

MANY ATTEND BIG BANQUET HERE

On Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, about ninety of Merkel's most public spirited citizens gathered at Ed's Cafe to banquet and discuss the needs of Merkel.

Rev. Fred S. Rogers ably acted as Toastmaster, and the first speaker of the evening was Rev. W. H. Albertson, local Baptist pastor. "How to increase our Trade Territory," was the theme of his splendid talk. His plan was to reach out and extend good fellowship, to cooperate, to build better roads, to make the town more attractive, and for the citizens and business men to give agreeable service.

Mr. L. B. Scott brought the timely question "Does Merkel need a Free Tourist Park," in which he showed the citizens that such a park would bring much money to their town. Also that a Tourist Park was very good advertising for any town.

In Mayor H. C. West's splendid talk on "A Sewer and other Improvements," he said "Folks you know what Merkel needs. Something must be done at once. Merkel must make improvements to keep up with other towns. Do improvements pay? Yes, every improvement makes your property more valuable. Merkel needs a new form of education, and that is education on city plans and civic aggressiveness. Good roads, sewer system, pavements make towns." Mr. West in conclusion quoted these words from Woodrow Wilson, "The time has come when we must conquer or submit."

A free discussion on "Extension of Trade Territory" was heartily entered into by Mr. E. N. Brown of the Brown Dry Goods, Mr. Robert Hicks, R. L. Grimes, and Rev. T. J. Rea. J. C. Mason gave a very inspiring talk on "Cooperation," saying that "to accomplish any task, and improvement, a town must have cooperation. A man does not cooperate in a drawback to any town. There must be unison, for a house divided against itself will surely fall. One must be ready to respect the other's ideas and point of view, therefore, cooperation.

County Commissioner, W. H. Frazier, who has had experience in Road building told the citizens HOW to get good roads. He said, "first there must be men to build roads, then there must be money advanced with which to buy machinery to carry on the great work."

"What Merkel Needs Most", by Dr. R. I. Grimes, who brought the citizens face to face with the fact that other such gatherings had been had in which Merkel's needs were laid out plainly, but little had actually been done to bring about these improvements. "What Merkel Needs most," said Dr. Grimes, "is the education to produce things every one sees and what has been often talked of. Merkel has the enthusiasm but she usually stops when the Banquet is over." A luncheon Club was suggested as a means of working out these difficulties, and here a loud applause greeted the speaker. In his talk Dr. Grimes emphasized the fact that each citizen should put away the selfish spirit and have as a slogan, "Merkel First."

Then to crown the evening's inspiring entertainment, came a speaker so full of the West Texas spirit, and so well acquainted with its growth and struggles that we know no other to surpass him—Porter A. Whaley, secretary of the West Tex-

METHODIST LADIES HOSTESS TO DISTRICT MEETING HERE ON MARCH 27th

The Womens Missionary Society of Merkel will be hostess to the all-day district meeting of the Methodist Ladies of the Abilene district on March 27th. An excellent program has been arranged for the entire day beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. Lunch will be served by the local Society at the church. A large crowd is expected and committees have been appointed to arrange for their entertainment.

The Missionary Society is planning a membership drive for the month of April. This drive will be launched on Monday afternoon of March 31 when a social meeting will be had at the church.

Committees on membership entertainment, and refreshment have been arranged and the meeting promises to be interesting as well as entertaining.

RABBIT DRIVE ON MARCH 25TH

On next Tuesday, March 25, there will be a big Rabbit Drive with the home place of G. W. Cox, four miles south of Merkel, as the starting place. Everybody is cordially invited to come and take part in the drive.

There will be plenty of dinner on the ground and you are invited. The place where lunch is to be served will be decided after the crowd gathers. W. I. Cogburn.

John Meeks and son, Ernest, have just returned from Hartshorne, Oklahoma, to visit Mr. Meeks Uncle and to get his aged mother who has been visiting there some six weeks.

as Chamber of Commerce. A wonderful view of Texas today and Texas five years ago was depicted, showing vast and rapid growth of most all West Texas towns, which made the hearts of the citizens swell with pride to live in such a country. Along with other things, Porter Whaley said, "Believe in advertising, merchants, business men—it is the best way on earth to increase trade. Do real advertising," he said. "The best assets a town has, is the men in it, but Men there is no Santa Clause." Mr. Whaley said. If improvements are made, men must work; there was no good samaritan to do it for them. Use local material instead of going to other places. There are few towns of this size that do not have a paved square, or the main street of the town paved. There are few towns that do not have a nice City Hall, a sewer, and good roads. Towns that do not have these improvements are sleeping on their rights. Mr. Whaley praised Merkel for being located in the best Agricultural country in Texas, and for its good location. "The thing that Merkel needs is Push, Pull and work," Mr. Whaley said in conclusion.

A citizens Luncheon Club was suggested and voted upon, and was unanimously carried. Messrs W. O. Boney, T.G. Bragg, and S. D. Gamble were chosen as a committee to select a place to have the Luncheon and to set a date.

Special music was furnished by the Merkel Orchestra, composed of Miss Rennie Burns, Claude Comegys, Herbert Dennis, Jack Anderson, Tom Wilson and Bob Dennis. The music was very much appreciated by all and highly praised.

FINED \$25.00 IN COUNTY COURT

Pleas of guilty to charges of disturbing the peace were entered before a jury in county court here Monday by attorneys for Waldo P. Green, state representative from Abilene, and Letcher D. King. Fines of \$25 against each of the two defendants in the case were set by the jury in its verdict.

No evidence was entered, though a number of witnesses were present. By arrangement between the state and defense the charges of disturbing the peace were entered, with a plea of guilty, and the charges of affray and battery in connection with an alleged affray with Horace Holly, which were appealed from Corporation Court, were dismissed. The illness of witnesses made it impossible for the case to go to trial if testimony was entered, attorneys said.

The jury, which had been summoned for the criminal docket this week, was excused by Judge Carlos D. Speck after the verdict in the King and Green cases.—Abilene Reporter.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE WILL MEET AT BAIRD

The Epworth League Conference of the Abilene district will convene at Baird next Friday, Saturday and Sunday in annual session.

Local league workers will attend the session in large numbers and will take a leading part in the three days program. Local Epworth Leagues will take active charge of the program on Saturday afternoon from 2 to 3 o'clock.

The second address of the conference will be delivered on Friday night at which time Dean Boyd McKeown of McMurry College will address the conference, according to programs received in Abilene. Dean McKeown will speak from 7:30 to 8 o'clock Friday evening.

McMurry College students of this city will be in charge of the program immediately following Dean McKeown's address, at which time a program will be given by the association of life service volunteers from McMurry College.

Prof. Justin Anderson of McMurry will conduct the Bible study Sunday morning from 9 to 10 o'clock. The Rev. Lewis N. Stuckey, pastor of St. Paul's church here will speak from 11 to 12 o'clock Sunday morning.—Abilene Reporter.

BRUNKS COMEDIANS TO SPEND WEEK HERE

Commencing with next Monday night, March 24th, the original Brunks Comedians will give their initial performance in Merkel for this season. There is no other tented organization that comes to our town that is in the class with these versatile performers, and as they are coming under the auspices of the local Cemetery Association you can attend nightly with impunity, as you will not only be receiving the worth of your money but will be helping our ladies in their worthy cause.

The Brunk organization make lasting friends wherever they go and their return to Merkel is hailed with delight by all who witnessed their performances before.

Misses Nell Tracy and Olive Teaff were at home from Baird Texas for a few days last week.

TWO FIRES HERE WEDNESDAY NIGHT

At about midnight Wednesday night the home and all its contents of W. H. Dunning was destroyed by fire. We understand the explosion of a lantern used in a chicken brooder in an adjoining room was the cause of the fire, which had almost burned the building to the ground before Mr. Dunning and family awoke. They barely escaped with only their night clothes on.

And still later in the night the old oil mill building was discovered to be on fire, and an alarm turned in, and to which the fire boys responded promptly.

We understand that Mr. Dunning carried no insurance at all, and the complete loss of his home and all contents hits him and his family mighty hard. However, good friends came to their rescue early Thursday morning by circulating a petition for funds with which to help them along, and to which we are glad to learn the citizenship subscribed liberally.

METHODIST REVIVAL CONCLUDES WITH SPLENDID SUCCESS

The Methodist revival which continued for two weeks, came to a close on last Sunday evening, and according to Rev. T. J. Rea, the splendid pastor, there was a large number of conversions and reclamations. And besides this the pastor reports a general uplift and spiritual revival among the membership of the church, and to take the meeting as a whole, the pastor feels that same was a splendid success, and that the work of the church will now continue to grow and prosper.

Rev. R. B. Freeman proved himself to be one of the strongest and most capable Evangelists that has ever held a meeting for the Methodist church at this place for some time, and his splendid work here will no doubt prove of lasting good.

SANS SOUCI MET WITH MISS ONA FAE BLAND

Sunday afternoon the regular practice of the Sans Souci Glee was held at the home of Miss Ona Fae Bland. The club did much work toward improving several numbers in preparation for the concerts of Thursday and Friday nights.

After practice a delightful Sunday afternoon tea was enjoyed by the club with the visitors, Misses Iva Bragg and Christene Collins of Merkel, Miss Baxendale of Strawn, and Miss Elizabeth Kinder and Mr. Ben Blackwell.—Abilene Reporter.

Dr. E. E. Cockrell of Abilene, Rectal and skin specialist, was here one day first of the week, and after having found by former experience that advertising in the Mail paid him nicely, decided to place a half page advertisement in the paper for several weeks, and to which we call our readers attention. And we would also say to the public that Dr. Cockrell is having wonderful success in treating the above referred to diseases, effecting a complete cure in every case that we have heard of his treating.

Miss Uva Baxendale of Dallas, Texas is here the guest of Miss Christene Collins. Miss Baxendale formerly lived in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago and baby of the Shiloh community were in Merkel Saturday.

NEW ERA CLASS WILL RENDER PROGRAM AT THE PRESBYTERIANS

Grace Presbyterian church will hold its third monthly church night on Wednesday, March 26. The program on this evening will be in charge of the New Era Class. An interesting program has been arranged for the evening, and those who fail to be present on this date will miss one of the best affairs of the season. The following program will be rendered:

1. Congregational Hymn.
2. Opening Prayer by Frank McElroy.
3. Song by class.
4. Opening address by L. L. Murry.
5. Selection by quartet.
6. How church night helps our Church and Sunday School: Its Social and Fellowship value, by Wm. Elliott.
- An incentive to Greater Endeavor, by H. C. West.
7. Class Special.

Immediately following the program there will be supper for all in the basement. Let us urge every member of the church and their friends to be present on this evening. Don't fail to remember the date.

R. A. MCCLAIN FOR TAX COLLECTOR

In this week's issue of the Merkel Mail, in the proper announcement column, will be found the name of Mr. R. A. McClain, now of Abilene, but who formerly resided in Merkel, as a candidate for the office of Tax collector of Taylor county.

Mr. McClain is amply qualified and capable of performing the duties connected with the office of Tax Collector, and he promises, if elected, that he will devote his entire time and attention to same, extending to one and all the same fair, and courteous treatment.

Mr. McClain's many years in the county gives him a wide acquaintance, having come to the county eighteen years ago. He is a native Texan.

This paper would ask that the voters of the county, before making up their minds as to whom to cast their votes for in the race for Tax Collector, that they give Mr. McClain's claims fair and due consideration.

NINETY-FIVE YOUNGSTERS OF JUNIOR CHOIR ARE ENTERTAINED

On last Saturday, Ninety-five Juniors were highly entertained at the First Methodist church from the hour of three to five, by Mr. K. D. Turner, assisted by the members of the Blue Bird Class. This entertainment was the culmination of a contest which was sponsored by Mr. K. D. Turner of Fort Worth, and which lasted during the Methodist revival. Games of every sort were played for a length of time after which the girls of the Blue Bird Class served sandwiches, and ice cream cones. Music by various Juniors was enjoyed by every one.

BRO. CYPERT WILL PREACH AT TUSCOLA

Elder W. G. Cypert announces that he will preach next Sunday morning and evening at the little city of Tuscola.

He extends a cordial invitation to come out and hear him.

Miss Mary Eulla Sears, daughter of Mrs. Amy Sears is here for a short visit. She attends C. I. A. at Denton.

ROY L. DUKE FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

In the announcement column of this paper will be found the name of Roy L. Duke as a candidate for the office of County Attorney of Taylor county, subject to the Democratic Primary in July.

Mr. Duke is a Taylor county boy, and is this year finishing his four years at the University of Texas, receiving his law degree in June, and will no doubt be well qualified to fill the position with satisfaction to the public and credit to himself. He promises that if elected, that he will devote his entire time and attention to the duties of the office, and that he will be diligent and active in the enforcement of all the laws of the state and county, with justice to all and no special privileges extended to any one.

This paper would urge that every voter in the county give Mr. Duke's claims fair and just consideration before casting their votes for county attorney of Taylor County.

NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION

For the past several years it has been the custom for those wishing to place a candidate for a city office or a member of the school board on the ticket, to just come around to the Merkel Mail office and ask the printer to put their favorite or favorites, as the case might be, on the ticket; thus making the management of the paper the goat.

The proper way for the city officials to handle this matter, would be to pass an ordinance requiring those who are candidates for the different offices to file with the city secretary their name, not less than from 10 to 30 days prior to said election. Likewise the school board. And we are glad to learn that the city officials expect to pass such ordinance before the next election, but which will be too late for this year.

Now, in order that this paper may be fair to all, we will be glad to announce free, in our own way, any and all candidates for either the city or members of the school board in the coming elections, and make the tickets up from same, unless the city officials and the school board wish to take the matter in their own hands of making up and handing in an "Official Ballot", which they have not heretofore seen fit to do.

So, unless the matter is handled officially, this paper will do its best to handle the printing of the tickets as above mentioned, and which we think will make it fair to all.

And that the citizenship may be fair to us, we will ask that all names of persons who are candidates for city offices hand same in by not later than twelve o'clock, Thursday, March 27 and for school board not later than twelve o'clock Thursday, April 3rd.

Mr. L. R. Thompson of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank returned Wednesday from a ten days trip to Kansas where he had been called by the sad death of his sister, at Tarkio, that state. We join his large circle of friends here and elsewhere in extending to him deepest sympathy in the loss of his sister.

Max Mellinger returned first of the week from a business trip to Dallas, where he purchased additional new goods.

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Baby Girl Passes Away

After a brief illness of only a few days, little Myra Jo, six months and five days old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford, died last Saturday morning, and was tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery following the funeral at 2:30 p. m. at the family residence, conducted by the Rev. W. H. Albertson, pastor of the First Baptist church.

The baby girl had just reached that age where she had endeared her beautiful baby life into those of her fond parents, and it was indeed very painful that they should have to part with her at this time, but she has only passed from this world to her heavenly home, where in peace and happiness she will dwell forever.

This paper joins many friends of the family in extending to them deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Classified ads get the result.

Enid Bennett



The winsome "movie" star, Enid Bennett, was born in York, Australia. Immediately after completing her education there she launched out on a business career. Previous to entering motion pictures she appeared with some of the prominent players of the country. Miss Enid stands five feet three inches high, and weighs 110 pounds. Her golden brown hair and her expressive hazel eyes bring to mind the artist's dream of the perfect model.

Reflections of a Bachelor Girl

By HELEN ROWLAND

PERHAPS a man wouldn't see so many shocking things about the modern girl's clothes. If that wasn't the kind that he always turns around to stare at.

It is awfully hard for a bachelor to reconcile those queer little springtime palpitations in his heart with his cynical views of love and his morbid determination never to marry.

Alas, if a woman could only be like the circus—never to grow old or tiresome; always to be thrilling, dazzling, beautiful, with a hundred fascinating tricks that a man never wearies of applauding!

The funniest thing on earth is to hear a bridegroom and a confirmed bachelor solemnly enlightening each other as to how to run a woman.

Every time a woman asks a man if he loves her "as much as ever," it sort of makes him begin to doubt it.

Even a satyr could win a woman, if he began telling her that his boots needed "a tender woman's care" to keep them out of mischief.

The most fascinating married woman can always find at least one man to go about with, who won't make love to her—if she will try going about with her own husband.

You can melt a man's heart, as you can melt iron, as long as the flame is there; but, once his love has cooled, nothing will melt it—but another flame.

When a woman's vanity and a man's curiosity lead them to a kiss—they blindly call it "love."
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A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

THE BETTER WAY

SO MANY things close to my hand,
I find it hard to understand
That I don't worry much when I
Am fronted by some mystery
That passes all the powers of
mind,
Of all our wisest mortal kind,
But simply take for foul or fair
The puzzling thing that lieth
there,
And if 'tis bad I ease its curse
By thinking that it might be
worse,
And if 'tis good and true I sit
Me down and thank the Lord
for it.
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Legion and Scouting

All America is proud of the boy scouts. Scout ideals of the brotherhood of man, of citizenship, of character, have won the Legion's firmest support and esteem.—Avin Owsley, National Commander.

Americans Are Largest Chair Users of World

Americans are becoming the biggest chair users among nations, says a bulletin of the national foreign trade council.

Like its user, the American chair is constantly on the move, and to make it strong enough to withstand his fidgeting, this chair now passes through 86 operations in its building. More care is taken with it than any other piece of furniture we make.

The chair, commonly regarded as stationary, may travel thousands of miles and meet many adventures in its lifetime, according to the national foreign trade council, which has taken the chair as an astonishing illustration of the international character of trade.

Two chairs that do not travel are St. Peter's chair at Rome, dating from the Sixth century, the most famous of ancient chairs; and the world's largest chair, placed as a monument near the railway station at Gardner, Mass.

The number of old and new chairs in the United States is estimated at upwards of 700,000,000, with three to four million annually manufactured. We are more favored than the European peoples of before the Sixteenth century; until that time chairs were used only by kings or the nobility, and common people stood or sat on the floor.

The ancient chair was built of heavy carved and gilded woods, and covered with costly stuffs. The Egyptian chairs were often made of ebony and ivory. Little used or moved, they lasted.

Taking its average life at ten years, and considering its daily shiftings by a lively people, the travels of the American chair in the home or office have been counted at a minimum of 136 miles. Its movings to other houses or offices, or to other vicinities, add many more miles. The travels of an American rocking chair have been placed at 442 miles. The lazy rocker, however, is passing out of use.

Wood "Wool" House Lining

Household fuel bills can be cut from a quarter to a third, it is claimed, by insulating the walls of the home with a fireproof "wool" made from waste lumber. The material is said to be almost as effective an insulator as pure wool, which, of course, is too costly for building purposes.

The insulator is a flexible blanket made of spruce lumber waste cemented together and packed between two sheets of asphalt-lined, tough waterproof paper. The waste is chemically fireproofed first, and then dried by fans and steam pipes. Next it is ground by machines, cemented, and, after drying, is packed between the paper sheets. The finished product is said to be light, flexible, and easy to apply and to accommodate itself to shrinkage or vibration of the building.—Popular Science Monthly.

Swallowing Exhibit A

In "Anecdotes of Bench and Bar" Mr. A. H. Engelbach tells the following story of an attorney's unfortunate juggling with the evidence:

Peter Burrows, a well known member of the Irish bar, was on one occasion counsel for the prosecution at an important trial for murder. Burrows had a severe cold and opened his speech with a box of lozenges in one hand and in the other the small pistol bullet by which the man had met his death. Between the pauses of his address he kept supplying himself with a lozenge. But at last in the middle of a highfluting period he stopped. His chest heaved; his eyes seemed starting from his head, and in a voice tremulous with fright he exclaimed: "Oh! Gentlemen! Gentlemen! I've swallowed the bullet!"

"Prince Rupert's Drops"

"Prince Rupert's Drops" is the name given to tadpole-shaped pieces of glass, formed by melting the glass and allowing it to drop into cold water. If the point of the tail of one of these be broken off, the whole will at once shiver to pieces with a loud report.

Owing to the sudden cooling, the particles have not had sufficient time to arrange themselves in a stable manner, and hence they fly asunder as soon as the structure is broken. These curious drops are commonly supposed to have been discovered by Prince Rupert, the grandson of James I of England, but Faraday says that they were simply brought by him into England in 1690.—Detroit News.

Idolized

"It says here, 'One of the idols most revered by heathen is a figure of a woman, seated, resting her chin in her hands,'" said Mrs. Farr, reading from a book.

"Which proves they are about the wisest people on earth," suggested her husband.

"How so, Orrin?"
"Well," said Mr. Farr, with emphasis, "because they make a deity of a woman who has sense enough to give her chin a rest."—Pathfinder.

Reminded Him of the Song

A pun perpetrated by Comyns Carr is so bad that it is good. He was dozing on a train between Southampton and Waterloo when, as they passed through a town of Jerry-built monstrosities, he suddenly sat up and exclaimed: "Good heavens, what is this?"

A friend replied mournfully, "Woking."
Carr lay back again and shut his eyes, murmuring: "This be Woking, let me dream again."

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Womans Missionary Notice What the Negro wants, Mrs. L. R. Thompson.

The Methodist Missionary Society was well attended and an interesting and instructive lesson was given. Some new members were received. They are planning some nice things for Easter. On March 27th there will be an all-day meeting at the church where a district Missionary program will be given. Women are urged to be present.

PREACHING DAY AT UNION RIDGE THE 23rd Sunday School 10:00 a. m. promptly.

Preaching Service at 11:00 a. m. Church Conference at 3 p. m. Mass Meeting at 4:00 p. m. Preaching service at 7:30 p. m.

Notice to Merkel Circuit Our second quarterly conference meets at Cross Roads next Wednesday March 26th. Our presiding Elder will be with us and preach for us in the morning at 11:00 a. m. We plan to have all-day service, dinner on the ground. Come lets get the remainder of the Year's work lined up. M. R. Pike.

Prayer by Mrs. Swafford.
Hymn.
The supreme Need, by Mrs. C. B. Smith.
Prayer, Mrs. Sanders.
The Superannate campaign, Mrs. H. C. Williams.

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Miss Mary Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, who is one of the county's most excellent school teachers, spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, and friends in Merkel. She teaches at Wingate. She returned to her work Sunday afternoon via Sweetwater and Blackwell.



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The following pupils of the Merkel Public School have been neither tardy nor absent, have made at least 90 per cent in department, have not fallen below 75 per cent in any subject, and have made a general average of 90 per cent or more for the six weeks period ending on February 29th, 1924.

First grade (Mrs. Johnson): Clifford Golightly 92, Lloyd Robertson 90.

First grade (Miss Yates): Iva Marshall 93, Howard Stanley 93.

Second grade (Miss Harrison): Imogene Middleton 93, Joyce Wheeler 92, Jack Patterson 91, H. C. Tombs 90, Mardelle Shouse 90.

Second grade (Miss Pogue): Lucille Campbell 93, Opal Huskey 93, Duncan Briggs 93, Clara Belle Golightly 93, J. W. Cole 90, Lizzie Dekey 90.

Third grade (Miss Coats): Edna Mae Marshall 92, Isadore Mellinger 91, Lela Patterson 90.

Third Grade (Miss Martin): Riss Ferrier 93, Willie E. Boaz 92, Dorothy Deutschman 91, Burrell Chaney 91, Harold Brown 90, Ward Berryman 90, Elvin Grimes 90.

Fourth grade (Miss Scott): Maggie Mae Dickey 95, Joel Darsey 94, Louise Booth 94, Mary Ligon 94, Fred A. Baker 93, Lucille Cole 93, Fannie V. Jones 93, Mattilon Largent 93, Elsie Lasater 91, Beth Hamm 90.

Fourth grade (Miss Joiner): Leo Tucker 95, Vera Richie 93,

Lynn McSpadden 91, Ola Smith 91, Kathleen Marshburn 90, Edna Wilson 90.

Fifth Grade (Miss Ellis): Missie Dye 93, Tracy Campbell 92, J. T. Darsey 92, Maurine Davis 91, Fred Guitar 91, Frank Carter 90.

Fifth grade (Miss Compere): Florence Ligon 94, Edith Smith 94, Maybelle Ligon 93, B. P. Middleton 92, Clara Pilcher 92, Nadine Tippett 92.

Sixth Grade (Miss Duke.): Bernice Wilson 95, Norma Shannon 95, Addie Faye Patterson 95, Bernice Lasater 95, Max Swafford 90, Conley Sanders 90.

Sixth grade (Miss Conaway): R. E. Cole 96, Imogene Agnew 95, Irene Campbell 95, Helen Compton 95, Frances Collins 94, Mary Ellen Ashby 93, Raymond Earthman 92, Dorothy Daniels 91, Carson Drake 91, Lorene Dixon 91, Lois Leslie 90, Marza Chaney 90.

Seventh grade (Mrs. Jackson): Sterling Sheppard 97, Elizabeth Harkrider 95, Mildred Hamm 94, Rubijo Higgins 94, Burnis Tucker 93, Durwook Owens 91.

Seventh grade (Mrs. Lublett): Gladys Deutschman 99, (Highest in entire school) Berdelle Adcock 93, Goldie Barnes 93, Iris Garrett 93, Flora Francis Anderson 91, Marie Brown 91, Eunice Bird 90.

Eighth Grade: Hazel Coates 95, Tennie Durham 94, Dorothy Higgins 93, Claud Wills 93, Clyde Mayfield 91, Intha Bird 90, Aileen Childress 90.

Ninth Grade: Eva Johnson 96, Hazel Bell 94, Ona Tatum 94,

“Get Ready for the Spring Drives”

Get ready for the Spring drive on Flies and Mosquito. We have just received a shipment of screen wire in all standard widths, also Screen Doors, Poultry Netting, Water Hose, Rakes, Spades, Garden Forks, and all kinds of Gardening and Flower Tools.

A larger stock of Hardware.

A few Implements left, get them if you want our line.

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“Located In Center The of Business District”

Emma Toombs 93, Edith Baker 92, Godie Richie 92, Dollie Toombs 91, Lillian Rider 90, A. J. Tucker 90, Flossie Campbell 90, Juanita Beene 90.

Tenth grade: Lucille Guitar 95, Effie Grayson 94, Dorris Durham 94, Melba West 93, Ona Faye Rose 93, Mary Batman 93, Dean Murray 93, Lois Higgins 92, Stella Wilson 92, Nola Provine 91, Perry Shannon 91, Jame Harris 91, Clyde Matthews 91, Leron Chaney 90, W. L. Harkrider 90, Gladys Mayfield 90.

Eleventh grade (Seniors): Imogene Hays 96, Johnnie Sears 96, Fairy Orr 94, Irene Henderson 93, Maurine Tipton 93, Harry McCandless 91, Gladys Mid-

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Very truly,
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2 DAYS Wednesday and Thursday 2 DAYS

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Of all the mean humans on earth, especially the man or woman who professes to be a Christian, the long toungeed tattling gossiper has 'em all beat four city blocks.

It is mighty easy to criticize. Yes, anybody can do that, and generally when doing so, they seldom offer a better way to help or solve the question about which they are cussing some one for.

If you can't say something good about your fellow citizen and neighbor, then don't you think in the long run you would feel better not to say anything at all. Try next time you start talking about some one.

The bootlegger may be an awful low down human being, but then he is a gentleman as compared to some immoral reprobates—some who hold high places and occupy a front seat.

Just because your neighbor happens to believe in progress and development of your town, and you don't is a very poor reason why you should hate him. And the same rule will work with him toward you. He should not despise you because you do not think it best to spend money in civic improvements. Men should vote in any election as their conviction and feelings lead them, but he who falls out with the other fellow for having a different opinion as to that he holds, is unfair, for the other fellow has a right to his opinion just the same as you. Let's be fair.

Classified ads get the result.

Senior League Program

Leader—Murphy Thomas.
Subject: "The personal touch in winning others to Christ."
Hymn: Prayer.
Scripture: John 1:40-51.
Hymn.
The need of personal Evangelism, by Adrian Rea.
Hindrances to personal work by Ethel Wilson.
Special music, Miss Marie Williamson.
Motives and Methods, by Julia Martin.
What does it mean to be a Christian, by Leonard Wills.
Paying the price, Brannic Bailey.
Business, League Benediction.

Baptist Missionary Women

In response to a call from Buckner's Orphan Home the Womans Missionary Society of the Baptist church had an all-day meeting at the church Tuesday. There were something over fifty ladies present.
In the morning eight machines and several bolts of gingham were brought and the ladies got busy cutting and making dresses for the girls.
At noon a bountiful dinner was served and a social hour was enjoyed and then the ladies worked again until three o'clock at which time Mrs. W. F. Fry, Mrs. White and Mrs. Geo. Paxton of Abilene arrived and we gave them the remainder of the time for a general discussion of the W.M.S. organization and duties.
There were sixteen or eighteen dresses made during the day, several dozen towels, 56 pairs hose and sixteen little boys suits ready made given. The box amounts to about \$80.
Next Tuesday we will meet in circles. Mrs. Warren Leader of West side circle, Mrs. Reagan leader of North side circle. The East side leader is to be chosen yet. We wish to urge every one to be present at your respective circles on that day.

Intermediate League Program

Subject: "A new Life in an Old Nation."
Song service.
Scripture lesson: Peter 2:9-10.
Leader.
Old China, by Eva Mae Johnson.
Missionary Work Begun, Stella Wilson.
Prayer.
Southern Methodism in China, Elfe Chaney.
Some results seen today, Marza Chaney.
Soochow Hospital, Nina Hand.
The Chinese church, Lewis Tucker.
The present challenge, by Ollie Morton.
Business, league benediction.

Presbyterian Auxiliary

The Presbyterian Missionary Society met at the church on last Monday afternoon with a good attendance. In the absence of our president, Mrs. R. L. Grimes, first vice president, presided. Mrs. Rogers led the devotional. A one minute silent prayer was offered with Mrs. Geo. West closing. Our lesson was on Home Missions.
What Ellis Island needs, Mrs. James West. The ten words of Mike Palermo, Mrs. C. H. Jones. From Scotland, Mrs. Jim Tucker. A prayer for Presbyterian women, Mrs. Fred S. Rogers. We were dismissed with a prayer by Mrs. Baker, to meet on next Monday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. H. C. West. This is to be a very important meeting. Let every member try and be present to do her part.
Reporter.

TYE CIRCUIT

On account of the pastor being in a meeting at Trent this week, there will be no preaching at Stjth next Sunday, March 23. There will, however, be quarterly Conference at Stith on Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30. B. Y. Dickenson.

Misses Madge Pearce, Marie Williamson and Mamie Ellis were in Abilene Saturday.

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It means this, if you give out of GAS or Oil or blow out a tire, or run out of patching material; all you have to do is to drop into a 'Phone and call 192 and we will bring to you all your needs---all without cost to you.

And if you need something and do not want to stop your work, 'Phone us and we will bring it to you. And don't forget that we have just put in a full line of Chevrolet parts, and we also handle that GOOD GULF GASOLINE and Supreme Auto Oil. Every drop of gasoline guaranteed to be free from water or dirt, or your money back.

And we handle Goodrich Tires and Tubes—the best tire in the long run. And listen! We have a big house to store your car in, when you are in town and it is cold and raining, drive in, it will cost you nothing.

Now think these little points over and give us your trade. We strive to please you.

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W. C. BALLEW, Auctioneer

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GOLAN NEWS

Mrs. John Hill and children visited her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Williams, near Blair, Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Verna Isabelle Cooper was guest of Miss Zilpha Davis Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Bettie Byrom and Vera Lawlis, who are attending McMurry College at Abilene, were at home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Herron and children and Mr. and Mrs. Dawson McCain and little daughter, Laverne, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Jones.

Miss Mary Lou Brown visited Gertrude Gyrom Sunday.

Mesdames M. E. Herron and H. F. Jeffrey were shopping in Hamlin Wednesday.

D. F. Patterson and family of Roswell New Mexico are visiting his sister, Mrs. C. E. Davis this week.

Miss Emma Mae Green was a guest of Mary Northcutt Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Lawlis are rejoicing over the arrival of an eight pound boy since Monday of last week.

Mr. Lee Baker, splendid farmer on route one, was here one day first of the week and placed in this paper an advertisement, concerning his splendid livestock and to which we call your special attention.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends who so willingly stood by us through the greatest trial we have ever endured, that of giving up our faithful companion and mother.

As words cannot express our thanks we can only say may God bless each and every one of you.
C. W. Simpson and family.

Mrs. Geneva Evans and son, Melvin, Jr., will leave today (Friday) for their home at Chicago, Ill., after visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Brown.

Mr. W. J. Sheppard of Brownfield was here first of the week for a short visit with home folk and friends.

An Appreciation

We wish to thank one and all for the shower given to little Willie Francis, for the many useful gifts and also the service rendered us during our sickness. Mr. and Mrs. F. A. London.

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See how easy it is to keep it clean and beautiful

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Trent, Rt. No. 2

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. All B. Y. P. U.'s at 6:30. Sermon subject Sunday morning, "Harvest Hands"; Sunday evening, "God or Baal?"
Miss Lola Dennis will read at the morning service.
There will be special music at the evening service.
The teachers' meeting at 9:30 last Sunday morning was well attended. The interest was good. We decided to put on a campaign for 400 for four consecutive Sundays. We will have a Sunday School picnic at the end of this time.
We make our appeal to every Baptist to rally to the standards Come Sunday.
Remember next week is teachers Training week. W. H. Albertson, pastor.

Classified ads get the result.

Kasch Pedegreed Seed

I have a few more bushels at my gin that are not sold that came right from Kasch. You can raise a row of good cotton as cheap as a sorry one.

SAM SWANN

Len Sublett

Water well Driller, all work guaranteed first-class.

Merkel, Texas

Night coughing—

exhausts you so that you are more tired in the morning than when you went to bed. Dr. King's New Discovery stops coughing by gently stimulating the mucous membranes to throw off clogging secretions. It has an agreeable taste. All druggists.



MRS. GEORGIE E. SIMPSON DIED SAT.

Mrs. Georgie E. Simpson, wife of Mr. C. W. Simpson, died at the family residence last Saturday evening after being ill for about four weeks. Mrs. Simpson was forty-eight years of age at the time of her death, and was a great christian character, having been converted and joined the Methodist church when only about sixteen years old. Later when coming to Texas, there being no Methodist church where she lived she put her membership in the Cumberland Presbyterian church, of which she was a member at the time of her death. Mrs. Simpson was born near Russellville, Arkansas, and was married to Mr. C. W. Simpson in the year 1900, the same year moving to Texas. To this union eight children were born, all of whom were present at the time of their mother's death. The children are: Mrs. Fae Meeks of Los Angeles, California, Mrs. Ina Chadwick, Brawley, California; and Eunice, Fred, Vera, Ruth, Lois and Winnell Simpson of Merkel. Mrs. Simpson also had a son, Mr. D. Gargus, by a former marriage, who was also present. Mr. Vernon Simpson, son of Mr. Simpson, by a former marriage was present also.

This good couple came to Merkel some seventeen years ago, making their home in and near Merkel during these years. They are at present living near Merkel, on Trent, route two.

Funeral services were held at the Rose Hill cemetery Sunday about one o'clock, Rev. Fred S. Rogers, local Presbyterian pastor, holding the services.

We are glad to learn that little Jack Dawson West, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. West, is getting along nicely after having been considerably cut and bruised when the delivery truck in which he was riding collided with another car Tuesday of this week.

American Telephone and Telegraph Company
138th Dividend

The regular quarterly dividend of Two Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents per share will be paid on Tuesday, April 15, 1924, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Friday, March 14, 1924.

H. BLAIR-SMITH,
Treasurer.

Intermediate B.Y.P.U.

Group No. 2.

Subject: Paul the Missionary. Leader, Claude Mayfield. Introduction, by leader. Paul a Missionary at Damascus, by Agnes Sanders. Paul a missionary of Jerusalem, by Gladys Deutschman. Paul a Missionary at Antioch, by Lila Mae Bird. Trace Paul's Travels on the map by W. L. Harkrider.

Invitation is extended to all at 6:30. Be sure and come.

Mr. John S. Hughes reports his brother Charles, who is in the Carlsbad Sanitarium near San Angelo, as getting along nicely, which will be good news to his many friends.

Barnett-Suggs Wedding

On last Saturday evening at the hour of seven-thirty a wedding of interest to this community was performed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barnett, when Miss Flora Ellen Barnett became the wife of Mr. J. A. Suggs of Abilene.

It was a simple yet impressive home wedding, with only intimate friends and relatives present. Rev. Russell Pike of Merkel performed the ceremony in a very impressive manner.

Mrs. Suggs is well known and loved by all acquaintances in the Union Ridge community, where she has lived for many years. She is admired and esteemed by many Merkel friends, who have known her best. For the past several months she has been a student at the Alexander Sanitarium.

Mr. Suggs is a contractor, living in the city of Abilene for quite a while. From those who know him best it is learned that he is a young man of honesty, ability and sterling character.

After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Suggs will be at home in Abilene.

Infant Baby Dies

On last Saturday morning the infant baby, aged eight months and eighteen days, died at the home of its parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dunn, Jr., after an illness of pneumonia for several days. Funeral services were held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dunn, Sr., grandparents of the baby at two o'clock Sunday afternoon. Rev. Russell Pike conducting the funeral services, assisted by Rev. O. B. Tatum. The services were concluded at the Rose Hill cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dunn of Hale Center were among those out of town attending the funeral services.

Mr. Porter A. Whaley, secretary of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, accompanied by Mr. J. A. Loftin, Secretary of the Stamford Chamber of Commerce were here first of the week mixing with business men and friends.

Spring Coats

1/4 OFF

Our wonderful selection of Spring Coats is now on sale at 1-4 off. This is just what you have been waiting for, materials are Polo Cloth, Velour, and Poire tWill.

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FIRST CLAS LAUNDRY SERVICE

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

WANTED—Single man to do farm and ranch work. Tom Largent, Merkel.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to our many friends in our sorrow in the loss of our baby, Myra Jo, for their sympathy and help in every way. God has taken her, we know not why, and we know our loss is her gain. May God's blessings rest on all. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford.

Mr. J. Greenfield of Breckenridge was here last week, the guest of his mother, Mrs. W. F. Hamblett.

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15 Items You Use Every Day All For \$5.00

- 5 lbs. Pintos, 5 lbs. Fancy Blue Rice
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- 3 lbs. Fresh Roasted Ground Coffee, 25 oz. Can K.C.
- One Can Bakers Coconut, 1 can No. 2 Figs
- 1 Can No. 2 1/2 Del Monte Peaches, 1 lb. Cocoa
- 1 Can No. 1 Del Monte Pineapple, 1 Post Toasties
- 1 Kellogg's Bran Flakes, 2 Boxes Saginaw Matches
- 1 No. 2 Tub.

W. W. CAMPBELL

WILL TREAT YOU RIGHT

Phone No. 27

We Deliver

Delphian Club

The Delphian Club held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. R. O. Anderson last Wednesday. The topic was "Greek Mythology", and Mrs. Earl Lassiter was leader. Those appearing on the program were: Mrs. Chas. Jones, Mrs. L. B. Howard, Mrs. S. D. Gamble, Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mrs. H. F. Groene, Mrs. O. R. Dye, and Miss Lucy Tracy. Mrs. A. R. Booth presided at the meeting.

We can furnish you with baby chicks or Eggs for setting from the following: White Leghorns, S. C. Rhode Island Reds, Also Barred Rocks. **FREE OF CHICKS** every Tuesday. We are agents for the Simplex Brooders Stove, Higgins Poultry Farm, Merkel, Texas.

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All druggists. Be sure to get the genuine.

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PERFECT HEALTH

Tutt's Pills keep the system in perfect order. Regulate the bowels and produce a VIGOROUS BODY. A sovereign remedy for sick headache, constipation.

Tutt's Pills

For All the Family

"WE have used Black-Draught ever since we have had a family and that was shortly after 1874," says Mr. E. A. Branstetter, of St. James, Mo. "It is my first remedy when any of us gets sick. . . . We use Black-Draught for torpid liver and stomach complaints.

"When I get sluggish and don't feel so good, I take Black-Draught—and you have to show me that there is a better medicine

in Missouri. I think it is fine for indigestion or for headache. It is a splendid family remedy. My wife uses it for any stomach ailment, indigestion and biliousness. We never let the house be without it if I know it. We also give it to the children for children's complaints, colds or fever."

Keep a package of Black-Draught in the house for all the family.

Your dealer will sell you a mammoth package, containing five of the regular-size packages. It's cheaper.

Remember If It's Not **Theford's**, It's Not

BLACK-DRAUGHT

Vegetable Liver Medicine

"What's in a Name?"

By MILDRED MARSHALL

Facts about your name; its history; meaning; whence it was derived; significance; your lucky day, lucky jewel

LULU

RECENT discussion of Loretta suggests Lulu as an interesting parallel study. Lulu is also the result of modern spelling. Its correct form is Loulou, a version which originated, and is still a favorite in France.

Its popularity is attributed to the Provençal Lora de Sades, beloved of Petrarch, whose story is considered one of the world's greatest romances. She is the lady whose praises are sung by the great Italian poet in his "Rime" or sonnets. She is identified with Lora de Noves, an Avignonese lady who died of the plague in 1348, and who was already married to Hughes de Sades in 1327 when Petrarch is said to have first seen her.

The romantic nature of the French caused the name of the lovely heroine to find extraordinary vogue in that country. However, Lora or Laura is scarcely euphonious to French ears, and she became Laura, and finally Loulou. Jet is Lulu's talismanic stone. It is the symbol of sorrow, but according to an old superstition, it will protect its wearer from sorrow, since it has an almost unique power among gems of becoming a part of the very body and soul if guarded with jealous care. Friday is Lulu's lucky day and 4 her lucky number.

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FREE LUNCH AT TRENT

We will serve Hormels Ham Sandwiches and Breakfast Delight Coffee, Saturday, March 22nd. You can also get that 32 inch Zephyr Gingham for 27 1-2 cents per yard Saturday only. Come see what we have at Johnnie Ray's Trent Store. 1t

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



John & Truett

MY TWO JACKS

Will make the season at my Barn on Bitter Creek four and one half miles north of Merkel.

TERMS \$10.00

When colt stands up and sucks. I take the risk. If mare is sold or parted with or removed from neighborhood where bred, fee is due at once.

Lee Baker

Merkel, route 1 Phone 9004-R3

Merkel Must Have Sewers NOW.

Mr. John S. Hughes returned Tuesday morning from Duncan, Oklahoma where he visited Mr. John Davenport, a former citizen of Merkel who has been ill for several months. He reports Mr. Davenport slightly improved. He says that the crop conditions are fine every where in that part of the country.

"FEVERS LEAVE COLON AFFECTED."—PHYSICIAN

Typhoid Fever, Dingle, Influenza, Scarlet Fever, etc., often leave the patient with some form of Colitis, which if neglected results in kidney trouble, high blood pressure, rheumatism and even tuberculosis.

A physician discovered a preparation which will dissolve the food wastes in the Colon, heal the mucus lining where broken down and eliminate the accumulated poisons. It also aids digestion, keeps the kidneys regular and is absolutely harmless. It proved successful with hundreds of his patients and now FERRASAL can be purchased at your druggist's.

Take FERRASAL regularly night and morning for a month. It will do the work for YOU or your money refunded.

"Fever Left Me an Invalid."

"Dingle Fever left me with partial paralysis of my digestive and alimentary tract. I suffered greatly the past year and tried everything without relief. I was persuaded to try FERRASAL and got results from the first box. I can now eat anything and my general health is excellent. JOHN A. WOOD.

"207 Slaughter Bldg., Dallas, Texas."



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Nothing adds more beauty and comfort to a home at a nominal cost, than little paint and paper.

We now have a well assorted stock of the new 1924 wall paper, and the patterns are not only different, but are the most beautiful we have ever had. If you are contemplating papering your house, don't fail to see our paper stock, prices are very moderate.

Sherwin-Williams Paint

If you want the BEST don't hesitate to call for Sherwin-Williams paints and varnishes, it cost no more than other paints, and when you use Sherwin-Williams paints you can feel assured you are using the best product that can be made by the largest and most modern paint factory in the world, backed by 75 years experience.

We can supply you with anything you want in the paint and varnish line.

Barrow Furniture Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black of Trent were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black and M. Elliott last week end.

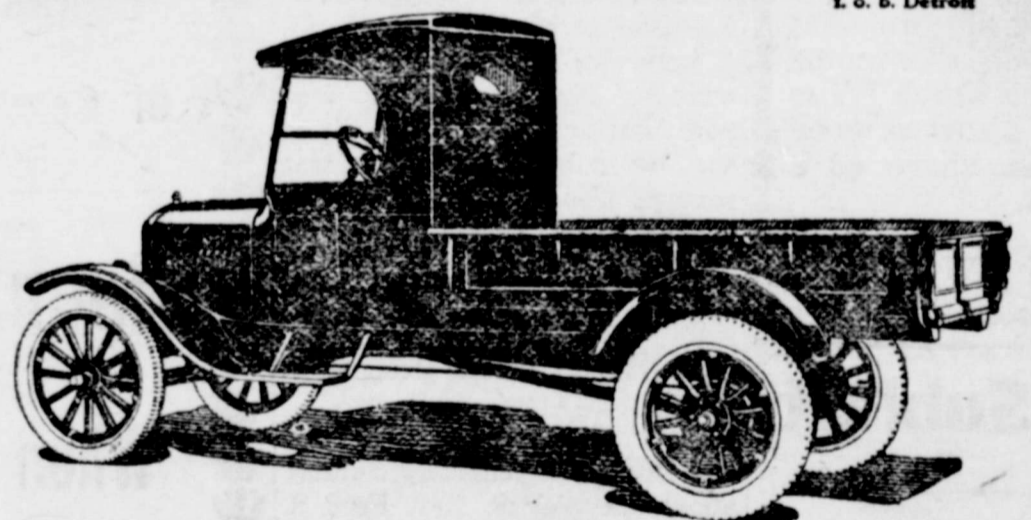
HAMS! HAMS! Shipment of fresh Hams from \$2.00 to \$2.25 for Saturday. J. D. Porter. 1tp

Messrs. C. R. Horton and son, E. L. Horton, of Abilene, but formerly of Merkel, were here Tuesday on business. The former stated that he was mighty well pleased with his new residence in Abilene, especially enjoying the many city conveniences to be had there.

Mr. Thos. Durham, J. C. Mason and Jack Durham, accompanied by Mr. Porter A. Whaley made a short business trip to Roscoe and Sweetwater Tuesday of this week, where they enjoyed at Roscoe a splendid Men's luncheon.

Ford Steel Body Truck \$490

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Built of heavy sheet steel, strongly re-inforced, this staunch truck is designed to withstand severe usage in a wide range of industries. Generous loading space, four feet by seven feet two inches, permits easy handling of capacity loads and provision is also made for mounting of canopy top or screen sides.

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FOR SALE—M. Johnson sepial mating S. C. White legorn hatchling eggs. \$1.50 for 15—\$9.00 for 100—\$44.00 for 500. J. S. Touchstone, Hawley, Rt. 2. 15t6

EGGS—Single comb Rhode Island Red Eggs for setting at \$1 for 15. Mrs. W. A. Campbell, Merkel, route 5. 7t4p

FOR SALE—Five choice West front lots on Oak Street in Merkel. See T. L. Grimes. 14t2p

NOW SHIPPING—Frost-proof Cabbage plants, prepaid, 5000, \$8.50; 1000, \$2.25; 500, \$1.25. Crystal Wax and Bermuda Onions, 5000, \$5.75; 1000, \$1.25; 500, 70c. Cauliflower, 100, \$1.00. They are fine. We will have Sweet Potato, Tomato, and Pepper Plants after March 15th. Dealers get our Wholesale prices. We are Texas' Pioneer Plant Shippers. The SEWELL CO. Carrizo Springs, Texas.

FOR SALE—Sweet milk, 35c per gallon, 25c per half gallon. Will deliver either night or morning. Phone 88. tf

FOR SALE—WOOD, \$2.00 per cord on the ground 5 miles north west of town on Noodle road, in 10 cord lots. \$2.25 per cord in lesser amounts. This is your chance to get wood cheap while it lasts. See Dr. Miller. tf

FOR SALE—Gin run Kasch Cotton Seed, at \$1.25 per bushel. L. E. Ford, route 4, phone No. 9023—11. 1tp

FOR SALE—Wood, at \$4.00 per cord, delivered. \$2.75 on the ground. See or phone Earl Lassiter. 1t

FOR SALE—At a bargain, four new Firestone equipment Tires, Ford size. Tubes free with tires. Here is a pickup for owners of Fords, Chevrolets, Overlands and Stars. West Company, Firestone Dealers. tf

COTTON SEED—100 bushels good planting seed, for particulars see Earl Lassiter. 1t

Wheat Chops \$2.15 per hundred at my ranch. A fine feed for work stock, hogs or milk cows, fed straight or mixed with other feeds. Bring along your sacks. Sam Butman, Sr. 21t3

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Furnished Light Housekeeping Rooms. Also bedroom. Mrs. S. A. Huskey. 1t

LOST

LOST—Somewhere on streets of Merkel or between Merkel and Noodle on east road, lady's black satin, one strap Slipper, for left foot. Has Rhinestone button, beaded vamp, Junior Louis heel. Finder please leave at Merkel Mail office. 1t

LOST—Between Merkel and the hill west of town, one truck sideboard, gray. Please return to Liberty Hardware Co. and get reward. 1t

Junior B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: "Remembering The Sabbath day." Introduction. Dorothy Deutchman.

The command to remember the Sabbath, Howard Albertson. What the Pharisees thought about the Sabbath, Benjamin Sheppard.

Jesus' Rule for the Sabbath, by Louise Booth.

How should we Juniors spend the Sabbath, Mabel Pilcher. God blesses those who remember His day, Mildred Bird. Every body is welcome. 1t

Announcements

For District Clerk: J. K. FULLER, MRS. LAURA C. MITCHELL J. E. McPHERSON

For County Judge: CARLOS D. SPECK,

For County Treasurer: AUSTIN FITTS

County Attorney FRANK E. SMITH ROY L. DUKE

For Tax Collector: D. T. HARKRIDER, ED. DICKERSON, R. A. McCLAIN

For Tax Assessor: J. T. HOWARD JOE T. PERRY (MRS) FLORENCE VANCE

For County Clerk: W. E. BEASLEY

For County School Supt. M. A. WILLIAMS (Re-election)

For Commissioner: T. R. LASSITER CHARLES P. STEVENS PHILLIP A. DILTZ HENRY R. HICKS JOHN S. HUGHES

For Public Weigher: C. L. TUCKER (Re-election)

JONES COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

For County Commissioner, Pre. 4 SAM L. GRAYSON

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

I take this method of announcing to my old patrons and to the public in general that I have opened offices at Blair and will again engage in the practice of medicine in this community. Dr. J. W. H. Martin. 29t4p

We are glad to announce that Mr. Buck Mashburn is again on the Magnolia Wagon, and will be glad to serve all his old customers and as many new ones as he can. 1t

AT THE COZY SPECIAL Double Attraction

FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Friday March 21st. THE SIDBERRY-LANTRIP DUO

—IN—

HAWAIIAN

Musical Specialties

Also—

THOMAS MEIGHAN

—in—

"A Prince There Was"

And—

A "Funny Face" Comedy

Saturday, March 22nd.

"THE VALLEY OF LOST SOULS"

A six-reel thriller with the Royal Northwest Mounted Police—a story of the great North woods where the "survival of the fittest" is law.

Also—

Larry Semon Comedy

And—

A Complete Change of HAWAIIAN MUSIC

—and—

Instrumental Specialties

ADMISSION AND WAR TAX ONLY 10c, 20c, 30c.

BARGAIN PRICES MATINEE

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 2 TO 5:30

House Open at 1 o'clock

Admission and war tax 10c, 20c

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Last Sunday our Sunday School had a record attendance. Those who were absent missed the inspiration of Christian fellowship. We have only two more Sundays in this church year. We hope to make these the best of the entire year.

Sunday, March 23, will begin the every member canvass to raise the Budget for the new year. The committees will start out at 2:30 p.m. and visit every member. An opportunity to subscribe is all that is needed, for Presbyterians always take care of their work. Stay at home Sunday afternoon so the committee can see you.

Church night will be observ-

ed next Wednesday night, March 26. The New Era Class will have charge of the program. Supper will be served as usual. These nights are one of the features of our church program. Don't forget the date and come. Fred S. Rogers.

White Church Cemetery Notice

For the last forty years our cemetery has been neglected to the extent that it became necessary about twenty years ago to make some change in our system of caring for and protecting our interests there. Our system is not perfect yet, and our cemetery is in a bad condition, as observed by a recent inspection.

As has recently been announced, through the Mail, Tuesday, March 25th is the date set for our next meeting, and if weather conditions are favorable we expect to have a good attendance at this meeting. We expect to put our cemetery in a much better condition than it has ever been before, and your presence will be necessary to make this needed improvement possible. Begin now to complete any preparation you have begun so that you may start from home in time to be the first one here. Come early. Dillard R. Snow.

Just received a nice shipment of Shoes at right prices. Come see. A. L. Jobe. 21t2

PILES CURED

No knife---No Pain---No Detention from work. See Doctor E. E. COCKRELL, Abilene, Texas, Phone number 359.

Will be in your town at the office at **COLLINS HOTEL**

Monday Afternoon from 1 p. m to 5 p. m.

MARCH 24TH.

for purpose of treating piles and skin diseases

FREE CONSULTATION

Have You This Habit?

By Margaret Morison

TIMOTHY RUGGLES

IF A stranger wanted to know the pools where the trout were in the spring, or his wife the hidden slopes where the first arbutus grew under the leaves, they asked Tim Ruggles. To Tim at fifteen, every square foot of his grandfather's broken-down farm was familiar and dear. When his grandfather died and the farm was sold, it was to the boy as if the end of the world had come. He did not at all understand. Then he heard someone explaining the old man's bankruptcy by his never having been "able to look ahead."

From that moment, fifteen-year-old Tim began to take count of stock. Although he felt as if he could not live away from the farm, he suddenly realized that the village offered him no future. He contemplated the few dollars that were his inheritance, and took a temporary job at the country store. After six months he made up his budget: so much for railroad fare, so much for living while on the hunt for employment, so much for margin. Then he said good by to his river and his woods for many years.

In the big city wholesale house he deliberately set himself to work. For a year he ran errands. He was prompt and reliable in all his work, and through contacts and reading he studied up both fundamentals and fine points of the jobbing business.

When a vacancy occurred in the sales department, he applied for it and proved himself worthy of a trial. Then he made good in it. So, as he worked at the present, his eye was always on the future. He had acquired the habit of "looking ahead." And as he looked ahead, he went ahead.

Eventually he married. When his son was seven years old, he heard that his grandfather's old farm was again on the market. He and his wife and the boy made an excursion over one Sunday to go to see it. It was the first time he had been back since he himself had been a boy. They hunted in the gnarled orchard for the little red apple tree that bore such sweet fruit. They climbed the high hill from which a glimpse of the sea was to be caught. They even discovered up in the garret a dried bunch of herbs that through all vicissitudes had hung undisturbed upon the rafters. "How I wish we could afford to buy it!" sighed Tim Ruggles' wife, looking at their son.

"We have bought it," said Tim. "I knew you'd want it when you saw it. I've been saving up for this day ever since I was fifteen—ever since I began to 'look ahead.'"

HAVE YOU THIS HABIT?

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Mother's Cook Book

"Smile, and while you smile another smiles. And by and by there's miles of smiles. And life's worth while because you smile."

MAIN DISHES

A GOOD, substantial dish which is not hard to get ready for a good-sized family is

Alaskan Dish.

Cut two pounds of round steak into eight pieces for serving. Dice one-half pound of salt pork. Cook the pork, one cupful of minced celery and one large onion in the pork fat. Fry the steak until brown on both sides, add to the rest of the ingredients, blend two tablespoonfuls of fat with the same of flour, pour over the meat and simmer all together for thirty minutes. Just before serving add one cupful of cooked spaghetti and one pint of stewed tomatoes. Serve on hot platter.

Panned Oysters.

Scald one cupful of oysters. When the edges curl, remove them from the liquor. Take one tablespoonful of butter creamed with two of flour, add one cupful of milk and cook until thick. Add one-half cupful each of broken nut meats and chopped celery. Season to taste and add the oysters. Remove the tops from rolls, scoop out the soft part, toast the tops and shells and fill with the oysters. The shells may be well buttered with soft butter before filling, adding to the daintiness of the dish.

Baked Lima Beans and Tomatoes.

Soak a pound of beans overnight, parboil for five minutes or longer to soften, rinse and cook until tender. Add one teaspoonful of salt to each quart of water used. Season a pint of tomatoes with salt and pepper and onion juice. Add it to the drained beans. Put into a beanpot with two thick slices of bacon or salt pork and bake until the bacon is crisp and brown.

Fricassee of Tongues.

Sheep's tongues or small calves' tongues may be used. Take four, cover with boiling water and simmer until tender, adding a few cloves and a small onion; season with salt when nearly done. Remove, cool, skin and cut lengthwise; season well. The next day, roll the tongues in flour and fry in butter and chopped onion until brown. Serve with a brown sauce seasoned with a dash of lemon juice. Serve with hot boiled rice.

Nellie Maxwell
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SPECIAL SALE

---ON---

All Early Spring Millinery

SATURDAY, MARCH 22nd, continuing three Saturdays, March 29th, we will sell all early Spring

HATS AT EXTRA SPECIAL PRICES

several shipments of new hats arrived this week.

Prices Are Cheaper Than Ever

Bragg Dry Goods Company

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CITATION ON PUBLICATION

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 Mary Julia Webb, deceased. You are hereby notified that A.G. Webb has filed in the County Court of Taylor County, an application for the probate of the last Will and Testament of said Mary Julia Webb deceased, filed with said application and for Letters Testamentary, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the third Monday in April, A. D. 1924, the same being the 21st day of April, 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 before said Court on the first day thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, this the 12th day of March, A. D. 1924.

W. E. BEASLEY, Clerk,
County Court, Taylor County,
Texas. 142

CITATION ON PUBLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

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 John L. Chambless, Deceased, you are hereby notified that S. J. Chambless has filed in the County Court of Taylor County, an application for the probate of the last Will and Testament of said John L. Chambless, deceased, filed with said application, and for the Letters Testamentary of the estate of John L. Chambless, deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the third Monday in April, A. D. 1924, the same being the 21st day of April, 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 before said Court on the first day thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, this the 13th day of March 1924.

W. E. BEASLEY, Clerk,
County Court, Taylor County,
Texas. 212

Scholarship for Sale

Miss Ouida Campbell has for sale an \$80.00 Scholarship in the Draughon's Business College of Abilene, and any one who is in need of a scholarship now, or anticipate attending this or any other Business College, will do well to see Miss Ouida Campbell at once. It will pay you to see her.

Merkel Must Have Sewers NOW.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon Jessie J. Burns by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper therein, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the second Monday in April, A. D. 1924, the same being the 14th day of April, A. D. 1924, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 19th day of March A. D. 1924 in a suit numbered on the dock-

et of said Court No. 5480, wherein Ira Burns is Plaintiff, and Jessie J. Burns is Defendant, and said petition alleging Suit for a divorce on the ground that after they were married defendant admitted to this plaintiff that she had a living husband from whom she had never been divorced, and on the ground of cruel treatment by the defendant towards this plaintiff and third on the grounds of adultery, and for a more complete description of plaintiff's allegations reference is hereby made to plaintiff's original petition now on file in this office.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

WITNESS, J. K. Fuller, Clerk of the District Court of Taylor County.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene this the 19th day of March A. D. 1924.

J. K. Fuller, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County. 2114

W. I. Cogburn and wife and Willie Sheppard returned this week from the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. Cogburn while there visited their son and wife, Ray Cogburn, who is in the grocery business at South Fort Worth, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Henslee at Grandbury. Mr. Sheppard visited his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nix, and brother, Sam. All had a fine time considering the bad weather of the week.

REBEKAH NOTICE

It is announced that there will be a meeting of the Rebe-kah Lodge on next Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and that the delegate to the annual Assembly which met this week in Fort Worth, will make her report. Miss Maxie Banner represented the local order at the State Meeting.

Messrs. Kenneth Sharp and Tom Blair made a trip to Fort Worth last Saturday to visit for a few days.

No better Flour, no cheaper Flour than New Century. Buy it at Carson Grocery Co. It

Hoyt Reagan and Jack Goode returned Thursday from Fort Worth where they had been to attend the Fat Stock Show.

BEST SPARKLING-SENSIBLE STOCK

Of Dry Goods We Ever Had FOR SPRING ARE HERE

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