

LOCAL BUSINESS MAN PASSES AWAY

After an illness lasting about ten days, Mr. E. N. Brown, for many years a prominent business man of this city, died at the family residence about five o'clock Wednesday morning. And while it was fairly well known among friends and relatives that he had been sick and that during the last few days his condition had become some what critical, his death announced early Wednesday morning was indeed really a shock to the entire town and community, there being many who hardly knew that he had been sick.

Earnest Nathaniel Brown was born in Homer, Louisiana, September 27, 1860, and at the time of his death was sixty-three years of age.

He was married to Miss Georgia Alsobrook, in 1884, at Mineral Springs, Ark., and to this happy union five children were born as follows: Thos. W. Brown of Dallas, Mrs. Ergeal Meador, E. Yates Brown W. S. J. Brown, all of Merkel and Mrs. Melvin J. Evans of Chicago. Besides the above, deceased had only one other living relative, Mrs. Sallie Fuller, of Monroe, La.

Early in life Mr. Brown was converted and became a member of the Baptist church, and in which institution he remained a faithful, true and consistent member until on last Wednesday morning when he was called to his heavenly home by his Lord and Saviour. For many years before coming to Merkel, while a business man and citizen of Cleburne, he served as a deacon in his church and served almost continuously in the same capacity while a citizen of Merkel. In fact he was always in the forefront in any move that was for the upbuilding of the church and his Lord's work.

As a business man, at the head of one of our splendid dry goods stores, E. N. Brown was a success, well liked by men and women of all walks of life. He was progressive and always took an active part in any and all moves that had for their purpose the upbuilding of the community in which he lived. He always came out in the open and took a stand on any and all questions that came up, being frank and open to take his stand on the side of what he thought was right. And while he was firm in his convictions, he was always kind and charitable toward every one, even though they might differ with him very much, and through his big-heartedness, kind and charitable ways this good man numbered as his friends everyone with whom he had become well acquainted.

By his going not only will his family miss a kind and loving husband and father, but the community suffers an irreparable loss, and this writer joins his host of friends here and elsewhere throughout the state, and even other states, in extending to the bereaved loved ones deepest sympathy in their loss of one so near and dear to them.

As this paper is being printed (Thursday afternoon) the funeral services are being conducted at the First Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Albertson assisted by Rev. Ira L. Parrack, of Gorman, former pastor of the church here, with interment to follow in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. G. W. Meldrum of Colorado Springs, Col., has been here on a visit with relatives, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Albertson, returning to her home last Friday.

PRESBYTERIAN RE- VIVAL FOR JUNE

We plan to begin a Revival meeting the fourth Sunday in June. Rev. Glenn L. Sneed, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian church, Dallas, will do the preaching. Dr. Sneed is one of the outstanding pastors of the state, and will bring a message worth going far to hear.

Next Sunday the Easter spirit will be in all our services. Our Sunday School will seek to set a new record of attendance for this year. The subject for the morning sermon will be "The fact of the Resurrection." The choir has arranged special and appropriate Easter songs. This church stands for the old faith as revealed in God's word, make it your place of worship. You will never be a stranger but once, and that only for a little while.

Last Sunday the intermediate Christian Endeavor elected the following officers: Venice Mell, President; Mildred Hamm, Vice-president; and Mildred Smith, Secretary and Treasurer. The three Christian Endeavor Societies meet at 7 p.m. A place for all. Fred S. Rogers.

MISS SEARS IS ELECTED DUCHESS

At the business Men's Luncheon on last Tuesday evening, Miss Lilley Pratt Sears was unanimously elected as Duchess from Merkel to the sixth annual Convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which meets at Brownwood May 13, 14 and 15.

This is going to be the greatest and grandest meeting of its kind ever held in the state, and every town in West Texas is going to be represented at the great coronation and pageant to be given during this meeting, and no better nor more popular representative for Merkel could have been selected than Miss Sears, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sears, one of West Texas' pioneer and best families.

This paper congratulates the Luncheon Club members upon their selection of Miss Sears as the representative from this city to this expected to be one of the greatest events that has ever taken place in all West Texas.

QUARTET COMING TO CHURCH CHRIST

N. W. Alphin of Abilene is coming with a quartette and will sing at the North Side Church on next Thursday evening, April the 24th.

Mr. Alphin is one of the leading singers of the state, having at one time been with the Trio Music Co. of Waco, but with the quartette Music Co. of Fort Worth for some time like 20 years.

You are welcome at this program, yes, you are cordially invited to come hear some good singing.

These men want to get their new book before the public. Come early, Thursday, April 24th.

Choice Okla. Prairie Hay, guaranteed satisfactory. Swafford South side, phone 11

Mass Meeting is Called April 24th

MANY ATTEND LAST LUNCHEON MEETING

At the last semi-monthly Luncheon of the business men and citizens of Merkel, held last Tuesday evening at Ed's Cafe, was attended by about seventy citizens of the town with a few of our good farmer friends present. And it is the general opinion of those in a habit of attending, that this was by far the best meeting that has been held in quite a long time. There was more interest and enthusiasm manifested than ever before and every one seemed to be glad they were present.

Mr. J. A. Buford, one of the city's pioneer and best citizens very ably and interestingly acted as toastmaster and the Colonel in his logical and witty manner kept the crowd full of laughter and interest throughout the nearly two hours program. He also made an able talk on "How to make Merkel a better town in which to live".

He then called on other speakers such as Robert Hicks, Dr. M. Armstrong, J. C. Mason, W. W. Campbell, newly elected Alderman, Mayor H. C. West, Judge E. S. Cummings and many others whose names we fail to remember, but all of whom made splendid addresses along the topic of "How to Make our town a better City."

At the close of the evening's program, Mr. L. R. Thompson, President of the Luncheon Club, took the chair and a splendid business meeting of the organization was had. The different committees making reports. The report of the committee appointed to raise \$1000.00 as the initial payment on a Catipillar Tractor and grader for this precinct was interesting in the extreme, as they reported the full amount had been raised with a small sum over, and we understand the Commissioners court on Tuesday of this week made a contract for the purchase of the grader and tractor, which will be here in a few days and will be put to work on our roads.

The business session finished the meeting was adjourned to meet again two weeks from that date, which will be on Tuesday evening, April 29, at Ed's Cafe, at 7:30 o'clock, and to which all members are urged to attend. It is also stated that every one who may desire, is invited and urged to attend these luncheons and become members of same.

We almost forgot to mention that at the above meeting, Mr. B. F. Bennett, representing the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, was present, and made a most interesting talk. He was formerly superintendent of the Merkel Schools for two years, and is well known and liked by all who know him.

HEN EGG MEASURES 8 1/4, CLAIMS LARGEST

Mr. W. E. Malone of Route 5 has brought to this office an Egg laid by a Black Minorca hen that measures eight and one-fourth inches around the long way, and has a circumference of six and one-fourth inches. He claims this to be the largest egg laid by any kind of hen and challenges any one to bring in a larger one. The egg may be seen at this office for a short time.

Read the Classified Column.

TO DISCUSS SEW- ER BOND ISSUE

This paper is requested to announce that there will be a general Mass Meeting of all citizens of Merkel at the Tabernacle on next Thursday, April 24, for the purpose of coming together in open meeting to discuss the proposed Bond Issue for the building of a modern, sanitary Sewer System in this City.

This is to be a meeting at which it is hoped that every taxpayer, man or woman, will be present, and in a friendly and business like manner hear the proposed plans for building of the sewer system discussed. There will be speakers present who will discuss the cost of this improvement, and there will also be present a blue print, or map, showing every part of the city through which the system will be built, and it will show every residence in the city that will be in reach of same.

If the building of a sewer system will be a good thing for Merkel let's have it. If not, let's turn it down. But do we know that it is or is not a good thing without first acquainting ourselves with the facts concerning same. Every proposition concerning the upbuilding of any town is entitled to a fair and just consideration by every one. No man should be for or against a thing just because some man or bunch of men happen to be for or against the same, and therefore it is urged that every taxpayer, man or woman, be present at the Tabernacle on Thursday, April 24, at eight o'clock. If you are for it, come; if you are against it, come. Let every one come and reason together like friends and neighbors should for that is what we are, and that we must be after the issue has either been defeated or has carried.

ATTENTION PUBLIC

It is the desire of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department that all persons not belonging to the department, do not take part in handling hose during a fire.

We are conscious of the fact that this has been done for the purpose of assisting the department, but as a matter of fact it handicaps the working of the department. Each member is assigned a certain duty during a fire and he is an expert in his capacity. So if outsiders rush in he will not be able to fulfill his duty properly. So please do not handle the hose or other fire equipment unless asked to do so by the chief of the department.

Another request we wish to make of the public is that people keep far enough from the fire that they will not interfere with the working of the department.

If you have any suggestions to make about the way the boys are fighting the fire, do not "Holler Out" to the boys to do this or that, but go speak to the chief as the boys are working strictly under his orders.

If the public will comply with the above the fire boys will put forth their best efforts to control the blaze. MERKEL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

Miss Mae Collins of Big Spring was here the past weekend for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Collins.

MERKEL JOINS THE WEST TEXAS C. OF C.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce wishes to take this occasion to publicly thank the following enterprising gentlemen for raising Merkel's quota of membership, and for their liberal support to the West Texas organization. We wish to especially commend these progressive gentlemen to not only the citizens of Merkel and surrounding territory, but also to the rest of the citizens of West Texas. Men like the following are the kind that really build communities, and carry on the progressive work of their respective localities.

Thos. Durham, A. T. Sheppard, Farmers State Bank, F. and M. National Bank, Burton-Lingo Co., J. C. Mason, E. S. Cummings, H. A. Sanders, E. L. Turner, W. O. Boney, Chas. H. Jones, Bragg Dry Goods Co., C. M. Largent & Sons, Merkel Drug Co., and Max Mellinger.

B. F. Bennett, representing the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

FIRE BOYS HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION

At the last regular meeting of the local Volunteer Fire Department the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

N. D. Cobb, president; S. D. Gamble, vice-president; A. V. Dye, Chief; Booth Warren, assistant Chief; John West, Secretary; F. Y. Gaither, Treasurer; Joe Owens, foreman hose company No. 1; Bill Patterson, assistant; Ocie Burns, foreman hose company No. 2; O. R. Dye, assistant; Will Burns, foreman chemical company; C. K. Russell, Hose Marshal.

And on Tuesday evening we are told the boys enjoyed their annual feast of good things to eat, which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

BAPTIST WOMEN TO MEET AT HASKELL

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Abilene District of Texas Baptist W. M. U. will be held at the First Baptist Church in Haskell, April 24-25. The meeting will convene at one o'clock Thursday afternoon, April 24.

The evening session on Thursday, beginning at 7:30 will be "Young People's evening."

The Friday session will convene at 9:30 and continue throughout the day. A program of unusual interest has been arranged. In addition to our own excellent W.M.U. workers, we are to have with us this year our Texas W.M.U. President, Mrs. F. S. Davis, and the superintendent of our Fort Worth Seminary Training School, Mrs. J. W. Byars.

Th Haskell Ladies of the Womans Missionary Society, First Baptist church, will furnish free entertainment for all who come. They want you to come for the first session and stay through the last.

Every woman is a member of a Baptist Woman's Missionary Society is a messenger to the District meeting and a voting member of the body. Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, President, Abilene District.

MAKES MEMORIAL GIFT TO CHURCH

On last Sunday morning at the close of the services at the Baptist church, and just following the singing of a solo by the Choir director, Mr. Yates Brown, this splendid young churchman announced to the audience present that soon after the accidental death of his beloved wife, he made up his mind to build to her memory a suitable memorial, and upon being informed by a friend that the commodious and beautiful two-story Woodroof home just two blocks west of the church could be purchased, he decided to present same to the church as a parsonage, and called to the rostrum a member of the board of Trustees and in a very generous and appropriate manner presented to him the deed and title to this lovely property, which has been dedicated as the "Lula Belle Parsonage."

The deceased, in whose honor and memory the above noble gift and memorial was made, was without doubt one among this church's most noble and untiring workers, and much praise and credit is due the donor, Mr. E. Yates Brown, who is also one of the church's most faithful and staunch members.

The following is a report of the "Open House" meeting held by the membership of the church, and which was well attended by friends and churchmen and women.

At eight-thirty o'clock Tuesday evening the doors of beautiful "Lula Belle Parsonage" were thrown open and a large number of people gathered to view the new Baptist Parsonage and wish joy to the young man who made a gift to the Baptists of this lovely home.

Mr. Yates Brown stood in the receiving line welcoming all to Lula Belle Parsonage which he had given to the church in memory of his lovely young wife who only two months ago was taken to that home not builded by hands, eternal in the heavens.

Upon entering the house a picture of Lula Belle was pinned on each guest after which they proceeded to view the rooms on the first floor which were tastefully decorated in lilacs and ferns.

A splendid program was in session throughout the entire evening conducted by some of our best talent. Miss Althea Boden rendered a piano solo which was greatly enjoyed by all as were also the readings by Misses Dennis and Sharp.

Mrs. Howard sang "I love a little cottage" in her usual charming manner, while the duet by Messrs Scott and Smith "Living for Jesus", touched all hearts. One of the most impressive numbers on the program was a male quartet, "Face to Face", sung by Yates Brown, Warren Smith, L. B. Scott, and G. Collins.

The punch bowl was presided over by Mrs. Booth, teacher of the T. E. L. Class of which Lula Belle was a member.

Upon the conclusion of the program, Mr. Sam Swann conducted the guests through the rooms on the second floor. It is indeed a beautiful home and all departed praising this generous young man who has always put the work of his Master above all else.

G. W. Smith came in first of the week to attend the bedside of his little son, who has been very low from pneumonia, but who is now improving rapidly. We are glad to hear.

Statement of Condition

Close of Business March 31, 1924

RESOURCES

Loans	\$268,864.79
Overdrafts	1,641.16
Banking House & Fixtures	13,877.50
Other Real Estate	24,364.40
Due From State Gty. Fund	30,017.50
Stock and Bonds	1,818.40
Other Resources	16,798.63
CASH & EXCHANGE	166,061.81
Total	\$523,444.19

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	33,772.73
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscunts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	439,671.46
Total	\$523,444.19

OFFICERS

John Sears	President
M. Armstrong	Vice-President
R. L. Grimes	Cashier
F. Y. Gaither	Asst. Cashier
W. L. Diltz, Jr.	Asst. Cashier

Farmers State Bank
Merkel, Texas
A Guaranty Fund Bank

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY AT METHODIST CHURCH

The following program will be rendered next Sunday evening at the Methodist church:

Songs by the Choir.
Invocation Bro. Rea
Easter welcome Beginners
"Everything is Happy" by Miss Laney's Class.
Reading Dorothy Sanders
Nor worth knowing by Mrs. McSpadden's class.
Musical recitation by Miss Mossie Sears' Class.
Quartette, Kings Daughters.
Reading Tracy Campbell
Song Primaries
Reading Wimmer Class
Concerted Recitation by Mrs. Cox's Class.
"Why we observe Sunday school Day", Business men.
Reading Margaret Turner
The Good Samaritan, Baraca Class.
Talk Mrs. H. C. Williams
"Running the Sunday School", Booster Class.
Instrumental solo Miss Gay
"The greatest Deed of Love", Intermediate Boys.
Pantomine, Sunshine Class.
Benediction.

MR. I. C. HOLDEN

Mr. I. C. Holden was born in Lawrence county, Arkansas, December 13, 1870. He died on February 28, 1924. He professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist church at the age of 23 and lived true to his church and Christ until he died.

Bro. Holden was a true husband, a devoted father and a loyal friend. He was honest even against his own interest and his word was his bond. He was tender, charitable, and unselfish. He will be missed by a true and good wife and sons and daughters. He will be missed by his friends. He will be missed as a citizen.

O why did you leave me,
Laddie,
In this dark jungle of despair?
I know you were tired and
needed rest
And will find it over there
But bewilderment has possessed me
You walked so long by my side
I have always sought your
council
And you were my shield and my
guide.
I love your weekly visits on
The day and hour you went away
But it grieves me to wake and
Find 'twas your spirit and could
not stay
You cannot come back to me,
Laddie;
But then perhaps it is best
In my land there is only trouble
While in your land there is peace
and rest.
The good shepherd knows how
to toll
The sheep out of the mountain
cold
And the sheep walk straight
to the fold
The journey will not be far
Tell the tender shepherd Lad-
die,
To leave the pearly gate ajar.
The funeral services were held
at the Methodist church in Mer-
kel and brother Holden was laid
to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery
at Merkel, Texas to await the
morn of the resurrection.
T. J. Rea, Pastor Methodist
Church, Merkel, Texas.

We are taking this way to
thank our many friends and re-
latives for the kindness shown
us during the illness and death
of our mother and grandmother.
Mrs. Edith Gilmore, Mrs. V.
B. Sublett, Mrs. Paul Stanford.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Venning
of Fort Worth arrived Wednes-
day to attend the funeral ser-
vices of Mr. E. N. Brown.
Messrs C. E., S. H. and J. E.
Bayless of Bonham, Texas, were
here this week to visit their
father, J. H. Bayless.

SENIOR CHRISTIAN EN-DEAVOR ORGANIZED

On Sunday evening, April 6, a number of young people met in the Presbyterian church for the purpose of organizing a Senior Christian Endeavor.

Christian endeavor is an organization the same the world over. In it we pledge ourselves to support the church of our choice, but at the same time we realize that we are working in an inter-denominational union, striving to serve our Christ better.

In addition to the organization of a new society, we had on our program four speakers from the Abilene Christian Endeavor of the Christian church. They came as boosters for the District convention which meets in Abilene April 18,19,20, but they were a great inspiration to us and we want them to come again.

On Sunday April 20, our leader will be Ruth Jones. Subject "Easter—A time of Joy."

The Fidelis Class

At six o'clock on last Thursday evening the Fidelis Class of the Baptist church enjoyed a lovely dinner. Place cards were placed for the following: Misses Valerie Dye, Mae Lassiter, Dixie Howard, Evelyn Hamm, Althea Boden, Lora Joiner, Hattie Conaway, Willie Swann, Ruby Hamm, Ruth Boden, Levie Tittle, Ruth Howard, Nell Swann, Gyrle Howard, Weeden, Ola Sharp and Mrs. Warren Smith.

The tables being artistically decorated with cut flowers, and Easter novelties, were arranged in the basement of the church, where each member was asked to go after gathering in the class room up stairs. The menu consisted of baked chicken, dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce salad, potato chips, olives, pie and iced tea.

A wonderful spirit of congeniality prevailed, and merry conversation was carried on until Miss Evelyn Hamm, class president interrupted with a very clever and witty toast to the members of the losing side of the contest just closed. A hearty applause greeted the toast-mistress after the toast was given. Miss Dixie Howard responded with a short talk to the class as a whole. All joined Mrs. Warren Smith in a toast to the teacher of the class, Miss Valerie Dye.

After the program was over the class members went back to their room, where they made plans to re-furnish their room and make it more attractive.

NOTICE

There will be a Bazaar on April 19th under the direction of the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church at the Barrow Furniture Store. There will also be a market of pies and cakes and chickens. advt

Card of Thanks

We wish to take this method of expressing our thanks and sincere appreciation to the many friends who were so good and thoughtful of us in our recent illness. We hope that sometime it may be our pleasure to render some kindness to you good neighbors and friends. J. M. Deen and children. tlt

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. tf

Don't Overlook

that subscription. If you are in arrears remember that we can always find good use for

the MONEY

Superior Baby Chick Feeds, the Kasameir Feeds. Swafford, south side, phone 44. 1t

Based on the Following STATEMENT

Close of Business March 31, 1924

Plus uniform courtesy and an unexcelled service, we solicit your account:

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$350,404.25
Loans, Cotton	1,171.14
Liberty Bonds and United States Treasury Cert. Indeb.	138,450.00
School Bonds & warrants	138,450.00
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	1,536.44
CASH & SIGHT EX.	168,307.32
Total	\$693,716.55

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	14,247.57
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
RESISCOUNTS	NONE
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
DEPOSITS	608,218.98
Total	\$693,716.55

"Never Missed a Dividend, :-: Never Assessed A Shareholder"

OFFICERS

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

DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren, Geo. F. West, L. R. Thompson, Sam Butman, Sr., Henry James
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THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

Christian Endeavor Program

Topic: "What Does Easter Mean to Me?"
Leader: Venice Bell.
1. Scripture: 1 Cor. 15:1-8; 35-29
2. Song.
3. Opening Talk—Venice Bell.
4. Clipping. 5. Song.
6. Prayer. 7. Questions.
8. Announcements.

We have just installed the new Frigid-Air Machine for keeping Ice Cream and Sherbet just right at all times. We handle the famous Shaw Bro. Ice Cream in six different varieties. Try it; you will be delighted. Merkel Drug Company. tf

Mrs. Virgil Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Acuff is now working at the Bragg Dry Goods Company.

The Sanders Drug Store has recently installed new fixtures to their soda fountain.

Miss Willie Swann was an Abilene visitor Monday.

Methodist Church Notes

Next Sunday is "Easter" and of course we are looking for YOU. A special program of music, a good sermon on "What is the Gospel" will be the order of the morning service. A Sunday School program with the entire school participating will be rendered at the evening hour. A cordial invitation awaits all.

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A House Is Not A Home

A home needs religion and religion needs a church. ¶ If you live here why not have A CHURCH HOME?

This church offers its fellowship to you.

The Methodist Church

T. J. REA, Pastor

Phone 131

To those who like their Cars "DOLLED UP"

Just bring them around and tell me your wants and then come back a little later and see if I don't have to tell you which is your car. New top, new seat covers, paint top dressing, Linoleum on the running board, that cool slip seat covering, and if you have some nice furniture at home you want the best varnish to do the work. I have the Valve Spair the best in the world by test. I have the Camp Cot and the Stool, Water Bag, Water bucket, that will fold up, and the all wool blanket, so when you are preparing to go fishing come to see me and it will be a pleasure when you get to the fishing ground.

DOWELL, the top man
On Front Street

The HOOVER

It BEATS
as it SWEEPS
as it CLEANS

Across the dingiest room the HOOVER beats, sweeps and cleans an immaculate pathway--it gets all the dirt. It cleans things clean. Won't you let the HOOVER help you do your work, and keep your home as it should be kept? It pays for itself over and over again in the added life it gives to rugs and carpetings, not to mention the time and energy it saves. Let us give you a home demonstration of the new model with its ten added features. You can afford the HOOVER. We sell on such easy terms that its purchase is no burden.

**West Texas
Utilities Company**
Merkel, Texas

MRS. J. M. DEEN AT REST

After two weeks illness, on Friday, April 11, Mrs. J. M. Deen passed away. Aged 43 years, she took her home where life is eternal and trouble and sorrow prevaileth not.

She was born in Wood county in the year of 1881, January 23, and through out those years of her life she had been known and recognized as an upright and useful citizen. She was a member of the Baptist church, joining when she was about 14 years of age and was held in high esteem by all with whom she was acquainted.

The funeral services were conducted at the Rose Hill Cemetery by the local pastor of the Baptist church. Deceased's remains were laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery.

The family located here in Merkel several years ago. She leaves a kind and loving husband, five sons and two daughters to mourn her demise, as well as other relatives and many close friends.

Her children's names are to be given as: Jesse, George, Harvell, Bruce, Bob and Ethel Deen, and oldest daughter, Mrs. E. B. Reece.

This paper joins many friends in extending the loved ones deepest sympathy during this sad hour.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker, returned from McAdoo, Texas, where they, with other relatives, had been called to the funeral of their son-in-law, Ralph McLaughlin, whose death occurred on the sixth from pneumonia. The deceased formerly lived here and was a good man and highly respected by all who knew him. Those attending the funeral from here besides Mr. and Mrs. Baker, were: Fred Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Patterson, and daughter Opal, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Mashburn, Homer Patterson, Clyde and Guy Jones and wives.

SANDBURR NEWS

School is progressing nicely even though there seems to be a general epidemic of "Spring Fever" raging. However the pupils are manifesting quite a bit of enthusiasm over the Easter Hunt we are to have next Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Isac Garrett were called to Coleman county last week to see Mrs. Garrett's mother who was sick. We are glad to learn she is improving. Norman and Odell Sloan are again in school after an absence of a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Benton who left for California on last Tuesday morning were given a farewell supper last Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jones. Those enjoying the delicious supper were: Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Benton, Miss Ruth Wells Mrs. Roy Baccus, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jones and little son, Fred, and Merrill.

The farmers of the community are very busy planting during this warm weather.

Mr. Pyron Winter who has been on the plains for the past few weeks is with home folks this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Jones were called to Supr Apr 11 the 6th. to attend the funeral of their cousin, Ralph McLaughlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Welsh attended the singing convention at Lawn Sunday.

Mrs. Elva Burry has been very sick with tonsilitis.

LOST—A ladies Gold WAHL Fountain Pen. Finder please return to Merkel Mail office. 1tp

We have just installed the new Frigid-Air Machine for keeping Ice Cream and Sherbut just right at all times. We handle the famous Shaw Bro. Ice Cream in six different varieties. Try it; you will be delighted. **Merkel Drug Company.** tf

EASTER Specials

Just Arrived

Hats of Smart Fashions and Moderately Priced

We have taken special care in selecting the "low priced" hats in this wonderful showing

- Every Late Fashion.
- Every New Color.
- Every Favored Type.

A Showing in which we take great pride at **98c-\$9.98**

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Located in Mrs. Dry's Racket Store

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.. tf

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann are now occupying the place formerly known as the Baptist parsonage, the E. L. Woodroof house being sold recently.

\$125 SCHOLARSHIP FREE

For Name and address of any graduate of our \$125 course that we cannot place in \$125 a month position within ten days. Ten times as many calls as graduates. Position contract and catalogue No. 7 free. Write today. **Draughon's Practical Business College, Abilene, Texas.** tf

FIELD SEED

All kinds of field seed, Hay, Hulls, and all kinds of grain. Also improved Spurr Fetireta seed. Gazzaway & Polly Feed Store. Phone 16. tf

EASTER SUNDAY

Only two more Shopping Days until Easter.

You will want to look your best on this Dress-Up occasion of the year. Our store is full of Brand New wearing apparel. Every member of the family can be dressed up at a nominal cost.

We are making Special Easter Prices in many Departments in our store

Select your Easter Suit from the famous "Hart Schaffner & Marx," "Griffon," or "Silver Strype" lines.

A Wide Range of patterns and styles in both two and three piece suits. Most suits have extra trousers.

FLORSHEIM SHOES

Brown Oxfords in Calf and Kids. Black Oxfords in Calf.

The new shapes are here. Most styles are Priced.....\$10.00

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DEPARTMENT

Munsing wear light knit. Plain Nainsook "ALL STYLES"

\$1.00 UP

Mens' Fine Shirts With or

Without Collar

Pongee, Broodcloth, Air Plane Cloth Madress, priced.....\$2.50 to \$4.50

FOR MEN

Arrow Collars, Van Heusen Collars, Black Cat Hose.

TIES! TIES! TIES! TIES!
Knit, Cut Silk, Wool and Silk.....50c to \$2.

SHOES FOR LADIES

"Queen Quality" "Julian Kokenge" "Walk Over"

New Spring styles in all the good colors priced..... \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10.00 and \$12.00

We are making very attractive prices in our

READY-TO-WEAR Department

PRETTY SILK DRESSES

In bright spring colors at reduced prices for Easter.

---SPECIAL---

ON

---TAFFETAS---

BLACK, NAVY, COPEN, RED, GRAY, TAN, WINE

36 inch price per yard \$1.49

---DOTTED SWISS---

ROSE, NAVY, BRUNETTE BLUE, GREEN YELLOW, LAVENDER, RED.

36 inch wide price per yd.75c

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT

Select your new Easter Hat here. Many colors and shapes to choose from. The prices are very reasonable.

A. C. ROSE DRY GOODS

This is
THE SALE
That you have been waiting
for in Merkel.
OPENS Wed., April 16th.
CLOSES Wed., April 30th.

MAX MELLINGER
MERKEL, TEXAS

THE GREATEST
MONEY SAVING
Opportunity
Ever offered to the people of
Taylor County
COME! SEE! INVESTIGATE!

EASTER SALE OFFERING-GREAT SAVING OPPORTUNITIES

APRIL IS THE MONTH WHEN FASHIONS ARE AT THEIR BEST AND THE WORLD TURNS OUT IN GALA ATTIRE TO ENJOY THE SPRING TIME. THE MONTH THAT MEANS THE PLANNING FOR THE RENEWAL OF APPAREL; EVERYTHING TO BE IN PERFECT READINESS FOR A NEW SEASON. WE HAVE THE MOST COMPLETE STOCK OF BRAND NEW, UP-TO-DATE MERCHANDISE EVER OFFERED IN MERKEL, CONSISTING OF

Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Ladies Ready-to-wear, Mens Furnishings

AND IN FACT EVERYTHING YOU NEED IN THE DRY GOODS LINE

WE OFFER OUR ENTIRE STOCK TO THE PUBLIC FOR 15 DAYS AT A GREAT SAVING. AVAIL YOURSELF TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF OUR EASTER SALE VALUES, both in the matter of Saving and Satisfactory Selections, by confining your Spring Shopping to this store.

Begins April 16th. and Closes April 30th.

This is a real sale. That is what you find at this store. The goods are here; the prices are right--take advantage of them for your Easter buying.

Remember-
The Place

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MERKEL, TEXAS

The
CORNER STORE

The Merkel Mail

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In Advance

TELEPHONE No. 61

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kel, Texas as second class mail.

OPINIONS—

Of course you have a right to your opinion about any question or proposition, and so has the other fellow a right to his opinion though it be quite different to yours—Merkel Mail.

All of us have our opinions, and despite the fact that other folks may have their opinions, nevertheless we have ours and we are going to stick to them. It is human nature to have an opinion on a subject, and it is human nature, likewise, to believe in what you believe and let the other fellow believe what he wants to believe. But the fact remains, nevertheless, that in order to get along in this world, there has to be a certain amount of yielding on the part of all of us. For if there is not, then there will be the biggest jumble that man has ever known. We have got to agree on some things. And the person who does not consider that the other fellow has his right to an opinion, is a strange person, to say the least.—Clip and Comment in Abilene Reporter.

BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

Nearly every one is up with their work at the present.

Wheat and oats are looking fine, and a good season in the ground everybody is looking forward to a good crop.

G. V. Seaton and family, O. B. Seaton and son, formerly of the Shiloh community, and Mr. French McGavock spent Sunday at my home.

We all went to the Narrows and the Tinguish balls.

The Narrows are from one hundred to one hundred and fifty feet deep. They are cut down through a solid rock, and in all sorts of ways. No doubt it has taken hundreds of years to cut this great crevice so deep thru this great mass of rock. It is at least a quarter of a mile long.

Hundreds of people come every summer to see the falls and the Narrows. It is a sight to see.

Mr. M. C. Wheeler of Tullia visited down here last week.

F. T. Grayson, Silvertown, Tex.

Low prices on Watch and Jewelry Repairing and will take old jewelry on new jewelry. I also handle optical goods. R. A. Tarbutton, Jeweler, Merkel.

Walter Johnson left Monday to visit relatives at Oldenville, Oklahoma for a few days.

THE PASSING OF MRS. SUE ELLA CAMPBELL

After a severe illness lasting over ten months, she walks no more with the people of this earth, but rests with the "giver of every good and perfect gift." After life's fitful fever she sleeps well, and died as she lived, a Christian.

Death came to this noble Christian woman on Monday morning, March 31st., 1924, at 10:30 o'clock at the home of her sister, Mrs. Dr. H. M. Bennett, at Falfurrias, Texas, and her body was laid tenderly to rest in the Falfurrias cemetery beside the grave of her father on April 1, 1924, to await the resurrection morn, the funeral services being conducted by Arthur Slater, pastor of the Church of Christ, Corpus Christi, Texas, at 11 o'clock.

She was known and loved by all and as a conscientious woman who stood for the right at all times and gave herself to useful toil for the Master, and while she has passed to the reward of the faithful her influence and life will remain to bless the people with whose lives her life was so happily blended, and in her death a home has been left desolate and a place has been vacated which could be filled by but one woman and that one Mrs. Sue Ella Campbell. The very soul of honor, embodying within herself the virtues of a noble woman and a sincere friend, made the stronger by an unassailable character, sympathetic and obliging to a degree, she gathered around her friends to whom her death is a personal loss. Friends she had many, but an enemy would be hard to find. Not only those most dear to her feel her loss, but those to whom she was known can recall kind acts in her life which make them feel her loss more keenly. While death is one period in life for which we must prepare, we cannot but feel the pain of parting when such a woman as she is taken from us. In her daily walks of life she did all within her power to make comfortable those with whom she came in contact, and in a measure it is impossible to feel what her loss must mean to those to whom she was most dear.

In her death she leaves a husband, one little daughter, Sally Mary, three brothers and three sisters, John and Tom Whittenburg, Sweetwater, Texas; W. A. Whittenburg, Ebony, Texas; Mrs. W. A. Dobkins, Fort Worth Texas; Mrs. E. S. Love, Corpus Christi, Texas; Mrs. Dr. H. M. Bennett, Falfurrias, Texas.

She was born in Lockhart, Caldwell county, Texas, September 13th, 1876, the daughter of Joshua and Sally Whittenburg, moved to Sweetwater, Nolan county, Texas at an early age, where she was reared and educated and for many years taught in the public schools of Nolan

and Fisher Counties.

She was Baptized and became a member of the Church of Christ at the age of twelve years and remained a consistent member all through life. What a glorious thought to die in the Lord.

On September 13th, 1906 at Sweetwater, Texas, She was united in marriage to C. C. Campbell and came immediately to Merkel, Texas, which place was her home at the time of her death.

The best friend a man has in this world may turn against him and become his enemy; his son or daughter whom he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful; the money that a man has he may lose; it flies away from him, perhaps, when he needs it most; his reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action; the people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our brow; the one absolutely unselfish one that never deserts him; the one that never proves ungrateful, is his wife. She will stand by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness, when all other friends desert she remains; when riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces she is as constant in her love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. She stood by us in every act of life; in drouth, in panic and at evening time when the business worries of the day were over and we would go to our home she would meet us at the door with a smile on her face and a song upon her lips; one of the grandest, noblest, purest women that ever breathed the air of heaven. Goodbye, mamma, we'll meet you on the golden shore when the tide of life ebbs out, "For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." Colley.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. SUE ELLA CAMPBELL. We have laid the mortal body Of our loved one in the clay; Nevermore to be awakened 'Till the resurrection day.

She has gone beyond the margin Sleeping in the dim unknown; But the Lord is at the portal Keeping watch around his own.

Resting now from all her troubles Free from sorrow, pain and woe;

She no more can know our sorrows She no more our tears shall know. Nevermore to meet with loved ones

'Till the sun in darkness fade; But our hearts will still bewitch her In the grave where she is laid.

At the dawning of the morning When awakened from the dead We'll meet her in brighter mansions Where no farewell tears are shed.

Uncle and Aunt, Wm. and Sue McGinnis, Temple, Texas.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Everybody is invited to the Methodist Church at Trent Sunday, April 20, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Cemetery work. We have neglected the dead; they are your loved ones, your friends. Come and fail not. This is a Christian act and let's get busy and do something at once. Yours for service, Jno. B. Hilbert, pastor.

Mr. J. T. Warren shipped to the Fort Worth market last week a car of fine White face Hereford yearlings that he had raised and fattened on his ranch five miles east of the city, and which were as fine and fat a bunch of young cattle as a man ever saw.

FOURTH BODY IN DROWNING RECOVERED

Ennis, April 14.—The body of Miss Lola McCrory, 16, one of the four persons who were drowned in the Trinity River about 11 miles north of here Sunday afternoon was recovered early this morning.

The bodies of Misses Eva McCrory, 17, and Lena Pipkin, 16, and W. J. Ferris, 60, were recovered late Sunday. The four perished after a limb to which a ferry cable was attached broke and the boat capsized. Ferris lost his life in a vain effort to save Lola McCrory and Miss Eva McCrory also was trying to save her sister when she was drowned.

J. P. McCrory, father of the two victims, nearly lost his life when he jumped into the stream to save the girls, becoming exhausted in the water and reaching shore with difficulty. William Ferris, son of W. J. Ferris, suffered a dislocated shoulder when hit by the boat after he had jumped into the stream and attempted to save one of the girls.

The boat was operated by Aubrey Ferris. In it with him were Lola McCrory, Christene White and Lena Pipkin. He succeeded in taking Miss White to safety.

The funeral for Ferris was held here this afternoon. The girls will be buried at Bristol where they lived.—Star Telegram.

Miss White is well known in Merkel and made many friends during her visits here in the home of Mrs. J. S. Blair who were sorry to hear of the sad accident which befell her companions and almost resulted in her own death.

Miss Lois Harrison of Abilene was here the past week-end the guest of Miss Ruby Faye Golladay.

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SPECIALIST
In Internal Medicine for the Past Twelve years

Dr. Mellenthin
DOES NOT OPERATE

Will be At
GRACE HOTEL
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April 23 and 24
Office Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TWO DAYS ONLY

No Charge for Consultation

Dr. Mellenthin is a regular graduate in medicine and surgery and is licensed by the state of Texas. He does not operate for chronic appendicitis, gall stones, ulcers of stomach, tonsils or adenoids.

He has to his credit wonderful results in diseases of the stomach, liver, bowels, blood, skin, nerves, heart, kidneys, bladder, bed wetting, catarrh, weak lungs, rheumatism, sciatica, leg ulcers and rectal ailments.

Below are the names of a few of his many satisfied patients in Texas.

John W. Hariston, Route 4, Cameron, Texas, stomach trouble.

Mrs. B. E. Howell, Big Spring, Texas, high blood pressure.

Mollie Counts, Point Blank, Texas, heart trouble.

Mrs. T. P. Gunnels, Gause, Texas, gall stone.

T. E. Acker, Maydelle, Texas, adenoids. (daughter).

Mrs. M. L. Long, Pilot Point, Texas, gall stones.

Remember above dates, that consultation on this trip will be free and that his treatment is different.

Married women must be accompanied by their husbands.

Address: 211 Broadway Bldg., Los Angeles, California. 4t3p

FREE ROAD SERVICE

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 don't 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 raining, drive in, it will cost you nothing.

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

FREE BATTERY WATER, FREE AIR, FREE STORAGE WHILE YOU ARE IN TOWN AND FREE ROAD SERVICE

THE PLACE WHERE YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT

GENUINE SERVICE PHONE 192

Woodrum Filling Station

William Henderson Palmer

William Henderson Palmer was born in Nacogdoches county Texas, July 3rd, 1845. In April 1861 he joined the W. P. Lane Rangers with whom he was attached to Parson's Brigade of Texas Cavalry and served until the close of the Civil war.

He was the son of H. D. Palmer, the first Methodist preacher licensed in Texas. He was converted at the age of twelve years and was a life long Methodist who both knew and loved the doctrine and polity of his church. In early manhood he took Christ as the criterion of his character and throughout life he held this same loyalty to his Lord. He was well versed in History and Theology; he enjoyed poetry and fiction but his delight was in the law of the Lord, he having read the Bible through seventeen times.

It is doubtful if any man has read a greater part of all that has been printed in the Texas Christian Advocate from its first issue to this date.

On the 4th of February 1875 he married Myra E. Hawkins, the daughter of a pioneer Methodist preacher, S. J. Hawkins, and to this union was born four children of whom three, William H. Jr., of Breckenridge, Richard Lane of Gatesville and Mrs. O. B. Annis of Amarillo, together with their mother survive, Addie having preceeded the father in death.

For six years he lived in Merkel where he fell asleep on January 17, 1924. The body was buried in Gatesville where he had lived for many years having come there from Upsher county in an early day. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, a true Christian, a patriotic citizen and will be missed in the community in which he lived.

T. J. Rea, Pastor, Merkel, Tex.

Tra Burns was in Abilene Monday attending to business.

MARRIED

Mr. H. N. Allred and Miss Pearl McKinney of the Compere community were happily married at the Methodist Parsonage Saturday evening, Rev. T. J. Rea officiating. This couple is well known in the Compere and neighboring communities. They will make their home in the Compere community.

Mrs. Amy Sears was an Abilene business visitor Wednesday.

Little Neil Durham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Durham, is improving from a severe case of the measles.



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

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.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

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Ice Notice

WE ARE DELIVERING

ICE

REGULARLY EVERY DAY

Phone your orders to No. 203
EARLY

Ask the Driver for WINDOW
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Ice coupon books strictly cash

Please do not ask the driver
to charge them, he knows not
what you mean.

Merkel Ice Co.

We have just installed the new Frigid-Air Machine for keeping Ice Cream and Sherbet just right at all times. We handle the famous Shaw Bro. Ice Cream in six different varieties. Try it; you will be delighted. Merkel Drug Company. tf

I have stored both Head Maize and Kaffir corn and will keep it all the time. Get my prices before buying. Telephone L. L. Murray. 1812

Len Sublett

Water well Driller,
all work guaranteed
first-class.

Merkel, Texas

STOP THAT ITCHING

If you suffer from any form of skin diseases, such as Eczema, Itch, Tetter, Cracked Hands, Poison Oak, Ringworm, Old Sores and Sores on Children, Sore Blistered Feet or any other skin diseases, we will sell you a jar of Blue Star Remedy on a guarantee will not stain your clothing and has a pleasant odor.

SANDERS DRUG STORE

Tutt's Pills

The first dose astonishes the invalid, giving immediate relief, regulating bowels and digestive organs, inducing

GOOD DIGESTION



Stop that cough
right, now—

YOU can often prevent serious complications by giving Dr. Bell's Fine-Tar Honey at once. Dr. Bell's loosens hard-packed phlegm, soothes inflamed tissues and restores normal breathing. Made of just the medicines that up-to-date doctors recommend—combined with the old-time favorites, pine-tar honey. Children like its pleasant taste.

All druggists. Be sure to get the genuine.

DR. BELL'S Fine-Tar Honey

REPORT OF DISTRICT TRACK MEET, DIST. 7

At the district meet of the University Inter-Scholastic League held at Abilene on Friday and Saturday of last week, over 500 pupils from the eleven counties of the district participated. There were over 350 in the track and field events alone. This is by far the biggest meet ever held in the district. The League is doing a great work to foster true sportsmanship and fellowship among the schools of this section. Superintendent Roger A. Burgess is director of athletics for District No. 7. A report of the results of the athletic contests appears below.

Tennis: Abilene defeated Albany in the finals for boy's singles. Moran defeated Abilene in the finals for girls' singles. Moran defeated Abilene in the finals for girls' doubles. Hamlin defeated Abilene in the finals for boys' doubles.

Track and Field Events

Class A High Schools.
Abilene 55 points, Anson 27, Stamford 23, Colorado 11, Sweet water 9, Haskell 8, Roscoe 4, Big Spring 3.

Class B. High Schools.
Rotan 29, Clyde 28, Roby 17, Moran 14, Potosi 13, Rochester 11, Albany 9, Hawley 5 Hamby 4, Lorraine 3, Girard 3, Putnam 2, Heinds 2, Lanham 1.

Very truly, Roger A. Burgess,
Director of Athletics, District Number 7.

BANKING PUBLICITY

This paper has long maintained that advertising for banks is as important to them as it is to any other business. The correctness of this view seems to be established in the advertising campaign now being formulated by Texas bankers in an effort to bring about a better relationship between our farmers and our banking institutions.

We know of no movement inaugurated by the bankers of Texas, within their history, that will have such far-reaching effects as this campaign. There is no disposition among banks not to advertise, but it seems that their efforts have not been concerted.

The messages to be run in this campaign will surely give a better understanding of the bank's functions, their true relationship to the community, and will give a clearer idea of their usefulness in the promotion of better agricultural conditions, as well as a more orderly marketing of crops.

Finally this method of advertising will coordinate and strengthen all local advertising done by the banks. We consider this movement another step forward.

Tom Henderson and family spent last Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Bomarton, Texas.

TEXAS CLUB MEMBERS ENJOY PICNIC OUTING

The following members of the Texas Club enjoyed a picnic on last Tuesday afternoon: Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess, Misses Williamson, Pierce, Martin, Weeden, Messrs. Jack Durham, Castle Ellis and Judson McRee.

At four o'clock when all had gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess, it was decided that a trip upon Castle Peak would be a good appetite maker, and the party was soon on their way. Hunting and k-daking were enjoyed until sunset. A feast was prepared which included bacon and eggs cooked over the camp fire, potato chips, pickles, olives, fruit and brick cream. After eating a time was spent in joke telling while sitting around the camp fire. A very pleasant time was had by all except Judson McRee, whose appetite had led him to excessive eating, however the trip will doubtless be remembered by him.

W. W. Campbell returned first of the week from his trip to Louisiana.

Superior Baby Chick Feeds, the Kasemir Feeds. Swafford, south side, phone 44. It

TO THE FORD OWNERS

Magnolia Ford Oil reduces that vibration in Starting, Stopping and Backing. Reduces Carbon Formation and oil complication. Drive around and let us drain your Crank Case Free and refill with Magnoline Ford oil and watch the improvements in the performance of your motor

McFARLAND'S GARAGE
MOTOR MECCA
CORNER GARAGE
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BRADLEY MERC. CO., Stith
CASH GRO. CO., Noodle
STANLEY B. KING, Trent

SAVED FROM OPERATION

For some time physicians have been puzzled concerning the cause of certain diseases of the stomach, Kidneys and Blood. Many needless operations have been performed for Gall Stones, Appendicitis, Stomach and Kidney trouble, when the real cause was colitis.

Colitis is the result of food wastes sticking to the sides of the colon and becoming hardened. They give off uric and toxic poisons, which the blood absorbs. The Kidneys are over worked in trying to rid the system of these poisons resulting in diseased Kidneys, high blood pressure, rheumatism, etc.

A physician discovered a preparation known as FERRASAL, which will dissolve the food wastes in the colon 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 regularly night and morning for a month. It will do the work for YOU or your money refunded.

"I feel that your preparation FERRASAL, saved my life. I was advised to have an operation for Gall Stone. I started taking FERRASAL and in one week's time I could eat again. It has cured me and I believe it will cure any case of stomach trouble if taken properly. R. D. Elliott, 4227 Thomas Ave., Dallas, Texas."



50c per box at Merkel Drug Co.

Superior Baby Chick Feeds, the Kasemir Feeds. Swafford, south side, phone 44. It

A CORRECTION

In giving the list of those who contributed to the buying of the tractor and grader for this precinct, in our last issue, the following names were in some manner overlooked by the party handing same to the paper for publication, and we gladly print them as follows: L. L. Murray

\$10.00, Fred Guitar \$25.00, Sam Butman Sr. \$10.00, T. R. Lassiter \$2.00, John S. Hughes \$5, P. A. Diltz \$1.50. Also the amount of money raised by the committee for this purpose was \$1000.00 instead of \$100.00 as stated last week.

Choice Okla. Prairie Hay, guaranteed satisfactory. Swafford South side, phone 44. It



FOR SALE

LEADING VARIETIES—Tomatoes, 1000-\$2.00, 500-\$1.25, Porto Rico Potatoes, 1000-\$2.75, 500-\$1.50. Sweet Peppers, 1,000-\$3.00, 500-\$1.75. Crystal Wax and Bermuda Onions, 5000-\$5.00, 1000-\$1.25, 500-70c. Dealers get our wholesale prices. THE SEWELL COMPANY Carrizo Springs, Texas. 4t4

FOR SALE—Pure Kasch Cotton Seed. Stored eight bales so as to keep pure for planting. Average 40 per cent lent. Reference, Sam Swann, Ginner. \$1.50 per bushel. Andrew Baker at J. L. Baker farm. Phone 287. 1tp

FOR SALE—Giant Bronze Turkey Eggs, Goldbank strain. \$3 per dozen. At the Vol Martin place, Merkel, Texas. R. E. Cole.

FOR SALE—One single row Planter and one single-row cultivator and one double-row planter. Homer Patterson. 1tp

FOR SALE—1 Firestone Ford Truck Tire, flat tread type, price \$15. West Company, Firestone Dealers. tf

FOR SALE—40 Barred Rock Hens and 60 Rhod Island Red Hens, about 1 year old. Higgins Hatchery. tf

FOR SALE—Kasch Cotton Seed 40 to 42 per cent lint last year. Also two milk cows. See Joe Gunn, Noodle, Route 1, or Mrs. Causseaux. Itp

FOR SALE—Some Kasch Cotton Seed, also cane and sudan. T. J. R. Swafford, south side. It

FOR SALE—Second year Truett Cotton Seed for planting. See S. F. Haynes. It

FOR SALE—Kasch Cotton Seed culled and ready for planting, at \$1.25 per bushel. Albert Rains, eleven miles north of Merkel, on route one. 1tp

WOOD—WOOD—Have some good cord wood for sale at my home 3 miles south of Trent at \$2.00 per cord on the ground. P. F. Tomlin, Trent, Texas. tf.

FOR RENT

LAND TO RENT—100 acres of sod land; all level and ready for the plow. Five miles north of town. Dr. Miller. 11t2

LOST

LOST—One \$5.00 bill and one \$10.00 bill between McFarland Garage and Patterson Meat Market, Friday afternoon. Finder please return to Mrs. Laura Winters, Merkel, Route 2. 1tp Texas. 18t4p

LOST—A bunch of keys on ring among which was a Dodge key, a post office key, finder please return to F. A. Polly. It

Pain In Back & Sides

"FOR A LONG TIME," says Mrs. Dora Payne, of Huntington, Tenn., "I felt listless, tired and worn-out. I did not feel like doing my work, visiting or anything."

"I suffered much pain in my back and sides. My limbs hurt, my knees would tremble without apparent cause and I would have to sit down."

"I was very nervous. . . I would have a tired, dull headache."

"I had read so much about Cardui I asked my husband

to get it for me. The very first bottle seemed to help me. After the second . . . I was better than I had been in months. I certainly can praise Cardui."

"I have taken three bottles. Now I hardly wait, when the sun shines, to garden. I am feeling fine."

Similar results to those described above have been reported by thousands of other women. Cardui's 40 years of success should encourage you to give it a thorough trial for the relief of any common female ailments. For sale everywhere.

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

ELECTION ORDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR)
CITY OF MERKEL

On this the 7th day of April, 1924, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, convened in regular session, at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall, the following members thereof, to wit:

H. C. West, Mayor; J. P. Sharp Alderman; A. T. Sheppard, Alderman; W. O. Boney, Alderman J. S. Swann, Alderman being present, and among other proceedings had, was the following:

It was moved by Alderman W. O. Boney and seconded by Alderman A. T. Sheppard that there be submitted to the qualified voters of the said City, who are property taxpayers therein, the proposition for the issuance of the bonds of said City, in the following amount and for the following purpose, to wit:

FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, for the purpose of the construction of sewers.

The above motion carried by the following vote: A. T. Sheppard, J. P. Sharp, W. O. Boney, J. S. Swann voting "AYE"; none voting "NO."

THEREUPON, the following ELECTION ORDER was adopted:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, deems it advisable to issue the bonds of said City, for the purpose hereinafter mentioned; therefore,

BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, that an election be held on the 14th day of May, 1924, which is not less than thirty days from the date of this order, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted:

"Shall the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the City of Merkel, in the sum of FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$55,000.00), to become due and payable serially as follows, to wit:

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) in the year 1932.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) in the year 1937.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) in the year 1942.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in the year 1947.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in the year 1952.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in the year 1957.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in the year 1962.

and bearing interest at the rate of not to exceed SIX PER CENTUM (6%) per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purpose of the construction of sewers, and to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem them at maturity, as authorized by the Con-

stitution and laws of the State of Texas, particularly Chapter Nine of the General Laws passed by the Thirty-seventh Legislature, at its Regular Session in 1921."

The said election shall be held at City Hall in the City of Merkel, Texas, and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers of said election, to wit: E. M. McDonald, J. A. Buford, W. A. Tittle, T. A. Beidleman.

The said election shall be held under the provisions of Chapter 1, Title 18, Revised Statutes, 1911, as amended, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and none but resident qualified property taxpaying voters of the City of Merkel, Texas, shall be allowed to vote.

All voters who favor the proposition to issue the SEWER BONDS shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words:

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SEWER BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

And those opposed to issuing the SEWER BONDS shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words:

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF SEWER BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas regulating general elections.

A copy of this order, signed by the Mayor of the City of Merkel, attested by the City Secretary, shall serve as a proper notice of said election.

The Mayor is authorized and directed to cause notices of the election to be posted at three public places in the City of Merkel, one of which shall be at the City Hall, the place herein designated for holding said election, for at least thirty days prior to

TRENT MERCHANTS TO CLOSE AT 6:30 p.m.

We the undersigned "Merchants of Trent, Texas", hereby agree to close our respective places of business at six-thirty o'clock each afternoon except Saturdays. Said places of business to open only in case of emergency. This ruling to take effect Monday, April 14th, and remain such until September 1, 1924.

M. G. Scott & Bro., Burton & Ross, Estep & Rogge, John Ray, Star Hardware Co., Burton-Lingo Co., W. E. Hamner & Son, Hammer Lumber Co., Carl Muddock, E. L. Mangum, Bowers & Hamner, A. C. Terry.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday School at 10 a.m. B. Y. P. U.'s at 7 p.m.

Prayermeeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday evening. Subject: "The Loyalty of Jesus."

Harold Boney will read Sunday morning.

Our church sustains a great loss in the home-going of one of our deacons, Bro. E. N. Brown. The family have the sympathy and prayers of the entire membership. W. H. Albertson.

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the date of said election.

The Mayor is further authorized and directed to have said notice of election published in the Merkel Mail, which is a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Merkel, and which notice shall be published once each week for four weeks, the date of the first publication being not less than full thirty days prior to the date of the election.

H. C. West, Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas. Attest: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.

Easter Specials

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AGED MOTHER
PASSES AWAY

After several months suffering from a fall which occurred to her last December while residing with her daughter, Mrs. Edith Gilmore, in Waco, Grandmother W. L. Phelps was called to her home in heaven on last Tuesday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gilmore, who had moved to this city from Waco first of the year.

Deceased was born April 24, 1849, in the state of Mississippi, and came to Texas when just a child with her parents. She was married to W. L. Phelps in Washington county, Texas when 19 years of age, professed religion at the age of 26, joining the Baptist church, and remained true and steadfast in the belief until the summons from her Master on last Tuesday.

She was the mother of eight children, all living, four girls and four boys, as follows: Mrs. Edith Gilmore, Merkel, Mrs. Port McCarsley, Killeen, Texas; Mrs. O. P. Taylor, San Angelo; Mrs. R. E. Bouchell, Buhl, Idaho, Tom Phelps, Clovis N. M.; Jim Phelps, Belen, New Mexico; Eugene Phelps, Lamesa, Texas; W. B. Phelps, Purnell, Okla. There are also a number of grandchildren left to mourn her going, and among whom are Mrs. V. B. Sublett and Mrs. Paul Stanford, both of Merkel.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the Baptist church by the pastor, with interment following in the Rose Hill Cemetery. This paper with many friends extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved.

Singing At Cross Roads

Announcement is made that there will be a singing at Cross Roads on next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock and every one is invited. Remember, at Cross Roads, one mile south of Nubia.

Judge E. S. Cummings and Judge N. D. Cobb, Messrs. Jinks Winter and H. M. Rainbolt were in Abilene Monday attending court.

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