

## ROAD BONDS ARE SOLD FOR PREMIUM

Sale of the \$350,000 road bond issue, voted by Taylor county on October 16 for the permanent construction of High ways Nos. 1 and 30, was made by the county commissioner's court in session Monday. Bidding for the sale of the bonds was spirited, there being some fifteen to eighteen bids submitted to the court.

The sale of the bonds was made to Bregg, Garrett & Company of Fort Worth, who in addition to buying the bonds at par and accrued interest, gave a premium of \$11,235. The court announced that it was highly pleased with the sale of the bonds.

The contract signed with the bonding company buying the bonds reads: "For your \$350,000 legally issued road bonds, said bonds being direct and general obligation of Taylor county dated December 1, 1923 bearing interest at the rate of 5 1-2 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, said bonds to be in the denomination of \$1,000 each, both principal and semi-annual interest payable at the National Bank of Commerce, New York City, bonds maturing serially, according to a schedule heretofore adopted by the commissioner's court, we hereby agree to pay you par and accrued interest to date of delivery at some bank to be designated by us later, and in addition thereto a premium of \$11,325."

### To Print Bonds

It is also agreed in the contract that the bonding company will print the bonds and deliver them to the court ready to be signed by the officials. A certified check of \$7,000 is with the contract.

Work will start on the highways at the earliest possible date, was the announcement made by the commissioner's court Tuesday. It is the intention of the court to rush matters as much as possible, and get the work under way at once.

J. B. Early, State division engineer for the State Highway Department, was before the court Tuesday morning, getting acquainted with the commissioners and conferring with matters relative to getting the work started. "As you know," Mr. Early said in addressing commissioners, "the highway department is to take over your roads on January 1. It is very essential that you take full advantage of the winter weather in getting all the preliminaries worked out, the plans drawn, and every thing in readiness so that work can be started in the early spring. There is a vast amount of work attached to arranging the details.

"And if it is a great deal better to put down the paving in warm weather. It is the plan of the Highway department to cooperate in every way with you and I want to assure that I will do everything I can to aid you in your work."

### To Use Local Men

Mr. Early stated that local men will be employed in the road work as far as possible. He also said that the Highway Department would lease the County's road building equipment.

The commissioners assured Mr. Early they will cooperate with him in every way and stated that they appreciated his offer of cooperation. Mr. Early will establish his headquarters in this section, probably at Cisco, and announced to the commissioners that he will confer again with them at a later date.

As a result of the voting of the \$350,000 road bond issue, Reporter.

## ABOUT 13,500 BALES WEIGHED TO DATE

According to the best information obtainable, there has been weighed in the local cotton yards up to this time a little above 13,500 bales of cotton.

This paper predicted at the beginning of the season that Merkel would get 15,000 bales of cotton, and had it not been for the unusual and excessive rains this amount would have already been weighed here. However, considering the loss and damage from the rains, it is probable that the total will not run over 14,500 bales.

The local Farm Bureau has received about 3,600 bales to date.

## ARKANSAS MINISTER AT BAPTIST CHURCH

This paper is informed that Rev. W. H. Albertson, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Harrison Arkansas will be in Merkel next Sunday and preach at the first Baptist church at both the morning and evening hours.

Rev. Albertson is one of the most successful and best known pastor evangelists throughout that state, and all who hear him upon the above occasions, will no doubt be delighted with his interesting and able sermons.

The local church officials urge a full attendance of the church membership at both the morning and evening service, and also extend acordial welcome to all visitors who will, to attend.

## TAX COLLECTOR COMING TO MERKEL AND TRENT

This paper is in receipt of a letter from our most excellent and efficient County Tax Collector, Mr. D. T. Harkrider, of Abilene, stating that on Thursday, November 22, he will be at Trent to collect Taxes, and in Merkel on Friday and Saturday November 23, and 24.

This will make it convenient for tax payers of this part of the county, in that they will not have to go to the County Seat to pay their taxes.

## BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday school 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by W. H. Albertson, Harrison, Ark.

All B. Y. P. U.'s at 6 o'clock. Every member is expected to be present at these services on Sunday. Every one is welcome.

Mr. R. L. Bland, former excellent citizen of Merkel, but residing in Abilene, where he is engaged in the cotton business, was a pleasant visitor in Merkel Wednesday. He stated that the biggest rain of the season, fell in Abilene Tuesday afternoon and night.

Mrs. J. W. Moore and children left Thursday for Imperial California to join Mr. Moore who has been there since last summer.

Taylor county will receive some \$650,000 from the State and Federal highway departments, the state department taking over the entire maintenance of the highways of the country.

It was stated here that on account of the fact that the road bond election was a county-wide affair, the proposition of buying the bonds was a much more attractive one to the bonding company than it would otherwise have been.—Abilene Reporter.

## P. T. ASSOCIATION HAS FINE MEETING

The Parent Teachers Club met in regular session on last Wednesday afternoon with the largest attendance we have ever had at our monthly meetings. The program was very interesting. The readings and musical numbers were very enjoyable, as was also the talks by both the trained nurse and Dr. Grimes.

The P. T. A. voted to endorse the work of the nurse and to cooperate with her in her work here. During the business hour a collection for the library fund as taken and \$17 was received. In the contest for the first Library there was a tie between Miss Martin's room and Mrs. Sublett's room. We then voted to give the two libraries at one time. In the contest between these two rooms for the P. T. A. banner Miss Martin's room won and was awarded the banner for the next month.

The P. T. A. will have a market and a tag day Saturday. Do not forget to patronize us.

Miss Tracy, teacher in expression assisted by the music, and voice teachers will give an excellent program on Friday night, November 30 at the school building. The admission will be small, but the program will be large. Proceeds to go to the P. T. A. library fund. Remember the date.

Mrs. Phoebe K. Warner, an enthusiastic supporter of every thing good for the welfare and up building of our public school and whose writings on community welfare work has been so much enjoyed, has promised to visit us some time in the near future and give us an address. We are looking forward to her coming with pleasure.

At our next meeting we will place an other Library in the room having the most voters present. The two rooms who have secured the libraries will be out of the race and may lend their influence to the room of their choice.

Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Martin were appointed as a committee to confer with the teachers of these rooms and secure a list of Books most needed for the Library.

The next meeting will be December 12.

## CITY BUYS FINE NEW FIRE TRUCK

A new Dodge-Graham Fire Truck with several hundred feet of new hose, was delivered to the city of Merkel last week. We are informed that the truck with the new hose etc., cost around \$2,500.

The new equipment is among the best made and is no doubt a valuable and needed acquisition to the city's fire-fighting equipment and an addition that our splendid volunteer fire department will appreciate.

## MARKET AT BARROW FURNITURE STORE

The Parent Teacher Club will hold their market at the Barrow Furniture store Saturday, November 17. Come to see us. Send in your wants. Phone your orders. There will be pies, cakes, chickens, etc.

Mr. Jud Sheppard who has the management of the Jones Dry Goods Company at Brownfield, came down last Sunday to spend a day or so with home folks and friends.

## THE MUSIC MAKERS ARE COMING 28TH

A program brimful of music, made with instruments and voices, is that presented by the Music Makers, a quartet of young college men who will appear on Wednesday evening, November 28th at the Cozy Theatre. The instruments used are trombone, cornet, saxophone, together with banjo and guitar for some novelty.

The out standing features of the Music Makers' program is the true artistry of their instrumental numbers, and especially in the brass quartet arrangement of trombones and cornets. The playing demonstrates a highly developed technique and the real mastery of the instruments.

Their vocal numbers are highly entertaining, being full of punch and sap, and while their selections do not embrace the strong classical features of the instrumental program, it is a popular and much appreciated part of the entertainment.

In addition to the brass quartet and the vocal quartet, there are novelty features including humorous readings and dialogue, and a dramatic skit dealing with American college types. The program is full of comedy, clean play and tuneful music, and is received with enthusiasm wherever the company has appeared.

The Music Makers are well named. They are players, singers and funsters besides. Their entertainment will be one of the most popular on the local Lyceum course.

This is the second number of the Merkel Lyceum Course being given under the auspices of the Merkel Cemetery Association. The admission for this number will be by your season ticket or by single admission of 20, 40, and 60 cents. Hear this number. You will agree that it is the best number of the course. Remember: at the Cozy, Wednesday, November 28th. Picture in connection with the Lyceum.

## POST-OFFICE RECEIPTS GROW AT MERKEL OFFICE

From our accommodating postmaster, Mr. G. E. Comegys, we learn that during the past ten months of the year the postal receipts have grown in leaps and bounds, denoting the growth and prosperity of the country. The total receipts for the past ten months were, \$13,254.08, as compared with receipts for the year 1922, which were, \$8,835.83 leaving a balance of \$4,418.25 in favor of 1923, and two months yet to run.

The heavy growth in the receipts for the past ten months means that the work in the office has nearly doubled over what it was in 1922, and yet all this work has to be done by the same office force, and which accounts for the slowness in the office being opened at times. However, it is likely that the government will increase the office force should the receipts continue to increase for the next eight months as they have the past ten.

The writer has spent a number of years in the postal work and we feel that we know that there is more work attached to a post office job than most people imagine, and therefore urge the patrons of the local office to take these things into consideration when they think the office should be open sooner at times. Then again, the train is often late which is not taken into consideration, and which makes it impossible to get the mail up early in the morning.

## PRESBYTERIAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 18, Sunday school will meet promptly at 10 o'clock. We hope to see many present Sunday who have not been able to come on account of bad weather. Preaching service at 11 o'clock. Miss Mona Margaret Jones will sing a solo at the morning service.

There will be preaching service at Compere School house Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Everybody in this community is invited to come.

The Presbyterian Church will visit the Methodist church Sunday evening to welcome the new Methodist pastor. Everybody go. Fred S. Rogers, Pastor.

## BIG HOME COMING SIMMONS COLLEGE

The Editor of this paper appreciates very much the following invitation to attend the big "Home Coming" event as planned to take place at Simmons College on Thursday, November 29, and which is self explanatory:

Abilene, Texas, Nov. 10

Dear Editor:

The Alumni and ex-students of Simmons College are planning a Home-coming to the old school on next Thanksgiving, November 29. On this Thanksgiving day we have our annual football game with Howard Payne College.

The object of this message is to extend to you, on behalf of the students, trustees, and faculty, a most cordial and earnest invitation that you be our guest on this eventful day, inspect our buildings and equipment, enjoy the turkey dinner and football game, and attend the reception in the evening to be held in the beautiful Caldwell Fine Arts building recently completed.

May I express the hope that you will lend us your presence on this Home-coming, Thanksgiving occasion?

Cordially,  
J. D. Sandefur.

## WILL BUILD FINE HOME IN ABILENE

We are informed that Mr. G. B. Brown, for many years one of Merkel's best and most substantial citizens, has this week let the contract for the erection on the lots which he purchased on Meander street in Alta Vista Addition, the city of Abilene, of a beautiful and modern Stucco residence, all of which when the building is completed, will cost around \$12,500.

And again does our growing and progressive County Seat, gain another good family from among our population. Mr. Brown and family will move to their new home in that city as soon as same is completed, and which will make him centrally located between the several gins which he owns at Anson, Tuscola and Sweetwater.

Mr. Brown and his family have been closely identified with the church and social affairs of the city for many years and will be missed by their host of good friends in and about Merkel.

Merchants!! see our wonderful line of Xmas Cards. They are just what you will want to use to send out Xmas Greetings and we print what ever you want on them. Come make your selection before all are gone. If

## SCHOOL LAW IN EFFECT MONDAY

For the children living within the Merkel Independent school District, the compulsory school law will become operative from and after Monday, November 19, 1923. After that date all children who are eight years of age and are under fourteen years of age must attend school for one-hundred consecutive school days or for five school months of twenty days each. It does not matter if the child has already attended school some or not, he must attend the full five months beginning on November 19. No one will be exempt from the provisions of the above law because of distance, chronic illness, etc., UNLESS first an exemption is secured from the County Superintendent at Abilene.

A child may be excused by the teacher for temporary absence due to sickness of the pupil, sickness or death in the family, quarantine, severe storm or unusual cause acceptable to the teacher, PROVIDED the excuse is in writing and is signed by the parent or guardian.

All children who are eight and under fourteen years of age must be in school on November 19th, and for five months thereafter. Parents who do not comply with the law are subject to a heavy fine, each day of child's absence constituting a separate offense.

Any person employing during school hours any child coming under the provisions of the compulsory school law is also subject a fine of ten dollars a day for each such child employed, each day constituting a separate offense.

It is expected the law will meet with the same cheerful compliance as it has in Merkel in former years. To any parent wishing to secure an exemption for his child because of distance (two and one half miles), chronic illness, etc., I shall be glad to explain the provisions of the law more in detail. Very truly,  
R. A. Burgess, Supt.

## BAPTIST WOMEN INVITED TO SWEETWATER

The Baptist Women of West Texas are invited to be the guests of the Sweetwater Baptists November 19th to 21st inclusive. Miss Blanche White of Birmingham, Ala., will conduct a W. M. U. institute there offering courses in Methods, Stewardships, and Missions, also on Leaven in Japan. One period each day will be given to conference on W. M. U. methods.

It is hoped that many of our women of the West will take advantage of these three days of study and be with the Baptists of Sweetwater.

All who expect to attend are asked to notify Mrs. L. D. Terry, Sweetwater.

B. C. Gaither returned first of the week from a visit to his daughter at Tuscola, bringing with him some very choice pecans which came from the Jim Ned Creek country.

## AT THE METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Subject for Sunday morning, "The Vine and the Branches"; subject for Sunday night, "The Incarnation". Come to both services and lets get acquainted. A cordial welcome awaits all.

Thos. J. Rea, Pastor

Miss Nell Tracy, formerly one of the splendid teachers in the Merkel Schools, but this year teaching at Baird, was up first of the week for a visit to home folks and friends.

### The Merkel Mail

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THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

Every man owes a duty to the community in which he lives, and that duty should be performed, even though it entails an occasional personal sacrifice.

No man should consider himself too busy with his own private affairs to aid in community betterment. He should not expect others to all of the community work while he reaps his share of the benefits.

It does not matter what the grudge might have been, the man or person responsible for the sending by express a box containing a "bomb" or "infernal machine" from San Antonio to J. A. Barnes at Corpus Christi one day this week, and which exploded and killed both Barnes and his 12 year old son, should be apprehended at all cost, and immediately sent to the Electric Chair. It was the meanest thing that has happened in Texas in many years, if ever exceeded at any time.

At the Merkel Mail office you will find one of the most beautiful and up-to-date line of Christmas cards to be found anywhere. Come in and look them over and make your selections before they are picked over. If you buy as many as a dozen we will print your name on them, or will print your cards bearing your name for enclosing with them when sent out, all at the same price the cards are sold at by others. Ours are different; come look them over.

Dick Cyert came in recently from Port Arthur for a visit to home folks and friends for a few days.

Eld. W. G. Cypert will leave tomorrow for Bronte, where he will fill his regular appointment at the Church of Christ in that city.

See the big doll in our show window to be given away on December 1st Merkel Drug Company.

Superior Poultry and Dairy feeds have a wonderful record for results. T. J. R. Swafford, south side.

Miss Mary Proctor, one of the efficient teachers in the Compere school, spent Sunday with home folks here.

### WHAT MARK TWAIN SAID ABOUT "MAN"

"Man can't sleep out of doors without freezing to death or getting the rheumatism; he can't keep his nose under water over a minute without being drowned. He's the poorest clumsiest, excuse of all the creatures that inhabit the earth.

"He has to be coddled, housed and swathed and banaged to be able to live at all. He is a rickety sort of thing any way take him—a regular British Museum of infirmities and inferiorities.

"He is always undergoing repairs. A machine as unreliable as he is would have no market.

"The higher animals get their teeth without pain or inconvenience. Man's come through months of cruel torture, at a time when he is least able to bear it. As soon as he gets them they must be pulled out again. The second set will answer for a while, but he will never get a set that can be depended on till the dentist makes one.

"Man starts in as a child and lives on diseases to the end, as a regular diet. He has mumps, measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough, tonsillitis, diptheria, as a matter of course.

"Afterwards, as he goes along, his life continues to be threatened at every turn by colds, coughs, asthma, bronchitis, quinsy, consumption, yellow fever, blindness, influenza, carbuncles, pneumonia, softening of the brain, and a thousand other maladies of one sort and another.

"He's just a basketful of pestilent corruption provided for the support and entertainment of microbes. Look at the workmanship of him in some particulars.

"What is his appendix for? It has no value. Its sole interest is to lie and wait for stray grapes and breed trouble.

"What is his beard for? It is just a nuisance. All nations persecute it with a razor. Nature, however, always keeps him supplied with it, instead of putting it on his head.

"A man wants to keep his hair. It is a graceful ornament a comfort, the best protection against weather, and he prizes it above emeralds and rubies, and half the time Nature puts it on so it won't stay.

"Man isn't even handsome, as compared with the birds; and as for style, look at the Bengal tiger—that ideal of grace, physical perfection and majesty.

"Think of the lion and the tiger and the leopard. Then think of man—that poor thing! The animal of the wig, the ear-trumpet, the glass eye, the porcelain teeth, the wooden leg, the silver windpipe—a creature that is mended all over from top to bottom.

"If he can't get renewals of his bric-a-brac in the next world what will he look like?"

Will sell you a good Radio set cheap, aerial and everything. Apply at Mail office.

### BANKS AND INSURANCE

This is no boom article for banks or insurance but published because financial and property losses weaken the community.

In nearly every issue of daily papers will appear accounts of the burning up of homes.

Often everything in the house was at total loss, including a goodly sum of money and other valuables. And the story ends with the words: "they had no insurance."

This is a human interest article to warn such as do not have their home, its contents, and all that is insurable, properly protected.

It is sound, common sense to use every possible precaution, to safe guard one's property, real and personal.

So heavy proves the loss to almost any family that they are for the time destitute; neighbors care for them and relatives in another state are telegraphed to for funds.

It is also unsafe to leave any sum of money in a home. It is best, as a safe rule, not to leave at home or carry on one's person any great amount of money.

Banks are the place in which to leave money, and the check-book does the rest. People, who imagine that when they deposit money in a bank, they are helping that institution, ought to know better.

It is the bank that helps them by providing a safe place for their funds, and a convenient and safe way of paying their bills.

Many hardships can be avoided when one takes every precaution to protect, through insurance, his home, his personal property, his health and ward off losses through accident.—Ex

See the Beautiful Selection of Christmas Cards at the Merkel Mail Office.

### SPEAKING OF BANANAS

"I have brought you home the words of a new national anthem," said the Authorman the other evening.

"Didn't know we had one," I said obligingly. What is it?"

The Authorman read: "YES! We have no bananas, we have no bananas today.

We've just killed the pony, so taste our bologna; It's flavored with oats and hay.

We have those New Hampshire squashes;

They taste like galoshes. But, YES, we have no banas. We have no bananas today."

He also contributed these interesting pieces of information, perhaps already familiar to you about it:

That the two young men who wrote it in 15 minutes got \$60,000 as their first royalty payment.

That Irving Berlin reckons that the profits from it will probably amount to at least \$300,000.

Surely the American people are lavish in their rewards to those who can tickle its fancy by some perfectly absurd catch word.

For the use of one word in an absurd way, those two young men will make as much money in that 15 minutes' work as a first-class college professor can earn in a life time.

I say the use of one word, because if they had written, "No we have no bananas today," of course there would not have been any song.

ust \$300,000 for the whimsical use of one word.—Exchange

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With each five cent purchase at the Necessity Store you get a ticket that entitles you to a chance at the nice little Auto to be given away on December 17th. It

### DICKENS HAD ODD CLOTHES

Author Always Overdressed and How Appearance of a Gambler—Charles Lamb Always Wore Black.

"He had a double gold chain outside his waistcoat, and such breastpins that I thought he looked like one of our river gamblers." Such is the description of Charles Dickens, given by Prentice in an account of his tour of the United States. A tendency for overdressing was always one of Dickens' characteristics.

A photograph of Dickens, taken in 1852, shows him in a frock coat with a broad velvet collar, a waistcoat made of some furry stuff, and trousers of a huge check. Percy Fitzgerald says the French painter's remark, that Dickens was "more like one of the old Dutch admirals we see in the picture galleries than a man of letters," conveys an admirably true idea to his friends.

"The first time I saw Archbishop Whately," said the provost of Oriel college, Oxford, "he wore a pea-green coat, white waistcoat, stone-colored shirt, flesh-colored stockings. Bishop Heber was dressed in a parsley and butter coat. Doctor Arnold in a light blue coat with metal buttons and a buff waistcoat.

Charles Lamb always dressed in black. "I take it," he said, "to be the proper costume of an author." When this was once objected to at a wedding, he pleaded the raven's apology in the fable that "he had no other." His clothes were entirely black, and he wore long black gaiters up to the knees.

Southey was clean; he had a fawn-colored all-around coat and a cap with a knob to it. He never put on a swallow-tailed coat. Like Southey, Porson, the great Greek scholar, had an utter contempt for appearances. When Hazlitt met him in the library of the London Institute, he was dressed in an old rusty black coat, with cobwebs hanging to the skirt, and with a large patch of coarse brown paper covering the whole length of his nose.—London Tit-Bits.

### WHITTIER WAS IN LOVE ONCE

Writer's Romance With Elizabeth Lloyd His Only Sweetheart, Told in a Little Volume.

Whittier never married. His heart never yearned in verse for a Highland Mary or a Maid of Athens, and so far as his work, and the superficial aspects of his life were concerned, he seemed to be so remote from the divine—or human—passion as Joan of Arc or Saxonara.

And yet it is now known the poet who walked his days in lonely bachelorhood had had a romance, had loved and lost, had really in his own life enacted, in a measure, the world-old theme which found such haunting expression in his own "Maud Muller." The story is told in a little volume, "Whittier's Unknown Romance," in which his letters to Elizabeth Lloyd, Whittier's only "sweetheart," are reproduced. The lack of Elizabeth's letters to him, however, leaves the story incomplete. They were destroyed, for some reason, not hard to surmise, by the lady's request.

Few allusions in Whittier's poems are traceable to her, though the companion of his "Maud Muller," whose sweet influence he acknowledged, is said to have been his Elizabeth, and in his own letters he attributed much of his inspiration on various themes to conversations he had with her.—Detroit News.

Her Tyrannical Superior.

They had a woman traffic officer in an eastern city and she was a good one, too. She wore white gloves, knickerbockers, a jaunty cap and directed traffic with all the nonchalance of an expert. The other day, however, she turned in her equipment and returned to skirts. A friend wanted to know what the trouble was.

"I don't care to discuss it," the aggrieved one declared.

"Aw, go ahead and tell me, dearie," said the other.

"Well, the chief refused a reasonable request and I quit."

"Something in the line of duty?" the other woman wanted to know.

"I so consider it. I merely wanted an hour off to get my hair washed."

Sheep Buried in Snow Three Weeks.

A correspondent recalls an incident which happened some years ago on the moors between Huddersfield and Oldham, England. A heavy fall of snow had drifted over and many of the sheep which had been grazing on the moor were buried. For three weeks the snow held fast, and drift after drift was searched by shepherds for the missing sheep.

At the end of the third week three sheep were discovered buried beneath a drift in one of the cloughs. They were in a very emaciated state, and had apparently lived by eating the wool of each other's back, for all three were as bare as newly shorn sheep. One died soon after, but the other two completely recovered from their enforced starvation.

Put His Foot in It.

Hub (with magazine)—Here is an interesting article on dress. The writer describes the clothes women will wear twenty years from now.

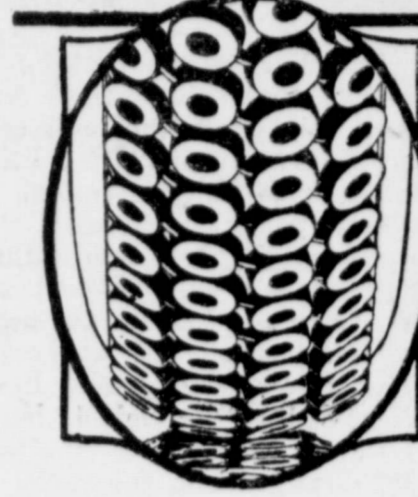
Wife—That doesn't interest me a particle.

Hub—Why not?

Wife—Because, unless something wonderful happens I shall still be wearing this same old blue serge suit I've had ever since we were married.

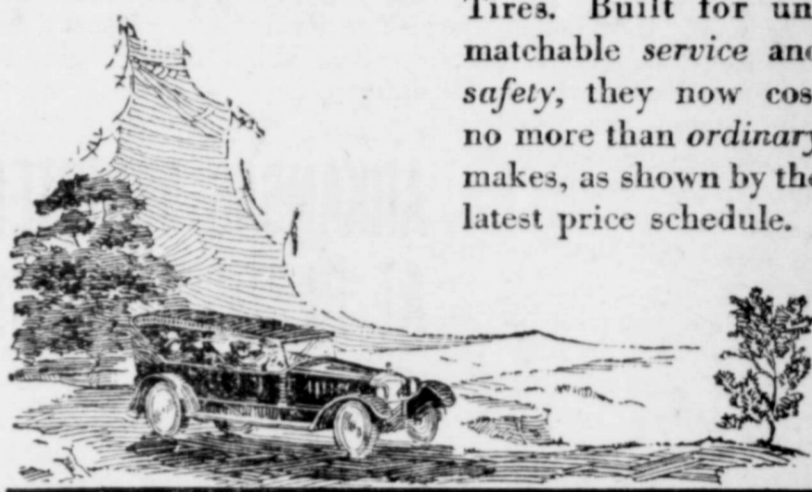
—Boston Transcript.

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### STITH COUPLE MARRY

IN MERKEL

Eld. W. G. Cypert of this city in his usual appropriate and happy manner pronounced the words that made man and wife, Mr. Hollis McCoy and Miss Velma Decker, both prominent and popular young people of the Stith community, at five o'clock last Sunday afternoon.

This paper joins their many friends in wishing for them much happiness and prosperity throughout their married career.

Read the Classified Column.

Merchants!! see our wonderful line of Xmas Cards. They are just what you will want to use to send out Xmas Greetings and we print what ever you want on them. Come make your selection before all are gone. tf

See the big doll in our show window to be given away on December 1st Merkel Drug Company.

### "FERRASAL SAVED MY LIFE"

"Two doctors said I had Bright's disease and it would be necessary to remove one of my kidneys. I was sick for over five years and was often unable to even turn over in bed. I started taking FERRASAL when I was not able to walk across the street, showed marked improvement from the second box and have never had a doctor since. FERRASAL saved my life and to day am only glad to tell people what FERRASAL has done for me."

Mrs. Winnie Watkins, 3816 Second Ave., Dallas Tex.

Excess acid is the primary cause of many dread diseases, such as cancer, kidney trouble, chronic indigestion, rheumatism etc. FERRASAL gets at the source of the trouble by neutralizing the excess acid in the stomach and eliminating it from the system. Don't allow your condition to become chronic. TAKE FERRASAL NOW. 50c per box. It will benefit you or your druggist will refund your money.



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

Topic: Devotional meeting—What is my duty toward other Christians.

Leader, Lillian Craig. Introduction, by leader.

1. Bible Back ground, by Ola Sharp.
2. We must love other christians, by Nina Miller.
3. Sharing the burdens of others, by Floyd Dowell.
4. Restoring the backsliders, by Althea Boden.
5. Training in Christian service, by Nell Swann.
6. Living in peace, by W. Muriel Teaff.

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### J. P. Howard

scientific Massage Collins House

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## "Strong and Well"

"I WISH you could know how much I am improved since taking the Cardui," writes Mrs. Nannie Brown, of Black Rock, Ark. "You wouldn't know me for the same weak invalid I was before I took it. At my... I had to keep off my feet or I would fall. I couldn't do my housework, and just got where I'd most as lief be dead as living. Some one told my husband of Cardui. He got

it for me and I took three bottles before I stopped—then off and on for the last three years just as a tonic. I saw a decided improvement after my first bottle. I used the three, and was able to do my work with ease, and now I sew for my family and for others. I am feeling fine, and strong and well." Take Cardui! It may be just the medicine you need.

# CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

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SAVE MONEY

Abilene and To  
Campbell's Greater Mid-Season

SAVE MONEY

# REDUCTION SALE

- - Store-Wide and Sweeping in its Scope--Starting Thursday Morning at Campbell's - -

**A SALE WITH A PURPOSE ----- PRICES WITH A PUNCH**

A quarter-million dollars worth of high grade winter merchandise marked down in November--making this altogether the most important sale CAMPBELL'S has ever held. A selling event of outstanding interest by reason of the immense assortments and the values offered. The timeliness of the sale is another important factor in your favor--planned to meet your winter needs when all of winter is yet ahead of us.

There has been a change of ownership in the building we now occupy, and this sale is a preliminary step in our plans for vacating the building when the time comes for its occupancy by the present owners. With such a situation confronting us, it becomes necessary to make our plans well in advance of the changes to be made.

In anticipation of the advancing prices, we bought heavily of winter merchandise and now own the most attractive and dependable stock, as well as the largest ever offered the people of Central West Texas. And this stock was bought on a comparatively low market when cotton was 20 cents. Now with cotton above 30c and still going up, you can readily see that dry goods are bound to go much higher in the near future.

Under such conditions, it becomes the part of wisdom to buy now all your winter needs, and anticipate as far as possible your wants for the future. Here you can meet all those wants to the best advantage in our **BIG REDUCTION SALE**, where everything offered at sharp reductions.

SAVE MONEY

Men's Clothing, Furnishings, Hats Women's Ready to-wear Garments and Millinery. Children's Clothing, Boy's Wear. Shoes for men, women and children. Piece Goods, Silks, Cottons, Woolens, Traveling Luggage, Notions, and Toilet Goods--All marked down to new, low levels that mean handsome savings for you. Come now while stocks are big and assortments complete.

SAVE MONEY

## CAMPBELL'S Abilene, Texas.

### CLASSIFIED ADS

#### FOR SALE

FOR SALE--Some cord wood. J. W. Bland. 1t

FOR SALE--A span of 2 and 3 year old mules. G. F. Turner, Route 1 Box 15. 9t2p

FOR SALE--Baled Wheat in fine condition. J. W. Bland. 1t

FOR SALE--Your choice of 25 head of good work stock, for cash or approved note. Dr. M. Armstrong. 9t2

LAND FOR SALE--236 acres three miles of McCauley, 86 acres in cultivation, nice orchard. Will sell cheap or trade for land close to Merkel. See H. Patterson. 9t2

FOR SALE--Ford Touring Car in good condition. See W. S. J. Brown at Brown Dry Goods Company.

FORDS FOR SALE--Have some good Ford Cars for sale. Marvin Boney. tf.

FOR SALE--A good span of 16 hands mare mules, well worth the money. See LOWE. 1t

FOR SALE--I have several farms listed for sale. See me, J. C. Mason. 1t

FOR SALE--Good heater stove. Woodrum Hotel. 1t

FOR SALE--One good double row cultivator, good as new. Arthur Bland, R. 3. 1tp

FOR SALE--Full blood mammoth Bronze Toms, \$7.50 each. Mrs. Laura Brown, Trent, Texas, route 2. 16t2p

FOR SALE: A good 3 room house, east front, on corner lot in north part of Merkel. O. B. Hutchison, owner. tf

FOR SALE--Best Strain Giant M. B. Turkeys. Toms \$7 at pen; \$8 shipped. See them at once. Mrs. G. E. Ellington, Rt. 1. 1tp

FOR SALE OR TRADE--My farm in Gains Co. Merkel property preferred. Dan Ridenbauch, Loraine, Texas. 16t3

Buy a Radio Set to listen in during the cold months. Call at the Mail office and get particulars. tf.

#### LOST

LOST--Spring adjuster for tire chain, also tire chain about two weeks ago on Oak street. T. J. R. Swafford. Phone 44. 1t

With very 25 cents worth of Nyal products purchased at the Merkel Drug Company we will give 100 votes in the beautiful Doll contest. tf.

Mrs. Marshall Moore and children of Abilene, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Frazier on last Sunday.

FOR SALE--A good span of 16 hands mare mules, well worth the money. See LOWE. 1t

#### LAND FOR SALE

160 acres good cotton land, 65 acres in cultivation, balance most all tillable. Four room house and well, no Johnson grass, located 3 -1-2 miles west of Merkel, near highway, adjoining land in cultivation held at \$75.00 per acre. Price for quick sale, \$37.50 per acre, small cash payment, balance in 10 years. Dr. Miller. 1t

With each five cent purchase at the Necessity Store you get a ticket that entitles you to a chance at the nice little Auto to be given away on December 17th. 1t

Buy a Radio Set to listen in during the cold months. Call at the Mail office and get particulars. tf.

#### BAPTIST LADIES

On account of bad weather we did not get our Buckner Orphan's Home box off Tuesday every one who didn't get their gift in and wishes to send some thing please send to the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon, November 20 by three o'clock, as the box will be packed and sent that afternoon.

Mrs. Tom Jenkins was in from Noodle this week shopping

#### FRESH OZARK APPLES

More apples; Better apples! next door to Carson Grocery \$1.25 per bushel. 1tp

COAL--unloading car Dawson Egg Coal. Domino Grate coming also McAlester. T. J. R. Swafford. South side. Phone 44. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger, and children visited the former's brother in Big Spring Monday of this week.

Mrs. M. Morton is here from Coleman stopping with Miles Morton, W. C. Morton and family.

At the Necessity Store with each five cent purchase you get a ticket which may bring you the Auto to be given away on Monday, December 17. 1t

Miss Mary Katherine Campbell left Tuesday for Wingate, where she goes to teach in the public school.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Long of Abilene, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Lassiter Monday of this week.

Messrs. D. H. Vaughn and J. R. Lamar, are this week serving on the Petit Jury in Federal court in Abilene this week.

Mrs. O. H. Clark of the Stith Community is spending the week with her son, T. W. Clark and family.

# GROCERIES

We are headquarters for anything you may want or need in Groceries. You will find our stock complete at all times, and our prices in line for First Class Goods We sell Primrose Flour. Try it, and you will call for it afterwards. Come in and see us and figure with us; we are here permanently and will appreciate your business

Fresh Vegetables and Fruits at all times. Prompt and satisfactory delivery.

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This bank is equipped to render complete Banking Service to businessmen, farmers and concerns large or small

The thrifty individual, the enterprising small business man, all find this bank where friendliness and fair dealing go hand in hand with an adherence to sound banking principles.

**THE HOME OF GUARANTEED DEPOSITS**

**FORD NEWS**

Detroit Mich. Nov. 3rd.--Under the constantly growing demand for Ford products, domestic assembly plants of the Ford Motor Company, working at capacity in order to meet these increasing requirements, established a new production record for the week ending Tuesday, Oct. 30th, the Ford News announces.

Daily output during the six day period averaged in excess of 7,000 and brought a total of 42,271 cars and trucks for the week, exceeding by 502 the previous high mark set up during the week ending Sep. 25th. The lowest day's production of the last week was 6,890 and the highest 7,123.

The present record-breaking production of the Ford Motor Company is significant, continuing as it does through this period of the year when winter months are at hand and when our car deliveries as a rule begin to show decline. It reflects a generally prosperous condition in the country in which Ford products seem to be enjoying a large share.

The Fordson plant turned out 1,836 tractors during the week. At the Lincoln division of the company production moved up to a new record for the week ending Tuesday with an output of 223 cars, six more than the previous week with its record of 217.

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.

Mrs. Campbell and daughter, Miss Levy and little granddaughter, little Miss Rachel Patterson, returned last week from a visit with relatives at Weatherford, Texas.

Mrs. Tom Jenkins was in from Noodle this week shopping

**SIMMONS CLUB**

Extensive plans are being made by the Abilene Simmons Club for a reunion of ex-students and graduates of Simmons College on Thanksgiving when this club will be host at a Home coming celebration on the campus. This will be the first general gathering of ex-Simmonsites on the old campus in several years and the Abilene club is preparing to entertain exes from all parts of the state and the west in the festivities of turkey-day. Letters are being issued by a publicity committee of the local alumni organization, of which Hoyt Ford is chairman; and many special friends of the college are also being invited for the occasion.

The day's events will revolve around the annual gridiron clash between the Simmons Cowboys and the Yellow Jackets of Howard Payne. Word has come to the Simmons headquarters that Howard Payne students will move on Abilene Thanksgiving some five hundred strong backing the team in an attempt to gain revenge for the defeat administered by the Cowboys last year.

Other features of the Homecoming program for November 29 will be a series of class reunions in the morning. Several of the later classes of the college have already worked out their reunion plans, including the wearing of class sweaters for the day's foot-ball event. A turkey dinner will be served by the Abilene Club to returning exes at Mary Frances Hall; there will be a general assembly in the chapel and pep meeting before the game. In the evening a Thanksgiving reception will be held in the new Caldwell Fine Arts building.

**W. O. JOHNSON PASSES AWAY**

After several weeks illness, Mr. W. O. Johnson passed away on November 11th. Mr. Johnson was born in Monroe county, Tennessee, on Sept. 25th 1850.

He with his folks moved to Missouri at the age of 6 years, and at the age of 24 moved to Arkansas. In the year of 1881, he was married to Miss Mary Wills, to which union was born 7 children, 5 of which are living. Mr. Johnson was converted and united with the Methodist church at the age of 20 and all who knew him could truthfully say he was a true Christian and a true gentleman; always willing as long as his health permitted to do something for his God and his fellowmen. He was a loving and tender hearted husband and father.

Mr. Johnson in his younger days taught school for many years and a good many of his old pupils now reside in this part of the country.

Those of his children present at his death were, Talmage Johnson, Russell Johnson, and Reubel Johnson, of Merkel, and Mrs. ettie Slape of Pducah. One daughter, Mrs. Lankster could not come, owing to ill health.

The whole community joins the family in their grief for this good man.

Altho we know he has ere this heard the Masters voice saying, "Well done thou good and faithful servant." --By a Friend.

**THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank**

Merkel, Texas

The Success of this Community Depends upon

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Make money and spend less than you make and keep it safe by Depositing the Surplus in

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel

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We have for rent 50 modern two-lock safety deposit boxes. Secure one and keep your deeds, bonds, and records absolutely safe and strictly confidential.

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

**Intermediate League Program**

Subject: "How can I discover my Place?"  
Lader, Fannie Bell Boaz.  
Songs  
Scripture lesson (Cor. 12 27-30; John 7 17) by Leader.  
A life, by Gladys Milliken.  
What can I do? by Stella Wilson.  
Prayer.  
What ought I to do? by Mary Ellen Smith.  
How can I find out? by Leon

ald Bailey.  
Shall I decide now? Orpah Patterson.  
Announcements  
League Benediction.

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.

**MERKEL D.G. COMPANY'S November Selling Campaign CONTINUES**

We are offering some unusual values in many departments of our store. November opened with a rush at this store, and sales continue good. We are determined to make November a record month in Dry Goods selling. The biggest and best assorted stock of merchandise in this section is here for your inspection. Extra sales people have been added to our force, enabling us to better serve our patrons.

**For Friday and Saturday Selling**

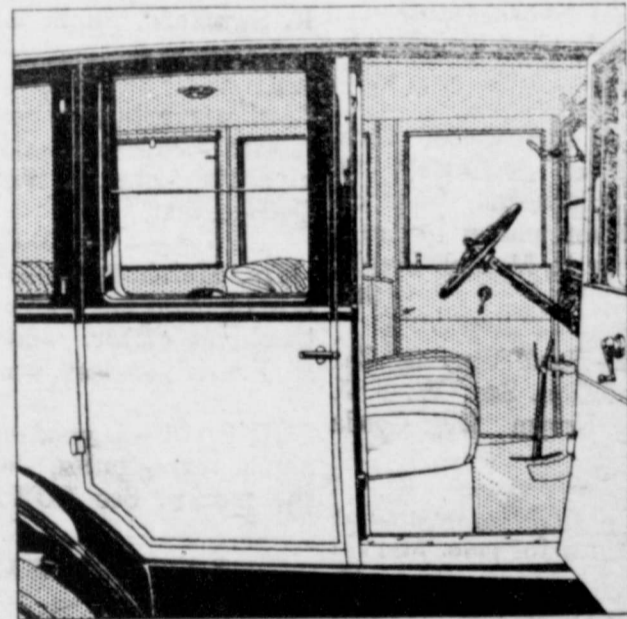
10 Per Cent OFF HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX CLOTHING	One Dozen ARROW BRAND COLLARS 14 to 15 1-2 Sizes \$1.00 for 12	One Lot CHILDRENS SCHOOL SHOES in Brown and Black \$1.98
One Lot MENS CLOTHING in Good New Models 20 per cent Off Friday and Saturday	25 BOYS SUITS Sizes 8 to 18 Prices range \$10.00 to \$20.00 While thy last Half Price	One Lot MENS AND BOYS CAPS Values to \$2.00 Giving 'em away at 25c Each
One Group FLORSHEIM SHOES Your Choice \$6.95	Just Received Big Shipment LADIES AND MISSES SHOES in Brown and Black Kid and Suede Prices \$5.00 to \$6.50	LADIES TAFFETA & CREPE DRESSES \$27.50 Dresses...\$23.95 \$23.75 Dresses...\$19.95 \$22.50 Dresses...\$17.95 \$17.50 Dresses...\$9.95 These dresses are brand new 1923 Full models.

**Persistent Coughing**

wastes your strength, makes the delicate throat tissues raw and sore, exposes you to more serious trouble. You can check coughing with Dr. King's New Discovery. Naturally and harmlessly it stimulates the mucous membranes to throw off clogging secretions. Has a pleasant taste. All druggists.



DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY



**Four-Door Sedan Interior Features**

A cozy, attractive interior has been achieved in the Ford Four-Door Sedan. Broadcloth upholstery, soft brown with a slightly darker stripe, harmonizes with the lighter shade in the head lining. Ornamental interior fittings are finished in nickel. Doors are made of one solid sheet of heavy aluminum, very light and strong

\$685  
F. O. B. Detroit  
This car can be obtained through the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan.

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# COZY THEATRE

Matinee Saturday 2 to 5:30

Friday JACK LIVINGSTON in "MAN'S LAW AND GOD'S" Also— Christie Comedy And— Travelogue	Saturday WILLIAM RUSSELL in "Sands of Sacrifice" Also— Fox Sunshine Comedy And— Mutt and Jeff
Monday and Tuesday MADGE KENNEDY in "THE JAZZ-HEART GIRL" Also— Comedy And— Travelogue	Wednesday and Thursday A PARAMOUNT FEATURE Also— Comedy And— Sport Review

## MRS. THOS BEARDEN IS HOSTESS

The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist church met on last Friday afternoon with Mrs. Thos. Bearden in the home of Mrs. Earl Lassiter, with eighteen members present and one visitor.

The devotional was led by Mrs. Andy Brown, reading the 23rd Psalm. Mrs. Booth then led in prayer.

During the business session there were several items discussed. The class is having a very interesting race, Fords, Paiges and Buicks, and the contest will soon be over, the winners to be entertained.

The class also voted to change their meeting day from Wednesday until the first Friday in each month.

It was indeed a pleasure for the class to peace and send Mrs. Parrack a nice box, she being one of the class until she and brother Parrack found another field to work in.

The hostess assisted by Mesdames Lassiter and Collins served a delightful salad plate with hot chocolate to Mesdames Bullock, Derstine, Higgins, Brown, Condor, Booth, Huddleston, Scott, Worley, Meador, Howard, Mayo, Swann, Dye, Jackson, and one visitor, Mrs. Warren Smith.

R. J. Adcock, who has been here for the past month left Saturday morning for Fort Worth to spend a few days then he will go to Uvalde, his home.

## I'm Still Here!

and haven't time to write ads. Come on, you will find the Lowest Prices on everything you need to eat.

### Special Prices

on apples, oranges, lemons, grapes, coconuts, pecans; also special price on extra high grade coffee---

### Sugar Free

with every can you buy to introduce it Don't fail to try a can; it will please you and save you money on your coffee bill.

**J. N. CARSON** PHONE 25

**WHITE CHURCH**  
Saturday night it began raining again and the atmosphere has been rather damp in the Canyon ever since.

School began yesterday with a good attendance. The teachers are staying with Mrs. Harvey West again this year. Since its every one duty to help the progress of the school when possible, we commend Mrs. West for her willing kindness to board the teachers. Did you ever stop to think how many people in your community, if called on, would refuse their homes? All right since some one else has this opportunity of

helping let's find out how we can help and get busy making this the most successful school term White Church has ever had.

A few days ago Mr. Walter Dye and Miss Ida Warren were married, leaving immediately for Fisher county to visit relatives there. May every joy be theirs is the wish of the writer.

Misses Velma Brown and Beryl Tucker of Merkel spent last week-end with Belle Shuff. Mr. and Mrs. Andy Brown of Merkel visited the former's parents the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nath Noel of the Bitter Creek community

were here today. We hear they are planning to move in our midst in the near future. I'm sure they will receive a hearty welcome.

Among those who went to Abilene the 12th were Mrs. Frazer Demere and daughter, Reba, Billy Moore, Elmer Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Demere.

Mr. Editor, since we farmers usually come to town on Saturdays and its possible that we could almost every time bring some produce to town why not publish the local market on eggs chickens and turkeys each Friday.

# DO YOUR Christmas Shopping EARLY

While you are selecting your Christmas gifts, consider **Something Electrical**

We offer a few suggestions

#### FOR MOTHER

- A Range
- Vacuum Cleaner
- Sewing Machine
- Vibrator
- Grill
- Heating Pad
- Radiant Heater
- Table Lamp
- Percolator
- Convenience Outlets, etc.

#### FOR FATHER

- Reading Lamp
- Shaving Water Heater
- Immersion Heater
- Shaving Mirror, Electrically lighted
- Radio Set

#### FOR SISTER

- Radiant Heater
- Hair Drier
- Curling Iron
- Vibrator
- Sewing Lamp
- Boudoir Lamp

#### FOR BROTHER

- Flash Light
- Shaving Water Heater
- Table Lamp
- Radio Set

#### FOR HER

- Table Stove
- Curling Iron & Comb
- Chafing Dish
- Utility Set
- Corn Popper

#### THE WHOLE FAMILY

- More Convenience Outlets
- Fixtures for every room in the home (moderate prices)

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### FIRST CLASS LAUNDRY SERVICE

If you want first class Laundry service we do it. Any and all kinds of it. Cleaning and pressing, dyeing at reasonable prices. Semi-Finish or family washing everything included except Silk goods, at 10 lb. minimum, 10 cents per pound. Phone 218 or leave at Petty's West's or City Barber Shop. tf

Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the local Methodist church spent yesterday in Abilene, consulting with other pastors and Sunday school workers, regarding the Sunday school work.

Mrs. Marshall Moore and two children of Abilene were week-end guests of Mrs. W. H. Frazier, returning home on Monday.

**LITTLEFIELD LANDS**—All tillable and ready to plow. This beautiful tract of land is located 30 miles northwest of Lubbock on the Sante Fe, in the shallow water belt. It is especially adapted to cotton raising. Can be bought for \$2.00 per acre cash; 10 years on the balance 6 percent. After first payment nothing but interest until 1927. We are exclusive agents for this land. **WEIR & GLOVER** Abilene, Texas.

## FARMERS

lose money by ginning cotton when wet. Store it in our cotton house and let it dry, and gin it through our double cleaning system and make the difference

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—Being in West Texas, we can give more efficient service and save you traveling expenses which Dallas or Fort Worth firms must charge. We solicit your Income Tax work on the basis of equal efficiency with other firms, and the fact that we are more accessible to you as our office is in West Texas.

## WHO WANTS ME?



I am one of  
**Madame Hendren's  
Twenty Dollar Dolls**

I walk—I talk and go to sleep when you want me to. I will be given away **Absolutely FREE!**

With each twenty-five cent purchase of **Nyal Toilet Products** made at our store between now and Dec. 1st, you receive 100 votes. The little girl having the largest number of votes to her credit on December 1st can take me home without paying a single penny.

*Get your father, mother, sister, brother and friends to vote for you.*

Any little girl under thirteen years of age is eligible. Enter your name as a contestant. Don't waste a moment's time.

You can see me at the address shown below.

**MERKEL DRUG CO.**  
Merkel, Texas

### RAWELIGH'S PRODUCTS

When in need of any of the celebrated and well known Rawleigh Products call on me at the McGhee Hamburger stand on Main Street or Phone 147. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. E. B. Barnes. 1678p

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent returned last week from Dallas, where the former had been for an operation on one of his eyes. We are indeed glad to report the operation was entirely successful and it now seems that Mr. Largent will in all probability retain the sight of his eye, which had practically left him.

G. A. Guthrie of Slaton was here several days this week looking after his splendid farms near here.

J. E. Hendrix is back from a visit of some length with a daughter at Lamesa.

Mrs. W. G. Cypert and daughter, Mrs. George Woodrum, visited relatives in Rochester last week.

Mrs. Henry Bright, who has been visiting her parents, Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert, left for Trent Thursday to visit friends and relatives.

CREAM, 41 cents at W. F. Hamblett Grocery Store. T. L. Hamblett. It

Misses Bickley and Middleton who are teaching the Mt. Pleasant school, spent the week-end with home folks in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graves were guests of relatives here Sunday. Their home is in Abilene.

Miss Nell Holloway left Wednesday for Noodle, where she will teach a class in piano.

### "HOW CAN I DISCOVER MY PLACE"

Don't be a square peg in a round hole.

Come to League Sunday, November 18 and find how to discover your place.

Leader, Castle Ellis.  
Song service.  
Scripture lesson: 1 Cor. 12, (27-30.)

Prayer.  
"God's purposefulness in Planning every life, leader

What does the world offer me, Julia Martin.

The separated service, Murphy Thomas.

Every Christian's Part, Rev. T. J. Rea.

Special.  
Announcement.  
League Benediction.

J. A. Buford moved into the residence this week he recently bought from Clyde Sears and Mr. Sears moved into the Jordan residence.

Rev. Airhart, who is moving to Roby from the coast country spent Sunday in the city. Rev. Airhart was pastor of the Baptist church in this city many years ago and will be remembered by many Merkel citizens.

Mr. E. L. Kelso, splendid farmer of the Stith community was in the city recently and had us send him the Mail and Abilene Reporter for another year. He also had us send the Mail and Semi-Weekly to his father who resides in another state. Mr. Kelso reports having gathered 18 bales of cotton this year, with about three yet to pick.

Our good friend D. J. Gibson from route three was in the city yesterday and made this office a pleasant and appreciated call. He says he is good and ready for some dry sunshinney weather, with which to enable him to finish gathering his cotton crop, only a small amount yet to pick however.

# SEE OUR WINDOW

**On Saturday Only**

Beginning at nine o'clock, we will sell

**Aluminum Ware**

At Special Prices of

**\$1.00**

**For Any Article in the Window**

Only one article of each kind to the customer. Come early if you want one as they are values and won't last long. A good chance to get some Christmas Presents worth the money

## Liberty Hardware Company

"Only Exclusive Hardware Store in Merkel, Texas"

## Do You Want A Ford?

We have cars enough shipped this month to fill all orders and 18 over. If you want a Ford see us now.

We have two 1924 Coupes can deliver now.

### LOOK!! Used Ford Cars

1921 Coupe, good shape, .....	\$200.00
1921 Touring, new battery and tire .....	\$175.00
1921 Touring, starter and everything, .....	\$175.00
1921 Touring, with starter, .....	\$165.00
1918 Touring, You set the price	

Get Our Prices Before You Buy

## Merkel Motor Company

Ford

Fordson

Lincoln

### NOTICE HUNTERS

Hunters are respectfully asked not to hunt and otherwise trespass on any lands owned or controlled by the undersigned. Most, respectfully, John Sears. It

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### REBUILT TYPEWRITER BARGAINS

(Terms like Rent)  
Special Discount for Cash  
UNDERWOODS  
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ALL MAKES

USED MACHINES ACCEPTED AS FIRST PAYMENT Satisfaction Guaranteed or Payment Refunded

WE REPRESENT JOHN YORK OF DALLAS TEXAS

### 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, gives natural action, and imparts vigor to the system.

## 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.



## **Christmas Greeting Cards**

**Express your Good Wishes Better when You  
Make your Selections Early From a  
Choice Stock not picked over**

**Your Name Imprinted Adds Little to the Cost  
But Much to the Expression**

**Place Your Order Now-- We'll Deliver them when  
you say. Phone us and a Representative with  
Samples Will Gladly Call**

**Merkel Mail Printing Co.**



**MRS. SUBLETT IS A VERY PLEASANT HOSTESS**

Mrs. V. B. Sublett was hostess to the Friendship Club at her home Friday afternoon. The rooms were very attractive with vases of cryanthemums and ferns.

A social hour was enjoyed, including contests and other amusements. Mrs. B. T. Sublett, and Mrs. Stanley King were prize winners. Mrs. Paul Stanford, and Mrs. Buzbee won the consolation prizes.

The club will meet with Mrs. B. T. Sublett November 23. Let all members try to be there as there is important business to transact.

Dainty refreshments were served to Mesdames. Stanley King, Jas. McCoy, C. Pogue, B. T. Sublett, W. E. Lowe, M. C. Buzbee, Mrs. Paul Stanford, and Mrs. J. P. Sublett.

**MISS BROWN HOSTESS TO S. S. TACHERS**

The Primary and Junior Teachers of the M. E. church met at the home of Miss Jennie Brown Friday night. The rooms were decorated with beautiful flowers and ferns. The house was called to order at 7:30, and the song, "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus" was sung and then prayer, led by Bro. Rea. Reports from different committees were given and a program for Thanksgiving was discussed, also the importance of every officer and teacher being in the Training class and a joint meeting of all the teachers and officers will be announced soon and every department will be discussed to make the Sunday School what it ought to be.

These meetings are indeed inspiring and more so as the Superintendent and Pastor both were with us.

A Thanksgiving contest was then given which proved quite interesting.

Miss Jennie was assisted by her mother in serving a lovely refreshment plate of Cranberry pie with cream and cake.

All departed and expressed them selves as having spent a

most delightful evening and Miss Jennie an ideal hostess.

The Armistice Day program as planned by the committee in charge, was carried out to the letter last Sunday evening at the First Baptist Church and pronounced a success in every respect. There was a large crowd in attendance, and every part of the program carried out in a most perfect manner.

Miss Ruth Howard returned first of the week from a visit to Dallas and Hillsboro.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Regular services next Sunday and you are expected and urged to be in your place and on time.

With every 25 cents worth of Nyal products purchased at the Merkel Drug Company we will give 100 votes in the beautiful Doll Contest.

Mrs. I. L. Jackson spent Armistice Day with her parents in Stamford.

With each five cent purchase at the Necessity Store you get a ticket that entitles you to a chance at the nice little Auto to be given away on December 17th.

Hicks Swafford left last week for Kansas City where he will again take up his duties as traveling salesman for a big Dairy Feed firm. Before leaving Hicks had the Merkel Mail sent to his address that he might keep tab on the happenings of the "old home town."

**NOTICE TO REBEKAHS**

All Rebekahs are urged to come out and let us put our lodge on the honor roll for this year.

R. O. Anderson, clever and accommodating cashier of the Farmers State Bank, spent several days this week at Wichita Falls on business.

Mrs. M. L. Bumpus left Tuesday for Mertzon to nurse a patient.

**METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES**

On last Sunday we had a great day in the Methodist Sunday school. There being 256 present at the Sunday school hour.

We want to urge all our members to be present each and every Sunday. Also we especially welcome visitors to our school, so if you are in town for a few days only, we want you to come and join our Sabbath days worship. Will say to our members lets make this year the greatest in our history. L. W. Cox, Supt.

Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Hays left Tuesday for Temple, where they will attend the meeting of the Central Texas Annual Conference which convened there Wednesday, and to which conference Rev. Hays had requested, and been assigned. Rev. Hays is indeed an able preacher and the church to which he may be sent will indeed be proud of him as such. We join many friends in wishing for him and his family health, happiness and prosperity in their new field of endeavor.

Mr. Buchanan, who has been employed at the Hamm gin this fall, left Tuesday for California accompanied by his family.

At the Necessity Store with each five cent purchase you get a ticket which may bring you the Auto to be given away on Monday, December 17. It

Mr. Smith of A. C. C., Abilene, was here and led the song service at the Church of Christ Sunday morning and afternoon.



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