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MERKEL CITIZEN EN- DORSE SEWER BOND

With the approach of spring, there arises within each of us a desire to clean up and rid our homes, our town and our community of all the things that are unsightly, all the places of filth and all the places where disease germs may be. Nature has wisely provided us with this desire to destroy the places where disease germs multiply and lurk, waiting to seize us in their unmerciful grasp.

Yet with all of our desire to rid ourselves of this menace, we have not the means at hand to adequately protect ourselves and supply ourselves with a means of sanitation that will really protect us and remove the source of trouble.

As we see all of the old papers rubbish, tin cans, weeds and other things, our thoughts turn to these with a hope that if these could be removed we would have done our duty. But if it were possible to rid our city of every bit of these, the real source of trouble would remain untouched. The places of filth, the places of germ laded, germ producing matter, the places of trouble and annoyance would still be in our midst.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness. We can't be gods, but we can be clean. It lies within the possibilities of every city of the size of Merkel to provide themselves with the means of properly disposing of this nuisance.

A good system of sanitary sewers will furnish us with a greater amount of relief than any known means at hand in this modern age.

Also the cost would not be excessive. This could be built in our city at a cost, not to exceed \$55,000.00. A bond issue could be voted for this amount and would not raise the tax rate more than 35 cents per \$100.00 valuation. Considering that all of the water works bonds have been paid but 9000.00, the city could well and profitably afford to avail themselves of this opportunity to secure such a system.

We are now paying a tax of \$6.00 per year for civic service which does not, in the main, afford us much relief. If such a system of sewers could be installed the cost to the average person would not range above the price we are paying for what we now get. The average residence of this city is not valued at more than 2000.00 which should mean that such a person would pay \$7.00 as his part of such a system. As we understand it, the city officials are planning to let the tax take care of the system, which would mean that we would be relieved of any cost for connections to the sewers and our only cost would be our proportional part of the cost based on the valuation.

We do not consider that such a system would be an expense, but it would be a means of providing us with the funds to make a permanent improvement to our homes and city which would be more than offset by the increased valuation of the property besides getting the use of these improvements all the time.

The Municipal Engineering Company of Dallas, Texas, are guaranteeing that they will be able to build us a sewer system for such a cost. The town of Winters, our neighbors, are building a system within the amount proposed for us.

We have one of the best watered towns in the state, so far as

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BUYS STOCK IN BROWN D. G. CO.

Mr. E. Yates Brown, who for many years has been connected with the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of this city, has purchased an interest in the Brown Dry Goods Company, and on Wednesday of this week severed his connection with the bank and immediately became associated with the splendid dry goods firm mentioned above. He has had several years experience in this line of work before coming to Merkel, having been connected with a Cleburne firm, and also with Washer Brothers of Fort Worth for two years prior to coming to Merkel.

Mr. Brown states that he has indeed enjoyed living in Merkel the past four years, and likewise enjoyed his connection with the bank, and that he truly appreciates the real friends made while residing here, all of whom he would be glad to have call on him in his new place of business whether it be to purchase goods or just a personal visit.

NEW FILLIN' STATION AND CAMP GROUND

Mr. Ellis Warren has this week begun actual work on building a nice brick drive-in filling station and tourist park on the vacant plot of ground just west of the Hamm gin and east of the Mrs. H. C. Williams home, adjacent to the Highway, and which when completed will be very handsome and commodious.

The tourist camp ground will not be a free park, but will be established for the accommodation of real tourists who will desire good service, for which they will be glad to pay a reasonable fee for the use of.

We welcome the new enterprises.

A VISIT TO THE HIGGINS HATCHERY

The Editor and wife, accompanied by Mrs. J. E. Richardson, had the pleasure recently of a visit to and inspection of the fine Higgins Chicken Hatchery, of which Mr. and Mrs. Joe Higgins and family are the owners and proprietors.

And the fact that we are not well versed in the art of the poultry business only keeps us from giving this modern and up-to-date poultry farm a just and more detailed description, but suffice it to say that Mr. Higgins has the best and finest plant we ever visited, and that we found chickens, yes, many of them—even thousands of them. Fine ones? Well we should say so. There were pens of beautiful, full blood White Leghorns as well as big, fine single comb Rhode Island Reds, and fine Barred Rocks as any one would want. They have many prize winners on this farm from all the breeds mentioned.

CHANGE IN MEETING OF FARM BUREAU

Will meet Saturday night, May 3 instead of Friday night, May 2. All members are urged to notify those who might not see this notice, and be present on the above date.

Dave Shelton.

GRAND JURY MAKE ITS FINAL REPORT

After eight days of investigations and deliberations, the Honorable Grand Jury convened for the spring term of District court of Taylor county, made its final report to district Judge W. R. Ely, late Wednesday evening, and this paper had hoped to publish the report of the work of this important body in full, and so asked the Honorable Foreman, Mr. H. M. Rainbolt, for a copy of same, and making out the report, the stenographer accidentally left out a sheet, therefore we are only able to give a part of same, touching upon the important recommendations made by this august body.

The returns show that 62 bills of indictments were found; 41 of which were for felony charges and 21 for misdemeanor.

The grand jury expressed its thanks to District Judge Ely upon his open and strong stand for law enforcement, as was shown in his charge to the jury, likewise they complimented the Honorable County Attorney upon his able and persistent efforts for law enforcement and especially for the number of courts of inquiry he had held and which resulted in his filing many complaints for law violations.

Forgery and liquor violations On the Decline

The report states that investigations show that violations for forgery and liquor are on the decline and yet the report states that many druggists in the county are selling medicated bitters and medicines, such as "jake, force," etc., and that such beverages are capable of producing intoxications, and are sold in violation of the law, but that insufficient evidence was produced to secure indictments in such cases. And it was recommended that the officers use their best effort in suppressing these violations. And it was further suggested that such druggists as sell these beverages submerge whatever desire for profit they may have in selling same for the public good and cease such sales, as these goods not only prove hurtful to mind and body, but if practiced generally, will destroy the youth of the country who indulge in it.

TOO MUCH JOY RIDING

The report says: "We find evidence of men, women, boys and girls joy-riding at nights and indulging in drinking of intoxicants. IT IS A DEPLORABLE STATE OF AFFAIRS AND HARMFUL TO THE COMMUNITY AN TO THE NATION FOR SUCH PRACTICE TO CONTINUE, and we earnestly implore the fathers and mothers of the country to keep a closer watch upon their children; BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS, and not permit their DAUGHTERS TO JOY RIDE UNCHAPERONED.

The report states further, that the jail, which was erected 29 years ago is inadequate and too small.

The report also says: "We find that in some of the rooming houses and hotels of the city prostitutes are permitted to ply their vocation and it will be a great safe guard to the youths of Abilene and the country generally, if all officers, who are charged with law enforcement would re-double their efforts to suppress this vice." "And where men without means of support and with NO VOCATION, HABITUALLY LOAF ON THE STREETS, and are known to be GAMBLERS or BOOTLEGGERS, we suggest that the officers continually file vagrancy

PRECT. CONVENTION BE HERE SATURDAY

Mr. W. O. Boney, Democratic Precinct Chairman of the Merkel voting precinct, announces that on next Saturday afternoon at three o'clock the Democratic voters of this precinct will meet at the Tabernacle for the purpose of electing delegates to the County Convention, which will meet at Abilene on Tuesday, May 6th.

Mr. Boney states that this precinct is entitled to eleven delegates, and he urges that every Democratic voter, men and women, all who are qualified, to be present and take part in the meeting. Remember the hour, 3 o'clock in the afternoon, of next Saturday at the Tabernacle.

J. S. BOND IS FOR SHERIFF

In this issue of the Mail we are authorized to place in our announcement column the name of Mr. J. S. Bond, of Abilene, as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff of Taylor County. For this paper to make comment as to his qualifications seems quite unnecessary, as his record is too well and favorably known to need any remarks from the pen of the Editor, and upon his splendid record made during his tenure or office, together with the belief that with his past experience as a peace officer and the perfect knowledge such experience has given him of the duties devolving upon the sheriff of Taylor county, to the effect that he is now even better capable and qualified to more efficiently serve the people of the county in the capacity of sheriff, does Mr. Bond base his claim for re-election.

Mr. Bond has without doubt demonstrated his efficiency and capabilities of rendering good service as sheriff of this county and this paper would urge that the voters give his claims careful and fair consideration when making up their minds as to whom to cast their vote for in the race for Sheriff of this county.

Miss Elsie Sharp is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp, arriving Sunday from Buffalo Gap where she has been teaching for the past year. The school closed there last week.

charges against such persons to the end that the community be rid of such people.

NOTICES NOT GRATIS CLASSIFIED ADS CASH

Beginning with this issue of the Merkel Mail, we will charge for all notices of every kind, resolutions of respect, cards of thanks etc. A rate of five (5) cents per line will be charged for all such notices. There are no exceptions to this rule. All copy should be in this office by Wednesday for publication in the following Friday's issue.

Also, Classified Ads, including for sale, wanted, for rent, lost, etc, are strictly CASH. This ruling is necessary that we may have less confusion in the keeping of our books.

THE MERKEL MAIL

HON. JOE BURKETT TO SPEAK HERE 8TH

The Mail is in receipt of a communication from the headquarters of Hon. Joe Burkett, candidate for Governor, to the effect that on Thursday, May 8th, at 10:00 a.m., he will address the voters in Merkel and surrounding country on the issues concerning the race for Governor of the state of Texas.

Senator Burkett is well known to many voters in and about Merkel, and will no doubt be accorded a full house upon his visit to our city.

BURGESS REELECT- ED--ALSO OTHERS

At a recent meeting of the Merkel Independent School board Superintendent R. A. Burgess was unanimously re-elected to that position for another year. The board also re-elected all the present High School teachers. Mr. Burgess has accepted the position, but no report from the High School teachers has been received as to their attitude in the matter as yet.

We also learn that the block of land just north of the present high school building has been purchased from Mr. Sam Butman at the price of \$2,000.00, on which the new High School building will be located. This is a fine site, and the fact that the entire school plant will be located in a group will make for better and more convenient work by the superintendent and faculty.

On Wednesday May 7th, the school board expects to let the contract for the erection of the new building, after which work will soon begin with the determination if possible to have it completed by the time school begins next fall.

TO THE DEMOCRACY OF TAYLOR COUNTY

I hereby officially call a county convention of the Democrats of Taylor County to convene at the court house in Abilene on Tuesday, May 6 at 2:00 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention of the Democratic Party to be held at Waco May 27.

I call upon all Democrats in Taylor County to attend their precinct conventions on Saturday, May 3, in a large way as great and momentous issues are involved at this time. Your precinct conventions on Saturday, May 3, will elect delegates to the county convention as above called. I especially urge the women to attend these precinct conventions and participate therein and use their influence for the best interests and welfare of the Democratic Party and the great issues to be settled in the forth-coming primaries and elections.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. P. STINSON,
County Chairman.

On last Saturday afternoon Mr. Frank A. McClure and Miss Clara Smith of the Comper community were married by Justice of the Peace W. W. Wheeler. The groom is at present employed at the Merkel High School, and the couple will make Merkel their home.

LAST LUNCHEON WAS BEST OF ALL

The Editor of the Mail being absent during the first part of the splendid meeting of the Luncheon Club on Tuesday evening of this week, therefore not being familiar with the first part of the proceedings, here-with re-produce the writup of same as sent in to the Abilene Reporter by that paper's local correspondent, who we feel sure covered the proceedings very accurately.

Tuesday evening's meeting of the Luncheon Club, held at the Ed's Cafe was attended by approximately 70 Merkel citizens with more interest, enthusiasm and pep manifested than ever before at a meeting of this kind. Much credit is due Dr. S. W. Johnson, who as toastmaster was very clever in carrying out the program. Not only did Dr. Johnson in his introductory talk on "Man" start the meeting off with much zeal, but in a unique and original manner presented each speaker on the program, so that the evening was declared to be one of the liveliest in the history of the Luncheon Club.

An excellent luncheon, consisting of fried chicken and all accessories was served. The Merkel orchestra furnished music throughout the luncheon hour. The Booster Quartet, composed of Messrs. L. B. Scott, Robert Hicks, W. H. Barnett, Yates Brown, C. H. Jones, R. L. Grimes, Will Barnett and John West was enjoyed greatly as was shown by the responsive applause and an appeal for a second number.

Dr. M. Armstrong, first speaker, having lived in Taylor county thirty-three years, and having experience as none other than a man of his profession may have with good and bad roads, plainly told the citizens what "Good Roads" will mean to all citizens. He agitated wide roads and properly built and drained roads; he agitated good roads to entice trade from communities surrounding Merkel, and for Merkel to get to work hard and fast at once.

Stresses Good Roads.

Judge E. S. Cummings, as a citizen who has recently had road building experience in other counties spoke briefly, stressing the kind of roads Merkel must build to be durable and profitable to all concerned. He heartily complimented Commissioner Frazier in getting the Catipillar Tractor, saying he had seen it tried and it had proved successful. Judge Cummings in his closing remarks admonished the citizens to work for co-operation with rural citizens and get them interested in this road building.

"Trade Trips to Near by Towns" was the subject spoken on by Mayor H. C. West. Mr. West urged that these trade trips be continued and that they be made to reach every community in Merkel's trade territory. To boost for Merkel, the citizen must become friendly and meet and know his trades people," said Mr. West in closing.

Ellis Warren of Munday, Texas as a visitor talked briefly J. K. Fuller of Abilene, also a visitor, made a short talk.

L. R. Thompson, president of the club presided after all talks were finished, and heard a report from the membership committee and other committees. The meeting was then adjourned to meet two weeks from date, with Rev. W. H. Albertson as toastmaster.

T. L. Grimes was an Abilene business caller Friday.

Our Purpose----

Is to co-operate with our customers toward a common goal

Business Success

We therefore strive to be more than a depository for funds--our effort is to be helpful; to justify the public trust reposed in us by a service that is straight-forward, kindly and business like.

Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas

A Guaranty Fund Bank

WHY SOME PEOPLE ARE AGAINST SEWER

While there are but few citizens who are outspoken against building sewers, it is none the less well to consider the reasons advanced by those who have so expressed themselves.

The two points so far mentioned as grounds for a negative vote are the increase in taxes and the cost to connect to the Sewers.

It is the influence that the consideration of these two questions will have on the minds of the voters that will determine whether Merkel will have the benefit of Sewers or not.

An increase in taxes sometimes represents a saving to the people in another way, which amounts to more than the tax. Merkel has reached that degree of development that if we do not have Sewers we shall be compelled to establish rigid sanitary laws and force each household to have monthly cleaning of dry closets.

Scavenger service should be compulsory if we would maintain even limited health conditions and scavenger service will cost most householders more than their tax on a bond issue, in fact, a home must be assessed at two thousand dollars to make the tax equal the cost of scavenger service.

Then one may pay a scavenger thirty years and have nothing but a nuisance, whereas if Sewers are built, all conveniences will be available, sanitary conditions will prevail and the danger of disease lessened. A disgraceful condition replaced with a wholesome air of well being.

It seems to us that any talk about increase of tax rate is not sufficient grounds on which to cast a vote against this splendid improvement.

Now about the cost to connect to the Sewers.

The plans for the Sewers call for a house connection outlet for each house, therefore, the householder's expense may be summarized as follows: From center of street to house, 150 feet of four-inch Sewer Pipe at 20c per foot laid, a total of \$30. This is the maximum distance. In many instances the line will be not more than 100 feet or \$20.00. The cost of a sanitary closet connection will range from \$38.00 to as much as one desires to spend, so we may say that this convenience can be had for from \$58.00 up.

The experience of other cities has been that those who find it a burden to make these improvements may have them installed and the cost spread over a period of months or years, just as the notes for any other improvement that may be made.

The Mail does not believe that either of these considerations will deter any considerable number of our taxpayers from a vote in favor of Sewer Bonds.

The improvement will mean much to Merkel.

The expenditure of nearly \$30,000.00 for labor in Merkel will be felt throughout the year.

The Sanitary conveniences will lift our schools to a higher and finer standard, and make home ownership a more highly appreciated condition.

The removal of insanitary conditions, especially in the business district will do away with a troublesome situation that has long tormented our city.

The improvement of homes and the building of new homes due to these better living conditions will increase our values and thereby decrease our taxes.

Baylor Crawford of Abilene was in Merkel Wednesday.

Dodges! Buicks! A 33x4 new, fresh, first quality Vacuum Cnn Fabric Tire for \$14.00. West Company.

FORMER PIONEER CITIZEN VISITING HERE

Mr. T. L. Hall, late of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, who came to Merkel some thirty-three years ago from North Carolina, and resided here some twelve years, is here for a visit with old friends, as Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Winter and others.

Mr. Hall has lately sold his business in Oklahoma, and has recently visited a brother in New York as well as his old home in North Carolina, and with his visit to this section he states that he has enjoyed very much the mixing with three different and distinct kinds of citizenship. In New York, where an American citizen has almost become unknown, (that is, what we of this section would call an American) and in North Carolina, where the people are mostly fine Americans, but somewhat cold and reserved, but out in the great Western part of Texas, of which Merkel is the center, he states he finds the same good old big hearted, friendly, truly American western citizenship.

Mr. Hall, we learn will remain in the city for several days, during which time he hopes to meet all old friends and former acquaintances.

LOCAL METHODISTS ATTEND CONFERENCE

Rev. T. J. Rea, son Adrian, Mesdames E. P. Beene, L. R. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Durham and Mrs. Geo. Brown, attended the meeting of Abilene District Conference which met in Baird this week.

We understand the meeting was well attended and a splendid time enjoyed by all attending.

The meeting adjourned Wednesday evening, selecting Cross Plains as the meeting place for next year.

WRITE CHURCH NEWS

May the first came upon us as a very beautiful day. Everybody from the least to the largest, both young and old, seem to like a good sun bath and are busy out of doors. The big rain last week made "scratching" the order of the day, however, if this warm sunshine continues for a few days, our planted seed will come to a stand.

Health conditions are improving fast, but some of the older people seem to be unfortunate in still being ill.

We are glad to report that Uncle Sige Pannel who has been very sick for some time is better the last few days.

Mrs. Frazier Demere was called yesterday to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Brandon, who lives near Dora.

We were glad to have Bro. Frank Wilson fill his regular appointment Sunday. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Gilbert and Bro. John Reynolds. Bro. Reynolds conducted the afternoon services.

Miss Beatrice Sims of Bosque county is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. E. Malone.

Mrs. Reynolds from Inkum visited her daughter, Mrs. John Dudley Sunday.

Mrs. Voe Tye from Burleson who has been visiting relatives here for the past several days returned to her home this morning. Miss Belle Shuff accompanied her home and will visit for a few weeks.

Mr. Andy Brown and family of Merkel, also Mr. and Mrs. Edd Watkins of Trent visited Uncle Charlie Burns Sunday.

Mr. Clyde Pannell and son, Leonard, from Dallas, were here last week at the bedside of the former's father.

Mr. S. G. Houston was over from Abilene this week shaking hands with many friends and incidentally looking after his nearby farms.

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

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

DIRECTORS

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THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

Weekly Prayermeeting

The Prayermeeting will meet at three o'clock Wednesday, May the seventh with Mrs. Hollingsworth. Song: "More about Jesus." Prayer by Mrs. Meeks. Scripture 8-9 Chapters of First Corinthians by Leader. Prayer: Mrs. Fannie King. Old Testament lesson, Mrs. Allday. Prayer, Mrs. Tatum. The love of God, by Mrs. King. Prayer by Mrs. G. W. Elliot. Piano solo, by Mrs. Hollingsworth. Closing prayer by the Leader.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church of the Stith community were in the city one day this week, to accompany their little daughter Mattie, who goes to Austin to take part in the State Inter-scholastic League Meet held there this week, she having won highest honors in the District meet held in Abilene some time ago. Little Miss Church is accompanied by her teacher, Miss Elizabeth Frye, on her trip to the Capitol City.

Baptist Church

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. B.Y.P.U.'s at 7 p.m. Theme for morning sermon: "The Christian's Motive Power" Evening sermon: "A shave in the Devil's Barber Shop." There will be special music at both services that will be worth your while. Make your plans now to come to church Sunday. "You're always welcome." W.H. Albertson.

Intermediate League Program

Subject: "Workers Together: The Chapter and the Council." Leader, Ermalee Rea. Song service. Scripture lesson Acts 6:1-6; Romans 12:4-8 by leader. Teamwork, Anna Lou Russell. Prayer. Sacrifice hit, Stella Wilson. Keeping in trim, Juanita Beene. Announcements, benediction.

Sheriff John Bond, Deputy Jess Beard and W. J. Cummings of Abilene were here Monday.

THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU

BUT YOU NEED THE CHURCH MORE.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST HAS NEVER FAILED FROM THE NEGLECT OF MEN, BUT MANY A MAN HAS FAILED FROM NEGLECT OF THE CHURCH.

The Methodist Church

Merkel, Texas

MERKEL BADGERS WIN OVER SWEETWATER

The Merkel High School Base Ball team smothered Sweetwater in a hectic game of base ball on the local diamond Monday afternoon by the score of 10 to 4.

Little Bill Hutchins was the cause of a lot of misery to the visitors with his willow club, getting on every time he went to bat, and getting three of Merkel's runs. Floyd Hutcheson took care of the pitching for the local team and gave a good account of himself although he was rather wild at times.

The batteries for Sweetwater were: Rasco and Crutcher. Umpire, Brashear from Simmons College.

The boys go to Sweetwater for a return game some time this week. Let's go over and see them pour it on Sweetwater again.

The only regrettable thing about these games is that we do not get enough money to pay expenses. Let's be good sports and help keep the boys in there by paying admission charges when they are asked. Thanks for your support. Coach Jackson.

R. J. (Uncle Bob) Hannah left Monday for a visit to relatives at Pulaski, Tennessee.

Judge E. S. Cummings, L. B. Scott, W. L. Blair and W. H. Barnett attended court in Abilene Monday.

We were glad to see Mr. J. E. Hendricks up and about town again this week after several weeks illness.

Mr. J. H. Bridges of the Stith community was here one day this week, making this office a pleasant call. He states that many farmers will have their cotton to re-plant in his community as the result of the big rains out his way last week.

STITH NEWS

As I have not seen anything in the Mail from Stith for some time, thought I would drop you a few lines about the happenings here.

Jay Hendricks was down recently from Coahoma.

J. D. Daniels and wife returned last Saturday from Glen Rose where they had been on an extended visit of several days.

W. E. and Paul Bradley with their families were visitors in Abilene last Sunday.

Mrs. Sam Mashburn who has been quit sick from the measles is now improving we are glad to report.

Judge Lindsey and Commissioner Baker were in Stith this week looking over the roads.

Rev. B. Y. Dickinson filled his regular appointment at Stith and Comper last Sunday.

G. W. Icenburg and family spent last Sunday with Jim Burns and family.

J. M. Byrd and family and Ed Vantrees and family spent last Sunday with J. I. Ford and wife in Merkel.

W. E. Bradley was in Anson Wednesday on business.

Mrs. W. A. Ford has been quite sick this week.

Our good friend and citizen, J. H. Craig, of Dallas, is here this week to look after the rebuilding of the residence on his farm which was last week practically destroyed by wind during the storm of Thursday night. His many friends are always glad to have him visit them.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and little daughter visited in Breckenridge Sunday.

B. C. Gaither left Monday for a visit to relatives in the state of Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. West were in Abilene Wednesday.

PERSONALS

L. D. Matlock returned Friday from Littlefield where he had been on business.

J. Hendrix and family of Comoma are here for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. M. R. Woodrum and family were visitors at Abilene Sunday with her son.

Attorney Frank E. Smith and wife visited the former's father, F. J. Smith, here Sunday.

Burl Wheeler and wife of Abilene were visitors at the W. W. Wheeler home Sunday.

Mr. B. M. Black and wife were in Sweetwater visiting a daughter Sunday.

Mr. Bogart of DeLeon was a Merkel visitor for several days this week.

Mr. R. L. Bland and daughter, Marjorie, were here Saturday visiting with friends.

Judge Tom Bledsoe of Abilene was here Saturday calling on friends.

Sewell Harvell returned to school at A.C.C. Monday after being at home with his parents last week-end.

Joe Reidenbach of McMurry College was at home with his parents last week end.

Miss Lola Armstrong, member of the McMurry faculty, spent Sunday with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown of Anson spent the past week end in Merkel visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. E. P. Beene and Mrs. L. R. Robbins went as delegates from here Tuesday morning to attend the District Annual Conference at Baird, Texas.

Misses Geneva Middleton and Annie Bickley who teach at Mt. Pleasant were here the past week end visiting with their parents.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Herbert Patterson has been quite ill for the past few days with the measles.

I still have Maize and Kaffir T. L. Grimes returned Tuesday from a business trip to Tahoka, Lubbock and Lamesa.

L. A. Arrington and wife are now occupying the J. G. Hale residence formerly occupied by J. M. Toombs and family.

Mrs. Austin Fitts of Abilene was in Merkel Wednesday visiting.

Jud Boyd, cotton buyer of Sweetwater was here on business Wednesday.

Aubrey Reagan went to Eastland Tuesday on business.

Juanita Schouse of Trent, who has been teaching at the Warren school returned home Tuesday.

G. B. Brown of Abilene was in Merkel Tuesday on business.

C. T. Beckham of Trent was a Merkel visitor Tuesday.

Rid your poultry of Lice. Call for Free sample. Gazzaway & Pelly.

The wind storm of last Thursday and Friday afternoons did quite a bit of damage to the Woodrum Garage building, tearing out the entire back brick wall and the residence of Dr. J. H. Craig near Merkel was blown off the foundation and badly shaken.

Mrs. Robert Hicks left this week in response to a message from Wills Point to the effect that a relative, a little baby, had died. She will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Walters while there.

Heads in the house. When in need see me. Shelled Corn, chops shelled oats and mixed cow feed of three kinds. Also 30 bushels of red top sorgum seed. SOUTH SIDE GIN, by L. L. Murray, Manager. 212

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

MUMMIES FOUND IN KENTUCKY CAVE

Catacomb Discovered Under Ruins of Old City.

To students of American antiquities it is probably of general knowledge that the city of Lexington, Ky., stands nearly on the site of an ancient town, which, if one may judge by the wide range of its circumvallatory works and the quantity of ground it must have occupied, was one of great extent and magnificence.

It may, however, well be doubted if many of even such students are aware that in the year 1775 there was discovered there a catacomb containing a number of mummies, preserved by the art of embalming to as great a state of perfection as was known among the ancient Egyptians, 1,800 years before the Christian era.

This extraordinary find was made by some of the early settlers, whose curiosity being excited by something unusual in the character of certain large stones, seeming to cover the entrance to a cavern of some sort, removed the same, coming to others whose singular appearance for stones in a natural state caused them to push their investigations further. These obstructions being taken away, the mouth of an apparently deep and gloomy cave was disclosed to their gaze. This proved to be a catacomb, formed in the bowels of the limestone rock, about 15 feet below the surface of the earth.

Having added to their numbers and provided lights, they descended and entered, without further obstruction, a spacious apartment, where they were astounded to find that at the sides and extreme ends were formed niches and compartments occupied by figures representing men.

Their surprise was much greater when, on further research and inquiry, it was found that these figures were actual mummies in the condition before stated. Most unfortunately, the original discoverers were uneducated people and, it being at a period when a bloody and inveterate war was being carried on between the Indians and the whites, supposing, in their ignorance, that these were the remains of some tribe of Indians, a revengeful and vindictive spirit urged them to destruction.—Adventure Magazine.

Believed in Books

Even at an early age Andrew Carnegie believed in books. The impulse to found libraries—so we learn from Mr. A. B. Farquhar in the "First Million the Hardest"—came to him when he was only a messenger boy. Early one morning, says Mr. Farquhar, Carnegie was sent with a dispatch to Mr. Anderson, the steel master of Allegheny, with instructions to wait for an answer. Mr. Anderson had returned late the night before, and the butler said he could not wake him. Young Carnegie walked into the library, and became immersed in a volume on steel making and the tremendous advantages of steel over iron. When Mr. Anderson finally came down with his answer the boy turned and apologized for having taken the book. Mr. Anderson asked whether he was interested in steel. "Oh, yes, it is fascinating to me," Carnegie replied. "Take the book home and read it, and return it when you are through with it," said Mr. Anderson. Carnegie did so, and was told to take another; then Mr. Anderson said he might have access to the library. Carnegie then and there made up his mind that if he ever became wealthy he would found libraries, and give young men the same opportunity that he was enjoying.

Ripening

It is one of the charms of art that it is not to be completely understood. In an age in which so high a value is put upon facts, information, positive knowledge, it is a relief to have still reserved to us a place apart where it is not necessary to know all. The truth of art . . . does not seem to be all known, finished and finally stated, but on the contrary to be ever growing, more rich in significance, more profound in substance, disclosing heaven over heaven and depth under depth. The greatest books share our lives, and grow old with us; we read them over and over, and at each decade it is a new book that we find there, so much has it gained in meaning from experience of life, from ripening judgment, from the change of seasons in the soul.—George E. Woodberry, in "The Heart of Man and Other Papers."

A Poor Substitute

The motorcar was bumping and jolting along the country road at a pace of about four miles an hour. The road seemed unworthy of the name—it was more like a cart-track. There were holes nearly everywhere, and where there weren't holes there were ruts.

The passenger in the back seat began to get very fed up after about an hour spent in traveling in this way. He leaned over the driver and said:

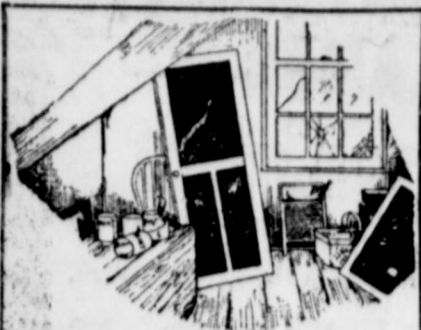
"Are you sure we've taken the best road?"

"I'm sure we've not," replied the driver. "But I'm pretty sure that some one else has, and a nice thing they've left in its place."

Lost His Case

"Gentlemen of the Jury," said a blundering barrister in a suit about a lot of hogs. "There were just 96 hogs in that drove; please to remember that fact—96 hogs—just exactly three times as many as there are in the Jury box."

That counsel did not win his case.



"In the Spring"

the household's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of repairing winter's ravages. There are empty paint cans to be filled, screen doors to be re-screened—a thousand and one things to get that are best obtained at your hardware store.

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Mrs. H. A. Sanders and daughter, Dorothy, were in Abilene Saturday afternoon.

Pat Addison, merchant of Blair, Texas was in Merkel Saturday on Business.

Dr. J. H. Craig of Dallas, formerly of Merkel is here attending to business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Friar and children of Abilene visited in the H. M. Rainbolt home Sunday.

Miss Levy Tittle left Wednesday for El Paso where she will visit her brother.

Joe Bickley and family of Pearsonville, Texas, are here on a visit to J. S. Bickley and family.

Britton Jobe of Fort Worth is here for a visit to his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe.

Ford Trucks! A new, fresh, first quality 32x4 1/2 Vacuum Cup Cord Tire for \$16.00. West Company. tf

Mr. H. L. Propst returned Sunday morning from Fort Worth where he had been on a business trip.

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Mr. and Mrs. Finley Martin of Stanton were here recently for a visit with the former's brother, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Martin.

Messrs. O. B. Tatum and J. M. Spurgeon were in Dallas this week as representatives of the local Farm Bureau.

Dodges! A 32x3 1/2 new, fresh, first quality Vacuum Cup Fabric Tire \$13.50. West Co. tf

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Keith returned last week from an extended visit with friends and relatives at Fort Worth, Meridian and other east Texas points.

Mr. G. F. Turner made this office a very fine call one day recently, renewing for the Mail another year.

Misses Nettie May Drake and Ouida Campbell left Wednesday morning for Weatherford to attend the closing exercises of Miss Lora Drake's school.

Miss Christene Davis who has been visiting Misses Nettie Drake left for her home in Dallas Wednesday morning.

W. A. Helm, of Comanche county, formerly a citizen of Merkel, was here on business last week.

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Maybe your floors just need a coat of Varnish. If they do we can supply you with Neptunite Floor Varnish—a varnish made for floors. Maybe a kitchen chair needs a coat of enamel. If it does we can furnish you with a small can of Linduro Enamel. In fact, we have a Lowe Brothers Product specially made for whatever painting you have to do.

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Any man, be he layman or preacher, who stands too strong for good morals and absolute clean living, will eventually have to go, in this or any other community, and generally his going is brought about by some man or men who stand high financially, socially and religiously. From a business and financial standpoint it generally pays to keep mum—unless you have the "goods" and then you must have a sure enough backbone.

Among the meanest men in any community are those who use their financial power to coerce others to either favor or be against any proposition. In other words any man who uses such force to induce a person to vote for or against any person or proposition, is a dangerous person, and such tactics, if wide enough in scope, would bring ruin upon any country.

The Noodle Post office was on Wednesday of this week discontinued, and many citizens of that community will be very badly handicapped by the change in getting their mail. The work by Anson people brought about the change, and the same will be of much benefit to that city, and quite a detriment to Merkel as a town. We are just asleep at the switch, that's all.

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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.

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Methodist Church Notes

In view of the measles epidemic, our services are well attended and we are truly appreciative of this, but may we not look for your presence next Sunday? I have just returned from the District Conference and reports showed that we have the best attendance at all of our services of any church in the District in proportion to membership. Our subject for Sunday morning will be "The Lord's Measure" followed by communion services and for the evening service it will be "This Side or the Other Side," preceded by a program by the Intermediate League that has been pronounced by the District Conference as a very fine program.

"Come Thou with us and we will do Thee good." T. J. Rea, pastor.

BAPTIST BUSINESS MEN'S CLASS HAVE SESSION

The business session of the Business Men's Bible Class of the First Baptist Church was well attended last Monday night and much interest was manifested and arrangements were perfected for the coming "feed" to be held May 12th for Men Only. On next Sunday, Judge Cummings will address this class on the subject of "Fraternity" or "The Greatest Fraternal Organization in the World," and we cordially invite you to hear him in this address. We especially invite any and all who are not members of some Bible class in this city to join this class which meets at the Gem Theatre at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday. Reporter

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Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess were Abilene visitors Sunday.

HONOR ROLL OF MERKEL HI SCHOOL

The following pupils of the Merkel Public Schools during the six-week period ending April 11th, have been neither tardy nor absent, have made 90 per cent or more in deportment, have not failed in any one subject and have made a general average of 90 or more for the period.

First Grade (Mrs. Johnson): Iris Lola Tipton 92, Raymond Wilson 91, Dennis Walker 90, Lloyd Robertson 90.

First Grade (Miss Yates): Ira Marshall 93, Howard Stanley 93, Laverne Holden 93, Vivian Lassiter 92.

Second Grade (Miss Pogue): Lucille Campbell 93, Nell Hughes 93, Duncan Briggs 93, Burnard Carter 92, J. W. Cole 90, Lizzie Dickey 90.

Second Grade (Miss Harrison) Jim Patterson 90.

Third Grade (Miss Martin): Willie Evelyn Boaz 92, Dorothy Deutschman 91, Burrell Chaney 90.

Third Grade (Miss Coats): Lola Mae Tittle 91, John Ligon 90, Howard Johnson 90.

Fourth Grade (Miss Scott): Maggie Mae Dickey 95, Fannie V. Jones 95, Mary Ligon 94, Mattilou Largent 94, Thelma Jones 94, Hazel Highsmith 94, Joel Darsey 94, Lucille Cole 93, Louise Booth 93, Fred A. Baker 93, Elsie Lassater 92, Beth Hamm 91, Ben Biggs 91, John Jacobs 90.

Fourth Grade (Miss Joiner): Elvis Richardson 95, Leo Tucker 94, Mabel Pilcher 93, Ola Smith 93, Leon McLaughy 91, Clara Louise Miller 91, Marie Stanford 91, Leatha Walker 91, Kathleen Mashburn 91, Tom Simpson 90, Himalaya Swafford 90, Edna Wilson 90.

Fifth Grade (Miss Compere): Florence Ligon 94, Edith Smith 94, Nadine Tippet 93, Clarence Sharp 92, Maybelle Ligon 92, Clara Pilcher 92, Marcella Pinckley 92, Pauline Toombs 91.

Fifth Grade (Miss Ellis): Frances Frederickson 95, Missie Dye 93, Tracey Campbell 92, J. T. Darsey 92, Mildred Bird 92, Hettie Howard 91, Jettie Howard 91, Selma Jones 90.

Sixth Grade (Miss Duke): Norma Shannon 96, Bernice Lassater 95, Conley Sanders 93, Elsie Richie 90.

Sixth Grade (Miss Conoway): Imogene Agnew 95, Frances Collins 94, R. E. Cole 94, Raymond Earthman 94, Mary Ellen Ashby 91, Dorothy Daniels 91, Claude Derrington 91, Ethel Hamilton 91, Eleanor Hamilton 90, Lois Leslie 90, Lorene Dixon 90, Marza Chaney 90.

Seventh Grade (Mrs. Jackson) Sterling Sheppard 97, Beatrice Armstrong 95, Agnes Sanders 95, Rubijo Higgins 94, Mildred Hamm 94, Irene Perry 93, Elizabeth Harkrider 93, Burnis Tucker 93, Deshazo Simpson 91, Gladys Watts 90, Durwood Owen 90, Milbra Suber 90.

Seventh Grade (Mrs. Sublett) Gladys Deutschman 98, John D. Coates 96, Iris Garrett 95, Goldie Barnes 94, Flora Frances Anderson 92, Eunice Bird 92, Pearl Avery 92, Mary Cole 91, Edith Carter 91, Norma Foster 90, Mannie Barnes 90, Lois Curb 90, Monetta Adcock 90.

Eighth Grade (Miss Weeden) Hazel Coates 95, Orpah Patterson 95, Tommie Durham 94, Marie Pinckley 93, Joe Ben Ashby 92, Claude Wills 92, Dorothy Higgins 92, Joe Cypert 91, Clyde Mayfield 91, Aileen Childress 91, Mary Hughes 91, Gladys Milliken 91, Inice Brown 90, Obeal Stubblefield 90.

Ninth Grade (Miss Bird): Eva Mae Johnson 96, Hazel Bell 93, Emma Toombs 93, Mary Alice Johnson 93, Lola Dennis 91, Juanita Beene 91, Edith Baker 90, Flossie Campbell 90.

Tenth Grade (Miss Pierce): Lucille Guitar 95, Pauline Pinckley 95, Melba West 93, Doris Durham 93, Mary Butman 92, Lois Higgins 92, Gladys Mayfield 92, Ermalene Bess 92, Matthews 91, Effie Grayson 91.

JUNIOR-SENIOR PARTY AT MRS. HARKRIDER'S

The home of Mrs. W. L. Harkrider was thrown open to the members of the Junior and Senior Classes last Friday evening, with the Juniors entertaining the Seniors.

The reception rooms were made beautiful with class decorations, using the color scheme of purple and gold. Cut flowers and ferns lent a lovely background and lights were shaded to a soft glow.

That the Seniors were gaily entertained was expressed by their joyous laughs and constant chatter throughout the evening.

The Juniors, ably assisted by their sponsor, Miss Madge Pierce presented an interesting program. The following appeared on this program: Piano Solo, Ona Fae Rose; Solo, Boog Sears; Class Prophecy, James Swann; Reading Lucille Guitar. After the program was given, many interesting games and contests were enjoyed.

Delicious refreshments were served to about forty guests and a number of High School teachers and friends.

Perry Shannon 90, Hazel Rainbolt 90.

Seniors (Miss Williamson):

Merrill Collins 93, Fairy Orr 93, Spencer Bird 92, Willard Reeves 92, Weston West 92, Gracie Lee Cranston 91, Irene Henderson 91, Gladys Middleton 91, Maurine Tipton 90.

The above list contains one hundred forty-seven names. The above pupils should be commended for their regular and punctual attendance, their good deportment and their excellent work. They, therefore, have their names upon the Honor Roll of the school. Very respectfully,
Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

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ABILENE, TEXAS.

FIVE BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED TOGETHER

On last Sunday evening a crowd of close friends went to Castle Peak celebrating five birthdays of April.

The following had birthdays in April: Paul Alsobrook, April 23, Oscar J. Adcock, Jr., 21st, Miss Viola Howard, the 1st, Miss Leon Drake the 19th, Miss Monetta Adcock, the 23rd.

A delicious lunch was prepared by the girls, which was enjoyed by all.

After going to church, the party started on its way to Castle Peak. We reached Castle Peak about 2:00 o'clock, immediately spreading the lunch. Every one dined sufficiently and was ready to pull the peak.

Those of the party were: Paul Alsobrook, Jewel Burns, Ira Howard, Rachel Melton, Leon Drake, Elmer Adcock, Christine Davis, Jack Howard, Nettie Mae Drake, Viola Howard, Monetta Adcock, Mrs. Alsobrook, Mrs. J. M. Bankhead, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock, Oscar Adcock and Waymond Adcock.

After returning from the top Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

of the peak, things were made ready to return to town. We came back through Blair, stopped at Mr. Melton's, played the victrola and piano and sang a few songs, then came on to town. Every one reported a very enjoyable day.

The Keepers Class

On last Friday afternoon Mrs. R. O. Anderson delightfully entertained the Keepers Class of the Presbyterian church. Vases and baskets of spring flowers adorned the attractive reception rooms. After an interesting business meeting, the guests were asked to see how many words could be made from "The Keepers" for this Mrs. John West was presented a dainty handkerchief. The hostess assisted by her daughter, Flora Frances, passed a delicious plate of strawberry short cake topped with whipped cream. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Chas. H. Jones on the last Friday in May.

Mrs. Mose Cauthren of New Mexico is here on a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Toombs and other relatives.

SALE CONTINUED

Owing to the bad weather prevailing during our big sale of Spring and Summer goods, we are extending same for a period of

15 DAYS

We are doing this in order that all our friends and the public in general may have the opportunity of buying their supply of Spring and Summer Dry Goods at a VERY LOW COST—Yes Reasonable Prices.

Our Stock Is Yet Complete

And we can fill your bill in most anything you may desire. And we are yet receiving daily many beautiful and attractive items, which we urge you to come and see.

Remember—Our Sale Continues for 15 days from the day it was advertised to end. Better come in and supply yourself with what you need in high class merchandise at an extremely low price.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

GOLAN NEWS

There is several cases of measles in this community and we are afraid to venture out very much. Therefore, news will be scarce.

Eugene Davis, Lula May Byrom, Truett Jeffrey, Herbert Thompson and Mrs. Finch all have the measles.

Miss Eldora Hill visited her sister, Mrs. L. C. Williams, near Blair Sunday night and Sunday.

Misses Vera Lawlis and Bettie Byrom of McMurry College at Abilene spent from Saturday until Tuesday with their parents in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Efford Brown and little daughter Evelyn and Mr. and Mrs. Mancel James visited the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cox Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Edwards has been seriously ill the last two weeks and is slowly improving.

P. P. Cooper and family of Roby spent Saturday night and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Duncan and children and Mrs. Jno. Hill were guests of G. M. Byrom Sunday.

J. T. Williams spent Saturday night with his son, L. C. Williams near Blair.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom has called to His reward Mr. E. N. Brown, father of Mrs. Meador, a fellow member of the T.E.L. Class, be it resolved:

First: That our class, as a part of the church of which he was an honored member, has suffered a deep loss in his going, but bow in humble submission to the Father's will.

Second: That we extend our heart felt sympathy to Mrs. Meador, and the other bereaved members of the family;

Third: That a copy of these

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has removed from our midst Mrs. Phelps, grandmother of our fellow class member, Mrs. Paul Stanford, be it resolved:

First: That we extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Stanford and the other members of her family;

Second: That we commend them to the loving care of the Father who doeth all things well, realizing that, "All things work together for good to them that love God."

Third: That a copy of these resolutions be included in our class minutes, a copy be sent to Mrs. Stanford, and a copy sent to the Merkel Mail for publication.

Submitted by the T.E.L. CLASS
Mrs. A. R. Booth, Mrs. L. B. Howard, Mrs. O. R. Dye, committee.

DOUBLE WEDDING OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS

On last Monday at the Court House in Abilene, Mr. L. B. McLean and Miss Gertrude Higgins, and Mr. G. B. McLean and Miss Myrtle Higgins were happily married by Rev. King.

The young men are the sons of Mrs. Edna McLean of route four, and the young ladies are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Higgins of the Salt Branch Community.

Thos. Durham, accompanied by his daughter, Dorris, and Miss Melba West were Abilene visitors Saturday.

resolutions be spread on the minutes of the T. E. L. Class, a copy sent to Mrs. Meador, and a copy sent to the Merkel Mail for publication.
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PROGRAM OF PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

For Monday, May 5, at 3:30. Devotional led by Mrs. R. L. Grimes.

Special prayer for our Missionaries led by Mrs. Geo. West. News from the "Home Field Extra."

Round table discussion on "Our Duty to our Young People." Cradle Roll and Light Beam Bands, Mrs. Marvin Smith, Juniors, Mrs. Etta Tucker, Intermediates, Mrs. Jim West, Seniors, Mrs. Fred S. Rogers. Sentence Prayers.

Business Session; report of committees; dues paying.

PRESBYTERIANS OBSERVE CHURCH NIGHT

One of the best "Church Nights" of the year was enjoyed by the large crowd which gathered at the Presbyterian Church last Wednesday night. The "Fidelis" and "Live Wire" classes furnished the program. Every member of these two senior classes are always ready, and able to serve the church. We are proud of them. After the program, a bounteous supper was served in the basement.

Sunday, May 4th, we hope to continue to break attendance records. Superintendent H. C. West has the Sunday School thoroughly organized and a place for every one to work. Our new Women's class organized a few weeks ago has had a remarkable growth, being now one of the best attended classes in the Sunday school. Mrs. Geo. West, a thorough Bible student, is the teacher. We will observe the sacrament of the "Lord's Supper" Sunday morning. We invite all Christians to partake of this sacred memorial with us. We exclude no one from the Lord's Table. Fred S. Rogers.

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MERKEL CITIZEN ENDORSSES SEWER BOND

(Continued from page one)

shallow water is concerned. Nearly every home in the town has a wind-mill or other source of supply so that a connection to the sewer system could cheaply be made without necessity of paying a water rent. Such a supply is sufficient to operate a modern sewer installation successfully. In fact many of our citizens are successfully operating private sewer systems with such a supply. But this is bad. If we continue to place these all over town it will not be long until the water from these cess pools will be finding its way into our wells and then it will be too late. The pride of our town shall have been ruined.

If such system is built in our town every, home owner may have a connection made to their residences for from \$60.00 and up owing to the individual taste of the owner.

There are a great many people traveling our highways, and many of these people are prospectors. And lots of them as they pass thru are favorably impressed with our city. But most of them have these impressions quickly dispersed when they learn that we do not have a sewer system. There is not one of our competitive towns but what have already installed or are preparing to install a sewer system. That such a system is a great drawing card for any town has already been forcibly demonstrated to us by the members of our most valued citizens that have moved from our midst in the past twelve months and have moved to where they have these things. If we are to attract a class of citizens to our community who are able to build up our town in a substantial way, buy property in our community and help contribute to its support, we must furnish such people with these conveniences. Otherwise they will locate in a community where they have these improvements.

There are lots of people that come from a distance to our town to trade, and by reason of the distance that they have to come, they spend several hours in our town. And it is sad, with no credit to the town, that we have made no provision to look after the comforts of these people. There are numbers and numbers of cases where these people are subjected to a great amount of inconvenience and in some cases to great humiliation if they find it necessary to seek out these comforts.

And it is not reasonable to suppose that people will continue long to trade in a town that does not furnish these conveniences when there are other towns within their easy reach that are prepared to take care of their customers.

Progress is the watchword of modern times; no town can long fight against the spirit of progressiveness and maintain its standing in this great country of ours. There are but two ways to choose. Either catch step with the march of progress and maintain your rightful place along with other towns of your community or else be reduced to a mere hamlet by their keen competition.

Here's hoping that our citizens will inform themselves properly on this question. Do not allow yourself to be misled by wrong thinking and erroneous reports. But let every person find out for themselves the simplicity of the proposition and the great number of advantages to be gained by it. After you have properly gathered together all the facts pertaining to the installation the proposed sewer system, then when the day of decision shall come, let neither friend nor foe prevent you from doing your duty to your family, your property, your home, your town, and the community in which you live.

Great is the reward of them

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that do diligently seek after the truth and act upon their impulses to try to better the people and the town in which they live.

A CITIZEN.
Winner Class Has Feast

The Winner Class of the Methodist church, with Miss Lilley Pratt Sears as teacher, enjoyed a feast at their class room last Friday evening.

The feast was prepared by each member of the class and was spread on a table made very attractive with pretty linen, silver and cut flowers. Poppies

being the class flower, each place was marked with one. The menu consisted of baked chicken, potato chips, fruit salad, tomatoes, deviled eggs, iced tea, ice cream and cake.

Those enjoying this feast were Misses Inice Brown, Lois Leslie, Lala Hays, Gladys Watts, Ruby Walton, Tommie Durham and teacher, Miss Lilley Pratt Sears.

Tom Douglas, splendid local painter and decorator, is busy this week papering, painting and otherwise beautifying the splendid home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard.

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CRISP, snowy-white curtains, immaculate walls, floors ceiling, shining cooking utensils, and a stove that glistens are the pride of every woman.

Some women, whose kitchens are always spotlessly clean, manage it only by dint of ceaseless digging, scrubbing, scouring and polishing--- spending half their time and energies in the depressing drudgery of kitchen work.

Others simply do their cooking the modern way on an electric range---and spend their time in recreation.

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FOR SALE—Kasch Cotton Seed for planting, \$1.50 bushel. On display at Ramsey Grocery. A. D. Barnes. 25t2p

FOR SALE—Cotton Seed, culled and unculted, mebane, Kasch and Truitt strains, rolls dropped. Seed ginned while you were asleep. \$1.25 and up. Party who is stealing my seed from field is requested to call at barn and I will sell to him on credit. That may be cheaper for him. Lee D. Williams, Merkel, phone No. 9009-F12. tf

LOST

LOST—A bundle of dry goods on last Wednesday, April 23rd., wrapped with the name of A. C. Rose Dry Goods on it, on the road from Merkel to Sylvester, containing one broad cloth shirt, one collar and a suit of under clothes. Finder return to John Walker at Petty's Barber Shop or P. H. Douglas, Sylvester, Texas. 1tp

LOST—Diamond Bar Pin between my home and home of Mrs. C. P. Church Friday. Finder leave at Mail office and receive reward. Mrs. W. F. Patterson. 1t

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

WANTED

—WANTED—

Everybody to come and see the new line of Shoes, ready-to-wear Goods, and low priced Groceries. These goods are moving out. The low prices are the thing that makes them move. Don't fail to investigate the big walking doll proposition at A. L. JOBE'S 25t2

WANTED—Clean, white Cotton RAGS. No ducking, cotton bagging, or the sort accepted. Good Price. Merkel Mail Press Room.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—A house close in, good conveniences. Also some Truett Cotton Seed for sale. S. F. Haynes. 1tp

FOR RENT—Furnished house-keeping rooms, second house north of Christian church, Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw. 1tp

Mr. T. L. Grimes returned last week from a visit with relatives at Miles and Bronte.

Announcements

For State Representative:
JOHN N. HODGE
For District Clerk:
J. K. FULLER,
Mrs. LAURA COOK MITCHELL
J. E. McPHERSON
For County Judge:
CARLOS D. SPECK,
J. M. STEVENSON
For County Treasurer:
AUSTIN FITTS
County Attorney
FRANK E. SMITH
T. M. WILLIS
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 Sheriff:
H. T. O'BAR
JOHN S. BOND
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 BREEDERS

On May 1 I will turn my Percheon Stallion, Black Royal, in the pasture. Can take as many as 30 mares for 30 days at \$5.00 per month, cash in advance. If mare is folded you are only out \$5.00

Am now booking mares. Will not be responsible for accidents of any kind. Plenty of water and grass. G. M. Byrom, Trent, route two. 25t3p

Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Program

- Subject: Church attendance.
1. Introduction, by Group captain.
 2. In the days of Moses, by Lucille Owens.
 3. In the days of the prophets, by Lunell Lamar.
 4. In the days of the kings, by Joe Ben Ashby.
 5. Jesus and church attendance, by Ava McCandless.
 6. The Apostles and church attendance, by Roy Giles.
 7. Early American and church attendance, Miss Joiner.
 8. Should we attend church, by Helen Booth.
 9. Discussions: "The value of attendance on each service," by Avo Van Eaton.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

QUARTETTE COMING TO NORTH SIDE CHURCH

Quartette coming again. N. W. Alphin is coming with his singers Friday night, May 2nd. They will sing at the North Side Church Friday evening at eight o'clock.

You are cordially invited to come hear this quartette. The bass is especially fine in this quartette.

SINGING AT NUBIA

The Mail has been asked to announce that there will be singing at Nubia Methodist church at three o'clock Sunday afternoon. Every one invited to come.

Dr. W. V. Cranford was an Abilene visitor Wednesday.

"FEVERS LEAVE COLON AFFECTED."—PHYSICIAN

Typhoid Fever, Dengue, 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."

"Dengue 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 everything and my general health is excellent. JOHN A. WOOD, 207 Slaughter Bldg., Dallas, Texas."



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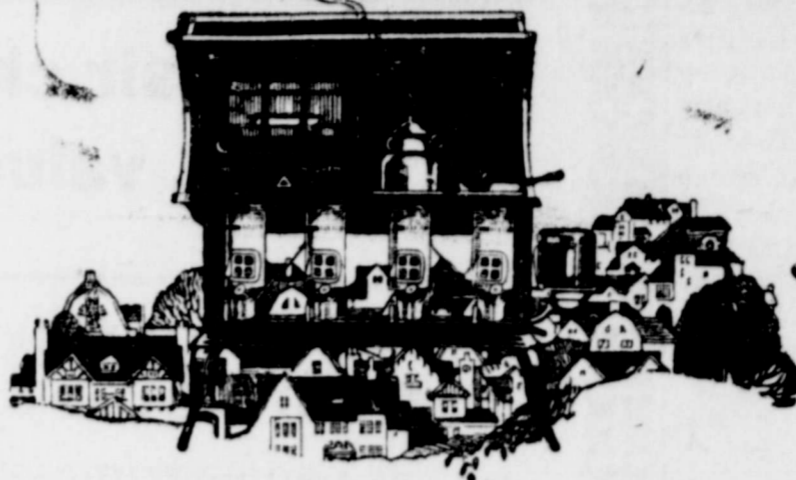
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Four Million Women Cook on the NEW PERFECTION



The quick-heating, clean-cooking blue chimney burner is the big reason why more than 4,000,000 women cook on the New Perfection Oil Stove. It cooks and bakes everything perfectly from boiled potatoes to the most delicate sponge cake. Ask your neighbors about their New Perfections. We'll be glad to demonstrate its advantages.

The warm days are soon scheduled to be here. Don't stand over that old cast range and melt, but get that old reliable New Perfection Cook stove and get your meal ready without heating all the house.

Lawn Mowers, Hoes, Rakes, Water Hose, Poultry and Screen Wire. Everything in seasonable merchandise. Come around and see for yourself. A few implements left.

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FIELD SEED

All kinds of field seed, Hay, Hulls, and all kinds of grain. Also improved Spurr Fetireta seed. Gazzaway & Polly Feed Store. Phone 161.

I am glad to announce that I now have a large and complete stock of the Rawleigh goods on display at the W. D. Ramsey Grocery on Kent Street, and will be glad to have you call and see my stock, and feel sure that we can please you in many ways. E. B. Barnes, phone 147. tf

Len Sublett

Water well Driller,
all work guaranteed
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Merkel, Texas

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

Low prices on Watch and Jewelry Repairing and will take old jewelry on new jewelry. I also handle optical goods. R. A. Tarbuton, Jeweler. Merkel, Texas. 2t2p

We call your attention to the synopsis of the report of the Taylor County grand jury, as given in this paper, and especially should the mothers and fathers read this report, and think and investigate conditions as outlined in same.

FOR CAR OWNERS

An advantageous purchase of new, fresh, first quality Vacuum Cup Tires enables us to offer certain popular sizes at prices about one half what others ask. Look over the list, if you can use any of the sizes, come in and let us show you.

- 32x4 1/2 Vacuum Cup Cord \$16.00
- 32x3 1/2 Vacuum Cup fabric 13.50
- 33x4 Vacuum Cup fabric 14.00

WEST COMPANY tf

TO POULTRY RAISERS

The Poultry Association will receive Poultry and Eggs from members at Merkel Saturday. Headquarters not yet determined. The cash advance price will be 14 1/2 cents for eggs. We would like to meet all members possible at Farm Bureau meeting Friday night. Abilene Poultry Association. 1tp

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REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS FIRE INSURANCE

There is just one day when it is wise to insure. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow may be too late. Today, the day before you may suffer a loss by fire, or Theft, is the one wise day to cover yourself fully with insurance.

Today we can protect you from tomorrow's possible loss. Today is the only day you can be sure you are in time. Call on us today—be insured in time.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your lawyer.

SEVERE CRAMPING SPELLS, PAINS IN BACK AND SIDES

"My trouble has been periodic cramping spells," says Mrs. C. C. Draper, of Atlanta, Texas. "For several years these have come on me so bad that I had to quit my work and go to bed. Every month I would stay in bed from one to two days. The pains in my back and sides were awful."

"This went on for several months after I was married until, one time when I was having a bad spell, my husband suggested that I try Cardui. I said I would try it, so he got me a bottle at the store and I began to take it."

"It seemed like I improved from the very first dose. When I had taken one bottle I was very much better. I did not cramp so hard the next month and I ate and slept better. I was not nearly so nervous, either. I thought Cardui was fine, so I continued the treatment until I had taken five bottles, at which time I felt completely well. I had no more

cramping spells at all, and my health was as good as anybody's. I am feeling fine now and I give all the credit to Cardui, for I had been suffering for years before I took it."

Cardui is a vegetable extract, containing no harmful ingredients. It is made from mild-acting medicinal herbs with a gentle, tonic, strengthening effect upon certain female organs and upon the system in general. Its users have testified to its special value at the time of entering womanhood at maturity and at the time of the change of life.

For over 40 years, Cardui has been tested in use by thousands of women who have written to tell of the great benefit they have received from it. For over 600 years, medical authorities have recommended one of the principal ingredients of Cardui in the treatment of certain female complaints.

Cardui, the woman's tonic, tested by time, is today the product of many years of experience and investigation. It is manufactured in up-to-date laboratories by the most modern and sanitary methods of pharmaceutical science and is for sale by all druggists. 1tp

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Tutt's Pills keep the system in perfect order. Regulate the bowels and produce A VIGOROUS BODY

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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 Constitution 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 prop-

er 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 desi-

gnated for holding said election, for at least thirty days prior to 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 news-

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200 pair childrens and Misses low cut shoes, values to 5.00 your choice 98c

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150 Ladies fancy silk hose-all colors . . . **98c**

One lot Ladies purses, \$2.50 to \$4.50 values . . . **\$1.98**

Best grade 9-4 bleached sheeting, Special . . . **49c**

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36 inch bleached domestic, free of starch on sale at . **15c**

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ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to announce the new connection with this firm of E. Yates Brown, formerly with the F. & M. Bank. Having had several years experience in the Dry Goods business, we believe him capable of serving you to a great advantage.

OUR SPECIAL FOR THIS WEEK

EVERY "HOUSE DRESS" AT ACTUAL COST

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50 Styles to choose from, all colors, prices . . . **\$1.27 to \$5.70**

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RUPTURE SPECIALIST TO REMAIN IN ABILENE ANOTHER WEEK

Many are being benefited; Others Seeking Relief.

Do not defer your visit until the very last days. Come early and get the benefit of my personal attention until your ruptures are absolutely under control. I cannot help you if you stay away, but assure you most wonderful results if you will only indulge with me.

Won't you come in and let me refer you to many of your citizens who are highly elated with the results they are getting from my IDEAL APPLIANCES. Perhaps your neighbor is one of them. But if it is your preference to go on suffering and taking the risks of a strangulated hernia, it is your privilege. Or if in your opinion you have what you need, it will be useless to see me. I can only help your anatomy, not your HEAD. My purpose is to help suffering humanity. I am conscientious in this matter which concerns you alone and am anxious to help you if you will be helped.

Do not let your prejudice or the advice of those who do not know dissuade you. Do not condemn a thing that you or they have never seen or tried.

I am fully aware that many of you who have suffered long have been shamefully misled and strung by fake advertising. I am a citizen of your state, live and reside among you, always within your reach. You will be under no obligation whatever to buy my wares. Examination and consultation is free. You can not go wrong by advising with Dr. Johnson at the Palm Hotel, room one, until May 12th. Call or phone 203 for appointment.

—Adv. It.

TRENT NEWS

Miss Beatrice Billings, Mr. Othel Watkins and Mr. Hightower of Simmons College spent Sunday at Trent.

Miss Clara Lee Howell and Miss Lillian McRee spent a few days in Abilene last week visiting Miss Howell's relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith spent Sunday in Merkel with relatives.

Mrs. M. G. Smott and little daughters, Doraine and Jean, left Sunday afternoon for Ireland, Texas, where they will visit relatives.

Mr. J. W. Armour and Clifford Estep left Monday morning for Del Rio.

Mr. John Howell of Abilene brought his father to Trent Monday afternoon for a few days visit.

Mr. John Payne and Melvin Reid of McMurry College spent Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. English and their families and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown, Miss Beatrice McLeod and Ruby Johnson went to Abilene to visit relatives at the emergency hospital Sunday.

The Baptist meeting starts Sunday evening, May 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Causseaux and little daughter, Annie Joe, spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Hale McRee.

The Missionary Society met on Monday afternoon at two o'clock with a scripture lesson from the Bible.

Mrs. E. J. Newsome of Merkel route two is very sick at her home. Mr. J. D. Newsome, a son and J. F. Goode, a brother, arrived to be at her bedside last Friday.

paper 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.