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MERKEL SCHOOL IS PROGRESSING

Today ends the first month's work of the Merkel Public school. The enrollment has reached nearly six hundred, work is well under way, teachers and pupils are interested and at work, the attendance is good and regular, and everything points to a very successful year in the Merkel schools.

One hundred seventy-five have already enrolled in the High school Department. Twenty six of these are members of the senior class. The seniors have organized by electing Gladys Middleton as president and Johnnie Sears as secretary and treasurer. Rings have been ordered, and soon the seniors will be sporting their class jewelry.

The teachers and the superintendent sincerely hope that during this year there will be hearty co-operation in the matter of home study. Without home study the pupil may pass but his foundation will be so weakened that somewhere along the line he is going to drop out of school disinterested and failing. One cause of the senior class being so small as compared to lower classes of the school is the fact that in so many instances the pupil and parent are satisfied if the pupil merely "gets by", if he merely passes. Every pupil above the third grade should have a regular period of study every night. The regularity of this study period EVERY night allowing nothing to interfere with it is the big factor in the child's doing really successful school work. He may get by without it but he will not be thoroughly grounded in the work, and later will fail and drop out of school.

Wherever possible every pupil who hopes to make his grade this year should enter school immediately. Unless the pupil is exceptionally bright, he cannot enter over a month behind the others and make his work. It is unfortunate that he must stay out, but he simply cannot do nine months work in seven or eight months. After this week, it will be necessary in most cases for pupils who are promoted and have not yet entered school to remain in the same grade where they were last year. This is not done to punish the child who cannot start early, but is putting him where he can do the work. He can't do the work of the next higher grade when he is over a month behind them in getting started.

Report cards will be out on October 24th. Parents are kindly requested to pay more attention to these this year than ever before, and correct any deficiencies right at the beginning of the year. Feel free to confer with the teacher and the superintendent at all times. A little mutual understanding may help both in bringing about conditions that will enable the child to do better work. Your cooperation will certainly be appreciated. Very respectfully, Roger A. Burgess.

MULES FOR SALE

John Riley is back again with a car of fine mules, three to six years old, weighing from 1100 to 1400 pounds. Some well matched teams, and a few odd mules. All well broke, 18 mare mules, and six horse mules. Prices reasonable. Every mule guaranteed as represented. At the old Helms Wagon Yard. John Riley 1tp

Mrs. Mason Pee was up this week from Lawn, for a visit among friends.

MANY TENANT FARMERS PROSPEROUS

This is indeed a great country in which to live, said a prominent citizen and man connected with the banking interests of this city to the Editor of this paper one day recently. Said he, "it takes longer to get a man down in this country than any place on earth, and when he is down, he can get up quicker than any place in the world."

And now comes along a tenant farmer, who dropped in to this office one day this week to have the Mail sent to him for the next year; saying that for four years he had been here trying to get along and make a living farming, and during three of which he had just about broke even, but this year he had already gathered 14 bales of cotton and after paying the ginning and the fourth to his landlord, he had the nice sum of \$1,785.85 left, and expected to gather at least 16 bales more and which if sold at the prevailing prices, will bring his net income for the years work around \$3,500.

The man was happy and he had a right to be, for he had labored long and hard. He also stated to this paper that during the last few years he had on two occasions become dissatisfied with the country, especially when along in the summer it became so dry and the prospects looked as if there would not be anything made. He said that during a recent summer he sold his crop, teams and cow, etc to a man who would just pay his debts amounting to some four or five hundred dollars, so he could go back east. But every time he sold out this way it would come a rain along in August and the crops would make more than than a similar farmer did in the east.

However, this good man says he has now become satisfied that this is the best country on earth, and that he had rather live here on bread and water and enjoy good health and live among the best people in the world.

TWO MEN PICK OVER 600 BS DAY

Our good friend D. J. Gibson, of route three was in the city on Tuesday and reported that he had picked out to date 23 bales and would get some five or six more bales.

Mr. Gibson also reported that two men, Messrs. Johnson and McClure, of Weatherford, who had been picking cotton for him picked one day last week 665 and 604 pounds, each which is the best record reported to this paper this year. Who can beat it?

EAST TEXANS LIKE MERKEL COUNTRY

Mr. Ira C. Turner, well to do citizen of Wolfe City, Texas, in company with several other substantial citizens of that community, passed through Merkel first of the week on their way to Lubbock on a prospecting trip.

Mr. Turner is related to the Editor by marriage, and while paying a short visit with the latter expressed himself as being delighted with the Merkel country and may return here for another look at same before locating.

COTTON CONDITION LOWEST FOR YEARS

Washington, Oct. 3-- The condition of 49.5 per cent of normal for cotton reported by the Department of Agriculture yesterday is the lowest for Sept. 25 since the first report of 1866, except the condition of 42.2 percent in 1921, said a department statement today. For several states the condition of Sept. 25 is the lowest on record--31 percent for Georgia, 20 percent for Florida, 37 percent for Mississippi and 47 percent for Tennessee.

"The deterioration in these states," the department stated, "has been largely to the damage done by the boll weevil though other causes have contributed as follows:

Excessive rains beating out the lint and rotting the bolls have occurred in some sections. The leaf worm defoliating the plant has been of considerable benefit as it has let in the sunshine driving the weevil out to some extent and resulting in an earlier opening of the crop. Drouth and its effects have continued in spots and damage from cut worms, grasshoppers, the flea and hail is responsible for damage in sections here and there.

SIMMONS GETS A FINE LIBRARY

Abilene, Texas, Sept. 28.-- Through the interest of Judge R. C. Crane of Sweetwater, Simmons College has just come into possession of the valuable Crane Library and Collection, the latter including rare documents on Texas history and especially the history of the Western part of the state. Rare newspaper files and unusual and very complete collection of coin and paper money dating back several centuries before Christ are also in the group. Letters signed by almost all of the prominent men of American history and other items of the Crane Collection can not be duplicated. Of special interest is Mr. Crane's assemblage of bank checks covering all phases of the check in the history of American banking.

Judge Crane is a pioneer citizen of West Texas; he is the son of Dr. William Carey Crane, prominent in the state for many years, president of Baylor University for a long period. Judge Crane was for several years a member of the Board of Trustees of Simmons. He has spent the greater part of his life time and gone to much trouble in making the collection; it has long been his intention that the Crane Library should eventually become the property of Simmons. Recently through the efforts of the trustees and President J. D. Sandefer, the Library was obtained for a small consideration, being principally the gift of Judge Crane to Simmons.

The collection has already shipped to the College and is being assembled in a room of the new fireproof Caldwell Fine Arts Building. The room will be especially equipped to accommodate the Library and the Crane Collection.

Mr. A. A. Lindsey of route 5 was in the city one day this week and dropped in and had us send him the Mail for the next year. Mr. Lindsey reports having gathered 14 bales of the valuable fleecy staple this year, and believes he will get about sixteen more.

JOHN ELLIOTT WRITES A LINE

We are indeed proud to take the liberty to publish the following letter to the Mail from Mr. John Elliott, now residing in San Antonio, but formerly an excellent citizen of Merkel. And it was last summer when Mr. Elliott and family visited with their good friends in Merkel.

This paper also desires to extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Elliott for the compliment concerning the Merkel Mail for such kind words certainly give us courage and an incentive to press on. We would also say just here, that if this paper could only be given the same patronage each week by the business men as was given us during the week which he speaks so complimentary, we would have no trouble in making the "Old Home paper a "Humdinger" all of the time.

San Antonio, Texas, October 1, 1923.
To Editor of the Merkel Mail
Merkel, Texas.

I have just finished reading the last issue of the Mail. It's a humdinger. Permit me to take off my hat to you and the business people and all supporters of the Mail that makes it possible to issue a paper of that magnitude for a town of the population of Merkel.

Excuse me but I will digress from the general rule of correspondence, at some other time I will tell you what I think of Merkel and the people of the Merkel country. What I want to talk about is The Merkel Mail. I have the right to talk about it for I have been a subscriber and a friend since, if I mistake not, its first Editor, the noted "Mary Jane Cox". Next came that good old man that every body loved, W. C. Calvert, who has passed to his reward.

Next was Ed. J. Leeman, my personal friend and brilliant writer, and so on down to the present editor, all of whom I was personally acquainted. I found them always on the right side religiously and politically and for the upbuilding of Merkel and the Merkel country.

And Mr. Editor there is a warm spot in my heart that time cannot efface for the Merkel people and the Merkel schools. It was there my two eldest boys received their high school education. On leaving Merkel School, they learned to set type in the office of the Merkel Mail. At present one is employed in the office of U. S. A. finance department, Manila, P. I. the other is Superintendent of a seventy five thousand dollar printing plant in this city. Sincerely, John Elliott.

WINS ON MAIZE HERE AND AT ABILENE TOO

Mr. J. A. Janes splendid and successful farmer residing on route one, who won first premium for the best ten heads of Maize at the Merkel Community Fair also took first money at the Abilene Fair. As Mr. Janes says, we must start now, to make the Merkel Community Fair next fall the best of its kind in the state. We must plan to have the best exhibit of agriculture exhibits at the Abilene Fair next fall also.

PREACHING AT COMPERE

The Mail is authorized to announce that Rev. J. Perry King, of Abilene, will preach on next Sunday at Compere, at 11 a. m. at the Baptist church.

Everyone in the community is invited to be present and hear Rev. King.

1 DIVORCED IN FIVE TEXAS IS NEAR TOP

Washington, D. C., Oct. 3-- One of every five barques that sail out into the sea of matrimony in Texas is wrecked upon the rocks of divorce, the Dept. of Commerce announced today. Or to be exact, there is one divorce fore very 4.9 marriages.

In 1922, according to the figures of the Department, there were 61,233 marriages and 12,399 divorces in the Lone Star State. In the entire nation there were 1,125,416 marriages and 158,554 divorces or 1 divorce to every 7.6 marriages.

The divorce percentage in Texas was larger than in any of the populous states, although Oklahoma and Missouri were practically tied with the Lone Star state in divorce percentages. The states having a greater percentage of divorces than Texas were Nevada, Oregon, Wyoming and Montana.

The District of Columbia is the hardest place in the nation to get a divorce, therefore there was one divorce in Washington for every 36 marriages. New York is the next most difficult place to obtain a divorce and there was one divorce for every 23 marriages in the Empire State. Georgia, Maryland, Louisiana, Kentucky and North Carolina rank next in paucity of divorces to marriages.

Of the larger Texas counties in 1922 Bexar had 3,161 marriages and 1,086 divorces; Dallas had 4,057 marriages and 1,194 divorces; Harris had 3,808 marriages and 1,692 divorces; Tarrant had 2,620 marriages and 988 divorces; McLennan had 1,555 marriages and 487 divorces; Travis had 899 marriages and 194 divorces; Jefferson had 1,558 marriages and 565 divorces; Wichita had 1,053 marriages and 170 divorces; El Paso had 1,427 marriages and 317 divorces; Potter had 324 marriages and 51 divorces; Galveston 972 marriages and 342 divorces; Grayson 1,065 marriages and 150 divorces.

Among the many interesting items and exhibits at the Community Fair and one that we overlooked, in our write up of the Fair, was a beautiful and tiny little Mattress made by Mrs. J. T. Biggs. It was indeed a perfect little model and would do credit to any mattress factory anywhere.

8,769 BALES ARE RECEIVED HERE

According to Public Weigher C. L. Tucker, and who by the way, is making a good accommodating man in this place there had been weighed up to about noon Thursday in the local cotton yard 6,571 bales of cotton. While Mr. Simpson, in charge of the Farm Bureau platform, reported 2,188 bales weighed in by him; making a total of 8,769 bales received here up to this date.

This is probably 1,000 bales more than had been received up to this time last year. About 10,500 bales were received in all last year, and the estimates vary for the crop this year from 12,000 to 15,000 bales. We predict the latter number will be received.

We are glad to place on our subscription list the name of W. E. Duree, one of the splendid young farmers residing near the city on route two.

MERKEL HI WILL PLAY BAIRD HERE

The football team of Merkel High School went to Big Spring Friday, September 28 to play a game with the High school of that town. The game was called at 4:00 o'clock. Due to the heat and dusty field the game was a little slow, with a great number of times being taken out for water.

Our boys lost the score but I think on a game. They were out weighed 30 pounds to the man and were up against old football players. Our boys never gave up fighting and I think that is a very good thing to say for any team. The boys were fighting against all odds and if they had not had the "stuff" in them, the score might have been worse than it was.

To mention the stars for Merkel would be to give a list of names of the men who played in the game. There were 17 men used in that game, and each one did his very best.

I am sure the people of Merkel appreciate a team of real sports because they know it takes a real sport to be a real man and football is one game that will do that for boys, if properly directed.

We are to play the Baird Hi School football team here Friday, Oct. d5 (today) and we would be disappointed if we did not have the loyal support of the town. Take an hour off and come out to see the boys at football. Root for Merkel, show the boys you are supporting them. I. L. Jackson, Coach.

BLAIR MERCHANT MAKES DONATION

The following letter to the Merkel Mail from Johnnie Ray, merchant at Blair, is self explanatory and will be interesting news to our readers. It shows a fine spirit and the Mail feels sure that Mr. Ray's generosity in thus donating to the local Cemetery Association will be greatly appreciated by those in charge of same:

Blair, Texas, Oct 1, 1923
Merkel Mail:--

As per my ad announcing that I would give a percentage of my Saturdays Sales to the Cemetery Fund, this is to advise you that my cash Sales at the Blair Store was \$735.15. You will find enclosed my check for \$7.35. Please see that it goes where it belongs and any time the funds are low let me know, as I am always ready to help a good cause. Respectfully,
John Ray.

BOX SUPPER AT COMPERE

The Mail is asked to announce that there will be a Box Supper at Compere, tonight, Friday, Oct. 5, the proceeds of which will be used in finishing paying for the Piano at that place.

The services of Hon. J. C. Mason, of Merkel, well known as an able Auctioneer, have been secured and will be present to bid the goods off to the highest bidder.

This a worthy cause and everyone throughout the neighborhood is cordially invited to be present and enjoy the fun as well as help in a good cause.

R. H. Clark of route two is among the many new subscribers to the Mail this week. Mr. Clark reports having gathered 13 bales to date and thinks he will get at least seven more.

Condensed Statement
of the condition of
The Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas

Close of business Sept. 14, 1923

RESOURCES

Loans	\$313,985.44
Banking house & Fixtures	13,800.00
Other Real Estate	9,070.19
Stocks & Bonds	21,616.85
Due from State Gty. Fund	28,442.79
Cash & Exchange	151,646.70
Total	\$538,561.77

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	27,314.70
Bills Payable	55,000.00
Rediscouunts	NONE
Other Borrowed money	NONE
DEPOSITS	406,247.07
Total	\$538,561.77

The Above Statement is Correct

R. O. Anderson, Cashier

The Home of Guaranteed Deposits

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8. Do you cut and shock your corn instead of practicing the old labor wasting, corn-yield reducing, folly of fodder pulling?

9. Are you doing your part in the great movement that promises a new era for farmers through business-like co-operation in buying and selling?

10. Have you joined the ranks of the progressive farmers whose houses are painted—both for reasons of beauty and as a preservative of expensive lumber?

11. Are you a reading farmer—not only reading newspapers but bulletins, books and paper that deal especially with the great business of farming?

12. Is the farm house, as well as the farm itself, properly equipped with modern conveniences—a good range, fireless cooker, washing machine, running water, a modern lighting system, etc.?

13. Does your farm use none but well selected seed for the main crops planted?

14. Do you go ahead and do all your farm work when it ought to be done regardless of any old superstitions about the moon or the signs of the zodiac?

15. Do you ask for the help of your county demonstration agent in trying to get your farming on the most profitable and business-like basis?

16. Are you giving your children the best education it is practicable to give them?

17. Are you trying to make your community a better place to live in and to encourage your neighbors in the adoption of progressive methods and ideas?

18. Are you giving your home a proper and beautiful setting of grass, trees, and shrubbery, and have you provided good, well cared for pastures for your cattle, hogs and horses?

19. Do you feel a real pride in the profession of farming, dignifying it by trying to make it a genuine art or science, honoring its leaders, and seeking to promote every movement, that looks to its enrichment and improvement?

20. Do you have a sense of responsibility to God for the use you make of His soil, realizing that we are indeed "tenants of the Almighty", commissioned by Him "to dress and to keep" whatever part of His footstool is committed to us for a life time?—The Progressive Farmer.

21. Do you practice deep breaking followed by shallow and level cultivation?

22. On your farm, are you making proper use of legumes—cowpeas, soy beans, velvet beans, clovers, vetch and alfalfa—both for enriching land and for cheap hay?

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Intermediate League Program

Song; Song.
Leader, Anna Lou Russell.
Scripture, (att. 7 24-27), by leader.

The use of Foundations, Nina Hand.
Nature's Foundations, Lois Dixon.

Prayer.
The two houses, Leonard Bailey
Character building, Elfe Chaney
Two human structures, W. L. Harkrider.

Our foundations, Sallie Brown.
Announcements.

League Benediction.
League meets at 4 o'clock; every one is urged to be present.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY SALES

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 23.—August closed the summer season for the Ford Motor Company with sales of 161,567 Cars and Trucks, 39,608 more than were delivered at retail during the same month last year, it is just announced.

The remarkable increases which have characterized Ford sales so far this year, bringing them to a total of 1,212,553 for the 8 months up to September 1st, promise to maintain the same proportions during the fall season.

At least, this is indicated by the number of orders on hand at the first of the present month. The new type Ford cars now in the hands of practically all dealers in the country are attracting widespread attention.

The tendency toward enclosed car buying is growing more noticeable and in this connection the four-door Ford Sedan is gaining in popularity as the family car. This sedan has enjoyed a lively demand ever since its introduction and now, with improvements which have come as a result of the higher radiator, it is more attractive in appearance than ever before.

The Ford Coupe, which is new in design and with many refinements, is enjoying unusual popularity.

Business and agriculture interests continue to make increasing demands for Ford Trucks, and sales for August reached a total of 17,441, a gain of 5,147 over August, 1922.

Expecting Car Dawson Egg Coal. Have Colorado and McAlister Lump in the yard. T. J. R. Swaford. South Side. Phone 44.

GLEANERS ENTERTAIN

Mrs. V. B. Sublett, Mrs. Fred Latham, and Mrs. Len Sublett entertained the Gleaners Class of the Methodist Sunday school on last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Len Sublett. A very interesting business and social session was enjoyed.

Mrs. Len Sublett having resigned as teacher of the class, Mrs. L. R. Thompson was unanimously elected teacher. Mrs. V. B. Sublett was re-elected assistant teacher. The following officers were elected; Mr. Herbert Patterson, President, Mrs. Fred Latham, Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Len Sublett Class Reporter, Mrs. Fred Guitar, Mrs. W. M. Gamble, Mrs. Tom Largent, Mrs. Robt. Hicks, and Mrs. Duncan Briggs were appointed on the finance committee.

After the business session, the guests were entertained by a number of very interesting contests, after which refreshments of orange delight and cake were served.

NOTICE TO FARMERS

Those who bought Kasch cotton seed from me last fall meet me at the Tabernacle Saturday afternoon, the 6th at 2 o'clock. I have written for Kasch to meet me there if he can. Yours, W. O. Dial.

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.

Condensed Statement
of the

**THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS
National Bank**
Merkel, Texas

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$283,796.57
Loans, Cotton	17,384.46
U. S. Securities	18,200.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	5,726.37
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,600.00
Other Real Estate	4,100.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX.	203,332.37
Total	\$540,142.27

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	6,761.44
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
DEPOSITS	462,130.83
Total	\$540,142.27

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

DIRECTORS

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

Never missed a dividend--Never assessed a shareholder

**THE TWENTY TESTS OF
A GOOD FARMER**

1. Is your farm operated with the determination to make the land richer each year?
2. Is yours a rotating, diversifying "live at home" farm, giving proper attention not only to diversified farm crops but also to livestock, poultry, and dairy products?
3. Are you using modern plows, cultivators etc, which require cheap horse labor rather than too much highly expen-

sive human labor in making crops?
4. Do you as far as possible have something to turn under for soil improvement before each crop planted?
5. Do you practice deep breaking followed by shallow and level cultivation?
6. On your farm, are you making proper use of legumes—cowpeas, soy beans, velvet beans, clovers, vetch and alfalfa—both for enriching land and for cheap hay?
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to have well-shaped fields, free both of gullies and of ragged, uneven, sprouty corners?
8. Do you cut and shock your corn instead of practicing the old labor wasting, corn-yield reducing, folly of fodder pulling?
9. Are you doing your part in the great movement that promises a new era for farmers through business-like co-operation in buying and selling?
10. Have you joined the ranks of the progressive farmers whose houses are painted—both for reasons of beauty and as a preservative of expensive lumber?
11. Are you a reading farmer—not only reading newspapers but bulletins, books and paper that deal especially with the great business of farming?
12. Is the farm house, as well as the farm itself, properly equipped with modern conveniences—a good range, fireless cooker, washing machine, running water, a modern lighting system, etc.?
13. Does your farm use none but well selected seed for the main crops planted?
14. Do you go ahead and do all your farm work when it ought to be done regardless of any old superstitions about the moon or the signs of the zodiac?
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Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Subject: Two Chinas.
China changeless and China changing, by Clyde Mayfield.
China hopeless and China helpful, Lewis Giles.
China inert and China ignorant, Fannie Bell Boaz.
China napping and China new-born, Joe Ben Ashby.
China alone and China anchored, Mrs. E. Yates Brown.
Closing song and prayer.

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Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Topic—Coveting Christian Gifts.
Leader, Lillian Craig.
1. What may a Christian covet, Nell Swann.
2. Spiritual gifts are from God, Harry McCandless.
3. Spiritual gifts for service, Warren Smith.
4. God's gifts differ, Althea Boden.
5. Living a successful life, Salema Teaff.
6. Coveting gifts for what?, by Mrs. Yates Brown.

Darsey Furniture Co.

See our line of General Furniture,
New Perfection Oil Stoves, Rugs,
Armstrongs Linoleum, Linoleum
and Congoleum Rugs.

We are always glad to make you
feel at home.

We exchange New Furniture For Your
Old

Big Casing Sale

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Regular Price	Sale Price
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**SAM FOSTER AND SON
CLYDE BADLY HURT**

As this paper went to press this Thursday evening it was reported on the streets that Mr. Sam Foster and son Clyde, were seriously hurt when the Motorcycle, with side car attachments in which they were making a trip to Sweetwater this afternoon turned over near Sweetwater. Rumor has it that the Senior Mr. Foster has both legs broken and that the younger is so badly injured that he may not live. They are said to be in a Sweetwater hospital.

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**MOTHER OF SEVEN DIES
IN ABILENE SANITARIUM**

Mrs. Veneta Vancil, wife of Mr. I. I. Vancil who resides on the river west of Noodle, died at Abilene Tuesday evening at about six o'clock, following an operation at a Sanitarium in that city a few hours previous.

Deceased was 33 years old, and besides leaving a husband, and seven children; the smallest of whom is eight months old leaves an aged mother, one brother and four sisters.

Funeral services were conducted at the grave Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock; Rev. O. B. Tatum officiating.

A large crowd of sorrowing friends, relatives and neighbors were present to pay tribute to the deceased who was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her.

This paper joins the entire community in extending deepest sympathy to the heart broken husband and loving children in their loss of a kind wife and loving mother.

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**THREE HANDICAPS
ON STATE FAIR
RACE PROGRAM**

Stake Races Attractive—Hotel Purses Also Carded as Specials

With three handicaps and an equal number of special purse events, the program for the race meet at the State Fair of Texas, Oct. 13-23 this year, is off the press and in the mail.

Rules of the Kentucky State Racing Commission will govern the State Fair meet, which will consist of six races daily, beginning Saturday, Oct. 13, and ending Saturday, Oct. 20. There will be no racing on Sunday, Oct. 14.

"The Cotton Stakes," "The Palace-Majestic Handicap" and the "Adolphus Handicap" are the three stake events, which, as are the special purses, named, will be the fourth races on their respective days. The Cotton Stakes is carded for Dallas Day, Tuesday, Oct. 16; the "Palace-Majestic" for Thursday, Oct. 18 and the "Adolphus" for closing day, Oct. 20.

For the Cotton Stakes \$2,000 is added by the Dallas Cotton Exchange, with the distance at one and one-sixteenth miles, for three-year-olds and upward.

Two Theaters Named
"The Palace-Majestic" is for the same ages, with allowances, and the distance is the full course of seven furlongs, 150 feet. The Palace and Majestic Theaters of Dallas, add \$1,000 to the stake.

The "Adolphus" is at one mile with \$1,000 added by that hotel, and is for 3-year-olds and upward.

Entries for all three stake events close on Oct. 1, and the speed program carries entry blanks, many of which it is expected, will be returned well before closing date.

Hotel Purse Opening Day
The Jefferson Hotel purse for opening day, the St. George Hotel purse for the second day, Monday, Oct. 15, and the Waldorf Hotel purse for the fourth day, Wednesday, Oct. 17, are also carded as special events.

Each is for three-year-olds and upwards, at one mile for all three races. Each is for three-year-olds and upwards, with weights 112 pounds in the Jefferson; 114 in the St. George and 109 pounds in the Waldorf. The latter event is for 3-year-olds which have not won two races since July 31, with 115 pounds prescribed for horses over three years. In the St. George the "older" weights are 120 pounds and in the Jefferson 114 pounds for four-year-olds and 120 pounds for others.

Purses of \$400 will be divided \$300, \$70 and \$30, and those of \$300 will go \$225, \$50 and \$25.

As has been previously announced, Joseph A. Murphy, who officiated on the State Fair track in old days, will be the racing judge, with Arthur McKnight, also a veteran of a dozen years or more ago, as official starter.

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Art Landry and his famous Chicago jazz band will be heard in the Coliseum at the State Fair, Dallas, Oct. 13-23 this year, in connection with the magnificent Coliseum stage production, in which 75 people will appear.

The band consists of strings, saxophones and some heavy brasses, and presents a fine appearance. It furnishes the most up-to-date music and snappy, popular late successes. It is expected the appearance of this musical organization will be one of the delightful musical treats of the fair and appeal to all visitors as one of the distinct novelties of the season.

**ED C. LASATER
AND A JERSEY LASS**



Here you see Ed C. Lasater of Fal furrias, Texas, president of the Texas Jersey Cattle Club—and a Jersey lass.

Mr. Lasater wears the smile that won't come off—characteristic with him. The lass is Noble Lad's Lady Judy, of the Flowerdale Farms, Dallas, junior champion at the 1922 State Fair of Texas.

Texas Jersey cattle breeders and owners will be at the 1923 State Fair on Oct. 18, the day when Jerseys are to be judged, and when the Texas Jersey Cattle Club will hold a meeting and attend a banquet at

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A FREAK EGG

D. D. Coats, one of the prosperous and substantial farmers residing on route five, was in the city last Saturday and had with him an interesting "freak egg". The egg was small and considerably longer than round and had a neck extending out which ran to a point and made a head similar to that of a snake.

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.

Mrs. J. W. Moore and family will leave in a few days for California to join Mr. Moore, who is located in the Imperial Valley. They have rented their home here to Mrs. Highsmith.

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.

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

E. E. Bumpus was here from San Angelo this week assisting his mother, Mrs. M. F. Bumpus in getting straightened out in her new home.

Miss Lola Drake, who has been herfor some time will leave Saturday for Weatherford where she is engaged in the school work.

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

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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 desirable located. Will rent if not sold. See J. H. Grayson, route 2. 21t3p

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PROGRAM FOR PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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Piano solo, Gracie Lee Cranston.

Is the Child to blame?, Mrs. Jud Sheppard.

Reading, Flora Francis Anderson.

Imagination and untruthfulness, Mrs. Hamilton.

Sammie's Prayer, Mrs. Bob Martin.

The parent teacher association will have their regular monthly meeting on next Wednesday afternoon at the school building at 3:30 o'clock. We hope every member of the association will be present and every patron of the school whether you are a member or not are cordially invited to be present. The P. T. A. Banner will be awarded to the room having the most parents present. Come and help your child's room secure the banner.

Mrs. M. L. Moore of San Angelo has recently located in Merkel and will make her home with her niece, Mrs. M. F. Bumpus.

Chas. F. Curb was in the city this week from his place on route three, and reported that he had picked 30 bales of cotton, and would only get about five more. He had us send the Mail for the next year to him. Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Etheredge have rented their property on corner of Pecan and El-Paso and will leave in a few days for Phoenix Ariz., where they will spend the winter. They will go through in their Ford.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Moore were pleasant visitors to this office yesterday; dropped in to send the Merkel Mail to their son, George T. who is attending Tyler Commercial College. Tyler Business College is among the best in the south and we predict that young Moore will make good in his work there. And right here the Merkel Mail wants to announce that we have two scholarships to this school for sale, and can save any boy or girl desiring to attend same some money. Come to see us before sending them away.

W. P. Moore, better known by his host of friends as "Buck" was here one day this week and reported that 35 bales of cotton had been gathered from his farms this year already. And while Mr. Moore was wearing a broad smile, because of the good crops and fine prices he has other things to fall back on, had there been a crop failure, for he reports more than 100 big fine young turkeys and chickens, too numerous to count besides some good Jersey cows, young mules etc. But Buck Moore like many other such farmers in the Merkel country always manages to "get by."

D. M. Miller of Noodle, route one, was in the city one day this week from his farm north of Noodle, and reported his crop good but being in the sandy belt, a little late; just beginning to gather cotton he said. He will read the Mail another year.

Mr. A. W. Ely, progressive, and successful farmer residing on route four, was here one day this week, and reported that he had gathered 40 bales of cotton already this year.

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Representative Swann, of Tyler, has been here this week, the guest of his brother Mr. J. S. Swann and family.

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Presbyterian Missionary Society

The ladies of the Presbyterian Society met on last Monday afternoon, in a business meeting. Several matters of importance were attended to. It was decided to meet on Tuesday afternoons from now on. A prayer by Mrs. Geo. West, closed the afternoons program.

Program for Tuesday, Oct. 9th.

Subject, Alaska.

Roll call, answer with current event on Alaska.

Song—My Country 'Tis of Thee Devotional, Stewardship, Mrs. Rogers.

Pres. Harding at Shelba Jackson School, by Miss Dota Garrouette.

A call for the work of her hands, Mrs. James West.

Song.

A place in God's love, Mrs. O. B. Hutchison.

A fairy story, Mrs. Rogers.

Snow Bolts from Alaska.

Closing prayer.

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CELEBRATE 43 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Sunday morning, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ely went to the home of Mr. W. U. Been's to spend the day. At about ten o'clock all ten of the children with their families, one nephew and family and three brothers of Mr. Ely's assembled at the home 10 miles north of Merkel, each one bringing a well filled basket of good things to eat. When the dinner was ready one of the family called Mr. and Mrs. Ely to come home, telling them that they had company.

This was a complete and happy surprise to them as was shown by their hearty greetings mingled with laughter and tears.

Soon all were gathered around to partake of the delicious meal and with bowed heads, were led in thanksgiving to God for so joyous a reunion by Mr. Ely.

The afternoon was spent in talking over old times, singing and readings. It was indeed one of the happiest days spent by each one present.

There were 63 present to pay honor to Mr. and Mrs. Ely.

Those present were; G. W. Ely and family, of Sweetwater, A. L. Ely and family, of Anson, L. G. Ely and family, of Hamilton, W. J. Ely, and family of Slaton, J. W. Ely and daughters of Lamesa, Mrs. G. N. Cook and family of Merkel, Mrs. Bert Edson and husband, Sweetwater, Miss Novella Ely at home and Miss Bertha and Grace Ely of Abilene, who have just finished training in Alexander Sanitarium. The three brothers present were, B. F. Ely, Slaton, A. W. Ely and family, Abilene, G. C. Ely and family, Noodle; one nephew, J. R. Ely and family of Avoca; and Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Beene, Noodle. Several friends called during the afternoon.

Expecting Car Dawson Egg Coal. Have Colorado and McAlister Lump in the yard. T. J. R. Swafford. South Side. Phone 44. It.

M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

On last Sunday we had a splendid attendance, and good interest in the Sunday school, and for all of which we are indeed grateful but let's make next Sunday even better. With a church membership of more than 500 we should not have less than 350 or 400 present every Sunday. So I urge every member, every father and mother to take it upon themselves to make an effort to come next Sunday and bring all the children; let's make it a great day in our church and Sunday school.

Now that we have so much prosperity and many blessings for which we should be thankful for, let's show our appreciation of what the Lord has done for us by being present and taking part in the worship. L. W. Cox, Supt.

MERKEL SENIOR CLASS ORGANIZES

The Senior Class of the Merkel High School met and organized for the year. They are full of pep and are expecting big things for the year. Just watch 'em to see what they are going to do this year. Gladys Middleton was elected president and Johnnie Sears was elected secretary and treasurer. With possibly three or four more to enter, the class now consists of the following twenty-six members. Jack Anderson, Brannic Bailey, Spencer Bird, Billie Cobb, Exa Cole, Merrill Collins, Gracie L. Cranston, Myrtle Daniels, Imogene Hayes, Irene Henderson, Gladys Middleton, Harry McCandless, Fairy Orr, Alma Patterson, Opal Patterson, Willard Reeves, Allyne Riley, Dorothy Sanders, Boog Sears, Johnnie Sears, Kenneth Sharp, Lucy Mae Stubblefield, Nell Swann, Maurine Tipton, Weston West, and Mae Wilkins.

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S. G. Russell who works all the time, and as his friends say never knows when to quit was in the city Wednesday and reported that he had already gathered 46 bales of the fleecy staple, which will in all probability amount to a gross income of about \$7,000. Not a bad years work for this amount, but then Mr. Russell is not through yet, he has several bales to pick yet.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Vaughn, who moved to Wichita Falls some time ago, have returned to Merkel, and will make this city their home again, we are told. They have many friends here who are glad to welcome them back among them.

Mrs. Ellis Q. Warren left for her home in Munday, Texas Sunday, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. H. C. Williams.

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**VETERAN TELEGRAPHERS
PLAN FAIR REUNION**

Veteran telegraphers all over the southwest have taken up the suggestion of George W. Foster of Dallas, for an "old timers" contest and reunion at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 13-28 with the utmost enthusiasm. It is proposed to hold the reunion on Press Day, Monday, Oct. 15, and indications are many pioneer masters of the Morse code will be on hand. P. Cain, a dispatcher with the L. R. & N. railroad at Greenville, has issued a sweeping challenge to all comers, for a contest at sending and receiving, without the use of any "new-fangled" arrangements, such as sending machines or typewriters. Dr. C. W. Bynham of Dallas, a practicing physician, says he believes he can "out-telegraph" Mr. Cain, and several other "vets" have expressed the same opinion. H. J. Pettingill, a high official of the Bell Telephone Co. at St. Louis, who was a telegrapher in Boston back in the early '70's, has written Mr. Foster expressing his keen interest in the proposed reunion, and H. A. Mohr, general manager Western Union, and president of the Old Time Telegraphers' and Historical Association, has declared his keen interest and proffered his aid in making the reunion a full success.

JUDGES FOR STATE FAIR POULTRY SHOW

Judges who will preside at the State Fair Poultry show, Dallas, Oct. 13-28 this year, have been announced as follows:
Chas. V. Keeler, Indiana; James A. Tucker, Michigan; Charles Smith, Oklahoma, and J. C. Johnston, Iowa. All are veteran American Poultry Association men, accredited by the association, and have officiated at the biggest shows in the country. Judging at the State Fair poultry show will begin promptly at 9 a. m., Monday, Oct. 15. Entries close on Oct. 1.
Superintendent Walter Burton of the poultry department has returned from a visit to various big poultry shows in the east, and declares that a number of the prominent breeders will show at the State Fair.

LOW STATE FAIR RATE ANNOUNCED BY T. & P.

Announcement has been made by the Texas and Pacific Railway of a special round trip rate to the State Fair of Texas at Dallas, to apply Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 13-14, Oct. 20-21 and Oct. 27-28, of 75 per cent of the regular season rate, to 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. They will be good returning, on trains leaving Dallas Sunday night following the dates named.

HALE COUNTY OFFERS STATE FAIR PRIZE

Hale County, Texas, through the Plainview Board of City Development, is offering a prize of a round trip ticket to the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 13-28, for the best design for a background for the Hale County exhibit at the Fair. Hale County has been at the top of the list of county exhibit winners for the last several years, and plans to keep its record good, it is declared.

DRUGGISTS OF SOUTHWEST GOING TO STATE FAIR

Druggists all over Texas and the other southwestern States, are being told about arrangements for Druggists' Day at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 13-28, next, through their trade journals. Druggists' Day will be Tuesday, Oct. 16, which is also Dallas Day, and thousands of the "pill rollers" are expected to attend. The chief event on the race track, Oct. 16, will be the running of the Cotton Stakes, at \$2,000.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson of El Paso received last week their household goods and will now make Merkel their future home. Mrs. Johnson is a daughter of Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler. We welcome them among our citizenship.

Miss Bessie Keny of Knox City, is a guest of the Misses Keny south of town this week.

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Mrs. L. F. Bumpus has moved from San Angelo and bought the Miller residence in northeast Merkel. She is a sister to Mrs. W. L. Burns and is a trained nurse.

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RALLY DAY AT PRESBYTERIAN CH

Sunday, October 6, in the hands of Presbyterian churches throughout the country Rally Day services will be held. We have arranged an interesting program, in which every department of the Sunday school has a part. An exercise entitled "America for Christ" given by twenty two boys and girls will be a special feature of the program.

It is hoped that every member of the Sunday school and church will be present Sunday morning and the public has a cordial invitation to attend this program. Let us begin the new quarters work with a record Rally Day. Remember, if you are absent next Sunday, not only will you be missed, but it may keep us from reaching our goal in attendance. Fred S. Rogers, pastor.

Expecting Car Dawson Egg Coal. Have Colorado and McAlister Lump in the yard. T. J. R. Swaford. South Side. Phone 44. It.

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

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullock, of Caddo, were here this week, guests at the home of Mrs. Bullock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris. Mr. Bullock has been serving on the Petit Jury in Federal Court this week.

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



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