fund and put to work for the common good we shall have reached an ideal condition.—From "The Greatest Family in the World."

### Intermediate League Program

Leader: Juanita Beene.  
Song  
Scripture lesson (1 Tim. 4:13) by leader.  
Where to find Gems, Elfe Chaney.  
Some books which contain

### Gems of inspiration.

Prayer.  
Some Gems gathered here and there, Mary Ellen Smith.  
Announcements  
Song  
Song  
League benediction

# LEE Cord Tire \$250,000 TIRE SALE

September 14th to 29th

This is probably the LARGEST TIRE SALE ever put on in Texas. WHY? For years the LEE TIRE & RUBBER CO. has centered its advertising on the Famous--

### LEE Puncture Proof Tires

And a large percentage of tire users think of Lee ONLY as PUNCTURE-PROOF when, as a matter of fact, the LEE TIRE & RUBBER CO. makes one of the best Cord Tires in the whole Tire Industry. Therefore this sale will be run on PRICE and won on QUALITY.

Compare our prices with other Standard makes. Every Tire and Tube guaranteed to be fresh stock and backed by the LEE TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY.



4 BIG CORD SPECIALS		4 BIG PUNCTURE-PROOFS	
30x3 1/2 Standard Cord	\$ 9.95	32x3 1/2 Puncture-proof	\$17.50
30x3 1/2 Oversize DeLux Cord	10.70	31x4 " "	19.15
32x4 Standard Cord	17.55	33x4 " "	19.95
32x4 Oversize De Luxe Cord	21.95	34x4 " "	20.15

### OTHER SIZES ARE PRICED IN PROPORTION

member this sale started on the 14th and will close on the 29th. Come and let us equip your car with QUALITY tires at bargain prices

Our Slogan: "1000 New Lee Customers in September."

## McFARLAND GARAGE

PHONE 72 MERKEL, TEXAS

# Good News!!

FOR THE OWNERS OF

FORDS  
CHEVROLETS  
OVERLANDS

# \$9.90

BUYS A 30x3 1/2

FIRESTONE GUM-DIPPED CORD TIRE FULLY GUARANTEED

Fresh Shipment Just Received

### Oldfield "999" Fabrics

30x3 ..... \$6.99  
30x3 1/2 ..... \$7.99

A Guaranteed Tire

You can't afford to drive on Old Tires with New Ones priced so low.

OUR TIRE SALE CONTINUES--LET US SAVE YOU MONEY ON QUALITY TIRES.

## West Company

FIRESTONE and OLDFIELD TIRES

### J. A. HAMNER DIES AT TRENT SUDDENLY

Mr. J. A. Hamner, while spending a few days at the home of his son, W. E. Hamner at Trent, died very suddenly Tuesday morning of this week.

Justice of the Peace W. W. Wheeler was called and held an inquest; pronouncing the cause of his death as heart failure.

Deceased was a well known and highly respected pioneer citizen of this country, and leaves a daughter, Mrs. J. A. Woodard, of Merkel and two sons, Messrs. W. E. and Cal Hamner of Trent to mourn his sudden departure.

The remains were shipped to Conroe, Texas for burial, accompanied by his sons and daughter.

Day. A. L. Jobe.

### B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Subject: What kind of work may I expect the Holy Spirit to help me to do?

Leader, Warren Smith.

1. Helping like a true teacher, Gladys Mayfield.
2. Ways in which the Holy Spirit helps, by Harry McCandless.
3. Our helper in daily tasks, by Ola Sharp.
4. Our helper in Christian service, Nina Miller.
5. Helper in the work of witnessing, Floyd Dowell.
6. Examples for our encouragement, Nell Swann.

Expecting car McAlester Coal T. J. R. Swafford, South Side, Phone 44.

FOR SALE--Some good second hand Cars. \$125 and up. Mc-142t Donald Motor Co.

## 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.

# AMERICAN PUBLIC SERVICE CO. PREFERRED STOCK

From time to time, as financial requirements have demanded, it has been the policy of the West Texas Utilities Company to sell to its customers in West Texas the preferred stock of the American Public Service Company. The West Texas Utilities Company, as West Texas understands generally, is one of the constituent companies of the American Public Service Company, which has other subsidiaries operating in East Texas and in Oklahoma.

Obtaining stockholders in West Texas have already become familiar, through promptly paid dividends, with the American Public Service Company's dependable financial record, while customers in West Texas are familiar with the West Texas Utilities Company's splendid growth and development. Expanding impressively—yet solidly and substantially—this development has been made possible through the financial service rendered by the American Public Service Company. Since January 1, 1921, \$3,171,033 of new money has been expended in this West Texas development, so that, today, Central Texas has in the West Texas Utilities Company one of the finest operating companies in the United States, with its physical properties in superlatively fine condition.

Noteworthy in this expansion has been the rebuilding of transmission lines, the remodeling of the Cisco electric generating and ice station, the erection of modern and model office buildings at Baird, Tuscola, Albany, Hamlin, Haskell and Munday, the building of a new ice plant at Hamlin and of a new power station at Stamford, the purchase, rehabilitation and electrification of the Roby & Northern Railroad (which, while short, is assured of a profitable freight business) the complete rehabilitation of the gas distribution system in Abilene, the erection of a central power station and of a general office building in Abilene, and the extension of transmission lines to approximately a score of new communities.

In East Texas and in Oklahoma, the American Public Service Company's subsidiaries have developed similarly, and these other constituent companies, together with the West Texas Utilities Company, unite to make American Public Service Company preferred stock one of the most attractive and safest of utility securities ever offered for sale to the public.

American Public Service Company preferred stock is now offered for sale by the West Texas Utilities Company, and it will be sold for cash, or, if the investor prefers, it may be purchased for \$10.00 a share at the time of subscription, and \$5.00 a share per month until fully paid.

Interest at the rate of 7 per cent will be paid on such monthly installments.  
Stock may be purchased at any office of this company, or through any employee of this company.

## WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY

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

We regret to learn that Capt. G. W. Johnson, who for some time has been in ill health, is not so well this week as usual. We join his many friends in the hopes that he may soon regain his former good health.

### 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.**

### ADVICE TO THE AGED

Age brings infirmities, such as sluggish bowels, weak kidneys, torpid liver.  
**Tutt's Pills**  
have a specific effect on these organs, stimulating the bowels, giving natural action, and imparting vigor to the system.

### MRS. CASE'S FATHER DIES VERY SUDDENLY

Just as the Mail was about to be placed on the press for publication, we regret to learn that Mr. J. B. Barrett, father of Mrs. Eli Case, who was here on a visit to the latter was taken suddenly ill this, Thursday evening about five-thirty o'clock, and died within a very few minutes. Mr. Barrett was a very substantial citizen of Winters, and his sudden death will bring deep sorrow to a loving family and many close friends.

The remains will be taken to Winters to day for burial.

Head quarters for apples, cakes, pencils, tablets etc. for school "kiddies". W. W. Campbell.

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

Let us show you through our Coal and Feed yard Saturday, T. J. R. Swafford, South Side, 1t.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

### MAKES MORE COTTON THAN EXPECTED. PAYS WAGER MADE IN DRY WEATHER

Last summer late, along when the days were hottest and driest, Mr. J. D. Andrews, splendid citizen and farmer residing on route four, made a small wager of the drinks (cocola) with our excellent citizen and pioneer merchant Mr. G. F. West regarding the amount of cotton the former would make this year.

It seems that Mr. West enquired of Mr. Andrews at that time as to about how much cotton he would make, and he told Mr. West he did not believe he would gather over fifteen bales where upon the latter made the cocola drink wager that he would get twenty bales. And on last Wednesday Mr. Anderson brought in and marketed his 20th bale of cotton, and as he stated, it was with pleasure that he bought the drinks for his friend West.

And Mr. Anderson stated that while he had already gathered much more cotton than he expected, he was almost done as he expected to only gather about 3 bales more.

### BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday school at 10 a. m., classes for all who will come. Do not let the weather keep you at home, for when you do you miss something. Bro. Hardesty was with us last Sunday and we found that he was a wide awake man and on the job. We are going to have another able speaker with us Sunday. Come.

Teacher training class meets Monday night at 7:45. Let all teachers and officers be on hand. We had a nice attendance out last Monday night. We hope to make up for our summer vacations in these meetings. So come and help us put the good work over. Chas. West, Supt.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

### PROGRAM FOR M. E. MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Program for Monday, Sept. 24.

1. Song.
2. Report of Social Service committee, Cooperation between voluntary and governmental agencies for public welfare, Mrs. Robert Grimes.
3. Hymn.
4. Bible lesson—Jesus the Christ, John 7 by Mrs. H. C. Williams.
5. Prayer.
6. Missionary topic—Christ winning China.
  - a. Through Iteneration, Mrs. Martin.
  - b. Through Hospitals, Mrs. Thompson.
  - c. Through Missionary Societies, Mrs. Richardson.
7. A visit to St. Marks Hall New Orleans, Mrs. Armstrong.
8. Stewardship, Mrs. Thos. Durham.

### ST. LOUIS MAN DISCOVERS A NEW KIND OF HEAT

Mr. B. M. Oliver has finally invented an amazing device which ends for ever the days of woman's slavery to dirty, mussy coal and wood fires. It sets into the firebox of any kind of stove or furnace without change and just turning a valve it gives any degree of heat required, 3 times the heat of coal. Burns pure coal oil. See L. D. Matlock for your burner. The Watkin's Man, Merkel, Texas. Or write to Oliver Oil-Gas Burner Co. Sweetwater, Texas, Distributing point. 1tpd.

While there is yet lots of cotton to be gathered in this community, it is not uncommon to find a man who has his crop almost gathered. For instance, we met a man this week who had gathered 20 bales and only liked 2 or 3 bales being through, and yet this is only the 20th of September.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

Our good friend, H. P. Wilkins, of the Salt Branch community was here yesterday and dropped in to have the Merkel Mail come to him for another year. Mr. Wilkins is one of our best and most substantial citizens, and we are looking for him to bring to the Community Fair some fine farm and live stock exhibits.

### CARD OF THANKS

I take this method of thanking you for your past patronage to me in my business and to say that I will do my very best to please you in the future.  
Alfred H. Ligon  
Agent Abilene Steam Laundry

Say! Did you read that long list of fine premiums offered by the business men of Merkel in the middle of the big double page advertisement in this paper? If you have not you are missing something.

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

And you ladies who pride yourselves on making fine cakes just read the many valuable premiums offered in this paper by the Merkel business men.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

OF

### ARMY GOODS

To Be Held At

Merkel, Texas,

Tuesday, October 2, 1923.

Beginning at 1:30 P. M.

The following merchandise will be sold, consisting of U. S. Government Harness, (with and without breeching, used and new) Blankets, Collars, Halters, Lines, Tie Straps, Hame Strings, Lariat Picket Ropes, Tents, Shirts, Gloves, and a lot of other articles not listed

Every Article Offered Will Positively Be Sold To The Highest Bidder.

A. L. JONES, Manager of Sales

## 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

(31-3t)

Abilene, Texas

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

# MERKEL BUSINESS MEN OFFER BIG PRIZES

On Products Brought in Saturday, September 22  
 Premiums are offered on Agriculture, Livestock, Poultry, Fine Art and Textile, Home Canning, Cooking Etc.

Phone 44  
 T. J. R. SWAFFORD, Manager  
 Merkel Feed & Coal Company  
 South Side  
 Full Line Coal and Feed.

**DON'T FAIL**  
 To make our place your headquarters on Saturday, September 22. We will make a special effort to save you money on your dry goods and groceries on that date.  
**J. T. DENNIS**

**STOVES**  
 We now have a good line of heating stoves, stove boards, stove pipe, etc. Our entire line of Hardware and Harness is now ready for the fall trade which we believe is coming. Our stock of Groceries is the largest we have ever carried.  
 Your trade appreciated on either side of house.  
 Yours truly,  
**CROWN HARDWARE COMPANY**

  
**WOODROOF-BRAGG DRY GOODS CO.**  
 invite you to meet your friends at their Store on Saturday, Sept. 22 and take advantage of the low prices on clean dependable Merchandise. Special Prices will be made on all Millinery for Saturday only. "The Store where most people trade."  
**THE WOODROOF-BRAGG DRY GOODS COMPANY**

**CHICKENS — CHICKENS**  
 We are exclusive agents for the "Jersey Incubator" and "Blue Flame Brooders." Also we have poultry supplies of all kinds.  
 Let the Hen Pay your Bills.  
**LIBERTY HARDWARE CO.**

**WE ARE GLAD TO TAKE PART IN THE COMMUNITY FAIR**  
 We also handle a clean, first class line of groceries. We try to render genuine first class accommodating service. Try our groceries, our service, and be convinced that you can buy good fresh groceries at reasonable prices.  
**BOB MARTIN GROCERY COMPANY**

**THE MERKEL DRUG COMPANY**  
 Is for the Community Fair. We are for anything that is for the progress and upbuilding of the community. And besides, we are doing our best to conduct a first class drug store, where service is found and enjoyed by our line of satisfied customers.  
 We appreciate all the business tendered us.  
**THE MERKEL DRUG COMPANY**

## List Of Premiums Offered

- The following is the list of valuable and interesting premiums offered by the various business firms in the city of Merkel. Read them over and look around the place and see if there is not something on the list that you would like to enter for a prize. At least, it is hoped that every farmer and in fact all who have anything suitable for exhibition will bring same in on the 22nd, and thereby help to make this, Merkel's first Community Fair, a success to be remembered, and the beginning of a permanent institution.
- Merkel has the best lands surrounding her of any part of the great Lone Star State. She has the most efficient, the most progressive and up-to-date class of farmers to be found anywhere on the top side of the Universe, and last but not of the least importance, there is being raised in this community as good if not the best crops throughout the state. Then why should not Merkel have the best Community Fair in the state.
- We have seen a number of premium lists given at several other Community Fairs and have seen none that come up to the list here offered by Merkel's business men in point of value. So, we urge the farmers and every one to cooperate in making the Fair a success. Tell your neighbor and friends and urge them to come.
- No. 1 T. J. R. Swafford, Merkel Feed & Coal Co., will give 100 pounds of Superior Dairy Feed to the man bringing in the best Jersey Cow on this day.
  - No. 2 J. S. & Chas. Hughes, Sack Flour for the best Poland China pig brought to town.
  - No. 3 T. J. R. Swafford, Merkel Feed & Coal Co., 5 lbs. of Superior Chicken Feed to the person bringing in the best dozen eggs.
  - No. 4 Sanders Drug Co., for the best Home Made cucumber Pickles, pair of Ear Rings or Bracelet.
  - No. 5 Liberty Hardware Co., \$22.50 Incubator to the farmer bringing in the best pen of chickens.
  - No. 6 F. & M. National Bank \$5.00 for the second best pen of chickens, any breed.
  - No. 7 W. F. Golliday, Agent Gulf Refining Co., 5 gallons Supreme Auto Oil, value \$3.50 for the best stalk of cotton exhibited on the 22nd.
  - No. 8 Ed's Cafe, E. L. Turner, \$5.00 Meal Ticket to the man and woman bringing prettiest baby.
  - No. 9 Merkel Ice Co., E. E. Leslie, \$2.50 to the girl under 16 bringing best piece of needle work.
  - No. 10 White House Cafe, Sanders & Holloway, a free dinner to the family bringing in the best pound of butter on this day.
  - No. 11 J. B. Bell will give \$5.00 pair of Rawhide Bridles to man bringing best span of mules.
  - No. 12 Merkel Produce Co., I. S. Simpson, will give \$2.50 to the one bringing largest No. chickens for market, in addition to the Market price for this day.
  - No. 13 Max Mellinger, Dry Goods, will give to the mother of largest family coming to his store on this day, a pair of nice dress shoes.
  - No. 14 A. L. Jobe, \$1.00 worth of sugar for the best display of butter brought on this day.
  - No. 15 R. A. Tarbutton, Jeweler, a Gold Ring to the youngest baby brought to town on this day.
  - No. 16 F. & M. National Bank, \$1.50 for the best piece of Needle work by girl under 12 years old.
  - No. 17 F. & M. National Bank, \$1.50 for the best jar of Canned Fruit on display.
  - No. 18 F. & M. National Bank, \$1.50 for the best display of Jellies by any one family.
  - No. 19 Barrow Furniture Co., \$5.00 to the Lady bringing in the best Jam Cake for the Fair.
  - No. 20 F. & M. National Bank, \$5.00 to the Library fund of any country school having largest delegation of school children under the charge of some person.
  - No. 21 The Crown Hardware Co., \$5.00 to the person bringing in best pen of White Wyandottes.
  - No. 22 Lathams Lunch Stand, \$2.00 to man bringing in the largest Water Melon.
  - No. 23 Brown Dry Goods Co., will give an All-wool, 2-pant Suit, Value \$10 to the boy not over sixteen years who writes for publication the best reason, in own handwriting, why he should buy his needs in Merkel.
  - No. 24 W. F. Hamblett, Grocery, an Aluminum Coffee Percolator to woman making the best cake made from Gold Medal Flour.
  - No. 25 Burton-Lingo Co., 5 gallons of Valdura Asphalt Paint, Value \$9.00 to the man or person bringing the best 10 heads of Maize and the best 10 heads of Kaffir Corn.
  - No. 26 Merkel Drug Co., \$5.00 worth of Nilotus Toilet Goods to girl or woman having best cake.
  - No. 27 West Texas Utilities Co., for best cake baked on Electric Cook Stove, a month's service free.
  - No. 28 West Texas Utilities Co., \$5.00 worth of Merchandise for best cake brought on this day.
  - No. 29 Merkel Motor Co., to Ford driver bringing largest number to town, a handsome prize.
  - No. 30 Merkel Motor Co., to oldest man driving a Ford car to town this day, set of Shock Absorbers.
  - No. 31 The Quality Bakery, large white pound Cake for the best 10 ears of Indian Corn.
  - No. 32 Mrs. J. M. Dry, Racket Store, to the Woman or girl bringing in the nicest Hand Embroidered Center Piece, an Aluminum Roaster.
  - No. 33 Woodrum Filling Station, a Goodrich Inner Tube, any size, to the man bringing the most people to town in a car on Saturday, September 22nd.
  - No. 34 J. M. Garrett, Feed & Coal, sack of Omoline Feed to person bring the best horse colt.

**TRADES DAY SPECIALS**  
 Some special bargains for Saturday, the 22nd. Do not fail to look them over.  
**SANDERS DRUG STORE**

**THE WOODRUM FILLING STATION**  
 Where real AUTO SERVICE is rendered those who patronize our filling Station, is glad to contribute toward a Community Fair in Merkel. While attending this Community Fair come to us with your car trouble, we will solve them for you.  
 We thank you for any and all patronage.  
**GEORGE WOODRUM, Proprietor**

**When You think of Building Material think of**  
**Burton-Lingo Lumber Company**  
 Dealers in Lumber, Builders Hardware and Glass  
**LOWE Bros. High Standard Paints**  
 Phone 74 Corner Lamar & North Front Sts.

**ED'S PLACE FOR GOOD EATS**  
 A place where good, clean meals are served night and day, to Ladies and Gentlemen.  
 Try our Service.  
 We appreciate all patronage extended us.  
**E. L. TURNER, PROPRIETOR**

**THE QUALITY BAKERY**  
 First Class  
 BREAD, CAKES, PIES AND CANDY  
 All Kinds of the Best and most Tasty and Delicious Pastry  
 Try our goods and be convinced of their HIGH QUALITY  
 We welcome every one to Merkel's Community Fair  
**A. A. McGehee, Proprietor**

**WHITE HOUSE CAFE**  
 Will appreciate your patronage at any and all times. We assure you the best of eats, with courteous and fair treatment.  
 We will be especially prepared to care for your Restaurant wants on Community Fair Day.  
**SANDERS & HOLLOWAY, Props**

**SPECIALS FOR COMMUNITY FAIR DAY**  
 One lot of Dress Gingham, well worth 25c per yard  
 Specially Priced for Community Fair Day Only  
 12½ cents per yard.  
**MAX MELLINGER**

**A REAL WELCOME!**  
 The Largest Public Servant in West Texas is for The Community Fair.  
 Service through Growth, Progress and Efficiency Is our Slogan.  
 We are 100 per cent for Progressive Development.  
**WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY**

**VISIT US ON COMMUNITY FAIR DAY**  
 Make it a profitable day by taking advantage of the Special Bargains we are offering in furniture. Remember we give away on that day a genuine Sealey Mattress.  
 Don't fail to be present.  
**BARROW FURNITURE COMPANY**

**CAN YOU AFFORD TO LOSE THE PROFITS THAT BUILDING WILL GIVE?**  
 If we could reduce building costs we would cut them fifty per cent. We can make more money when prices are low. But what indications is there that prices will be lower; none that we know of. It is our advice to build now what you need.  
**THE MERKEL LUMBER COMPANY**  
 Dealers in Carey's Blue Ribbon Paints & Roofing, Wall Board, Builders Hardware & Glass, Infact everything in the Builders Line. Sash, Doors Screening goods, Lime Cement & Sand—Gravel.  
 Make this your headquarters when in town  
**Wm. P. Carey Company, Owners**  
 Phone 82 Established 1881

**HAMILTON & CASE, Groceries**  
**GROCERIES!** That's our stock in trade. That's what we study about most. We must do that if we are to render our patrons the kind of Grocery Service they are entitled to. And our fast growing patronage is indicative of the kind of service we are putting out. However, we are always glad to cooperate with the people of our town and community; hence we are for the Community Fair.  
 If you are not a customer now, give us your next order and then you will know how to appreciate our goods and our excellent service.  
**HAMILTON & CASE**

**IT'S NEW BUT ITS ALREADY FAMOUS**  
**Patterson Bros. Drug Store**—The fastest growing drug Store in Merkel. Call on us for,  
**DRUGS, PATENT MEDICINES TOILET AND FANCY ARTICLES SCHOOL SUPPLIES, PHONOGRAPHS AND RECORDS**  
 Bring us your prescriptions and family recipes. Positively no substitutes, the best is none too good for those who need medicine.

**MAGNOLIA FILLING STATION**  
 Welcomes all Community Fair Visitors, to Merkel on Saturday, September 22nd.  
 We strive to serve our patrons courteously and efficiently at all times, and will make special effort to serve all who visit us on this day with entire satisfaction.  
**Chas. H. Jones, Manager.**

**PRINTING BOOK BINDING STATIONERY**  
**OFFICE SUPPLIES ADVERTISING**  
 No job is too large or too small for us  
 We take orders for Lithographing, Engraving, etc.  
**THE MERKEL MAIL PRINTING COMPANY**  
 Printers and Publishers

CONTINUED ON PAGE SEVEN

**The Merkel Mail**

Published Every Friday Morning by  
THE MERKEL MAIL PRINTING COMPANY, INC.  
THOMAS DURHAM, Editor and Manager

SUBSCRIPTION \$1.50 PER YEAR  
TELEPHONE No. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Merkel  
Texas as second class mail matter.

**ALL ADVERTISEMENTS MUST  
BE IN THIS OFFICE BY SIX  
O'CLOCK P. M. WEDNESDAY  
FOR INSERTION IN THAT  
WEEK'S ISSUE OF THE MAIL**

Foreign Advertising Representative  
THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

Of all the hateful, low down  
people on earth, be they men or  
women, the meddlesome slander-  
er has all the rest of the world  
backed in on the siding.

We believe the church is the  
greatest institution on this  
earth, but the hate and jeal-  
ously some professed christians  
demonstrate toward their broth-  
ers does not look very Christ-  
ian like.

We trust that the rural school  
boys and girls will read carefully  
over the premiums offered by  
the business men for the Com-  
munity Fair wherein they may  
secure same, and that many  
may enter for same, accord-  
ingly.

Almost every merchant and  
business firm in the city is of-  
fering a nice and valuable prem-  
ium published in this paper for  
which some one can compete for  
at the coming Community Fair  
on next Saturday.

Boys and girls there is being  
offered by business firms in  
Merkel some nice premiums for  
the best reason why we should  
all patronize home merchants.  
Read them and enter the con-  
test. The Merkel Mail will pub-  
lish the winner and possibly all  
entries.

Of course it's been hard at  
times throughout the past year  
or two in this country, but you

fellows who have been howling  
so loud and long; cussing the of-  
ficials of the county and some  
times your best friends, lay that  
all down, put on a smile, and in-  
cidentally see if you can't even  
do something to help somebody  
along life's rugged path, while  
you are so prosperous.

In this paper there is publish-  
ed a list of many valuable prem-  
iums, offered by the business  
men of this city for the best  
livestock, and farm exhibits, be-  
sides many for the best poultry  
home canned fruits and jellies.  
Let all who have any such to  
bring them in and to enter the  
contest. Let's show the many  
visitors who are going to be in  
Merkel on this day, just what  
can be grown on the farms of  
the Merkel country.

There is a premium of \$7.50  
valuation offered by a local busi-  
ness firm, for the farm exhibit  
showing the best and most ex-  
tensive line of diversification.  
The Merkel Mail is in hope that  
a number of farmers will gather  
up a few samples of every kind  
of farm and garden product  
they have and bring them in on  
next Saturday and let's show  
what can be done in this line.  
Don't fail to read the big prem-  
ium list published in two places  
in this paper.

**DYEING**

Men's Suits, \$3.50; Men's  
Overcoats, \$3.50 and up; Swea-  
ters, \$1.50; Ladies Dresses, \$3.50  
and up; Ladies Suits, \$3.50 and  
up. Alfred H. Ligon, Agent Abi-  
lene Steam Laundry. tf.

The Rev. John P. Hardesty of  
Slaton, pastor of the Baptist  
church in that city, who had  
been to Abilene last week to  
place two of his daughters in  
Simmons College, stopped off in  
Merkel last Saturday and preach-  
ed at the Baptist church here  
on Sunday two excellent and  
able sermons. He is one of the  
strongest ministers on the  
Plains.

**MISS BOAZ ENTERTAINS**

On last Friday afternoon at  
4 o'clock several girls gathered  
at the home of Miss Lula Mae  
Boaz in response to an invita-  
tion the day before to spend a  
night at her ranch.

About six o'clock all arrived  
at the Boaz ranch, where a  
swim was thoroughly enjoyed.  
After the swim the merry crowd  
drove to the ranch house where  
an appetizing supper was  
spread on the porch.

Following supper games,  
stunts, and candy making were  
delightful amusements.

Breakfast was had about 8  
o'clock, the next morning, which  
was immensely enjoyed.

May Miss Boaz and her moth-  
er know that the following en-  
joyed their hospitality to the  
utmost; Misses Evelyn Hamm;  
Lilley Pratt Sears, Loyce Dry;  
Ruby Hamm, Iva Bragg, Chris-  
tine Collins, Blanche Durham.

A. L. Jobe's Store is head-  
quarters for school tablets, pen-  
cils, candies, cakes, etc. Every  
girl and boy come see. 14t2

Our Superior brand Feeds  
have met every test satisfac-  
torily. T. J. R. Swafford, South  
Side. It

**SHOE SHINE NOTICE**

I am glad to announce to my  
former patrons that I am now  
back at my old job, shinning  
shoes at Mr. Chas. West's Bar-  
ber Shop, and will appreciate  
any and all business that may  
be given me.

On Sundays I will open up at  
7:30 a. m. and close at 9:30 a.  
m. Also, will charge 15 cents  
for Shines on Sunday and holi-  
days. Respectfully, Quincy Pay-  
ne. 21t2p.

Ira Huss, the clever and effi-  
cient manager for the West  
Texas Utilities Company in  
Merkel, attended a meeting of  
the managers of this company  
in this district at Cisco one day  
first of the week.

# Harness - Stoves

This is harness and Stove month,  
with us, we are making  
attractive prices on them.

Oil stoves have declined in price.

Heating Stoves are being put on display  
this week, see our heaters and  
compare prices.

We have so much to sell we can't  
Mention every thing.

Come and see for your self.

## LIBERTY HADWARRE CO.

The Only Exclusive Hardware Store in Merkel

# Welcome to Community Fair

Yes, we thrice welcome you, and may  
the day bring to you many pleasant inci-  
dents, and may it also be a day of profit  
to every farmer in the Merkel community.

This store bids you welcome to make your headquarters here, where  
we have arranged to offer hundreds of bargains in numerous items to our  
friends and patrons.

Our store is brim full to the top with everything for the entire family.  
And listen, folks, dry goods are not going to be any cheaper, and very likely  
all goods will be higher. Hence, you had better buy now and take advantage  
of the situation; then you'll be safe.



# MAX MELLINGER

**WHITE CHURCH**

We are having quite a bit of  
cloudy weather and showers.  
Not enough however, to hinder  
the cotton pickers. Just a few  
weeks now and all of the cotton  
will be opened. People are need-  
ing pickers badly, for if weather  
conditions were to be unfavor-  
able, there would be quite a bit  
of cotton lost.

Health conditions seem to be  
better than usual at present. A  
few days ago we heard that  
Uncle Druce Tucker was very  
feeble again. We join with  
many others in hoping he is bet-  
ter by now. Uncle Druce is one  
of the landmarks in this com-  
munity, coming here about 79,  
and has a host of friends who  
are interested in his welfare.

For a while it seemed that  
services would be rained out  
last Sunday but it cleared up  
about the eleventh hour and the  
attendance was very good for  
the weather conditions to be so  
unfavorable.

Messrs. Frank Demere, Dil-  
lard Snow, and Harding Reid  
returned Monday night from a  
trip to Lamesa. This is the sec-  
ond trip Mr. Demere and Snow  
have made to the plains in the  
past few weeks and they predict  
wonderful opportunities to those  
who go there now.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Spear of  
Hawley were visiting the form-  
ers mother, who has been quite  
sick for some time, and the lat-  
ters homefolks for a while Sun-  
day.

If the weather is so that peo-  
ple can't pick cotton Saturday  
White Church will be at the  
Community Fair. Otherwise, we  
may not all get there. Look for  
us, we will be represented any-  
way.

Mr. J. L. Barker, another one  
of the good and substantial citi-  
zens of the Salt Branch com-  
munity, was in the city first of  
the week and has our thanks  
for three subscriptions to the  
Merkel Mail.

**ANOTHER BOY COTTON  
PICKER**

W. C. Neil, splendid and hust-  
ling farmer from the Nubia  
community was here yesterday  
with his 24th bale of cotton, and  
in speaking of cotton and the  
picking of same, Mr. Neil told  
of his nine year old son, who  
one day this week pickd 309 lbs.  
of cotton in one day. Some cot-  
ton picker.

Say, you farmers, pick out  
some of those best heads of  
Maize and Kaffir corn and bring  
them in to Merkel on Saturday  
September 22 and enter the con-  
test for the big premiums of-  
fered on that day.

J. H. Campbell Jr. was in the  
city Wednesday. He reports his  
crops very good, with many bal-  
es of cotton open and ready to  
pick.

Expecting car McAlester Coal  
T. J. R. Swafford. South Side.  
Phone 44. It

FOR SALE--Some good second  
hand Cars. \$125 and up. Me-  
Donald Motor Co. tf.

**CLEANING AND PRESSING  
IS OUR SPECIALITY**

Men's Suits, \$1.00; Men's  
overcoats, \$1.00; Boy's suits,  
50c; Boy's Overcoats, 50c;  
Sweaters, 50c and up; Ladies  
Suits, \$1.00 and up; Ladies  
Dresses, \$1.00 and up; Swea-  
ters, 50c and up. Alfred H. Ligon,  
Agent Abilene Steam Laun-  
dry. tf

The varied services of the  
Farmers and Merchants Nation-  
al 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. tf

## "Our Family Medicine"

"I WILL WRITE you in regard  
to Black-Draught liver medi-  
cine, as I have been using it  
more than 18 years," says a letter  
from Mr. S. F. Mintz, of R. F. D. 2,  
Leland, N. C. "I keep it in my  
home all the time, for it is mostly  
our family medicine. When we  
begin to feel feverish or sluggish,  
with trouble from the liver or  
stomach, we take a dose of  
Thedford's Black-Draught and the  
trouble is soon over. I mostly buy  
a dollar package at a time, and it  
has saved me many a bill."  
Thedford's Black-Draught is a  
purely vegetable remedy, acting on  
the liver, stomach and bowels. It  
is made from selected herbs and  
roots, and contains no calomel or  
other mineral drugs.  
It has been found of great value,  
in indigestion, stomach trouble,  
sick headache, constipation, and  
lazy liver, helping to relieve the  
symptoms caused by these  
troubles, and to put the digestive  
system into proper working order.  
Get a package of Black-Draught  
liver medicine from your druggist  
or dealer, today. Be sure to get  
the genuine—Thedford's.

Thedford's  
**BLACK-DRAUGHT**  
A Purely Vegetable Liver Medicine



FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Radio Receiving set, including good Magnavox. Will sell all or any part of it. See Wrenn at Mail Office at once.

FOR SALE—A good 200 acre farm, 140 in cultivation with 40 more available. Good improvements, located five miles southeast of Merkel. School, church within three-fourths mile. For particulars see E. A. Click, Merkel, route three. 14t3p

FOR SALE—Good milk cow. Also two rocking chairs and two bedsteads. See Mrs. E. C. Perry 6 blocks south of Burton Lingo Co. It.

FOR SALE—A good 7 room house with bath, hall, including 3 lots on Oak St. See C. R. Horton for price and terms. Will trade for Abilene property. 1tp

FOR SALE—A good young Milk cow. Well worth the money asked. G. H. Byrant. Merkel. 1tp.

FOR SALE—Some good young milk cows, first calf, of fine milk stock. G. H. Tucker, Route four. 1tp

FOR SALE—3 work mules. If sold in the next 30 days, will sell at a bargain. Q. Brown. Merkel. 21t3

FOR SALE—78 acre farm, four miles north of Merkel, 66 in cultivation. Three quarters of a mile of school, at \$35.00 per acre. See P. C. Jones, at the City Barber Shop. 1tp

FOR SALE—For cash, for 30 days, the J. L. Banner place north east of town, including 1 acre of land and all improvements. Good six-room house, windmill, well and cistern, barns and garage and other out houses. Just out the edge of town and very desirably located. Will rent if not sold. See J. H. Grayson, route 2. 21tp

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A second hand, standard make Piano. See T. W. Collins. 21t2p

FOR SALE—A good Jersey cow. See W. R. Cox. 1tp

FOR SALE—Will have a number of good pigs in Merkel on Fair day for sale. Sam Butman Sr. 1t

FOR SALE—Some good second hand Cars. \$125 and up. McDonald Motor Co. tf.

FOR SALE—Residence, 5 rooms and bath. Well located in Merkel. Will sell cheap for cash or would take some trade and Vendors Lein Notes. See L. W. Cox. tf

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. tf

WANTED

WANTED—HELP. Woodrum Hotel. 1t.

WANTED—Stock to pasture 300 head. Good grass, good fence. Plenty of water. Phone or write Joe S. Carter, Hawley Texas. 21t2.

WANTED—A good milk cow at once. Must be gentle and easy to milk. G. B. Brown. 1tp.

LOST

LOST—Four side curtains and 1 back curtain and 2 mud chains for Oakland Car. Finder return to Merkel Mail office and receive reward. G. L. Anderson, Route 5. 1tp

Intermediate B. Y. P. Program

Subject: The native worker on the foreign field. Scripture reading, by Clyde Mayfield.

Words of a veteran missionary, Fannie Bell Boaz. The Missionary multiplied, by Joe Ben Ashby.

Stories of some native workers.

1. In China by Eunice Bird.
  2. In Japan by Dallas Hand.
  3. In Africa by Gilbert Walton.
  4. In Mexico, by Mildred Swafford.
  5. In Italy by Edith Baker.
  6. In South America by Durwood Owens.
- Closing song and prayer.

Our Superior brand Feeds have met every test satisfactorily. T. J. R. Swafford. South Side. It

PROFESSIONAL

THOS. C. WILSON  
The Jeweler  
Watches, Clocks and Jewelry Repaired  
All Work Guaranteed

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

E. S. CUMMINGS  
Attorney-At-Law  
Office—Up-stairs in  
The Boney Building

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

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

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

ACID STOMACH  
CAUSES ULCERS

"I believe I had as bad a case of acid stomach as anyone ever had. I was in such condition that my food would no longer assimilate or digest and sores developed in my mouth even. My stomach was so sore from ulcers that the pressure of my clothes hurt me. I used FERRASAL and it completely cured me. I will recommend it to anyone as the greatest remedy for acid stomach, constipation and indigestion." HENRY G. DANNELLY, 5663 Goodwin St., Dallas, Texas

Acid stomach is a seemingly harmless condition in itself. If not corrected it may result in ulcers of the stomach and then cancer. Don't neglect it. Buy a 50c box of FERRASAL from your druggist. We guarantee relief or your money refunded.

**New Fords**  **Used Fords**  
THE UNIVERSAL CAR  
Plenty Fords for all---See the New Models We buy sell or trade.  
Ford Touring, plain, \$375.82 delivered in Merkel  
**Merkel - Motor - Company**  
Lincoln — Ford — Fordson

**R - U - WELL?**

Don't forget that many people are regaining health by Chiropractic Massage after having failed in their efforts otherwise.

We have had twelve years of actual practice and really know our business.

Our Merkel office is located for your convenience at the COLLINS HOUSE.

**Busby & Crowder**  
Scientific Masseurs

Abilene                      Merkel                      Winters

SIMMONS HAS NEW FINE ARTS BLDG.

Abilene, Texas, Sept. 18.-- Formal opening of the new \$11-5,000 Fine Arts Building of Simmons College, said to be one of the most beautiful buildings devoted to the Fine Arts in the entire South, was held on Friday evening as a part of the exercises for the opening of the thirty-second session of the College. The building itself is the gift of Judge and Mrs. Caldwell of Abilene and cost exclusive of furnishings, \$100,000. It was completed this year.

College officials, faculty and trustees took part in the public reception opening the doors of the building to the people for inspection. Mr. Caldwell, who is president of the Board of Trustees, and Mrs. Caldwell, President, J. D. Sandefer and Stiles R. Anderson, Dean of the Fine Arts Faculty, headed the line which welcomed a large number of friends of the College.

The general design of the building which is three stories high is the Greek classic of the Corinthian order. It is restituted brick with stone trimmings; a row of pilasters ornaments the front of the structure and there is a frieze of the Masters. First floor includes the Dean's studio with two concert grand pianos. It is furnished in French gray with natural oak trimmings, draperies in midnight blue and gold. Also on this floor are the expression studios and art studio. The second floor has seven studios for the teaching of voice piano, and violin, harmony and history class rooms, a small auditorium seating 150 people, and having artistically arranged stage settings. The third floor is composed of the practice circle including twenty-six practice rooms, furnished with standard pianos. There is also a handsome reception hall and exhibit corridor with ornate vaulted ceiling and novel lighting effects.

Light Crust Flour, every sack guaranteed. W. W. Campbell. It

Expecting car McAlester Coal T. J. R. Swafford. South Side. Phone 44. It

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. tf

Full weight, full measure, right prices on all goods at A. L. Jobe's. 14t2

Rev. Fred S. Rogers, W. L. Diltz Sr. and O. B. Hutchins, attended the meeting of the Abilene Presbytery which met at Anson this week.

Miss Juanita Warren of Waco is a guest in the Mrs. J. B. Warren home this week.

**A Word to the Borrower**

IF you are a borrower of this paper, don't you think it is an injustice to the man who is paying for it? He may be looking for it at this very moment. Make it a regular visitor to your home. The subscription price is an investment that will repay you well.

**DEVOE**  
Paint and Varnish Products  
Prevent Destruction

The Wrenchings of an Earthquake are in the Frost!

ITS icy grip tears apart the strongest joints, and forces a thousand openings in the wood for rain and rot to enter. Its freezing clutch starts certain ruin in a hundred secret places in your home.

Prevent this destruction. Shut out the fury of the elements with the magic wall of paint. Use Devoe Products to give your home invincible protection and enduring beauty.

Liberty Hardware Company

First man's wood house protected with Devoe Lead and Zinc House Paint Devoe Parth and Deck Paint Devoe Single Sash.

## We Call Your Especial Attention to the Following **STATEMENT**

And solicit your business on our reputation for  
**Service, Safety and Knowledge of Banking**  
Condensed Statement of the

# Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel

### RESOURCES

Loans, time and demand .....	\$283,736.57
Loans, cotton .....	17,384.46
U. S. Securities .....	18,200.00
Other Bonds and Warrants .....	5,726.37
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank .....	1,950.00
Stock in Federal Int. Banking Co. ....	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures .....	4,500.00
Other Real Estate .....	4,100.00
5 per cent Redemption Fund .....	312.50
<b>CASH &amp; SIGHT EXCHANGE .....</b>	<b>203,332.37</b>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$540,142.27</b>

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock .....	\$50,000.00
Surplus .....	15,000.00
Undivided Profits .....	6,761.44
Circulation .....	6,250.00
Bills Payable .....	NONE
Re-Discounts .....	NONE
Borrowed Money .....	NONE
<b>DEPOSITS .....</b>	<b>462,130.83</b>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$540,142.27</b>

### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren, President  
Booth Warren, Asst. Cashier  
G. F. West, Henry James, Sam Butman, Senior

L. R. Thompson, Cashier  
Owen Ellis, Asst. Cashier

**Never missed a dividend**

**Never Assessed a Shareholder**

CONTINUED FROM PAGES 4 AND 5

## List Of Premiums Offered

- No. 35 J. T. Dennis, Dry Goods and Groceries, a 50 lb. sack of Primrose Flour to the woman baking best cake from Primrose Flour. He will also furnish the flour to bake the cake if called for.
- No. 36 J. T. Dennis, pair of shoes to the youngest one of largest family of girls coming to his store.
- No. 37 Hamilton & Case, a large bucket of White Swann Coffee to largest family coming to store.
- No. 38 Patterson Bros. Drug Store, for the nicest hand embroidered Pillow cases, \$12 Manicure Set
- No. 29 Patterson Bro. Drug Store, toman picking most cotton in any one day, from this date up to September 22, \$3.00 worth of Cigars or Cigarettes or Chewing Tobacco.
- No. 30 The Farmers State Bank, \$2.50 on the best Pig not over 10 months old, any breed.
- No. 31 The Farmers State Bank, \$5.00 to rural School child under 12 years old who writes the best essay on "Savings".
- No. 32 The Farmers State Bank, \$2.50 for the best stalk of 1923 "Kasch Cotton".
- No. 33 F. P. Hamm, Ginner, will gin free four bales of cotton for the man bringing on this day the largest number of bales of cotton to be ginned, value about \$25.00.
- No. 34 McFarland Garage, any size Inner Tube to the person bringing best pair of Turkeys.
- No. 35 Woorroof-Bragg Co., to the man bringing best 10 heads of Maize, a John B. Stetson Hat.
- No. 36 Bob Martin Gro. Co., to the woman baking best Layer Cake from Seal Flour, a 50 lb. sack.
- No. 37 Bob Martin Gro. Co., to woman baking best 2 loaves bread from Seale Flour, 50 lb. sack.
- No. 38 The Merkel Lumber Co., to man with best pair turkeys, a Quart of Auto Paint.
- No. 39 W. P. Duckett, the Produce man, \$2.50 to the person bringing on this day for market the most pounds of poultry of all kinds, butter and hides.
- No. 40 Parent-Teachers Club will give as first prize to the High School student writing the best Theme on the need of a new High School Building, \$3.00, and \$2.00 for the second best.
- No. 41 A. L. Jobe, 1 gallon Peacock Cane Syrup to person buying largest bill groceries this day.
- No. 42 The City Meat Market, \$1 worth of steak for the best ten heads of Maize on this day.
- No. 43 The City Meat Market, \$1 worth steak to parents bringing best looking baby on this day.
- No. 44 The Merkel Mail will give a two years subscription to the Mail and three years subscription to the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News, to the person bringing in the oldest Relic.
- No. 45 The Magnolia Filling Station, \$2.50 to the boy or girl writing best reason why the rural schools should be made the best possible.
- 46. R. O. Anderson will give \$5.00 to the man bringing in the best stalk of cotton raised from "Kasch" Cotton Seed sold by him last Spring.
- 47. E. Yates Brown will give \$1.50 to the person bringing in the heaviest cockrell, any breed.
- 48. Merkel Dry Goods Company will give \$5.00 for the best mule colt.
- 48. E. H. Cordill will give \$1.00 to the person bringing in the best S. C. Rhode Island Red Cockrell.
- 49. G. F. Holland will give \$1.00 to the person bringing in the best S. C. Rhode Island Red Pullet.
- 50. The Gem Theatre will give four passes to the person buying the most adult tickets Saturday September, 22.
- 51. To the Ex-Soldier bringing in the most interesting collection of World War relics, Dr. Grimes, Commander, announces that the Merkel Armory will give \$3.00.
- 52. To the Ex-Soldier bringing in the most interesting collection of World War Relics, the Merkel Chamber of Commerce will give \$5.00.
- 53. \$7.50 Premier Visor will be given by the Accessory Department of West Company, to the person showing the greatest line of diversification.
- 54. West Company will give to the boy or girl writing the best Essay on "Why Trade at Home", a Vitalic Bicycle Tire.
- 55. The Jackson-Savage Motor Company will give One 30x3 1/2 Tube to the girl or boy explaining the best features of the Star Automobile in a two hundred word article.
- 56. J. M. Garrett will give to the man bringing in the best hog fed on "Pig Chow", a sack of 100 pounds of this feed.

### TO SCHOOL AND WHERE

Merkel will indeed have her share of the representatives at various schools our our State this year. The following is a list of girls and boys going from here.

Mr. Castle Ellis to Texas University.

Mr. Judson and Hugh McRee to Texas University.

Mr. Wrenn Durham to Texas University.

Carvel Tucker to Texas University.

Mr. Warren McSpadden, who has been there the entire past year will remain for this year.

Mr. J. J. Russell to Texas University.

Miss Mary E. Sears to C. I. A.

Miss Lorena and Loyce Dry to C. I. A.

Miss Gyrle Howard to C. I. A.

Miss Hattie Proctor to C. I. A.

Miss Alva Wheeler to C. I. A.

Miss Edith Brown, to C. I. A.

Miss Osee Teaff to Simmons.

Miss Annie Mae Swann to Simmons, Abilene.

Mr. Russell Barnett to Mc-

Murray College, Abilene.

Mr. Russell Pike to McMurray College.

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. tf

Let us show you through our Coal and Feed yard Saturday. T. J. R. Swafford. South Side. It.

## WOODRUM FILLING STATION

Besides rendering SERVICE to our Patrons that pleases and lasts, we sell that

**GOOD GULF GASOLINE**  
And Other Good Gulf Products

Yes, and when you need GOOD TIRES and TUBES see us before you buy elsewhere.

**George Woodrum**  
Proprietor

**Read the Classified ads in this paper**

# COZY THEATRE

Matinee Saturday 2 to 5:30

FRIDAY

"DESTINY'S ISLE"

Romantic Sea Drama with Virginia Lee, Ward Crane, Florence Billings and George Fawcett.

Also  
MARTIN JOHNSON  
Travel Picture

MONDAY and TUESDAY  
(Sept. 24 and 25)

"THE BRANDING IRON"

A Goldwyn Special

From the Popular Novel

Also—  
Sport Review

SATURDAY

"LONELY HEART"

From the Book by Edgar Selwyn

Also—  
ROMAYNE COMEDY

And—  
Travelogue

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

Sept. 27 and 28)

GLORIA SWANSON

IN

"The Station of Content"

Also—  
Comedy and Travelogue

### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES

On next Monday afternoon the Woman's Missionary Society will have a Social service program instead of a lesson from the Bible Study. The meeting will open at 3 o'clock and we earnestly urge that every member be present. Every lady member of the church is invited to come and meet with us. The

time has come when we are urged to put on a campaign for new members and also enlist a more consecrated definite service from those who are already members.

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.

16 large bars Naptha Soap; 4 washing powders; one 12 qt. bucket, \$1.00. W. W. Campbell.

Mrs. Lillian Pfenix of Colorado, Texas is a guest of Mrs. I. C. Holden.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Putman, of El Paso, were guests this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff.

### HOBO PARTY GIVEN BY EPWORTH LEAGUE

Tuesday evening at the Methodist Church a hilarious crowd of hoboes gathered. Each one enjoyed the fun of seeing how the other looked, garbed in tramp costume and many were the peals of laughter as each one arrived.

At eight thirty the crowd was led by Rev. and Mrs. Hays to the home of Blanche Durham, where all proceeded around to the back door to ask for a 'hand out.' A hand out it was, of beans, corn bread, onions, sandwiches and lemonade.

From here the merry bunch journeyed to the home of Iva Bragg, where many and various games were played. Then the hobo party came back to the church where punch and cake was served.

A real good time was had by each and each leaguer who missed this missed a evening of real fun.

Mrs. Davis of Abilene is a guest of Mrs. I. C. Holden.

Let us show you through our Coal and Feed yard Saturday, T. J. R. Safford, South Side. 1t.

Charge Pads for sale at the Merkel Mail office.

### PHONE CO. MOVES CENTRAL OFFICE

The Southwestern-Bell Telephone Company has had a special crew of workmen assisting the local force here this week moving the Central Office. The office is now located in the new and commodious bungalow cottage one block north of the main business section of town.

We are informed that considerable new and modern equipment has been installed, and which will add considerable to the already splendid service given the public here through the efficient and accommodating local force.

A portion of the bungalow and office building has been comfortably and elegantly fitted up as a residence, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Partridge, both of whom have been connected with the telephone service here for a number of years, will occupy same and be in charge as managers and directors of the service here. And which means that the people of this community will continue to receive good telephone service.

Miss Juanita Warren of Waco is a guest in the Mrs. J. B. Warren home this week.

### W. B. ALSOBROOK IS NO MORE

W. B. Alsobrook, a pioneer citizen of Merkel, who had been sick for only a short time, passed to his reward Monday night of this week. And on Tuesday afternoon the remains were tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery.

He was 68 years of age, a member of the Church of Christ at which church the funeral took place conducted by Eld. W. G. Cypert.

Deceased had a large circle of friends, besides his aged mother, and sister Mrs. E. N. Brown of Merkel and four sons and two daughters, all of whom were present to attend the last sad rites.

Mr. J. C. Hartline who resides on route two was in the city one day this week, and stated that he had already gathered 16 bales of cotton, with many more now open in the field. He said that lots of his cotton was damaged by the grass hoppers early in the spring, but that this cotton now promised a fourth of a bale per acre, unless the leaf worms which are working in same some at this time, did too much damage.



THE UNIVERSAL CAR

See the New Model and buy Nothing but Genuine  
Ford Touring, plain, \$375.82 Delivered in Merkel  
**MERKEL MOTOR COMPANY**

Lincoln Ford Fordson

# BARROWS

September Clearance Sale Still going-- only two more days.

Why not buy now and save big money on your Furniture. Hundreds have taken advantage of the Big Reduction in prices during the past week. Come Friday or Saturday and supply your wants.

## Saturday, Sept. 22, the Big Day

of the sale in order to make the Last Day the Best Day of the Sale. We are making extra Special Discounts on our entire line of Bedroom Suits.

One fine piece Ivory suit, consisting of Bowfoot Bed, Vanity Chiffonier Bench and Chair. Regular price \$150; Saturday Price \$98.75

One piece, two tone Walnut suit, regular price \$125 Saturdays price \$87.95

One three piece suit in Mahogany, four poster bed, Vanity and Chiffonier, Saturday price \$67.95

All other suits priced in line with above.

Remember we give away the Sealy Mattress Saturday afternoon, have your tickets present.

The Barrow Furniture Company

### Judging a Great Institution by Small Defects

By J. H. PUELICHER  
President American Bankers Association.

It would be difficult to find a banker, understanding thoroughly the Federal Reserve System, willing to admit that we could continue a first-class commercial nation, without the Federal Reserve Banks, or mechanisms similar to them. Yet there is antagonism to the Federal Reserve Banks based in a measure on some minor mistakes in administration, but more generally on a misunderstanding of their purposes, of what should be expected of such a system.

The banker, as much as any man, is to blame for the present misconception. He found Federal Reserve Banks a ready scapegoat to blame for no matter what happened. If it seemed desirable to refuse or call a loan it was easy to say that the Federal Reserve Bank wished it, although it should have been refused because contrary to good banking practice.

Most of all was the system blamed for the fact that violent inflation which hundreds of business men and bankers hoped might be continued forever was finally checked by putting up Federal Reserve interest rates. There were those who blamed the system for not having put up the rate soon enough and others who blamed it because it put up the rate at all.

The penalty for thus blaming every business mishap on this valuable system may be the loss of its much needed benefits. If we wish to save the present bank of the United States from the fate of its two predecessors we must make known to America, to its rank and file, the splendid usefulness of these institutions.

We must admit at the outset that in their administration mistakes have been made, that governors of Federal Reserve Banks and members of the Federal Reserve Board are human beings, and in the administration of the affairs of any institution by human beings mistakes will be made, but these have been so insignificant as compared with the outstanding usefulness of the institutions themselves that they should be judged by the good which they have performed, which, after all, has been along the line of their designed achievement, rather than by those errors which time and experience can easily eliminate.

## 6 BIG DAYS----6 BIG NIGHTS

Opening Monday, September 24.

THE WEST TEXAS FAIR  
Abilene, Texas

Greatest Livestock, Agriculture, Merchants and Manufacturers Exhibits ever shown in West Texas. Automobile Show, Poultry Show, Dog show, Home Economics and Educational Exhibits.

A PROGRAM OF FUN & AMUSEMENT UNSURPASSED. Automobile Races, Wednesday and Friday. Football: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Daily at the Grandstand: Big Hippodrome Show. Afternoon and night: The Southern Flying Circus. Dog Races: Military exhibitions, and Polo.

DON'T MISS

The Grand Opening Parade Pageant, Monday Evening.

"The Court of the Queen of West Texas"

The Most Gorgeous and Spectacular Event ever Staged in West Texas

Low Rates On All Railroads  
Ask Your Agent



**Meet Your Friends**

**News Items of Interest**

**At Woodroof-Bragg's**

Everybody will come to Merkel Saturday because it is COMMUNITY FAIR DAY. You'll find your friends at Woodroof-Bragg's because their store is full of Brand New Merchandise bought long before the advance in cotton. If you take advantage of their early buying you'll save at least 25 per cent. Don't fail to read the following interesting news items.

—The coats for ladies and girls have a lot of style and are so comfortably made this season and in such a big range of materials and priced so reasonable.

—We'll go hand in glove with fashion when we wear a pair of those new Kid Gloves that just came in.

—There's no excuse for a last year's frock to betray its age when a bit of new neck wear will entirely transform it. Fascinating collars, Vestees and rufflings at the neck wear counter.

—Wide Sheetings, Domestic, Outings and Cotton Flannels are sure to be higher. We are prepared to take care of you at present prices for about 30 days.

—Millinery in every imaginable style will be shown and specially priced for Saturday's selling.

—You should see the new Sweaters and Jacket Coats just arrived at this store.

—A big Stock of Mens and Boys Dress and Work Shoes are offered you with a guarantee of satisfaction.

—Those Silk Hose you buy here for 98c are well worth \$1.50.

—Don't fail to ask for the newest novelties in Hand Bags, also beads and bracelets.

—Childrens Coats for school and dress up are here and you will be surprised at the low prices on them.

—You'll be more than pleased if you buy your wool-nap Blankets from us during the next 30 days. Almost two pair for the price of one.

—Men's Furnishings of all kinds are here and priced to meet the closest competition.

—Ladies Silk and Wool Dresses are practical as well as dressy. Priced \$12.50 and up.

—With the new small hats for this season, Veils are very important. You'll find the right one up stairs.

—They say braid trimmings will be good all winter. We have the right width and color.

—In-door days are coming which means you'll need a new house dress made of Gingham, percall or damask.

—The school girl and boy will be dressed right if you buy Red Seal Ginghams and Hercules Shirting.

—You should get a supply of Mens Hose—Priced right.

**The Woodroof - Bragg Company**  
 "The Place Most People Trade"

**GOLAN ITEMS**

Health of the community is very good at present.

As Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Jones and daughter Vera were returning from Hamlin Saturday afternoon they happened to an accident. Mr. Jones drove upon the Clear Fork Bridge between Sylvester and Golan and his steering wheel hanged and the car ran off the bridge on the west, tearing the banister off and turning bottom side up over them. Mrs. Jones was bruised up badly. Vera was not hurt bad. Mr. Jones came out with a finger cut open and a hip bruised. Ed came from Abilene Sunday to see his parents, who are getting along nicely.

The two weeks Methodist meeting closed at Sylvester Sunday night. There were forty one conversions and several who joined.

Fifty Two members of the Roby K. K. K. came up and gave Rev. Tullia a sum of money at the closing. They will speak at Roby Saturday night.

Joe Shelton of El More City Oklahoma is visiting his uncle, Rader Thompson.

Arvill Hill left for San Angelo Sunday to go to school this year. We hope for him a very prosperous year in his school work.

Wallace Hill, Wesley Davis, Bettye Byrom and Vera Lawlis will leave Tuesday for Abilene to enter McMurray. We hope that they will have an enjoyable year.

G. M. Byrom is leaving the latter part of the week for Dallas for cotton pickers.

Frank West and wife visited relatives near Anson Sunday.

Every one enjoyed the party Friday night at the home of Miss Lettie Duncan.

Rollie and El Dora Hill, Joe Shelton, Otha Thompson, J. C. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Northcutt and children and Lettie Duncan were the guests of G. M. Byrom and family Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Hill visited W. C. Hill's Sunday.

Mr. A. J. Cook conducted prayermeeting Sunday night. We did not have a large crowd as many attended church at Sylvester, but we had a good meeting.

Lettie Duncan, Otha Thompson, Joe Shelton and Bettie Byrom motored to Sylvester Sunday afternoon.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

**W. R. McLEOD, D.V.S.**

Veterinarian Surgeon, will be at Trent, Texas, Saturday the 22nd., for the purpose of treating all domestic animals. Specialist on Teeth work, bone spavins, wire cuts, bog spavins, etc. Call day or night, S. D. McLeod, Trent Texas. Phone 57. "Examinations free where brought to me."

**SEMI-FINISH OR FAMILY WASHING**

Everything included but Stiff Collars and Silk. 10 lb. minimum 10 cents per lb. Flat work 8 cents per lb. Alfred H. Ligon Agent Abilene Steam Laundry.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

**APPLES--- APPLES**

I am now prepared to furnish you with plenty of fine apples. Am located in the Crenshaw Block on Kent St. Come to see me. O. B. Tatum.

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

(Continued from front page)

**WEST TEXAS FAIR PROGRAM**

5:00 p. m.—Polo by Army teams.  
 5:30 p. m.—Greyhounds races.  
 3:00 p. m.—Special Concert by Red Hussar Band. Hippodrome.  
 9:00 p. m.—The Battle of the Clouds.  
 Afternoon and night: Wortham Shows on the Midway.

Friday, September, 28  
 Shrine Day; Fort Worth Day; Breckenridge Day; Cross Plains Day; Cisco Day; Colorado Day; Automobile Race Day; Ku Klux Klan Day.

8:00 a. m.—Gates Open.  
 9:30 a. m.—Last Day of the dog show.

10:00 a. m.—Shrine Parade  
 12:00 M.—Shrine Dinner Complimentary to all visiting Nobles  
 2:30 p. m.—Automobile Races. Hippodrome Acts between races.

8:00 p. m.—Special Concert by Red Hussar Band. Hippodrome.  
 9:00 p. m.—Parade and Pantomine by American Women; Parade and Address by Ku Klux Klan.

Afternoon and night: Wortham Shows on the Midway.

Saturday, September 29  
 Travelling Men's Day; Simmons College Day; Carnival Day.

8:00 a. m.—Gates Open.  
 10:00 a. m. Travelling Men's Parade and Revue.

12 M. Complimentary Travelling Men's Dinner at Grounds.  
 2:30 p. m. Hippidrome at Grand stand.

3:00 p. m. Football: Simmons vs. Baylor University.

5:00 p. m. Mounted Drill by Battery E, 131st Field Artillery.

5:30 p. m.—Greyhounds races.

8:00 p. m.—Special concert by Red Hussar Band. Hippodrome.

9:00 p. m.—Carnival night on Midway.

Afternoon and night: Wortham Shows on the Midway.

Rev. Fred S. Rogers, W. L. Ditz Sr. and O. B. Hutchins, attended the meeting of the Abilene Presbytery which met at Anson this week.

**Office of THE BROWN DRY GOODS COMPANY**

**Greetings to You, Every Body**

We sincerely hope you will be here and be a Real Part of **MERKEL COMMUNITY FAIR, SATURDAY, SEPT. 22nd.**

We Received Stacks of New Goods the past week and most all of our merchandise is a full Standard Make and modestly priced. We do not make big profits.

**SMALL QUICK SELLING IS OUR WAY**

School Suits--Mens Suits--Shoes for the whole family. Hosiery, Underwear Stetson Hats. Great line of Good Ginghams.

**BE SURE AND BE HERE SATURDAY**

Respectfully,

**Brown Dry Goods Co.**