

CAMPAIGN CLOSES SATURDAY 3 P.M.

BIG DOLLAR DAY HERE SATURDAY

Yes, next Saturday will be a big day in Merkel. It's DOLLAR DAY, the day when a dollar spent in Merkel will count for and go further than ever before. And then this is the day the Merkel Mail gives away the New Ford Car, Diamond Rings, Gold Watch, Scholarship in Draughtons and Tyler Commercial Colleges, as well as commissions, and of course everybody is coming to Merkel on this day.

Listen, folks, read the big double page advertisement in this paper and see the many things you can buy for \$1. Yes, read every advertisement in this paper, for to do so will always pay you, as the merchants of Merkel will continually, from time to time have something to offer, which if heeded by the buying public, will save money.

And, we would call your special attention to the various window displays of the Merkel merchants. There you will find many things of interest, and at reduced prices. Let everybody come to Merkel on DOLLAR DAY and let's make it a good day for all.

SATURDAY MARKET

The Methodist ladies will have a Market next Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Barrow Furniture store. Cakes, pies, dressed chicken, and candy will be on sale. Come in and buy the extras for your Sunday dinner. There will also be a Lunch Stand at Mrs. Dry's Racket Store, conducted by the same ladies. Coffee, pie and sandwiches will be served there. Don't forget these two places on next Saturday. Follow the crowd and get your Saturday lunch and take something home for your Sunday dinner.

"WIND MILLS OF HOLLAND" OPERETTA

Under the direction of Miss Zula Sibley, voice director of Simmons College and Miss Picot expression director, this operetta will be given Monday night, January 21st, at the Cozy Theatre.

This Operetta consists of 30 people, chorus numbers, solos, and duets, combined with the speaking parts.

Dutch scenery and costumes will be used. The plot is a love plot, interesting and peppy thru out.

Tickets will be on sale Friday at business houses of the town. Prices 35c for school children, 50c for adults. For every one who sells as many as 6 tickets a free one will be given. The school children will sell tickets.

This Operetta is brought to Merkel under the auspices of Simmons Club of Merkel. Come and hear one of the best numbers of the season.

Go to Barrow Furniture store Saturday and get nice dressed chickens, cakes, pies and home made candy.

Don't worry about baking a cake or pie Saturday, just buy a good one at Barrow's, also a dressed chicken.

Get a good hot lunch Saturday at Mrs. Dry's racket store. You will feel better afterward.

Read the Classified Column.

BONDS VOTED FOR NEW SCHOOL B'LD'G

In the election held in Merkel Independent School district, on last Saturday the bonds were voted by a vote of 98 against to 110 for the bonds. This shows that the vote was indeed small and is an indication that the people as they usually do regarding the voting of school bonds took it for granted that they would carry without effort, as there was but little work done by any one to get the voters out. Infact we never heard any person discuss the issue on the streets during the day.

This will mean that as soon as the issue can be approved by the attorney general's department and the bonds sold and the contract let, that work on a very beautiful and most modern High School building will be started in Merkel; in time to finish same before the beginning of school again next fall.

As this paper sees it, the people of this city and community will have no cause to regret having voted to build this beautiful and badly needed building, but will find same to prove a blessing and benefit to the coming generations, and a good business investment to the present property owners.

ANOTHER FAMILY REUNION

On last Sunday in the Blair community, the children of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Reeves, fine old people of that community, surprised them by preparing and bringing to this home a big fine dinner, in honor of Mr. Reeves' 75th birthday, and where every one present enjoyed the occasion very much.

Every one of their children were present but two, as follows: H. K. Reeves, of Floydada and Mrs. Johnnie Ray, of Abilene. While those present and enjoying the happy event were: Geo. Pruitt and family, L. L. Houston and family, Jacob Reeves and family, S. J. Reeves and family, G. M. Reeves, W. O. Reeves, G. C. Burk, W. A. Tittle, and M. H. Farmer, all with their family and all from the Merkel community. A total of 58 in attendance.

Mr. Reeves has been a citizen of this community for 22 years and is held in high esteem by all with whom he has become acquainted.

Mr. C. E. Stamps, for many years a good citizen of this community, left this week for Putnam, where they will make their future home. We join their friends in wishing for them happiness and prosperity in their new home.

You will be able to get a nice lunch Saturday at Mrs. Dry's racket store. Good steaming hot coffee with sugar and cream, also sandwiches and pie.

Mr. S. D. Gamble of the Merkel Drug Company has been on the sick list this week, but is up and about again.

Mr. F. J. Smith, pioneer and most excellent citizen, left first of the week for Corpus Christi, where he will spend the remainder of the winter. We join Mr. Smith's many friends in wishing for him a pleasant stay in the southern climate.

METHODIST REVIVAL HERE NEXT MARCH

Rev. T. J. Rea informs us that at a meeting of the board of stewards of the Merkel Methodist church on Monday evening of this week that body voted unanimously for the church to hold a big revival beginning on the 2nd day of March.

To assist the pastor in holding this meeting, the great Thithing Evangelist, "Zim", has been invited, and should he accept the invitation, futher and full details of the meeting will be given in this paper.

ANOTHER GOOD MAN PASSES AWAY

After a prolonged illness, and suffering the spirit of Mr. J. L. Chambliss, a pioneer of this community passed away at his home in the southern part of the city, on last Friday morning, and after funeral services which were conducted at the Baptist church on Saturday, by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Albertson, assisted by Rev. Fred S. Rogers, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian church and Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the Methodist church, the remains were tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery.

The deceased, as stated above, was really a pioneer in Taylor county and the Merkel country, having moved here about thirty years ago, and was recognized as one of the best citizens and Christian gentlemen throughout the community, and his going away is indeed a loss to the community.

Deceased was a loyal and devout member of the Baptist church. He leaves a wife, and four children to mourn his demise, and to whom we join the entire community in extending deepest sympathy during this their sad hour.

MRS. CASH REPURCHASES TAILOR SHOP

Some few weeks ago, Mrs. C. L. Cash sold her Tailor Shop and business to Mr. J. W. Schindler of South Texas, and immediately made a trip over the prosperous and growing south plains in an effort to find a better and more suitable location, and after making the trip, Mrs. Cash decided she had rather live in Merkel, and has repurchased the Tailor Shop from Mr. Schindler and is now again actively in charge of same, where she will be pleased to serve her friends and the public.

Mr. Schindler was a good tailor and made many friends during his short connection with this business.

INCOME TAX PAYERS

For one month, commencing, January 1924, I will have an office near Merkel Drug Company. Single return, \$2.50 and partnership \$5.00.

Consultation Free. R. O. Anderson.

Mr. W. I. Cogburn, one of the successful farmers on route five was in the city one day this week and had us send the Merkel Mail to his daughter, Mrs. N. B. Bell, and for which we are indeed grateful. And some weeks ago Mrs. Cogburn came in and had us send the paper to another daughter, Mrs. Dollie Henslee, at Grandbury.

MRS. C. C. CAMPBELL MOVED -- NO BETTER

Mr. C. C. Campbell, formerly with the Merkel Mail, was here first of the week, and informed us that he had moved Mrs. Campbell from Temple, where she had been for treatment the past ten days, to Falfurus, Texas, to the home of a brother-in-law, Dr. Bennett, where the latter could give her constant and careful attention.

We also regret to state that Mr. Campbell informed us that Mrs. Campbell was but little if any better. However, this paper joins the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell in the hopes that she may soon take a turn for the better and yet fully recover from her serious illness and suffering.

GRAND MOTHER ALSOBROOK, AGED 89 PASSES AWAY

Following a brief illness of only a few days, Mrs. B. S. Alsobrook, aged 89 years, 10 months and 10 days, passed to her heavenly reward at six o'clock Wednesday evening at her home in the south part of the city.

Deceased was born March 6th 1837, Marion county, Georgia and moved to Arkansas, where she was married to Wm. S. Alsobrook, November 4, 1856.

They came to Texas in 1889, locating at Merkel, where they have spent the remaining days of their useful and splendid lives. Death claimed her husband June 26, 1901.

Mrs. Alsobrook was the mother of three children, one son and two daughters, W. B. Alsobrook, Mrs. Lou Jordan and Mrs. Georgia Brown; the latter being the only survivor of the entire family.

Grandmother Alsobrook, as she was familiarly known and called by her host of loving friends throughout the city and community, was a loyal and devoted member of the Presbyterian church; having been a Christian since early childhood, and while her lovely christian character will be missed from the walks of life, her going will be crowned with happiness and life everlasting in the heavenly world beyond.

This paper joins many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved daughter and other loved ones, during this their sad hour.

Funeral services were held yesterday, at the Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor Rev. Fred S. Rogers assisted by Rev. W. H. Albertson, pastor of the First Baptist church, with burial services immediately afterwards in Rose Hill cemetery.

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject—The Bible, the one basis of Baptist beliefs.

- Leader: Nell Swann.
1. The three things Baptist believe, Dixie Howard.
 2. Baptist and other bodies, W. B. Stevens.
 3. Baptist should know the Bible, Flossie Campbell.
 4. Baptist should love the Bible, Comer Haynes.
 5. Baptist and Bible reverence by Winnie Murl Teaff
 6. The Bible in Pulpit and Penn, Gladys Mayfield.
 7. The Bible in the daily life, Mrs. Warren Smith.

Subscriptions Must Be in Locked Box in F. & M. National Bank at That Time or They Will Not Count

RACE FOR CAR IS UNUSUALLY CLOSE; POSSIBLE FOR ANY CANDIDATE TO WIN

Only Few Ten-Year Subscription May Make Some Candidate Winner of The Brand New Touring Car

Miss Ouida Campbell, Merkel	2,406,800
Mrs. Nannie Casseaux, Mekel	2,400,200
Miss Iris Garrett, Merkel	296,00
Miss Mabel Jenkins, Noodle	470,000
Mrs. R. L. Jobe, Merkel	409,200
Miss Ruth Jones, Merkel	2,395,100
Miss Beatrice McLeod, Trent	1,850,000
Miss Lillian McRee, Trent	1,651,000
Mrs. Sam Salyers, Buffalo Gap	155,000
Mrs. C. W. Seago, Route 2 Trent	1,640,000

The foregoing vote standing must not be confused and we do not wish it to be misleading. This vote standing includes only those votes that have been turned in to this office during the campaign up to and including Saturday night, Jan. 12. Since that time no candidates have been allowed to turn in their subscriptions, but are depositing them in the locked box in the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel. So there is positively no way of telling the correct vote standing of any of the candidates, as no one knows the number of subscriptions that have been deposited in the locked box.

As we stated last week, you cannot hope to win the brand new Ford touring car, unless you get some long term subscriptions. We tell all the candidates that subscriptions may be made only short term subscriptions may not have much chance to win first prize by short term subscriptions.

The race is exceedingly close. The vote totals will be large. First prize will no doubt be won by a very narrow margin. One ten-year subscription with the club bonus counts 300,000 votes. How will you feel about it if you fail to win first prize by one 10 year subscription? You will wish you had secured that subscription. You have the time to do it NOW. But the time is short. The campaign closes forever promptly at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, January 19.

Who will drive the car away? The contestant having the most votes.

The day of days is almost here! Saturday is the last day of the balloting!

When the clock points to the hour of 3 Saturday afternoon, there will have ended the shortest, the greatest, the most liberal and the hardest fought newspaper circulation campaign ever conducted in this vicinity. The stage is set. Everything is in readiness for the overwhelming rush of subscriptions that will come. Every hour that remains has immense possibilities and every minute is vitally important. Your supreme final efforts today and tomorrow may land that prize for which you have been working and have set your heart on getting. The friends who have responded with supporting force can hardly refuse at the moment when a little help may mean victory.

It has been predicted that this will be a race of narrow margins, hence every subscription, no matter how small, is valuable. Think what victory means in this race—luxury, pleasure,—the very best things that life holds out in store for some. Who? Ah! that is a matter that only hustle and organizing ability will determine.

This has been a fairly fought campaign. It has been conducted along absolutely impartial lines. The best campaigners are going to win. Those who apply themselves during every minute of the time there is left are the ones whose chances are the best. The battle of ballots has been waged at a heart-breaking pace these last few days and many surprises may be sprung by the quiet but energetic workers, who knows how many have bridged the gap from the bottom to the top since the last vote standing appeared?

This uncertainty has stimulated every candidate to increase his or her vote total to the limit of their ability, for each candidate has realized that their competitors are doing the same.

Candidates must send or bring their subscriptions to the Farmers & Merchants National Bank by 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon or they will not be credited.

Final Instructions

It is calculated that it will require sometime, however, to canvass the findings in the box and to determine the winners. The official results will be published in next Thursday's issue.

The prizes will be awarded the successful candidates as soon as the judges have audited the ballots and declared the winners. Active candidates who fail to win a prize will receive 15 per cent cash commission. Checks for this commission will be mailed to all active candidates Monday January 21. If you do not receive your check promptly please notify the Merkel Mail. Heretofore out of town candidates have had the privilege of mailing their letters containing subscriptions from their home town as late as the closing hour of the various periods. This will not be permitted the last day of the contest. All votes and subscriptions Must Be in

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Statement of Condition

Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business Dec. 31, 1923

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$309,226.06
Overdrafts	442.69
Banking house & Fixtures	13,800.00
Other Real Estate	7,000.00
Due from State Gty. Fund	29,056.34
Stocks & Bonds	1,818.40
Other Resources	19,128.29
Cash and Exchange	374,738.44
Total	\$755,210.13

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	33,037.29
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed money	NONE
Deposits	672,172.93
Total	\$755,210.13

The above Statement is Correct

R. L. GRIMES, Cashier

A GUARANTY FUND BANK

UNION RIDGE TO HAVE NEW CHURCH BUILDING

The peoples of the Union Ridge community have recently made the purchase of the school house on the Sears School district No. 29, or better known as the Hebron Baptist church building, and will move same to a location near the present site of the Union Ridge school house. The building shall serve as a church building when it shall have been located upon its new site.

This is a solution of a problem that has been facing this community for several years. finds a rural church community find a rare exception that new lumber can be bought and new buildings erected, for the simple reason that the rural churches are never strong enough to support the movement. Yet this proposition is a big movement. Owing to the fact that this building must be moved some three or three and a half miles from its present location to its new location, and this people are to be commended upon their efforts and willingness to tackle a big job in order that they might have a community church building. We feel that this cause is vitally and directly appertaining to the immediate interest of every land owner, and every one residing in the community. Development has been the slogan of these peoples for the past years of their history. Many have been permitted to see this local community grow from infancy, just a mere little school house in the Mesquit saplings, to a three teacher school, thoroughly man aged. Now the beaming light of success favors this place with the smile of success as they bend their backs while their shoulders are to the wheel pulling for this church move.

May the blessings of the saints hover over this movement and the endorsement of

the good church people of the surrounding communities rest at heart with them.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:45
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

All B. Y. P. U's at six o'clock All services last Sunday were well attended There were 310 in Sunday school. The hand points to 350 for next Sunday. The B. Y. P. U's had 73 present. They are working this week for 100. "Loyalty, on time, with lots of fire."

Next Sunday the sermon subjects will be: Morning, "The Church's Message to the World. Evening, "Working For Wages." Sunday evening there will be thirty minutes of song service, beginning promptly at seven o'clock. Plans are under way to double the number of the choir in the next few weeks. Let us make melody unto the Lord. Oil up your vocal cords and come along. The water is fine

Tuesday afternoon in the meeting of the W. M. U. it was decided to begin the study of the W. M. U. Manual next Monday afternoon at three o'clock. The pastor will teach the class. We will meet each afternoon next week at three o'clock at the church. We can finish the book in five lessons. It is hoped that every lady in the church will avail herself of the opportunity to take this course.

Come over Sunday and let's talk it over.

"You're Always Welcome."

W. H. Albertson, pastor

STRAYED—From my farm south of Tye, little bay mare about 14 hands high with star in the forehead, roached maine, wire cut on the left shoulder. Any one knowing the whereabouts notify S. F. Haynes, Merkel. 1tp.

RACE FOR CAR IS UNUSUALLY CLOSE; POSSIBLE FOR ANY CANDIDATE TO WIN

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the Sealed Ballot Box At 3 P. M. When the Race is Closed.

Out-of-town candidates should where possible to do so, arrange to deposit their envelopes in person at the bank, but where this cannot be done, letters containing final remittance should be addressed to "Campaign Department," Merkel Mail, Merkel, Texas, and plainly marked, "For Sealed Ballot Box; Not to be Opened." Particular care should be taken to post such letters in good time to reach this office before the final hour and it is advisable that same should be under Special Delivery Stamp.

All subscriptions deposited in the sealed box must be accompanied by cash, money order or certified check for full amount to cover. Checks are not acceptable. This rule is made in fairness to all candidates and will be strictly adhered to.

Every stub must be accompanied by a remittance to cover same and no money will be refunded after votes have been issued on their subscriptions. This rule will be strictly enforced, for the mutual protection of The Merkel Mail and the many candidates.

There is still time to make a winning race. Reward hovers near for those who have the stamina to grasp it. Only a little added work may place you

among the happy circle who will be honored by one of the many large and beautiful prizes.

With the end of the campaign but a few hours away and the race apparently so close that a few big subscriptions now from unexpected sources might be the very ones necessary to stem the tide of defeat and turn it to a sweeping victory, candidates are straining every nerve in their final efforts for supremacy while prizes worth as much as \$444 are being contested for, while all Taylor county and surrounding territory are waiting, watching, wondering—and hustling for their favorites. Now is the time if ever to help your favorite in this race for rich prizes, the winning of any one of which means honor, glory and the equivalent of a small fortune. Your subscriptions now for one, two, three, four, five or ten years may be the deciding factor in the race. Here's an opportunity to do a real kindness for a friend; a lift that may mean a prize without costing you one cent more than your paper any way. Don't wait to be asked to subscribe, for in these last frantic days the one you would like to help may not be able to reach you. The campaign closes forever promptly at 3 o'clock, Saturday afternoon, January 19th. Who will drive the New Ford Touring Car?

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Starting at three o'clock Sunday afternoon, Feb. 10th, we will have Sunday School institute at the Methodist church for the benefit of teachers and prospective teachers in the study of "The Organization and Administration of Sunday school." We have about twenty five in this class and extend an invitation to others who are interested in this great work to join us. We also extend invitation to the Churches around us to join in and help us to make this a great movement for our entire territory

Following, is the schedule of the class meeting and the lecturer who will have charge of each meeting.

Sunday, Feb. 10th at three o'clock Chapter 1 and 2, Rev. T. J. Rea.

Monday evening at seven thirty o'clock, Chapter 3 and 4, Mrs. Seth Hamilton.

Tuesday evening at seven thirty o'clock, Chapter 5 and 6, Rev. W. M. Lane, of Abilene.

Wednesday evening at seven thirty o'clock Mr. L. R. Thompson.

Thursday evening at seven thirty o'clock, Chapters 9 and 10, Rev. W. M. Pearce, Abilene.

Friday evening at seven thirty, Chapters 11 and 12, Rev. W. M. Pearce, Abilene.

Following this examination, questions will be distributed and the class will be given until 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Feb. 17th to prepare their papers and return them to Mrs. Hamilton, who is the Supt. of Teacher Training in our church.

We are hoping that every one will take advantage of this splendid opportunity to take this important work.

Mrs. Seth Hamilton Supt.
Rev. T. J. Rea, Pastor.

STITH TO HAVE BOX SUPPER

The Mail is asked to announce that there will be a box supper and a musical program at Stith school building Friday, January 25 at 8 p. m. Every one is invited. Admission free. Come buy a box and help the school pay for the piano, recently installed.

MR. AND MS. W. W. BRAGG HONOURED WITH PARTY

Honoring Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bragg, of Chillicothe, popular couple recently wedded, Miss Iva Bragg gave a lovely party at her home last Friday evening.

Ten girls arrived about six o'clock and were heartily greeted by Miss Bragg at the door and were shown into the large living room, where soft lights and a roaring fire made each guest feel welcome. Soon, the bride appeared, descending the long stair way to the living room, where she was met by each guest, who wished her happiness ever more.

At six thirty the doors were opened into the dining room, where the honoree and each guest found places at the dining room, marked by pretty place cards. A lovely two course luncheon was served.

At seven thirty the boys arrived. And after greeting the bride and groom, the hostess announced that a good show was in treat for them.

After the show the hostess invited her guests back to her home, where music was enjoyed and sandwiches and punch was served.

Miss Bragg furnished the following guest list: Misses Ona Faye Bland, Abilene, Evelyn Hamm, Miss Mossie Sears, aunt of bride, Ruby Hamm, Blanche Durham, Christene Collins, Mrs. Warren Smith, Mrs. Roy Largent, Miss Lillie Pratt Sears Mrs. W. W. Bragg.

Messrs. Durham, West, Hamm Brown, Compton, Darsey, Smith, Largent, Bragg.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. Program

- Subject: The temple is dedicated
1. Planning or the dedication, J. D. Ashby.
 2. The line of March, Ava McCandless
 3. God accepts his house, Iris Garrett.
 4. King Solomon speaks, D. O. Huddleston
 5. King Solomon prays—William Sheppard.
 6. The sacrifices, John Frazier.
 7. Poem—Irene Perry
- Sentence Prayer.

We wish to Especially call the attention of the public to the following

CONDENSED STATEMENT

of

The Old Reliable

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS

National Bank

Merkel, Texas

Close of business December 31, 1923

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$367,962.62
Loans, Cotton	10,775.93
U. S. Securities	188,200.00
Other Bonds & War. (School)	15,827.35
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,850.00
Other Real Estate	3,000.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
Overdrafts	1,743.05
Cash & Sight Ex.	235,466.97
Total	\$830,018.42

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	6,914.55
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
DEPOSITS	751,852.87
Total	\$830,018.42

J. T. WARREN, Pres. L. R. THOMPSON, Cash.

DIRECTORS

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

Never Missed a Dividend Never Assessed a Shareholder

ROLL-CALL, FOUNDRY RECEPTION

Thursday evening, January the tenth, the members of the Baptist church observed their annual roll-call service. Beginning at seven thirty, the congregation was delightfully entertained with several numbers by the choir. Following this the church clerk called the roll. There was a good crowd present to answer to their names and to lend interest to the meeting.

At the conclusion of the roll call, the congregation assembled in the basement where the pastor and his family were formally received. After the formal reception, some very interesting games, contests, etc were had. Refreshments were served and the crowd adjourned, all commenting on the enjoyable time they had spent.

Pastor Albertson, reports that when he and his family returned home they found that the members of the church had "pounded" them with all kinds of good things to eat. He says he is not sore but is afraid of the temptation to overeat.

SERVICES AT WHITE CHURCH SUNDAY

We will meet our appointment at White Church Sunday morning January 18th promptly at the eleven o'clock hour. We want the entire community to come out and be in these services. Some of you fellows that live away back in those mountains creep out Sunday and lets get acquainted. We feel that you will feel just as we feel when we have gotten up on Sunday morning and done our duty, taken the wife and kiddies to church. We also have Sunday school at this place in the afternoon. We are told that an ounce of preventative is better than a pound of cure. So if you will come to church on Sunday morning you will prevent the laziness by having committed the act, and if you are in any way ailing then when we get through with you we guarantee a cure.

M. R. Pike pastor.

1919 Ford Touring, Runs Good—\$50.00. Merkel Motor Co. Authorized Ford Dealers. 11t2

Open for Business

To the People of Trent and Vicinity

On Saturday, Jan. 19th

We will be Open for Business

And would like to serve you in the Auto Filling Station Line. Call on us for service that satisfies.

Magnolia Filling Station

Stanley King Mgr. Trent, Texas

NOW Is The Time

Now is the right time to get your
Incubator

and get it started so you can get off some early chicks, for they are the ones that bring the fancy prices. Also they are the ones that are ready for the early shows. Let us show you one of the best on the market for the price.

We have received
One Car of Implements
and expect others
in a few days. Let us show you our lines before you buy elsewhere. If you don't you may regret it. We are booking orders now, come and get in line.

Liberty Hardware Co.

"In the Heart of Merkel's Business District"

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

The State of Texas; County of Taylor. In the District court of Taylor county, Texas.

Wm. P. Carey Co. and Burton Lingo Co., Plaintiffs vs. H. F. Groene, Defendant, No. 5274.

Whereas, by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on a judgement rendered in said court on the 17th day of December, 1923, in favor of Wm. P. Carey Company, a partnership composed of Charles D. Carey & M. E. Carey said judgement being in the sum of Five Hundred Eighty Five and 78 one hundredths (585.78) Dollars, with interest from date at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, judgement also being rendered in favor of Burton-Lingo Company for the sum of Twelve Hundred Seventy-Six and 80 one hundredths (\$1,276.80) Dollars, with interest from the date thereof at the rate of six percent per annum, said judgements being against the said H. F. Groene being in cause No. 5274 on docket of said court and being a foreclosure of a materialman's lien on the following described real estate to-wit:

The north thirty (30) feet of Lot No. Eighteen (18), Block No. Eighteen (18) of the town of Merkel in Taylor County, Texas, on which is situated the Cozy Theatre building.

I did on the 28th day of December, 1923, levy upon the above described tract and parcel of land, and on the 5th day of February, 1924, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and four o'clock P. M. of said date at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said H. F. Groene in said property.

Dated this the 28th day of December, 1923.

John Bond,
Sheriff of Taylor County Tex.
4t4.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:45 promptly. I wish a word about getting there on time. The Sunday School is the great Educational arm of the Church. We only have about Thirty minutes out of every ten thousand and eighty to do this, the greatest work in the World, and if we lose half of this by getting there late, think what the loss means to the cause of Christ, and lack of Training to the rising generations that God has placed in our hands for training.

Officers and teachers if you are late you cannot expect any thing else of your pupils. Brother Cox is making us an efficient Superintendent, and is making an honest and earnest effort to get your cooperation at this point. Will you not encourage him next Sunday by being there on time.

Preaching at 11 o'clock. Our Subject will be "The House of God." The service will be a help to you if you will come, and your example will be an inspiration to others. There is always a welcome to all.

We will not have service at the Evening hour but will visit at the Baptist church.

The pastor gladly offers his services, and will esteem it a great favor to be informed of anyone needing the same. He will visit the aged, shut in and sick; read and pray with them, attend funerals whenever it is desired, irrespective of church membership or non church membership.

He particularly desires to meet, get acquainted with and help, so far as he may be able, those who are not affiliated with the church. Jesus Christ came to earth, "not to be ministered unto, but to minister," and as His humble servant, we would be of service every where we can.

Somewhere, some way, some time, each day, I'll turn aside, plow. S F Haynes.

and stop and pray, that God will make me the way, of righteousness-to men.

Yours to serve,
Rev. T. J. Rea, Pastor.

MR. AND MRS. T. G. BRAGG ENTERTAIN

On last Thursday evening at six o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg were host and hostess to those employed in Bragg Dry Goods Company, and a few friends, honoring their son, W. W. Bragg, who was recently married to Miss Pearl Campbell at Paducah, Texas.

The large table in the pretty dining room was charming, being tastefully laid with pretty linen and silverware. Very clever place cards, of a bride and a groom standing beneath an arch, marked the places of the guests. A turkey dinner was served and greatly enjoyed.

A time was spent after dinner in happy conversation with one another.

Those who enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Bragg were, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald, Mrs. Yates Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes, Miss Lucy Tracy, Miss Mary Anna Mayfield, Miss Willie Swann, and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bragg.

THE WOODROOF-BRAGG NAME CHANGED

The Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Company has been changed to Bragg Dry Goods Company. The management remains the same. Officers of the new incorporation are, T. G. Bragg, Pres. Dee Grimes, Vice President, and Mrs. Lula Brown, secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bragg returned to Chillicothe after a few days visit with friends and relatives.

WANTED—To buy good sulky

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

- Group No. 1.
Leader: Helen Booth
Introduction, by Helen Booth
1. Satan, the father of lies, Joe Ben Ashby.
2. Some Bible illustrations of lying, Mildred Swafford.
3. The sin of Annias, by Eunice Bird.
4. The sin of Sapphira, Roy Giles.
5. Lying by actions, Lewis Giles.
6. Big lies, Delbert Polly.
7. Little lies, Lewis Tucker.
8. Sentence sermons to remember, Charlie Largent

FOUND—A ladies shawl wrap, in southwest part of Merkel, by Mr. R. L. Robbins. Call at the Merkl Mail office. Pay for this adv. and describe the wrap. 1t.

Read the Classified Column.

1922 Ford Coupe Good Shape \$350.00 Merkel Motor Co. Authorized Ford Dealers. 11t2

AUCTION SALE

The Friendship Club is donating a quilt to be auctioned off Saturday at three o'clock some where on Main street. The proceeds will go to the cemetery association. 1tp.

THE T. E. L. CLASS

The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist church will have a social at the home of Mrs. Sam Swann at three o'clock Friday afternoon, with Mrs Swann and Mrs. Booth hostesses. All members are urged to be present.

FOR SALE—Best quality Half and half Cotton Seed. Made record of better than 45 percent Lint last year. Write for prices. Rhodes Bros. Huron, Tenn. 21t4

CITATION ON APPLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO THE SHERIFF or any CONSTABLE of Taylor County Greeting:—

You Are Hereby Commanded to cause to be published, once a week for ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county, which has been continuously and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year; the following notice:

The State Of Texas

To All Persons interested in the Estate of Jack Trent Anderson Sr., Deceased, you are hereby notified that R. O. Anderson has filed in the County Court of Taylor Co. an application for letters of administration on the estate of said Jack T. Anderson, Sr. deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the 3rd Monday in February A. D. 1924, the same being the 18th day of February A. D. 1924 at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not. But have you then and there before said Court on the first day of the next term thereof this Writ with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Given Under My Hand And seal of said Court this 7th day of Jan. A. D. 1924 W. E. Beasley, Clerk, County Court, Taylor County Texas.

By Bessie Briggs, Deputy. 11t2.

FOR SALE—On Fall time, several work teams; any kind you want, any price you want. See G. M. Byrom, on Sweetwater creek, Trent, Route 2. 18t3p

BRG. ALBERTSON TO SPEAK TO T. E. L. CLASS

Bro. Albertson will speak to the members of the T. E. L. class Sunday morning at the Sunday school hour. You will certainly miss a treat if you do not hear him. All members are asked to be present.

GLEANERS ENTERTAIN

Mrs. L. R. Thompson and Mrs. W. M. Gamble entertained the ladies of the Gleaner Class last week at the home of Mrs. Thompson. There was first a very interesting business session during which many new plans for the class were discussed and adopted. During the social hour, delicious refreshment plates of tea, sandwiches, potato chips, stuffed dates and stuffed olives were served to the following ladies; Mesdames, Fred Latham, Verner Sublett, Eli Case, Duncan Briggs, Vaughn, Len Sublett, W. M. Gamble and L. R. Thompson.

WHO KNOWS HER?

Any one knowing the where abouts of one Rebecca Shafer, who at one time owned property in Boyces first additions to the city of Merkel will confer a favor by seeing or writing C. L. Tucker or N. D. Cobb. 1t.

LOST—A heavy set, light colored collie dog. Answers to the name of Ben. Reward offered for his return, or information of his where abouts. M. R. Hail, Trent, Texas. 1t.

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Drive around and have your Ford filled up with that

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I will drain your crank case and fill up your car and if you are not fully satisfied we will gladly refund your money. Also a complete line of tires, and the prices are right. We Guarantee Satisfactory Service.

McFARLAND GARAGE

\$1 DOLLAR DAY IN MERKEL \$1

SATURDAY, JAN. 19

The merchants and business men of Merkel are cooperating in offering outstanding values to the people of this trade territory for one day only, Saturday, January 19, which will be dollar day. These firms are offering for this one day extraordinary bargains. It is planned to have a Dollar Day in Merkel one day in each month. Be sure to come to Merkel Dollar Day, Saturday, January 19, and get your share of the real bargains offered on that day--January 19

<p>Children's and misses' 75c and 95c bloomers Two Pairs for \$1</p> <p>Ladies' fleeced vests and pants; regular 50c kind Three for \$1</p> <p>12 dozen pairs men's black and brown hose; will be sold at 8 pairs for \$1</p> <p>100 pairs ladies' shoes, worth \$2.50 to \$5.00, on sale at the pair \$1</p> <p>Bragg D. G. Company</p>	<p>ONE DOLLAR ONE</p> <p>Six towels, were 33¹/₃, now 16²/₃</p> <p>McDonald work shirts</p> <p>For Saturday only</p> <p>2 pairs ladies' silk hose for</p> <p>\$ Brown D. G. Company \$</p>		<p>14 pounds pinto beans . . . \$1</p> <p>6 cans Primrose corn . . . \$1</p> <p>West Co. GROCERY DEPT.</p>	<p>Ladies' Black and White Hose</p> <p>7 PAIRS, \$1</p> <p>MAX MELLINGER</p>	
<p>WEST COMPANY Ford Supply Department</p> <p>"ALWAYS A FULL DOLLARS WORTH"</p> <p>3 Door Handles and 2 Gas and Spark levers, set. . \$1 2 Champion-X Plugs (short type) . . . \$1 Bull Dog Foot Feed . . . \$1 See Front Axle Anti Rattlers (5 pieces) . . . \$1 1925 Rear Curtain Glass, per set . . . \$1 16 inch Ford Steering Wheel . . . \$1</p>	<p>Sanders Drug Co.</p> <p>\$1.50 Day Dream face powder . . \$1 \$2.00 Marcella hair curler . . . \$1 \$1.25 Liquid smoke . . . \$1 \$1.50 Fountain syringe . . . \$1 \$1.50 Hair brush . . . \$1</p>	<p>Watch Our Window for Our Dollar Specials for Saturday January 19</p> <p>Liberty Hardware Company</p>	<p>Hamilton & Case</p> <p>\$1.25 can Sunset Coffee</p> <p>At \$1.05</p>	<p>Your Dollar Counts More Here</p> <p>Why? Because it will buy as much of any Commodity we sell as can be bought elsewhere, and--well the quality makes the difference.</p> <p>Special, Accurate and quick service to all on Dollar Day, January 19th.</p> <p>Magnolia Filling Station C. H. JONES, Agent</p>	<p>City Cafe</p> <p>The place you get a square meal for less than \$1.00</p> <p>Yes, 40 Cents</p>
<p>Merkel Drug Company</p> <p>5 Pathe Records For \$1</p>	<p>G. M. Sharp</p> <p>20 Bars Joy soap for \$1</p> <p>on this day</p>	<p>100 Pairs childrens shoes . . . \$1.00 Pr. 300 Pair Ladies shoes, . . . \$1.00 Pr. 7 yards 25c Gingham . . . \$1.00 7 yards 25c Percale . . . \$1.00 6 yards 25c Domestic . . . \$1.00 3 Bottles Hinds Honey and Almond Cream . . . \$1.00</p> <p>A. C. ROSE DRY GOODS</p>	<p>McFarland Garage</p> <p>On this day will give \$1 off on Casings And 50c off on Tubes</p>	<p>Quality Bakery</p> <p>Fresh Bread Pies, Cakes</p> <p>A. A. McGhee, Prop.</p>	<p>Bob Martin Gro. Co.</p> <p>Where your \$1 will buy the cleanest and most sanitary Groceries</p>
<p>White House Cafe</p> <p>Best Eats For "Less Money"</p> <p>Your Patronage Appreciated</p> <p>Sanders & Holloway</p>	<p>Better Feeds</p> <p>Dawson Fancy Egg Coal</p> <p>SWAFFORD</p> <p>South Side PHONE 44</p>	<p>W. W. CAMPBELL</p> <p>5 Pounds Rio Coffee, \$1 8 Cans Farm Queen Corn, \$1 2 Gallons Apples, \$1</p>	<p>Barrow Furniture Co.</p> <p>One O-Cedar Mop \$1 One Bottle Polish</p>	<p>J. D. Porter Cash Grocery</p> <p>6 Cans Our Darling Corn . . . \$1.00 5 Cans Booth's Sardines for . . . \$1.00 4 lb. best Pea Burry Coffee . . . \$1.00 10 lb. Sugar . . . \$1.05</p>	<p>Woodrum FILLING STATION</p> <p>Stop When You Pass Never a Frown, Always a Smile</p> <p>The Best Water and Air in Town</p> <p>We are at your service. Two up-to-date visible pumps and Goodrich Tires and Tubes</p>

New Spring GOODS ARRIVING

We are glad to announce to the good people of Merkel and surrounding country, that we are now beginning to receive shipments of our large and complete stock of Spring Dry Goods, among which will be found a nice shipment of

Ladies House Dresses—Children's Play Suits, and our Spring stock of Shoes are expected every day. Watch for them—there are none better, and they are of the latest designs.

We would also remind you that should you need any item in winter wear, that we can fill your wants, and at reduced prices on all winter goods

Max Mellenger

PILES CURED

No Knife—No Pain—No De-tention from work. See Dr. E. E. Cockrell, Rectal and Skin specialist, Abilene Texas, phone 359.

Will be in your town at the office at Collins Hotel, Monday afternoon, Jan. 14 from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. for purpose of treating piles, and skin diseases. Free Consultation. It.

1924 Ford Touring Like new, Lisence paid. Lock steering wheel—\$50.00 off. Merkel Motor Co. Authorized Ford Dealers. 1112

1921 Ford Touring with shock absorbers and starter—complete \$175.00. Merkel Motor Co. Authorized Ford Dealers. 1112.

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Miss Willie Swann, splendid milliner at Bragg Dry Goods Company is taking a short vacation. She plans to visit her sister on the plains.

DIAL AND YANCY

Mr. Ollie Dial and Miss Lillie Yancy, both of Rotan were united in marriage in this city Tuesday evening at 8:00 p. m. Rev. W. G. Cypert officiating. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Dial, formerly of this community, but now residing at Rotan.

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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.

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Announcements

For District Clerk:
J. K. FULLER,
For County Judge:
CARLOS D. SPECK,
For County Treasurer:
AUSTIN FITTS
For Tax Assessor:
J. T. HOWARD
JOE T. PERRY
For County Clerk:
W. E. BEASLEY
For County School Supt.
M. A. WILLIAMS
(Re-election)
For Commissioner:
H. R. HICKS
T. R. LASSITER
CHARLES P. STEVENS
PHILLIP A. DILTZ
For Public Weigher:
C. L. TUCKER
(Re-election)

It's remarkable the "Ego" of some people—but the world generally understands.

Men and women can fly high think they are just a little smarter than the rest of the world, and get by—some times for many years—with their rotten, immoral lives, but just as sure as time goes on there always comes a day of recon- ciling—followed by wreck and ruin to more than the two principals.

Talk about joy—But there must not be much joy and pleasure to one of those long-faced, whining and continual grum- bling persons who call them- selves Christians, for there cer- tainly is no joy and pleasure to one to come in contact with such creatures.

FAMILY REUNION

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchins was a scene of joy and thanksgiving on Christmas Day, when all of their children were gathered around the festal board the first time in twenty six years. Those present were Mrs. S. E. Archer and son J. F. and daughter Martha E. of Coleman, Texas; Mr. J. A. Hutchins of Corsicana Texas; Mr. C. W. Hutchins of Atwell Texas, Mr. Geo. Hutchins and wife and son, Stanton of Lorain Texas, Mrs. Stella Williams and son, Samuel and daughter, Mary Estella of Stamford, Texas, Mr. C. R. Hutchins of Abilene, Mrs. Effie Rider and daughters, Lillian and Florence of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins passed their fifty-fourth anniversary on December 15th. The Merkel Mail joins friends in wishing them many happy returns of the day.

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. 1618p

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BIG MONEY

Is being offered to Draughon-trained men and women every day. Positions secured or money refunded. Catalog and Guarantee Contract free. Address Draughon's College at Abilene, or Wichita Falls now. 1114.

Charles E. Anderson, of Austin, was here this week looking after the Beasley lease

Cleaning and pressing and altering promptly done. J. W. Schindler, Tailor. 4t2

TO OUR FRIENDS

Our friends, Christmas has come and gone. The birth of a New Year is here with many changes. We have seen some half dozen of these come and go since we met you in a business way. We have done our best to serve you well. And to the God loving, law abiding citizen, we have no apologies to make, and we wish to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your loyalty, your support, your help to grow each year by leaps and bounds until at the end of 1923 our banner year we find our selves worked down and badly in need of rest. Looking the situation over, we find our selves in a position to retire from active business and enjoy the fruits of our labor. We are therefore turning our business over to Mr. W. L. Dulin, whom we have investigated from every angle and find in him a man that you can count on at all times and we ask you to remember him when in need of anything in his line. Wishing you a happy New Year, and a prosperous one, we beg to still be your friend. Johnnie Ray and wife. Also clerks: Omen, Lillian, Matie and Orin. Adv. It.

MR. AND MRS. JESSE SCOTT ASSEMBLED FAMILY IN REUNION

Last Sunday Mrs. Jesse Scott served turkey dinner honoring the birthdays of Mr. Jesse Scott his father, Mr. L. C. Scott, his daughter, Mrs. Jentry Holmes and his grandson, Paul Wilson Holmes.

Plates were laid for fourteen marked by lovely cards on which were written in Mrs. Scott's own handwriting New Year's greetings from the scrip- tures.

After dinner Mr. Higginbotham made photographs of the family group, also of four generations.

Those enjoying the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Scott, Carl and Mrs. Jentry Holmes, Paul Wilson Holmes, Jentry Scott Holmes, Miss Fredda Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Scott and Burneal Scott of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Scott of Buffalo and Mrs. L. C. Scott of Buffalo. Abilene Reporter.



THE UNIVERSAL CAR

Looking Ahead

LAST Spring a total of 350,000 people were disappointed in not being able to obtain deliveries of Ford Cars and Trucks, as orders were placed faster than cars could be produced.

The demand for Ford Cars and Trucks this Spring will, according to all indications, be far greater than last Spring.

Winter buying has been increasing at a greater rate than ever before.

Actual retail deliveries the past 60 days totaled 303,170 Ford Cars and Trucks, an increase of 1,961 a day over a year ago.

Over 200,000 people have already ordered Ford products on our purchase plan, the majority of whom will take delivery in the Spring.

The above facts are given with the suggestion that you list your order promptly with a Ford dealer if you contemplate the purchase of a Ford Car or Truck for use this Spring or Summer and wish to avoid delay in delivery

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Detroit, Michigan

You need not pay cash for your car. You can arrange to make a small deposit down, taking care of the balance in easy payments. Or, you can buy on the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan. This puts you on the preferred order list and insures delivery of your car at a time to be determined by yourself.

See the Nearest Authorized Ford Dealer

W. M. S. NOTES

The W. M. S. met last Monday afternoon in Mission study. This study is very interesting and practical and those who miss these lessons are missing something worth while. The next lesson from this book will be the second Monday in February. On next Monday afternoon the Missionary society will have a social meeting at the home of Mrs. Geo. Brown, honoring Mrs. G. B. Brown who is soon to leave Merkel and live in Abilene. We regret very much to lose Mrs. Brown from among us. She has been a loyal member of the missionary society for many years and her presence will be missed. Next Monday there will be a program from the voice.

A SURPRISE CELEBRATION

On January 8th all the children and a few close friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner gathered at their home to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. A turkey dinner and every thing that's good to eat had been prepared. At 12 o'clock the table was loaded and dinner announced. Mr. and Mrs. Banner and four children marched to the table. An appropriate talk was delivered by Carl Buford, followed by prayer. In the center of the table was a large golden cake bearing 50 lighted candles. Each one present made a wish and blew out a candle, which caused much merriment. After being seated Mr. and Mrs. Banner turned their plates and found the surprise. Their children had presented Mr. Banner with a lovely Gold ring, bearing the Odd fellows emblems and faithful member; and Mrs. Banner, a beautiful Gold wedding ring and bar pin to match. After a few tears from all and thanks had been expressed, the turkey began to fly. Miss Maxie caught the wish bone and wished that she might have an occasion like that in her own home. By the time all had gotten through eating the day was most gone, but old events

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The work of the Presbyterian Church goes steadily on, regard less of the weather, so we look for our members and friends to lend their support Sunday, Jan. 20 let us make every service one of interest and power.

Sunday school under the leadership of Supt. H. C. West continues its effective work. We meet promptly at 10 o'clock.

Preaching at 11. Vesper service at 4 p. m. Rev. W. O. Dallas Pastor of First Christian church, Abilene will speak Sunday afternoon. Bro. Dallas needs no introduction to the people of Merkel as an able and earnest preacher. Come and hear him. Fred S. Rogers, Pastor.

WILL PREACH AT TRENT

Eld. W. G. Cypert, of this city, announces that on next Sunday he will preach at Trent, at both the morning and evening hours.

Rev. Cypert is one of the able ministers of the country, and will interest each and all who hear him. He cordially invites the public to hear him at either or both of the hours.

Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city, was called to Baird this week to hold the funeral of a deceased friend and churchman, Mr. C. E. Walker, and who was one of the city's best loved and most highly respected citizens.

Attorney Frank E. Smith, son of Mr. F. J. Smith, who has been a prominent and successful attorney at Uvalde, Texas, has moved with his family to Abilene, where he will engage in the practice of his profession. Mr. Smith has also announced as a candidate for County Attorney, and will no doubt make a splendid official in that position should he be elected.

Clearance Sale

OF

Ready-To-Wear

We always show new merchandise and to do that some times means a real sacrifice in price. The few winter garments carried over are grouped and priced at the following low prices.

Nine Ladies suits of Velour and Twills. Values up to \$39.50. Your choice

\$16.75

Seven Ladies all wool suits in Navy and Brown. Values to \$16.95 for

\$9.95

Fourteen Ladies and Misses Coats. Values to \$25 for

\$9.95

Twelve Ladies and Misses Coats. Values to \$12.50 for

\$4.95

Bragg Dry Goods Co.

"The Place Where Most People Trade"

had been discussed till dark was drawing near. All then went to the home of Mrs. Sam Swann, and enjoyed music and games until a late hour. Mr. Banner (Uncle Jake) as he is known is 75 years old, Mrs. Banner is 69. Both are remarkably strong for that age. 11 children to them were born, 5 having gone on before; 6 remain and they are, John and Ray Banner, of Rotan Texas, Mrs. George Brown of San Angelo; Price Banner, Miss Maxie Banner and Mrs. Sam Owens, of Merkel. 33 were present to enjoy this happy event. The future looks bright for Mr. and Mrs. Banner. Each guest departed wishing them many more happy days. One Present..

Rev. Fred S. Rogers, able and splendid pastor of the Grace Presbyterian church, returned Wednesday from Dallas, where he had been as the representative of the Abilene Presbytery, to a state meeting of the Home Missions Committee, of the Presbyterian church.

Messrs. C. L. Tucker, H. M. Rainbolt, Tyra Compton, Zeb Moore, composed a party of Odd Fellows who attended a big Odd Fellow meeting at Ovalo last Monday evening.

WHITE CHURCH
With the beginning of the new Year it seems that everyone is very busy. Some are farming. Quite a few are making improvement on their farms. Messrs. Farmer and Snow are building new houses. Oscar Dulin is improving some on his home, to which he has moved back to recently. John S. Hughes is remodeling the houses on his farm into a modern bungalow. Miss Curtis is also preparing to remodel some on the houses on her farms and Mr. Frank is having a well drilled on his farm.

Reid are fast recovering from sickness.

Mrs. Ray Brown and baby son came home Saturday from the sanitarium at Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. John Barbee have a new son at their home this week.

The news has been received that Dave Panell died at his home in Dallas a few days ago. He has been employed on the police force there several years but will be remembered by many as a boy reared in this community. We extend condolence to his sisters who live here.

Mr. D. Wilson was called one day last week to the bed side of his mother at Buffalo Gap. We hope to hear she is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Spears were over Sunday from their new home between Stith and Hodges.

We are glad to have the renewal of Mr. J. H. Bridges subscription to the Mail again. He is one of the successful and splendid farmers on route four.

COZY THEATRE

Matinee Saturday at 10c 20c

Friday

Pete Marrison
In
"SMILIN' ON"

Also—
CHRISTI COMEDY

And—
TRAVELOGUE

TUESDAY, January 22nd.

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Also—
CLYDE COOK COMEDY

And—
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FOR SWEET MILK—Once or twice a day. Call Phone 9010-F 4. 11t4p

FOR SALE—1917 Ford Touring car in first class running order, motor recently over hauled, new top covering, good casings, 2 casings new.—At a bargain. See Tom Blair. 1tp

1920 Ford Touring with starter—\$75.00. Merkel Motor Co. Authorized Ford Dealers. 11t2

FOR SALE—Maize. Price \$35 per ton. E. D. Briant, Merkel Texas. 1tp.

WANTED

WANTED—Grubbing done. \$10 per acre. Maize for sale. A. M. Giles, route 4. Phone 902F11. 11tp

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"Ferrasal is a God-send to any one suffering from stomach trouble in any form. I shall never cease to praise it."

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Intermediate League Program

Subject: "A boy who dreamed: Joseph."

Leader: Erma Lee Rea.

Songs

Scripture lesson (Gen. 37:12-24, 45 1-3), by Leader.

The young dreamer, Ona Tatum.

Getting rid of the dreamer, Mary Ellen Smith.

The dreamer as a slave, Stella Wilson.

Prayer

The brothers of Joseph find him again, Maza Chaney.

Do boys dream to day? Lewis Tucker

Who is willing to dream like Joseph? Ele Chaney.

Announcements

Song

League benediction.

Read the Classified Column.

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Fair Warning to Candidates

Do not let one ten-year subscription stand between you and the \$444.00 Ford Touring Car. Do not let the car slip through your fingers just because you lacked only ONE ten-year subscription. Get those subscriptions NOW. You cannot wait until the last day to get them. It may be too late then. Make sure by getting them NOW.

Details of the Final Count

In order to maintain the utmost secrecy as to the number of subscriptions turned in by each candidate beginning Monday, January 14, the last week of the Merkel Mail's Gift Distribution, the race will be brought to a close under Sealed Ballot Box.

No subscriptions whatever will be accepted through the Campaign Department after Saturday, January 12, but instead candidates themselves will deposit their final collections in the sealed ballot box located in the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel. By doing so, not even the Campaign Manager or the publisher can possibly know the voting strength of the respective candidates, which precludes any possibility of favoritism and insures fairness to the minutest degree.

Locked and sealed, on Monday, January 14, the ballot box will be placed in the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, where it will remain until the closing hour of the campaign—3 o'clock, Saturday afternoon, January 19, 1924.

When the final hour arrives the campaign will be declared closed. The judges will break the seals, unlock the box and immediately thereafter, or as soon as the votes can be issued on subscriptions contained therein, the last count will begin. The winners will be determined by merely adding reserve votes and those contained in the ballot box. There will be no waiting, no complicated count, but simply a matter of adding the vote totals and announcing the winners.

It is calculated that it will require some time, however, to canvass the findings in the box and to determine the winners. The results will be published in the Merkel Mail on January 25th. But prizes will be awarded immediately after the judges have determined the winners.

Heretofore out-of-town candidates have had the privilege of mailing their letters containing subscriptions from their home towns as late as the closing hour of the various "periods". This will not be permitted the last day of the contest. ALL VOTES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE IN THE SEALED BOX AT 3 P.M. WHEN THE RACE IS CLOSED. Out-of-town candidates should, where it is possible to do so, arrange to deposit their envelopes in person at the bank, but where this cannot be done, letters containing final remittances should be addressed to "Campaign Department", Merkel Mail, Merkel, Texas, and plainly marked "For Sealed Ballot Box; Not to be Opened". Particular care should be taken to post such letters in good time to reach this office before the final hour, and it is advisable that same be sent Special Delivery.

All subscriptions deposited in the sealed ballot box must be accompanied by cash, money order or certified check for full amount to cover. Personal checks are not acceptable. This rule is made in fairness to all candidates, and will be strictly adhered to with no exceptions.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1—Campaign is now open and will extend over a period of about six weeks—closing Saturday, January 19.
2—Any reputable man, woman or child in Taylor or adjoining counties is eligible to enter this election and compete for a prize. Nominations may be made at any time during the election.
3—No employee or near relative of any employee of the Merkel Mail is eligible to enter this distribution. The Merkel Mail reserves the right to reject any nominations.
4—Candidates are not confined to their own particular town or community in which to secure votes and subscriptions, but may take orders anywhere in this State or United States.
5—Cash must accompany all orders where votes are desired. There will be no exceptions to this rule. Candidates will be allowed to collect subscriptions and renewals as well as entirely new subscriptions, and votes will be issued on both alike.
6—Votes are free. It costs the subscribers nothing extra to vote for their favorite. Subscribers should ask for votes when paying subscriptions; otherwise they waive this privilege.
7—Votes cannot be purchased. Every cent accepted through Election Department must represent subscriptions.
8—Votes are not transferable. Candidates cannot withdraw in favor of another candidate. Should a candidate withdraw from the race his or her votes will be cancelled. Neither will it be permissible for candidates to give or transfer subscriptions to another candidate. Votes on such transferred subscriptions will be subject to disqualification, at the discretion of the management.
9—Any collusion on the part of the candidates to nullify competition, or any other combination arrangement or effort to the detriment of candidates or this newspaper will not be tolerated. Any candidate or candidates entering into or taking part in such an agreement or effort will forfeit all rights to a prize com-

mission.
10—Any ballots issued on subscriptions may be held in reserve and voted at the discretion of the candidate. The printed coupons appearing from day to day in the paper must be voted before the expiration date appearing thereon.
11—In the event of a tie for any of the prizes, a prize identical in value will be given each tying contestant.
12—No statement or promise made by any solicitor, agent or candidate varying from the rules and statements published through the columns of this newspaper will be recognized by the publisher.
13—In case of typographical or other error, it is understood that neither the publisher or the campaign manager shall be held responsible, except for the necessary correction upon the same.
14—Every candidate is an authorized agent of the Merkel Mail, and as such may collect subscription payments from present as well as from new subscriber.
15—It is distinctly understood and agreed that candidates will be responsible for all moneys collected, and that they will remit amounts in full at frequent intervals or on demand to the Campaign Department.
16—There will be several big prizes awarded, besides a 15 per-cent cash commission to all ACTIVE non-prize winners, but it is distinctly understood that in the event ANY candidate becomes INACTIVE, failing to make semi-weekly cash reports, he or she will, at the discretion of the management, become disqualified and thereby forfeit all right to a prize or a commission. This rule is absolute.
17—To insure absolute fairness in the awarding of prizes, the race will be brought to a close under "sealed ballot box" system, and will be under the personal supervision of two or more judges selected from within Taylor County. During the entire last period of the election, the box—locked and sealed—will repose in the vaults of a local bank, where candidates and their friends will deposit their final collections and reserve

votes. And not until the race has been declared closed will the seals be broken, the box unlocked, and the judges begin the final count. In this way not even the campaign manager can possibly know the voting strength of the respective candidates, which precludes any possibility of favoritism and insures fairness to the minutest degree.
18—The Merkel Mail reserves the right to amend or add to the rules of this election, if necessary, for the protection of the interests of both the candidates and this newspaper. The right is also reserved to increase and add to the list of prizes.
19—The Merkel Mail guarantees fair and impartial treatment to all candidates, but should any question arise the decision of the management will be absolute and final. In accepting nomination, candidates agree to abide by the above conditions.

TO THE PUBLIC

The Merkel Mail is giving this mammoth prize election, and the management of this newspaper positively guarantees absolute fair and impartial treatment to all who participate.

This is easily the most worthy and most liberal prize offering ever made the newspaper-reading public of this territory, and it now rests with the enterprising hustlers to get busy and get their share of the good things offered. This is YOUR opportunity to secure without one penny of cost prizes that would ordinarily take months, even years, of self denial and saving to acquire—and here they are offered to you in exchange for just your spare time and efforts the next six weeks. It will behoove prospective participants to enter their names NOW and be among the first in the field. Remember, EVERYBODY WINS in this great distribution, and your prize will be just as great as you wish to make it. It is truly the best spare-moment proposition ever offered our readers.

THE MERKEL MAIL

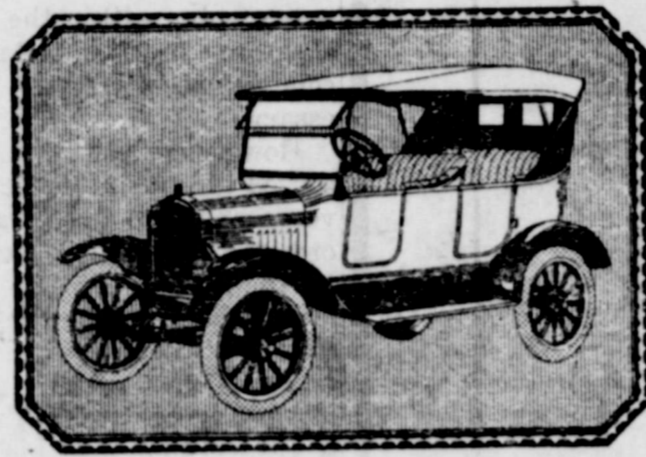
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MERKEL, TEXAS

IT'S THE LAST CALL!

Take Your Choice of These Prizes Saturday

Here Are The Valuable Prizes



LATEST MODEL FORD TOURING CAR

Purchased from Merkel Motor Co.

BEAUTIFUL DIAMOND RING

Value, \$150.00

Bought from Sanders Drug Store

BEAUTIFUL DIAMOND RING

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LIFE SCHOLARSHIP IN DRAUGHON'S BUSINESS COLLEGE AT ABILENE

Value, \$35.00

LADIES' BEAUTIFUL WRIST WATCH

Value, \$30.00

Bought from Merkel Drug Co.

**Saturday
Is
Your
Last
Chance**

Saturday is the Big Day for Candidates in the Big Campaign. Promptly at 12 o'clock Saturday night the biggest Vote Schedule of the Entire Campaign goes out of effect. And after that only a few Days remain before the Campaign will be over and the Automobile and numerous other prize winners will be announced. Saturday is expected to be an overwhelming one in the matter of subscriptions turned in and votes cast, and preparations have been made for an enormous onrush. The few hours that remain of the big Vote schedule will perhaps be the most important ones to candidates of the Campaign. It behooves each candidate to make the greatest effort.

As will be seen by the count of votes today, the last few days have brought forth a spirit of hustle that has never been equaled. Candidates declare they are doing their best work now, and hardly one but states that they will be near one of the awards by the time the last remittances are in Saturday night.

That Saturday will be the busiest day for the Candidates in the whole campaign is forecasted by their enthusiasm shown in preparations for the big day that are now going on. Outside Candidates report that almost everyone in the small towns and the country around are as deeply interested in the outcome of the race as the candidates themselves. Civic pride will play an important part, for these hustling communities are very anxious to see that their candidate brings home one of the biggest of the awards.

Personal pride in the achievement is also coming to the front. No Candidate wants to lose after going this far, and it is certain that they will take care that they poll a sufficient number of votes before 12 o'clock Saturday night to win. It's a Merry Tussle and the interest is growing Keener every hour. In the past few days the voting has been agumented—Doubled in some cases—By friends who are getting into the fray, anxious to do their "bit" so that their favorite candidate will pluck the biggest of the awards.

Outside Candidates can devote exactly as much time to the big vote schedule as the city candidates, as they have the privilege of mailing their remittances any time up to the closing hour—12 o'clock P. M. Saturday, January 5, will apply on the big vote schedule.

Don't forget that Saturday is your last chance to benefit by big votes.

Saturday night at 12 o'clock is the final hour to get the Maximum number of votes for every subscription secured. All persons in the office on or before that hour will be waited on and their subscriptions will be credited on the First-Period Vote schedule. Subscriptions that are mailed, providing the envelopes bear a Postmark of not later than 12 p. m. Saturday, will also count on the First-Period schedule. This gives everyone an equal chance to work up until the last minute GO TO IT!

**For
The
First
Period
Votes**

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MERKEL, TEXAS

We are
TOO BUSY
 to Write an Advertisement
 But
 would like to announce
 the arrival of a
New Car Load
 of
Farm Implements
Liberty Hardware Co.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

The State of Texas; County of Taylor. In the District court of Taylor county, Texas.
 Wm. P. Carey Co. and Burton Lirgo Co., Plaintiffs vs. H. F. Groene, Defendant. No. 5274.
 Whereas, by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on a judgement rendered in said court on the 17th day of December, 1923, in favor of Wm. P. Carey Company, a partnership composed of Charles D. Carey & M. E. Carey said judgement being in the sum of Five Hundred Eighty Five and 78 one hundredths (585.78) Dollars, with interest from date at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, judgement also being rendered in favor of Burton-Lirgo Company for the sum of Twelve Hundred Seventy-Six and 80 one hundredths (\$1,276.80) Dollars, with interest from the date thereof at the rate of six percent per annum, said judgements being against the said H. F. Groene being in cause No. 5274 on docket of said court and being a foreclosure of a materialman's lien on the following described real estate to-wit:
 The north thirty (30) feet of Lot No. Eighteen (18), Block No. Eighteen (18) of the town of Merkel in Taylor County, Texas, on which is situated the Cozy Theatre building.
 I did on the 28th day of December, 1923, levy upon the above described tract and parcel of land, and on the 5th day of February, 1924, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and four o'clock P. M. of said date at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said H. F. Groene in said property.
 Dated this the 28th day of December, 1923.
 John Bond,
 Sheriff of Taylor County Tex.
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PROMINENT MERKEL LADY WEDS ARKANSAS MAN

The many friends of Mrs. M. J. Williams, of this city were surprised to learn this week that on December 21st, Mrs. Williams and Mr. T. J. Wilson, of Leslie Arkansas, were happily united in marriage at Sweetwater, Texas at 9:00 a. m. according to information furnished this paper.
 The bride is well known, loved and esteemed by the citizenship of the town and surrounding country; having resided here for many years, and the groom is said to be a well known and prominent citizen of

Leslie Arkansas. We understand they will make Merkel their future home, and we join many friends in wishing for them much happiness and prosperity throughout their remaining days.
 Our good friend Mr. J. M. Sloan, of route four, was here recently and subscribed for the Mail to go to several friends and relatives. Mr. Sloan who is one of our substantial and most successful farmers reports his cotton crop averaging about one third of a bale per acre.
 Mrs. Nat Anderson and baby daughter, were up from Electra for the holidays.

PHILIP A. DILTZ FOR COMMISSIONER

We are pleased to place in the announcement column of this paper the name of Phillip A. Diltz, as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner of this Precinct, No. 2, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

Mr. Diltz has been a citizen of this community most all his life and he is too well known to need introduction of any character at our hands, but suffice it to say, that Mr. Diltz, is one of our most successful and substantial farmers, honest and upright, and if elected will render the public to the best of his ability, good, clean, honest service, and he promises his best attention and study of the duties and work that may come up before him. He states that he believes in the progress and up-building of the county, but thinks that proper and careful study should be given any and all questions that may come up

for consideration, along with good business economy. This paper urges for Mr. Diltz's claims fair and just consideration by the voters when they go to cast their votes for commissioner in the July Primary.

MR. C. L. TUCKER FOR RE-ELECTION

In the proper announcement column of this paper will be found the name of Mr. C. L. Tucker, who is a candidate for re-election to the office of Public Weigher in this the Merkel precinct.

Mr. Tucker is serving his first term in this position, and as per the old Democratic rule, he feels that he is entitled to re-election to the second term, and especially so, when one considers the most excellent record he has made during the short period he has held same.

This paper has heard no criticism of Mr. Tucker's work, and therefore urge a fair and just consideration of his claims by

the voters of the precinct when casting their vote for this office in the July Primaries.

Mr. Tucker feels that his experience in the office naturally better qualifies and fits him for the office, and promises if elected to give same his continued personal attention.

ANDY BROWN SELLS INTEREST IN LIBERTY HARDWARE COMPANY

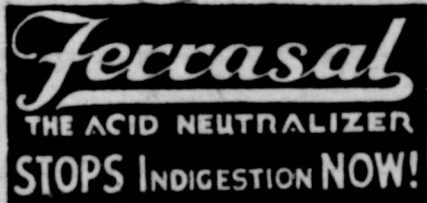
I take this method of announcing to my friends and the public that I have sold my interest in the Liberty Hardware Company to other members of the firm, and wish to thank each and every one for their very liberal patronage during my connection with the firm, and to further be speak for them your continued patronage and good will. May the New Year, just beginning bring happiness and prosperity to one and all is my wish. Andy Brown.

Read the Classified Column.

"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 wasn't able to walk across the street. I showed marked improvement from the second box and have never had a doctor since. FERRASAL saved my life and to-day I am in wonderful health I am only too 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 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.



50c per box at Merkel Drug Co.

Our good friend and fellow citizen, Mr. J. H. Craig, who has been attending a Chiropractic School at San Antonio for the past ten months, finished his work there and returned to his home just before the holidays. Mr. Craig, who owns a fine farm near the city, informs us that he has not as yet decided as to just where he will locate to begin the practice of his profession.

We wish You
A
Happy, Prosperous
New Year

Start right by buying your
GROCERIES
 and
FEED
 Where Money Counts

J. N. CARSON GRO. CO.
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Again we stand on the threshold of a New Year and we hope that Fate will wave its magic wand of **HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY** over each individual personally.

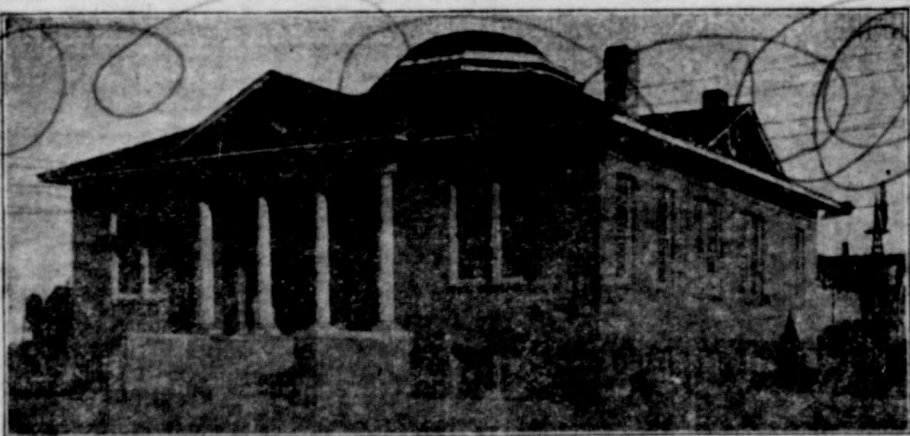
As for our business relations with you, we know that they will be as cordial in the future as they have in the past. We thank you for your patronage of the past year.

YOURS FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Magnolia Filling Station

C. H. Jones, Agent

1924, We Welcome You



Hearty Hand-clasp and Friendly Folks
 at the church of

Notice to the Public

We have just installed a new and up-to-date **Visible Gasoline Pump**, which has 2 filters on it and will strain your Gasoline twice before it runs into your car. And have also remodeled our old Pump, putting an extra new filter on it, which makes it impossible to get any dirt or water, or anything that is injurious to your car into same.

When your Car won't Start

On these cold mornings and you have to have your battery charged before you can start it bring it around and fill it up with that **GOOD GULF GASOLINE** and give us a trial, and see for yourself, and you will find that we have the **GAS THAT HAS A KICK IN IT!** Makes them start easy on cold mornings. Every drop we sell you is guaranteed to do the work. We say it to do or we will refund your money.

We have also that

Good Gulf Ford Oil

which is guaranteed to give your car as long life of service as any other oil that you can buy. We have **GULF OIL** that suits every car that is made, as we keep a chart to go by, and put the oil in that factory says put in, and which builds your car.

We also Handle

Goodrich Silvertown Cords

on which we will have a special price for the next two weeks. Come to the place where you can get service, now as we have everything up-to-date. We also thank you for all past patronage, and wish for you much happiness and prosperity through the New Year and trust to serve you in our line in the future.

Woodrum Filing Station

Geo. Woodrum, Propr.

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Foreign Advertising Representative
THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

MR. T. R. LASSITER FOR COMMISSIONER

Mr. T. R. Lassiter, authorizes this paper to announce his candidacy this week for the office of County Commissioner in this precinct No. 2, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, next July.

Mr. Lassiter, is one of the pioneer citizens of this community, and is well known by most every voter within the precinct, therefore any introduction or commendation from us is unnecessary.

However, Mr. Lassiter has served in this capacity a few years ago, and his splendid record at that time is well known to the voters of the precinct, and considering his past experience Mr. Lassiter feels, and is no doubt more capable of rendering better service in the future if elected than was his splendid record before.

Mr. Lassiter promises if elected to render the same fair and impartial service to one and all. He is progressive and for the upbuilding of all Taylor county, but always exercises reason and constructive judgement in all matters pertaining to the expenditure of the county funds. He is honest and upright in all his dealings with his fellow men; has made a success of his own business, and this paper bespeaks for him just and fair consideration at the hands of the voters when they go to cast their vote for Commissioner of Precinct No. 2.

CHARLES P. STEVENS FOR COMMISSIONER

In the proper announcement column of this paper will be found the name of Mr. Charles P. Stevens, of this city as candidate for the office of County Commissioner of Precinct Two, of Taylor County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

Mr. Stevens is too well known to need an introduction or commendation from this paper, as he has been a constant citizen of Merkel for the past twenty-one years, being engaged in the blacksmith business in this city, therefore has had an opportunity to meet and know most of the voters of the precinct, and they in turn are familiar with him and know of his qualifications to fill the position to which he is seeking.

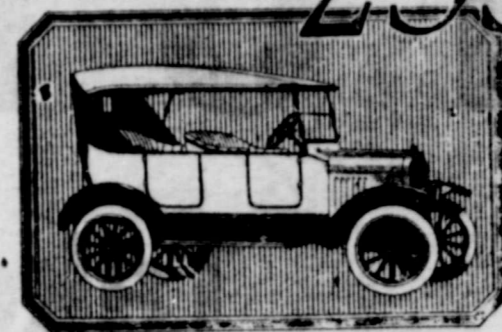
Mr. Stevens promises, if elected to devote his entire time and attention to the affairs of the office, and he further promises fair and impartial treatment to one and all, with favoritism and special privileges to none.

Mr. Stevens is honest and upright, and will give the best service of which he is capable, should the voters see fit to elect him to this one of the most important positions within the county, and we trust that the voters give his candidacy due and fair consideration in casting their vote for this office.

WILLIAMS—ZANT

On Sunday, December 23, at four o'clock at the groom's home, Mr. Walter Williams and Miss Virginia Zant were united as life companions in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of Methodist church officiated. May the couple live together and prosper, of the Merkel Mail.

The New Touring Car \$295



A Striking Value—at \$295

Considering the improved appearance of the new Ford Touring Car, one would naturally expect a proportionate advance in price.

Larger scale production, however, has made it possible to incorporate in this new type touring car a number of decided improvements without in-

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A comparison extending over a long period of years will reveal the fact that the present price is actually the lowest at which the five-passenger open car has ever been sold.

The Ford Touring Car stands today, as it always has, a most remarkable value in the motor car field.

This Car can be obtained through the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan

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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.

LAYING HENS PAY

Make 'em Lay and Pay--Feed MARTIN EGG PRODUCER. And get more Eggs or your money back Martin's Roup Tablets, Blue Bug Remedy and Taroline Guaranteed by SANDERS DRUG STORE

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Subject: Missionary by-products.

1. Introduction, by Gladys Deutschman.
2. Missionary, by-products, by Fannie Bell Boaz.
3. Medicine and hygiene, by Joe Ben Ashby.
4. Advance in agriculture, by Agnes Sanders.
5. Public education, by Lewis Tucker.
6. Social uplift, by Eunice Bird.
7. Literature by Lewis Giles.
8. Maps and Surveys, by Clyde Mayfield.
9. Jesus, the world's light by Mrs. Yates Brown.

Miss Deci Sharp who is teaching at New Hope, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp.

Intermediate League Program

Subject: What prayer means to us.

- Leader: Stella Wilson
Songs
Scripture lesson (Matt. 6 5-7); 21:22, by Leader.
Prayer in our lives, Erma Lee Rea.
To whom do we pray?, Elfe Chaney.
Prayer.
For what do we pray? Eva Mae Johnson
How to pray, Intha Bird.
When to pray, Nina Hand
The quiet hour covenant.
Announcements
League benediction.

Miss Elsie Sharp who is teaching at Buffalo Gap, was here to spend holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Warren of Munday, were here last week for a visit with the latter mother, Mrs. H. C. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes are happy over the arrival on the 25 of December of a nine pound girl.

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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.

NEW SAMPLES JUST ARRIVED

for
Spring and Summer

ALL ONE PRICE

Any Two-Piece
SUIT to Order \$25

All Wool SCOTCH All Wool

J. W. Schindler, Tailor

"Our Family Medicine"

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

Thedford's

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

Notice is hereby given THAT an election will be held at the Fire Station in the town of Merkel, within the Merkel Independent school District on the 12th day of January 1924 to determine whether the bonds of said district shall be issued to the amount of \$40,000.00 payable serially as follows, to wit:—\$1000.00 on the first day of February, 1925, and \$1000.00 on the first day of February each and every year thereafter to and including the year 1964 and bearing interest at the rate of 5 percent per annum for the purpose of constructing and equipping a public free school building of brick material, and purchasing a site therefor within said district, and if there shall be \$1000.00 annually levied and collected on all taxable property in said district for the current year and annually thereafter while said bonds or any of them are outstanding, a tax sufficient to pay the current interest and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity.

B. C. Gaither has been appointed manager of said election which shall be held as nearly as possible in conformity with the general election laws of the state.

No person shall vote at said election unless he be a qualified voter under the Constitution and laws of the state of Texas and a tax payer in said Merkel Independent School District.

Those in favor of the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax shall write or print on their ballots "FOR THE BONDS AND THE TAX;" and those against the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax shall write or print on their ballots, "AGAINST BONDS AND THE TAX."

Said election was ordered by the board of trustees of said Merkel Independent School District by order passed on the 10th day of December 1923 and this notice is issued pursuant to said order.

Dated this 10th day of December 1923.

Signed:—R. O. Anderson, President of the Board of Trustees of Merkel Independent School District.

ATTEST:—W. O. Boney, Secretary of Board of Trustees of the Merkel Independent School District. 1413.

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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 or West's or City Barber Shop.

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We have opened a new feed store on Kent street, and can fill your wants in this line. Will be glad to have your business. Phone 161. Gazzaway and Polly.

RAWLIGH'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

NOMINATION BLANK IN THE MERKEL MAIL'S "EVERYBODY WINS" CAMPAIGN

GOOD FOR 5,000 VOTES

I HEREBY ENTER AND CAST 5,000 VOTES FOR

MISS (MR. OR MRS.)

ADDRESS

as a candidate in the Merkel Mail's "Everybody Wins" prize distribution.

NOTE—Only one nomination blank accepted for each candidate nominated.

PERSONALS

Messrs. M. E. Parker, Dr. J. W. H. Martin and others left this week for Stanton, where they will reside in the future. These gentlemen have owned considerable lands in that county for several years and gone to take charge of same. They are fine citizens and we regret to lose them from this community but join many friends in wishing for them continued happiness and prosperity.

Mr. Watson Barker, of Healdton, Okla. is here this week the guest of his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barker, of route four.

C. C. Beasley of Abilene, was a guest during the holidays of his sister, Mrs T. M. Pribble.

Mr. Lee Acuff, proprietor of the Gem Theatre returned last week from Lubbock, where he had been called on account of the death of his mother, who died there on the 20th, at the ripe old age of 95 years. We extend deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Mr. W. A. Barker of Wichita Falls, was here during the holidays for a visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barker, route four.

Miss Eunice Russell teacher in the Plainview High school was home during the holidays for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Russell.

Messrs. Marvin Mayfield, Carvel Tucker, Wrenn Durham, Warren McSpadden, Hugh McRee, J. J. Russell, returned to Austin Wednesday morning where they will finish up this years work.

Miss Mary Cleo Booth returned to Simmons College to resume her studies.

Roy Brown who is attending school at the Grubbs Vocational and Military School at Arlington, returned first of the week after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown.

J. Greenfield, was up several days during the holidays, from Breckenridge, for a visit with his mother, Mrs. W. F. Hamblett, as well as many friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ferguson and baby daughter, Flora Francis, were here during the holidays to visit with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

Mrs. S. R. Weaver and baby were here during the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of Mr. and Mr. L. A. Arrington.

Miss Goldia Anderson, of Ralls, Texas, spent several days this week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson, after which she returned to Abilene, where she again enters school.

Miss Lola Armstrong, member of the faculty at McMurray College, Abilene, after spending the holidays with home folks and friends returned to that city first of the week to assume her duties in that splendid institution.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1—Campaign is now open and will extend over a period of about six weeks—closing Saturday, January 19.
- 2—Any reputable man, woman or child in Taylor or adjoining counties is eligible to enter this election and compete for a prize. Nominations may be made at any time during the election.
- 3—No employee or near relative of any employee of the Merkel Mail is eligible to enter this distribution. The Merkel Mail reserves the right to reject any nominations.
- 4—Candidates are not confined to their own particular town or community in which to secure votes and subscriptions, but may take orders anywhere in this State or United States.
- 5—Cash must accompany all orders where votes are desired. There will be no exceptions to this rule. Candidates will be allowed to collect subscriptions and renewals as well as entirely new subscriptions, and votes will be issued on both alike.
- 6—Votes are free. It costs the subscribers nothing extra to vote for their favorite. Subscribers should ask for votes when paying subscriptions; otherwise they waive this privilege.
- 7—Votes cannot be purchased. Every cent accepted through Election Department must represent subscriptions.
- 8—Votes are not transferable. Candidates cannot withdraw in favor of another candidate. Should a candidate withdraw from the race his or her votes will be cancelled. Neither will it be permissible for candidates to give or transfer subscriptions to another candidate. Votes on such transferred subscriptions will be subject to disqualification, at the discretion of the management.
- 9—Any collusion on the part of the candidates to nullify competition, or any other combination arrangement or effort to the detriment of candidates or this newspaper will not be tolerated. Any candidate or candidates entering into or taking part in such an agreement or effort will forfeit all rights to a prize commission.
- 10—Any ballots issued on subscriptions may be held in reserve and voted at the discretion of the candidate. The printed coupons appearing from day to day in the paper must be voted before the expiration date appearing thereon.
- 11—In the event of a tie for any of the prizes, a prize identical in value will be given each tying contestant.
- 12—No statement or promise made by any solicitor, agent or candidate varying from the rules and statements published through the columns of this newspaper will be recognized by the publisher.
- 13—In case of typographical or other error, it is understood that neither the publisher or the campaign manager shall be held responsible, except for the necessary correction upon the same.
- 14—Every candidate is an authorized agent of the Merkel Mail, and as such may collect subscription payments from present as well as from new subscriber.
- 15—It is distinctly understood and agreed that candidates will be responsible for all moneys collected, and that they will remit amounts in full at frequent intervals or on demand to the Campaign Department.
- 16—There will be several big prizes awarded, besides a 15 per-cent cash commission to all ACTIVE non-prize winners, but it is distinctly understood that in the event ANY candidate becomes INACTIVE, failing to make semi-weekly cash reports, he or she will, at the discretion of the management, become disqualified and thereby forfeit all right to a prize or a commission. This rule is absolute.
- 17—To insure absolute fairness in the awarding of prizes, the race will be brought to a close under "sealed ballot box" system, and will be under the personal supervision of two or more judges selected from within Taylor County. During the entire last period of the election, the box—locked and sealed—will repose in the vaults of a local bank, where candidates and their friends will deposit their final collections and reserve votes. And not until the race has been declared closed will the seals be broken, the box unlocked, and the judges begin the final count. In this way not even the campaign manager can possibly know the voting strength of the respective candidates, which precludes any possibility of favoritism and insures fairness to the minutest degree.
- 18—The Merkel Mail reserves the right to amend or add to the rules of this election, if necessary, for the protection of the interests of both the candidates and this newspaper. The right is also reserved to increase and add to the list of prizes.
- 19—The Merkel Mail guarantees fair and impartial treatment to all candidates, but should any question arise the decision of the management will be absolute and final. In accepting nomination, candidates agree to abide by the above conditions.

TO THE PUBLIC

The Merkel Mail is giving this mammoth prize election, and the management of this newspaper positively guarantees absolute fair and impartial treatment to all who participate.

This is easily the most worthy and most liberal prize offering ever made the newspaper-reading public of this territory, and it now rests with the enterprising hustlers to get busy and get their share of the good things offered. This is YOUR opportunity to secure without one penny of cost prizes that would ordinarily take months, even years, of self denial and saving to acquire—and here they are offered to you in exchange for just your spare time and efforts the next six weeks. It will behoove prospective participants to enter their names NOW and be among the first in field. Remember, EVERYBODY WINS in this grand distribution, and your prize will be just as great as you wish to make it. It is truly the best spare-moment proposition ever offered our readers.

FORTUNE HUNTERS

By H. IRVING KING

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EVERYBODY said the match was a most suitable one. His comfortable little fortune, added to her comfortable little fortune, would be beneficial to both. The parties concerned in the case were Clarissa Maxwell and Madison James. James belonged to an exclusive, but rather inexpensive, club where he appeared regularly once a day. He accepted invitations to dinner and to take yachting trips.

Miss Maxwell was active in various charitable and "uplift" organizations. She called great society leaders by their first names and by them was called "Clarissa dear" in return.

That Madison James and Clarissa Maxwell should be brought together was inevitable. They moved in the same social orbit. That they should attract each other was considered quite natural.

Clarissa was thirty and Madison was thirty-five. Not knowing the reason of their having remained single so long their friends invented reasons to suit themselves. Clarissa, it was decided, had remained unwed because of an early love affair. The young man had married somebody else or had died; the majority voted in favor of death. Madison had not married because if he did so without the approval of an extremely aged and extremely wealthy great-uncle he forfeited his chance to a large fortune. These reasons for celibacy were entirely satisfactory to their inventors but in point of fact were without the slightest foundation.

Clarissa had had no early love affair and Madison was possessed of no wealthy great-uncle of extreme age, or, in fact, of any great-uncle of any sort. But now, everybody said, the end of their bachelorhood and spinsterhood was approaching. Madison's antediluvian great-uncle had approved and Clarissa had locked up the memory of her youthful lover in the closet of forgetfulness.

The engagement was announced; it only remained to fix the wedding day. It was agreed by the parties most concerned that this should be done on a certain night when Madison and Clarissa were to go out to dinner alone and talk it over. They went to a quiet restaurant and took possession of a quiet corner. For the first time since their engagement something intangible seemed to have risen between them. Both were strangely silent and preoccupied. They got through dinner by talking forced platitudes with each other.

At last Madison leaned back in his chair and said: "Well, Clarissa, when 's it to be?" She hesitated; her eyes were misty. But she quickly recovered herself and said in an even voice: "Madison, before we go any further, I have a confession to make. You think that I am possessed of a comfortable fortune. As a matter of fact, I haven't a cent. I have been living on an allowance made me by my Aunt Martha, who is in the enjoyment of a large income from the estate of her deceased husband. This income is only for her life, and she is now aged and in feeble health. If you marry me, you take a penniless bride."

It was a full minute before he spoke and then without looking up he said: "I knew all that long ago. I looked you up before I proposed."

"And yet you did propose!" gasped Clarissa eagerly.

"Yes," said he. "And I also have a confession to make. I have hardly a dollar to my name. Ten years ago, after being graduated from the school of mines, which I had entered after completing my college course, I found myself, by the sudden death of my father, who had suffered large financial losses, possessed of an expensive and extensive wardrobe and \$10,000. I came to New York. How I managed to string out that \$10,000 for ten years it would take too long to tell you. It was a truly marvelous exploit at which I am rather amazed myself. But I am at the end of my rope now, and if you marry me you will take a penniless husband."

"Oh, I knew all that some time ago," replied Clarissa. "I looked you up before I accepted you."

"And yet you did accept me?" cried Madison.

"Yes," said Clarissa, "I couldn't help it. And I was so afraid that when I confessed you would—"

"And," interrupted Madison, "I was so afraid that when I confessed you would—"

"But we didn't, either of us," laughed Clarissa.

"I guess the truth is that at first we both intended to marry for money," said Madison.

"And we both found that there was something better than money to marry for," added Clarissa.

"That's about it," said Madison, "and now, Clarissa, when shall it be?" Benoni Lockwood asked me yesterday to select a man for him to go down and look after his mining interests in Mexico. I shall tell him tomorrow that I will take the job myself. What do you say if we get married tomorrow after tomorrow—"

GIN NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following Merkel Gins will run on January 4 and 5, and then make their last and final run for the season on Saturday January 26. Please remember the dates and be governed accordingly. Fred Guitar Gin, F. P. Hamm, Sam Swann and South Side Electric Gin.

Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

- Subject: How solomon to be the wisest man.
1. Introduction, J. D. Ashle.
 2. A day of worship at Gibson, Iris Garrett
 3. God appears to solomon, Ara McCandless
 4. Solomon's choice, D. O. Huddleston.
 5. God rewards solomon, by William Sheppard.
 6. Solomon goes home happy, Clara Louise Miller.
 7. Scripturt reading, Prov 8 32-36:2 1-6, Irene Perry.

Mr. Cyrus Pee returned to McMurray College to re-enter school.

Mr. Glen Burgess of Lubbock was here a few hours with his brother R. A. Burgess, enroute to school at the State University at Austin.

Missess Mary Eula Sears, Edith Brown, Hattie Proctor, Gylrie Howard, Alva Wheeler, Loyce and Lorena Dry returned to C. I. A. Denton, to attend school for the rest of the school year.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard and son, Sterling, spent Christmas day with relatives in Abilene.

Len Sublett

Water well Driller, all work guaranteed first-class.

Merkel, Texas

ADVICE TO THE AGED
Age brings infirmities, such as sluggish bowels, weak kidneys, torpid liver.

Tutt's Pills

Have a specific effect on those organs, stimulating the bowels, giving natural action, and imparts vigor to the system.

SAIL OVER THE MOUNTAINS

Few Persons Know Ocean Liners Actually Travel Over Submarine Peaks.

The main features of some parts of the bottom of the sea are, in many instances, as familiar to scientists as are those of the land on which we live, although no complete maps of the ocean bed have as yet been made.

Of the oceans, the Atlantic has been more thoroughly surveyed than any other.

Probably not one in a thousand persons who traverse the Atlantic knows that at various stages of the trip liners actually sail over mountains. Fewer still realize that in some instances the peaks of these mountains are almost uncomfortably close to the surface.

The biggest of these submarine mountains is known to science as Mt. Laura Ethel. It lies roughly midway between Liverpool and New York, and is at least 12,000 feet in height, its summit being less than 100 feet from the surface.

Another mountain, Placentia in the South Atlantic, is almost an island, for its peak is less than 20 feet from the surface!

The Faraday hills, in the North Atlantic, have been the subject of much exploration by means of soundings. Recent investigations show that the currents have deposited at the base of the biggest of the group the wreckage of over 5,000 vessels of all kinds.

It seems, therefore, that the distinction of being the real "Davy Jones' Locker" can with good reason be ascribed, as it has been, to this eerie under-sea locality.

VAN THE SALTIST OF

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—About 12 large work mules from 4 to 8 years old. Call at the Home State Bank, Trent. L. C. Murray. 21t2p.

FOR SALE—Wood. I have some cord wood to sell in French Pasture. C. See T. J. Amason, Route 4. 7t4p.

FOR SALE—Farm of 220 acres and one of 90 acres, all well improved and not rented. So can give immediate possession. J. M. Williamson, route 2. 21t2p.

FOR SALE—Three sections of land four miles south of Abilene on pike road. Tracts cut large or small to suit purchaser. Terms easy. See W. C. Lasley—Abilene, Texas. 7t4.

FOR SALE—My home which is well improved. 5 room house well and windmill, good cistern. Barn and other buildings. 134 acres of good level land. No Johnson grass. 115 in cultivation, all tillable. 1-2 mile of good school; 10 miles north east of Merkel; 12 miles north west of Abilene. \$65.00 per acre. See J. D. Andrews, Merkel Route, 4. 21t2p.

FOR SALE—Wood at \$3.00 per load. See E. B. Barnes, Phone 147. 21t2.

FOR SALE—Best quality Half and half Cotton Seed. Made record of better than 45 percent Lint last year. Write for prices. Rhodes Bros. Huron, Tenn. 21t4.

FOR SALE OR RENT—A good house. See W. L. Diltz Sr. at once. 1t.

FOR SALE—A good work mule or would trade for good Ford Car. Phillip A. Diltz, Route five. 1tp.

FOR SALE—Maize Heads, by Laney & Lassiter. 1t.

FOR SALE—An A-1 frame residence in 4 blocks of the business section, east front. One and a half acre land. \$1,000 down, balance like rent. To appreciate this property you must see it. For information call at the Merkel Mail office. 1tp.

FOR SALE—2 nice Jersey milk cows. See J. H. Grayson, Trent, Route 2. 1tp.

FOR SALE—Lots, finely located, in Merkel. Call at the Merkel Mail office. 1t.

FOR SALE—Seed Oats free of Johnson Grass. J. T. Warren. 1t.

FOR SALE—Ford touring 1917 model in first class running order. Motor recently overhauled, good tires, two casings new, new top covering. Price \$100.00 Tom Blair. 1tp.

FOR SALE—Well improved farm of 160 acres, 140 acres in cultivation; 3-4 mile east of town. Phone 22 or write G. W. Branch, Merkel. 4t2p.

FOR SALE—Choice farm, 160 acres, 1 mile of Merkel. Also 44 acres choice sandy land in Jones county for sale or trade. If sold, must sell at once. See or phone J. H. Craig, Merkel. 1tp.

FOR SALE—My home place of acres; a choice farm adjoining of a her-

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Four rooms and hall, up stairs, furnished or unfurnished, close in. Will rent cheap. Mrs. Nunn, next door south of Presbyterian church. 1tp.

WANTED

WANTED—Hands to grub 40 acres of land. Will pay good wages. Small house furnished. E. A. Click, Route 3. 1tp.

WANTED—Men to clear land by the acre or cord. Sam Butman Sr. 4t2.

WANTED—Farm and Ranch hand, by the month. Must have experience. Sam Butman Sr. 4t2.

WANTED—To rent from 50 to 100 acres of land on halves. See or write B. M. Holman, Merkel Texas. 1tp.

WANTED—Have 60 acres of land that I want to get grubbed. See or write A. B. Cranston, Merkel, Route 1. 4t2p.

WANTED—To buy a good second hand buggy. See or write J. C. Tucker, Merkel, Texas. 4t2p.

LOST

LOST OR STOLEN—From my car in Merkel December 26, a new leather sleeve and wool lined waist coat. Party having same will return to Merkel Mail office nothing more will be said about the matter. 1tp.

LOST—On Merkel Trent road, December 26, one Poland China Shoat, weighing about 75 lbs. D. S. Howell, Abilene Texas, Route 4. 4t2pd.

LOST—On the road from Trent to Abilene one China Barrow Shoat. Any notice of him will be highly appreciated. D. S. Howell, Trent, Texas. 1t.

LOST—Between Abilene and Merkel, One 30x3 1-2 Goodrich Silvertown Cord Casing and rim. Reward at Merkel Mail. 1t.

LOST—Between Abilene and Sweetwater, December 19 Black Port Folio containing Texhoma Oil and Refining Co. Files, J. W. Kelichas, 1643 South 5th, Abilene. 1tp.

LOST OR STOLEN—A Tricote coat to coat suit on last Saturday night at Wood Turner's home. May have been taken through mistake. Let G. I. Clinton, Merkel Route 2 know. 1tp.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Subject: In his steps. How and when Jesus prayed.
 Leader: Blanche Durham.
 Song.
 Prayer
 Scripture (John 17: 1-26; Luke 11:1-22; 41-46.)
 1. The prayer life of Jesus, Julia Martin.
 2. Our bibles and prayer, Sie Hamm.
 3. Meditation, Rosie Laney.
 4. What it means to pray, by Loring Hamblett.
 5. Prayer as fellowship, by Lottie Butman.
 6. When to pray, by Joe Riney.
 Business
 League benediction.

PREACHING AT NOODLE

Preaching services at Noodle Sunday, January 6. This will be our first day this conference. We expect all of our

Announcements

For County Clerk:
W. E. BEASLEY
 For Tax Assessor:
JOE T. PERRY
 For County School Supt.
M. A. WILLIAMS
 (Re-election)
 For Commissioner:
H. R. HICKS
T. R. LASSITER
CHARLES P. STEVENS
PHILLIP A. DILTZ
 For Public Weigher:
C. L. TUCKER
 (Re-election)

P. T. A. MEETING

The Parent Teachers Club will have their regular monthly meeting on next Wednesday, January 9 at 3:30. On account of the bad weather we did not have a meeting in December, but we hope to begin the new year by having one of the best meetings we have ever had. There will be a splendid program arranged for the meeting and another library placed in one of the grades. Several teachers and their pupils are working hard for the next library. Every mother and father in Merkel who as a child in school is invited to attend this meeting and help that child's room secure the next library. We are counting on you to be present at the next meeting and let's make this year's P. T. A. work count for more than we ever have before.

We now have more than 100 members and we hope to see everyone of these members present and bring some one who is not a member with you. Let's not be afraid we will do too much for the Merkel Public School this year, and if you think that there is nothing to be done or no improvements to be made just visit the school a few times or come to the P. T. A. meetings. Think of the crowded condition of our high school with more than 200 pupils in the study hall and each high school teacher with more pupils and more classes than they know what to do with. Then look at the grades, one grade (the 7th) entirely crowded out of the main building and stationed in what is called the annex. This annex is entirely inadequate to meet the conditions to which the teachers and pupils of the seventh grade have a right. If the Merkel school is to stay on the map the conditions must be remedied and there can be no better way than to build a new high school building for Merkel High school students.

Remember the date of the meeting. Next Wednesday afternoon, January 9 at 3:30 at the school building. The Banner and Library will both be awarded at this meeting.

FOR SALE—Seed Oats free of Johnson Grass. J. T. Warren. 1t.

THE W. M. S. OF M. E. CHURCH

The W. M. S. of the M. E. Church met Monday afternoon in a Mission Study Class after which a social hour was enjoyed. Despite the cold weather, quite a number came. This being the last meeting of the old year, all were made glad of the work accomplished and are looking forward to greater things.

A playette was given showing the many reasons for doubting our efforts in the Mission fields.

Next Monday will be a regular business meeting and all newly elected officers are expected to be present also all members are urged to come and plan the work for the new

ong the visitors Monday Rev. W. M. Murrell and Rev. Rea and others. Vis- are always welcome. Let member make a new resolution and come Mon y at 3 p. m. —Reporter.



MR. PERRY FOR TAX ASSESSOR

In this issue of the Merkel Mail we are authorized to place in the announcement column the name of Mr. Joe T. Perry, of Abilene, as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Taylor County.

Mr. Perry is a pioneer in this county, coming here with his parents in 1891. For 22 years he held the management of the Ed. S. Hughes Wholesale Hardware Company, and according to all reports was very capable in the management of same. He also organized the first Dodge Brothers Agency established in Abilene, and managed same successfully until about two years ago. In fact Mr. Perry is one among the most capable and competent business men in the city of Abilene, and is thoroughly competent and capable of conducting the affairs of the office of Tax Assessor of Taylor county. He promises, that if elected, he will devote his entire time and attention to the affairs of same; rendering to one and all the same fair and impartial treatment.

This paper asks your fair and due consideration of his claims before casting your vote for this particular office in the coming July Primaries.

MR. BEASLEY FOR SECOND TERM

Mr. W. E. Beasley, present County Clerk of Taylor County authorizes this paper to announce his candidacy for re-election to the office for a second term. Mr. Beasley has been a citizen of Taylor county for many years and has been connected with the County Clerk's office for a number of years, and is therefore experienced and thoroughly familiar with every detail of the office and the duties connected with the same. That he has made a most excellent and satisfactory record during his short incumbency is well known to most of the voters.

Should he be re-elected again, he promises the same fair, courteous and impartial service to one and all. We would also add just here, that the office of county clerk is neatly and elegantly kept, and any one having business with same can find immediate service and courteous treatment.

This paper bespeaks for Mr. Beasley the fair and impartial consideration of the voters in the coming July Primaries.

FRED DEUTSCHMAN GARAGE

Where you get personal service. All work guaranteed. I will over haul your Ford for \$15 or grind valves for \$2.50. My prices are right. I have just completed my shop and am ready to be there all the next year. Come over and get that car put up right. No job too large or small. Will carry a nice line of accessories. Get your oil and gas—that good Magnolia gas from me. Phone me and I will come after your car and deliver it to you. Fred Deutschman Garage, Noodle, Texas tf.

Dr. W. F. Armstrong, after a short visit with his parents returned to New Orleans.

MR. WILLIAMS ALSO ASKS SECOND TERM

We are pleased to announce in this paper the name of Mr. M. A. Williams, of Abilene, as candidate for re-election to the office of County School Superintendent of Taylor county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

Mr. Williams is serving his first term in this office, and so far as this paper has learned, he has made a most excellent and capable Superintendent.

And Mr. Williams feels that with the experience of the past he will be even more capable of serving the people of this county in this position, and invites the closest investigation as to his record during this his first term.

He no doubt believes in the old time Democratic slogan of a second term in office, when a satisfactory and capable record has been made, hence this paper urges that the voters consider well Mr. Williams claims, and give them fair consideration before making up their minds for whom to cast their vote, should he have an opponent.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 6, is the first Sunday of the New Year right by attending the services of the church. Last Sunday morning we closed the work of the old year. We look toward the work of the New Year with confidence in great things being accomplished. During 1924 this church has set apart the first Sunday of each month as "decision day". Special evangelistic services will be held and the Lords Supper observed.

Also for the first quarter of the New Year we will hold Vesper Services each Sunday at 4 p. m. Come next Sunday and visit our first Vesper service.

Our motto for 1924 is "The Church of friendly Service." Let us serve you. Fred S. Rogers, Pastor.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Next Sunday is first Sunday of the New Year. Let us make it a great day. We want our old people to come. If you have not a way to ride, phone us and we will send for you.

Subject for the morning service: "The Church's obligation and opportunity". Romans 1:14 Subject for Sunday night, "The Vanity of a worldly life", 1 John 2:17.

A cordial invitation for all. Our motto, "Be a Booster." T. J. Rea, Pastor.

COX—PROVINE

On last Sunday afternoon, December 30, 1923, Mr. R. W. Cox and Miss Nana Lucille Provine, with a few friends, stole away to Abilene. At 3:30 o'clock the young couple were quietly married at the Saint Paul's Methodist Church. The simple ceremony was pronounced before a small audience of close friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox left immediately for Winters, where they spent a few days with friends and relatives. They will make their home near Merkel.

Mr. Cox, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cox, is one of Merksels most excellent young men. One who has always been a successful business man.

The bride, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Provine, is known by all her friends as a most charming and efficient young lady.

Congratulations for a long and happy life, are heartily extended to this splendid young couple.

Members of the Ku Klux Klan No. 137, are reminded that to-night (Friday, January 4) is regular meeting night. Important business, be present. 1tp

Mrs. C. B. Barnes was here during the holidays to visit with her parents.

PERSONALS

Guy Darsey, who for several months during the fall, has been residing in California, is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey.

Mrs. W. A. Worley and children spent the holidays with friends and relatives in Fort Worth.

IN THE POUND—A black heifer cow, with iron yoke on. Owner can get same by paying the pound fees and expense of keeping the animal. T M Pribble. 1tp

Miss Maurine Cobb was here during the Christmas holidays from Dallas to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Cobb.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirky Beckett, of El Paso were here during the holidays for a visit to the lady's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren.

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We are thankful to Mrs. W. I. Cogburn for a subscription to the Mail, which she had us send to relatives at Grandbury Texas.

Mr. Ennis Grims of Chillicothe was here to visit his father, Mr. T L. Grimes and other relatives last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Angus of Fort Worth, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus, this city during the holidays.

Mr. D. P. Browning of Kentucky, was here this week for a visit to his Uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning.

Roscoe Sharp came down from Big Spring to spend the holidays with home folks and friends.

A. C. Rose, proprietor of the A. C. Rose Dry Goods, returned this week from a business trip to Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Service and children, of Crosbyton, were here during the holidays for a visit with Mr. Service's sister, Mrs. Thos. Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Service, of Robert Lee, were holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos Durham. Mr. Service being a brother to Mrs. Durham.

Frank Johnson and wife of Wichita Falls and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith, of Stanton, were here during the holidays for a visit in the home of Capt. G. W. Johnson. The former and the latter being his son and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith spent Christmas with the former's parents, Dr. and Mrs. N. J. Smith, at Hamlin.

Courtney Hunt and family of Haskell, were here during the holidays for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. General J. Jones and little son, were here this week visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Fay Marie Fronabarger of Fort Worth, was a guest this week of Miss Ruth Boden.

Members of the Ku Klux Klan No. 137, are reminded that to-night (Friday, January 4) is regular meeting night. Important business, be present. 1tp

Mr. T. Winter who with Mrs. Winter has been in Abilene for some time, where the latter is under the care of physicians, was here yesterday and reported Mrs. Winter improving slowly in health.

Mrs. G. L. McCracken of Hamlin, was the week end guest of her sister, Mrs. Charlie Stevens.