

TRADE TRIPPERS WILL VISIT BLAIR

Second Trip of Merkel Boosters Anticipated With Much Enthusiasm

Big preparations have been made and are being carried out for the Trade Trip to Blair on Friday evening (tonight). Many of Merkel's most progressive citizens are planning to go to Blair Friday evening, where an excellent program will be given, and where they expect to meet and mingle with the citizens of that community, that each one might know the other better, and create a friendlier and closer relationship between the people of Merkel and Blair.

Program

The following program has been arranged:

- 1. Purpose of the Trade Trips, by Mr. L. R. Thompson.
2. How to make and Maintain good roads, Dr. M. Armstrong.
3. Reading, by E. L. Turner.
4. Quartette.
5. Our Community Fair, by Mr. Robert Hicks.
6. Reading by Miss Mary Cleo Booth.
7. The community Spirit, by Rev. Fred S. Rogers.
8. Quartette selection.

The next Trade Trip will be to the Butman School House, on Friday, June 27th. See later announcements concerning this trip.

SIGNS BY THE WAYSIDE

The Eastland Chamber of Commerce has taken a leading part in the removal of signs from highways, according to the Texas Highway Bulletin. The business men of the town agreed to erect no more signs and to authorize the removal of those already along the roadside.

Other portions of the State are showing an interest in the abolition of signboards along the traveled ways. Local institutions are beginning to realize that the absence of the signs is more likely to appeal to the tourist than the presence of them.

In Dallas County truckload after truckload of signs which were unlawfully erected on the right of way of county roads have been removed under the direction of State Highway Department officials.

THE HEN IS A GOOD ADVERTISER

You have seen the little hen strutting about, advertising the fact that she has just laid a warm, white egg, guaranteed strictly fresh. She knows she has a good product—so she advertises.

You patronize the hen that advertises. Accord the same fair treatment to the merchant who advertises. Read the advertisements and reap pleasure and profit.

Every advertisement, both small and large, points the way to a saving of money or time, an increase of your daily comforts.

You can't afford to miss a single ad. Read them all. Read them every week.

Advertising is the light-house that keeps the family budget off the rocks of commerce.

Advertising is to make buying easy and economical.

MISS HOLLOWAY MARRIES BIG SPRING YOUNG MAN

Tuesday evening of this week, at the home of Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert, at the hour of six-thirty, Miss Ruth Holloway became the wife of Mr. S. Otis Owen, Rev. Cypert officiating. Mr. Geo. Groene and Miss Nell Holloway were the only attendants to the couple.

The bride is the charming and popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway, and is loved by all who know her best. She has been reared in Merkel and has a wide circle of friends who wish her much happiness for the future.

Mr. Owens is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Owens of Abilene, and is known by a host of friends here, as he was recently employed at the Quality Bakery Shop. Mr. Owens is at present with the Curry Baking Company of Big Spring, Texas.

OPENS UP BEAUTY SHOP

On last Saturday Misses Loyce Dry and Mary Eula Sears formally opened up a beauty parlor, to be known as "Ye Beauty Salon". This shop is located in the rear of the Mrs. J. M. Dry Racket store.

Misses Dry and Sears were both students at C. I. A. this year, where they took a course in this work. They are experienced too. Any one desiring any thing along this line will do well to consult these young ladies for appointments. See their advertisement in this paper.

The intelligent cooperation of the signboard advertiser, therefore, must be enlisted if our lines of travel are to retain the beauties which the beneficence of the Almighty has provided them with. The action of Eastland merchants comes to us as a needed and timely encouragement in the effort to leave the comeliness of the intrusions of commercialism.—Dallas News.

All over the country comes the report that merchants and business men have at last learned that little is gained to them in trade, from advertisements, placed on unsightly bill boards along the highways and especially at the gateways entering their home towns.

The building owned by Mr. J. W. Wheeler and occupied by the White House Cafe and the Ash Shoe Shop is being repainted, which adds much to its appearance.

PRESBYTERIAN REVIVAL STARTS SUN.

Rev. Sneed, Pastor at Dallas For Twenty Years, To Conduct Services

Next Sunday morning we begin a Revival Meeting to continue a week or ten days. We probably will only hold services at night. Also Vesper services on the church lawn for the young people at sunset.

Bro. Sneed, who will be with us during the meeting, is one of the outstanding pastors of the state, having been pastor of his present church in Dallas since finishing school some twenty years ago. Last summer Bro. Sneed visited the Holy Land, and we hope to have him give a lecture on this trip some time during the meeting.

Every service of the meeting will be one that you will enjoy. There will be nothing sensational, no jazz methods used, just plain gospel preaching that will make you want to be better and make you want to do more work as a Christian. We cordially invite everybody to attend these few days services. Our Choir leader, Mr. Harry Barnett, will appreciate having all the singers in town who attend, to sing in the choir. There will be a welcome for you at every service. Fred S. Rogers, pastor.

WORK ON STITH GRAVEL ROAD STARTS MONDAY

Contract was let yesterday to Hood & Sons, of Anson, for the construction of the Stith Gravel Road, and actual work will begin Monday morning.

The contract calls for ten miles of gravel road, beginning at the turn from the Largent-Noodle road and going east five and one-half miles, then north to Stith. The completion of the entire ten miles is expected within ninety days. This will give the Stith people a hard surface road to Merkel, a thing long needed by that section.

M.E. LADIES TO HAVE ALL DAY MEET AT TUSCOLA

The Methodist Ladies Missionary Society will have an all-day meeting of the societies of this district at Tuscola next Thursday, June 26th. The district secretary, Mrs. Geo. H. Sandefer of Abilene writes the president, Mrs. Geo. Brown, of the society here, that the roads are fine and that a big representation from Merkel will be expected. A splendid program has been arranged and all societies are urged to help make this Abilene District the banner district. The president of the society here urges that all ladies plan and make arrangements to attend this interesting meeting. Remember the date, June 26th.

Operated on for Appendicitis

Hurley Cogburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Cogburn, of route five, underwent a very serious operation last week for appendicitis, at an Abilene sanitarium and at last reports to this paper was getting along the finest kind.

Rev. W. M. Lane and wife were here Sunday visiting in the home of Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Rea. Rev. Lane preached at the eleven o'clock hour at the Methodist church.

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CITIZENS MAY BUY ANOTHER TRACTOR

To Be Used For Road Construction in the Merkel Trade Territory

That the citizens of Merkel are striving earnestly to build the best of good roads around her trade territory is evidenced by the hearty interest and enthusiasm shown by some of her citizens, who have the problems of Merkel at heart.

A plan is being made whereby Merkel may purchase a big Five ton Caterpillar Tractor, costing approximately \$3800.00. Efforts are being made to buy this needed road machinery with the help of the citizens of Merkel, Stith, Noodle and Shiloh, and will, if purchased, give that entire country, all in Merkel's trade territory, the finest roads to be found anywhere. The citizens of Merkel must see the need of these good roads, and heartily cooperate, that this thing may be put over. Attention is called to the fact that Anson, our neighboring town, is building these good roads, and some of them into our own trade territory. Then what is Merkel going to do—let Anson alone, let her build the roads, and let Merkel lose out? NO! The citizens of Merkel are too progressive to let this happen. Let every one work together for cooperation is needed.

BAPTIST REVIVAL TO BEGIN ON JULY 23RD

On Thursday night, July 3rd. our annual revival meeting campaign begins. Rev. John G. Winsett will do the preaching and Mr. Carroll will lead the singing. The services will be held at the tabernacle. The general indications are good for a real revival.

Next Sunday afternoon at 4:30 the members of the Senior B.Y.P.U. will render a program at the Hebron Baptist church. All members are asked to meet at the church at 3:30. A good program has been arranged. Let us have a good showing for our B. Y. P. U.

There will be no preaching service Sunday night on account of the meeting at the Presbyterian church. All other services at the usual hours.

W. H. Albertson.

Married Here Saturday

Saturday evening about nine o'clock, Mr. Alton Lee Brady, and Miss Pauline Rowan of Stamford, Texas, were quietly married at the parsonage of the Methodist church. Rev. T. J. Rea officiated at the marriage ceremony.

J. W. Brown, for many years section foreman for Texas & Pacific at Merkel, asked for and has been granted a change from Merkel to Pecos, where he will hold a similar position with the company. He left last week with his family to make Pecos his home. Mr. Brown has many friends here who regret his moving away from Merkel and with whom we join in wishing for him and his family happiness and success in their new home.

Mr. G. R. Hollaway and family returned last week from an extended visit among old friends and relatives in the state of Tennessee, from which state they came to Texas. They report a very fine trip and an enjoyable time among the scenes of their former home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson enjoyed a trip to the Butman Ranch Sunday.

SETTIN' BY THE FIRE

by Frank L. Stanton.

Never much on stirrin' roun' (Sich warn't his desire),

Allers sartin to be found

Settin' by the fire.

When the frost wuz commin' down—

Col' win' creepin' nigher,

Spent each day jest that way

Settin' by the fire.

When the dancin' shook the groun'

Raised the ole roof higher,

Never swung the gals roun'

Sot thar by the fire.

Same ol' corner night and day

Never 'peared to tire;

Not a blessed word to say,

Jest sot by the fire.

When he died by slow degrees

Folks said 'He's gone higher'

But its my opinion he's

Settin' by the fire.

MRS. J. W. DOUGHERTY IS BURIED HERE SAT.

The remains of Mrs. Tusie Belle Dougherty, wife of Mrs. J. W. Dougherty of San Angelo were shipped here for burial Saturday morning. Mrs. Dougherty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cypert, and is well known here, having lived near Merkel the greater part of her life.

Deceased was born at Hico, Texas, October 29, 1895, and joined the Methodist church at the age of fourteen years. She was a devoted christian worker, having at one time served six years as secretary at the Methodist church at Truby. She lived a life that brought sunshine and cheer to the hearts of those with whom she associated. As a wife, she was indeed devoted and kind. She was married to Mr. J. W. Dougherty, September 13, 1919, and to this union a baby boy was born only a few hours before the loved one's death.

The remains were carried to the home of grandmother N. E. Sandalin, where they remained until the services at the Methodist church. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. J. Rea and Elder W. G. Cypert, who had known her from childhood. Many relatives and friends from out of town were present to pay respect to the sorrowing husband, father and mother, brothers and sisters. The services were concluded at Rose Hill Cemetery, where the body was laid in its last resting place. A profusion of lovely flowers covered the casket, being just a token of love shown by the friends of the deceased.

Methodist Church Notes

Our third Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past and we are on the home run. Our annual Conference will be here in a short while. Let us be up and doing. On account of meetings at the other churches, we will have no night services for several weeks and we want to concentrate on our morning services and make each one of them great. We will study together, at each of these morning services, "What we believe". Not controverted points, but the great themes of the Christian Doctrine, such as are vital to every Christian, and we will do our very best to make each service "Red Hot" and helpful to all. We extend a cordial invitation to all who have no church home elsewhere. T. J. Rea.

Mrs. Mary Brown of Snyder, Texas, Grand Deputy Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star Chapter, visited the Merkel chapter last Friday. A very interesting meeting is reported.

LUNCHEON CLUB MEETS TUESDAY

Important Business Urges The Entire Membership to Be Present

Next Tuesday evening is the regular meeting time for the Merkel Luncheon Club, and we understand that plans are being made for one of the largest and best meetings in the history of the organization.

A man who has had much experience in "Boosters Organizations" will be in charge as Toastmaster, and it is therefore expected that he will bring forth an interesting and peppy program. Mr. Sam Swann is the gentleman referred to. The time is eight o'clock; the place, Ed's Cafe.

The Luncheon Club is doing much for the best interest of Merkel, and everything that is good for Merkel is good for the citizenship as a whole. And that is the object of the membership of this organization. Every one taking part in it is desirous of helping to make this a better town. They earnestly solicit and urge the help and cooperation of every citizen.

If you have not secured a ticket for the next Luncheon, call on the Secretary, Mr. R. L. Grimes, or the regular Luncheon Committee, Messrs. W. L. Diltz, L. B. Scott and Chas. H. Jones, and they will gladly sell you a ticket. There is absolutely no one barred; every one in and about the city is invited and urged to attend the meetings.

METHODIST REVIVAL STARTS AT TYE SUN.

Preparations are being made this week for the Methodist revival at Tye, beginning next Sunday, June 22, 11 a.m. Rev. A. C. Bell, Evangelist of Abilene, will do the preaching and the pastor, Rev. B. Y. Dickinson will conduct the song service.

All people of whatever religious faith, are cordially invited to make this your meeting. B. Y. Dickinson, pastor.

Local Kindergarten Teacher Attending McMurry College

Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, who has so efficiently been the kindergarten teacher for the past two years here, is taking a course in expression at McMurry College, which she expects to use in connection with her school work this fall. Mrs. McSpadden also expects to have a class in expression two days out of the week this fall. She is quite talented along the line of public speaking, and will no doubt do well with her class when she begins. Any one desiring to take expression will do well to see her.

Couple Marry in Abilene

Mr. J. E. Ray of Coleman and Miss Ruby Mae Wilson of Merkel were united in marriage by Justice of the Peace, P. B. Ford, at his office in the county courthouse at Abilene at five-fifteen o'clock Monday afternoon. They will make their home at Coleman, Texas.

BOX OWNERS

July 1st is time to pay Post Office Box Rent. There is a big demand for boxes and must ask you to pay promptly. G. E. Comegys, Postmaster. Itc

Mr. W. H. Stevens, wife and daughter, Dorothy, of Ft. Worth came in Wednesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Freeman for a few days.

Sound Banking Principles

Plus Guaranty Fund Protection

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Bride Honored With Party

Wednesday afternoon a circle of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mrs. N. D. Cobb from the hours of four to six o'clock, each bringing a token of friendship and kind remembrance in honor of Miss Ruth Holloway, whose marriage to Mr. Otis Owen took place on Tuesday afternoon.

The home was beautifully decorated with shasta daisies and ferns. The colors of azure and deep rose were used artistically in the reception rooms.

A unique contest was first had, in which Mrs. Marvin Boney won the prize. Mrs. Boney presented the honoree with this pretty gift. Mrs. Earl Stanford won the second prize.

The feature event of the afternoon was when little Miss Beth Holloway, sister to the bride, and Master Jack Stanford, dressed as the bride and groom marched into the room, pulling a little express wagon, loaded with beautiful gifts for the bride elect. After seeing and complimenting the many gifts, refreshments were passed to the guests, the plate favors being

sweet peas and nasturtiums. Music was then enjoyed the rest of the afternoon.

A BIRTHDAY DINNER

An event of unusual interest took place in the Stith community Sunday, June 8, when 47 relatives of Mrs. H. O. Miller surprised her with a birthday dinner.

After partaking of a bountiful meal, which was spread picnic style under the tabernacle, pictures were made and a general reunion ensued.

Among those present were, Mr. F. G. Bradley and Mr. C. E. Bradley and family of Abilene, brothers of Mrs. Miller; B. W. Bradley and W. E. Bradley and family of Stith, also brothers of Mrs. Miller; Mr. A. J. Cannon and family of Stith, Mrs. Cannon being a sister of Mrs. Miller; Mrs. W. A. Bradley and son of Stith; Mrs. Elbert West, daughter of Mrs. Miller; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Smith and family of Breckenridge, Mrs. Smith being a niece of Mrs. Miller, with a host of other neices and nephews with their families.

MISS SEARS AND MR. BROWN MARRY 10TH.

(Contributed)
The marriage of William Brown, son of Mrs. E. N. Brown, and Miss Lilley Pratt Sears, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sears, took place at eight-thirty o'clock Tuesday evening, June 10th, at the home of the bride's parents on Oak street. The ceremony was performed by a life long friend of the bride's family the Rev. R. C. Pender of Abilene, a Baptist minister.

The ceremony was enacted on the lawn of the Sears home. The large porch was made very beautiful with ferns and flowers, the back ground being especially attractive with white wicker baskets of ferns. The whole lawn in front of the house was prettily lighted. Chairs for about fifty guests were placed on either side of the gate way, leading directly in front of the porch entrance, forming an aisle through which the bridal party passed.

Before the ceremony, Mr. Jack West sang "At Dawning," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. L. B. Howard. To the soft strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Mrs. L. B. Howard, the bridal party, led by the bride and groom, came down the aisle to the porch steps, where Rev. Pender very impressively and in his own particular way spoke the marriage ceremony.

Miss Katherine Clapp, of Beaumont, was the maid of honor and wore a pretty model of crepe ashes of roses, beautifully beaded, and carried a bouquet of pink rose buds. She was attended by Mr. E. Yates Brown, brother to the bridegroom, who was best man.

Mrs. Warren Smith, wearing a charming gown of orchid and gold crepe, was the matron of honor. She carried the bride's favorite flower, pink rose buds, and was attended by her husband, Mr. Warren Smith.

The bride's gown was of a pastel shade in peach coloring, a very attractive model, beaded in crystal beads. The bride's slippers were of white. She carried a shower bouquet of cape jasmine, pink rose buds and bridal wreath.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown left immediately after the ceremony for a bridal trip of ten days to Glen Rose, and various other places. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith on this trip.

The pretty wedding cake was cut on the lawn after the ceremony, and was presided over by Miss Katherine Clapp and Mr. Yates Brown. Miss Lola Dennis gave an appropriate and very interesting reading. Punch was served to the guests by Misses Boog Sears, Johnny Sears and Lola Dennis—By Merkel Correspondent in Abilene Reporter.

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Program to be rendered at Hebron Baptist Church Sunday, June 22, at 4:30. Every one is cordially invited to be there.

Subject: What is Done for us in Sanctification.

Introduction by Leader, Mrs. Holland Teaff.

1. Sanctification, meaning dedication, Nell Swann.
2. Sanctification a continuous process, Yates Brown.
3. Sanctification not sinless perfection, William Haynes.
4. Sanctification in the sense of Growth, Dovie Teaff.
5. The Sphere of Sanctification, Holland Teaff.
6. The words of the Trinity, Rev. Albertson.
7. The Christian must cooperate, Lucille Guitar.

Conclusions.

Miss Veola Warren of McMurry College, Abilene, was in Merkel Sunday on request from the pastor of the Methodist church to sing at the morning service. Miss Warren has a very beautiful voice and all present at this service enjoyed her song very much.

Thirty Enjoy Birthday Celebration

A surprise birthday dinner was given Mrs. T. G. Ferguson Sunday, the 15th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Ferguson, to celebrate her fifty-sixth birthday. While Mrs. Ferguson was attending church, the children were spreading the tables and arranging for a complete surprise for her on her return.

Indeed, it was a surprise to Mrs. Ferguson on her return from church, to find about thirty guests at her home, who presented her with many nice and useful gifts and wished her happy birthday greetings.

About one o'clock music on the victrola was heard in the familiar words, "You will never miss your mother until she is gone." After this was played, the older guests and the honoree assembled in the dining room where two tables were carefully arranged. One table was for the older people, being especially pretty, laid in snow white linen and silver. A huge birthday cake with Mrs. Ferguson's name and fifty-six candles on it, was in the center of the table. Ferns and blooming Fushia were the other decorations, the Fushia being a surprise birthday gift. The color scheme of pink and white was carried out in all decorations. The other table was for the children. As this was the third birthday of little I. D. Simpson, Jr., grandson of Mrs. T. G. Ferguson, a birthday cake with three candles on it was found on this table. Cut flowers were tastily arranged in flower vases at either end of the table.

Every thing that one could wish for in the way of good things to eat was found, bountifully spread on these tables. Much joy and happiness was shown in the merry conversation and jokes that were carried on throughout the noon hour. Supper was also served to the guests about seven-thirty in the evening, which was enjoyed equally as much as the dinner.

This celebration was also a farewell party for Mrs. J. W. Brown and two daughters, Nell and Clara, and son James, who will leave this week for their new home at Pecos, Texas.

Those attending and enjoying this day of happiness were: Mrs. J. W. Brown and two daughters, Nell and Clara, and son James, Mrs. I. D. Simpson and four children, Mary Olive, Loessa, Jessie LaVerne, and I. D. Jr., Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock and four children, Elmer, Monetta, O. J., Jr. and Wayman, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock and two children, Berdelle and Frances, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore and daughter, Delphine, Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Moore, Mae Melton, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Ferguson, Miss Minnie Ferguson and Mr. Jess Ferguson.

Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: "The Fall of Jerusalem."

Leader: J. D. Ashby.

1. Introduction, J. D. Ashby.
2. Jeremiah's message is written, Clara Pilcher.
3. The king burns the Prophet's message, Irene Rister.
4. The Promise to Jeremiah, Alma Elliott.
5. The coming of the Enemy, by Poem, Christian Rister.
6. The fall of Jerusalem, Himilaya Swafford.
7. The people are led captive to Babylon, Louise Booth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bedford, who recently moved here from Winters, Texas, have rooms at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Freeman. Mr. Bedford is in the second-hand automobile business located in the building on the corner opposite the Merkel Mail office.

Mr. Johnnie Ray, Merchant from Buffalo Gap, Texas, was in Merkel Tuesday and paid the Merkel Mail office a visit, also handing the Editor a sack of fine peaches. We thank you, Johnnie.

The Farmers and Merchants Natl. Bank of Merkel

Has provided every facility to give its customers the VERY BEST in Banking Service.

We have a Savings Department for those who wish to lay aside something every month, or for those who wish to leave a part of their deposit for six or twelve months. On such deposits we pay 4 per cent.

We have provided for the use of our customers three Nests of the Latest Model Two-Lock Safety Deposit Boxes in which to keep Deeds, Abstracts, Wills and other important papers.

We have ordered, and shortly expect to receive a large MOSLER, screw door, burglar proof-safe the last word in safe construction.

We buy and sell Liberty Bonds. Purchase Government or other Securities for our customers.

J. T. WARREN, President.
Geo. F. WEST, Vice President.
HENRY JAMES, Vice President.



L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier.
BOOTH WARREN, Ass't Cashier.
OWE NELLIS, Ass't Cashier.

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Rea Host and Hostess Monday

On Monday evening Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Rea were host and hostess to the members of the Board of Stewards, and their wives at a very lively and interesting social. As the guests arrived, Mrs. Rea in her most gracious and pleasing way invited them into the living room. A short business session of the stewards was held first. Following this, the guests were asked out on the pretty lawn where it was cooler. Games of various kinds were played. As the games were all mostly child games, much merriment was had joking with each other over them. Mr. L. R. Thompson and Dr. M. Armstrong were called on by the hostess for impromptu speeches, and heartily responded.

Delicious ice cream and cake was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard, Mr. and

Mrs. W. F. Golladay, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cox, and Miss Blanche Durham and Mr. Sie Hamm.

Mr. L. B. Scott, the genial manager for the Merkel Motor company, seems to be trying to meet the demands and comply with the suggestions recently made by a citizen and endorsed by the Luncheon Club, to the effect that every one who can, buy a gallon of paint and paint up and clean up. He has made his place more attractive by having some new plate glass windows placed in front of his building, taking the place of some that had been broken. Also a nice new coat of paint is being put on the front. Let the good work continue, and may the idea become contagious.

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You will find plenty of Salt Water Fish at Latham's Hamburger Stand Friday and Saturday.

Dodge Bros. Cars

We want to announce that there will be no new model come out this year, or in other words no changes will be made on the 1924 model car.

If you are wanting a new car you need not hold back on account of the new '25 model for there will be no changes made.

If you are in need of tires and tubes be sure and see us and get our prices. We still handle the GOODYEAR.

For Service and Satisfaction we are the place.

Merkel Garage

Phone 123

Ross Ferrier

H. L. Propst

Misses Mary Catherine and Ouida Campbell are in Stamford visiting Mr. and Mrs. White. They returned to Stamford with Mr. and Mrs. White who had visited here for a short while.

Miss Lena Stutts of McMurry, Abilene, came in last week to make this her home with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. E. L. Stutts.

Mr. Geo. Bullock, of the Merkel Lumber Co. and family are spending a few days in Clovis N. M., with friends and relatives.

Mrs. E. E. Kimbrough, nee Miss Belle McDonald, returned to her home at Fort Worth, Texas, Thursday after a visit with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald.

Miss Mae Beidleman is attending summer school at A. C. C.

Mr. Jone Winter of the Shikoh community was here last Saturday and reported his crops all doing nicely at that time, both cotton and feed.

Capt. G. W. Johnson, accompanied by his son, S. A., returned this week from a visit to friends and relatives at Wichita Falls and Fort Worth.

Mr. Earl Baze who has been at Dunlap, New Mexico, for some time, is at home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baze.

Miss Jessie Sutphen, who has been teaching in the Electra schools, came in this week to spend the summer months with her mother.

Mrs. H. M. Warren and children of Knox City are the guests of Mrs. J. B. Warren and Miss Johnnie Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rose announce the birth of a seven pound baby girl Tuesday.

Mrs. L. Angus of Fort Worth is here this week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus.

Master Comer Clay of Abilene is the guest of Master Sterling Sheppard this week.

Dr. J. E. Adkisson, accompanied by his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leyer, of San Antonio, Texas, were here this week for a few days visit with Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Miller.

Miss Frances Lytton of Abilene is the guest of Miss Vera Baze this week.

Messrs. Choc Jones and Emmette Grimes left Saturday for Wichita Falls for a visit.

Mr. Lester Tucker of Ranger was here last week to visit his parents.

Mr. B. C. Gaither left Monday morning for a few days visit with his daughter at Tuscola.

Mr. Shirley Smith and family of Electra are here this week visiting with Mrs. C. B. Smith.

Bragg D. G. Co. will give a pair of silk hose to each of the ten first ladies who buy a pair of shoes Saturday.

Dr. N. J. Smith and family of Hamlin were here the first of the week to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith.

Mrs. L. E. Adrian of Trent was here Monday to visit with her daughter, Mrs. C. L. McLeod.

Misses Ethel and Beatrice McLeod were guests in the home of their brother, Mr. C. L. McLeod, Monday.

Messrs. F. P. Hamm, Max Mellinger, Booth Warren and Sie Hamm spent Wednesday afternoon on Elm Creek fishing. They report catching some fish, but not as they expected.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McGarr, of Houston, Texas are the guests of Mr. McGarr's sister, Mrs. Fred Groene. Mrs. McGarr is also a niece to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Roberts.

PERSONALS

Mr. Tobe Taylor of Big Spring visited in Merkel last week.

Mr. S. D. Gamble, one of the splendid managers of the Merkel Drug Company, with his wife and children left Tuesday in their car for a few days trip to Lampasas.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Land spent the week-end with relatives at Oplin, Texas.

Mr. L. B. Howard and wife were in Abilene Sunday visiting with relatives and friends.

Messrs. J. L. Banner and T. J. Toombs returned Monday from a brief business trip to Comanche.

Mr. Stanley B. King has this week accepted a position with the Sanders Drug Store.

Messrs. H. D. and Dan Simpson left Saturday morning for South Texas for a trip.

Mr. Bob Dennis is away this week at Mineral Wells, spending his vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hamm and small son, Ted, were in Abilene Thursday.

Mr. Cleo Callaway of Dallas is here visiting his sister, Mrs. Stanley B. King.

Mrs. Bill Brown of Anson is here this week with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rose announce the birth of a seven pound baby girl Tuesday.

Mrs. L. Angus of Fort Worth is here this week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus.

Master Comer Clay of Abilene is the guest of Master Sterling Sheppard this week.

Dr. J. E. Adkisson, accompanied by his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leyer, of San Antonio, Texas, were here this week for a few days visit with Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Miller.

Miss Frances Lytton of Abilene is the guest of Miss Vera Baze this week.

Messrs. Choc Jones and Emmette Grimes left Saturday for Wichita Falls for a visit.

Mr. Lester Tucker of Ranger was here last week to visit his parents.

Mr. B. C. Gaither left Monday morning for a few days visit with his daughter at Tuscola.

Mr. Shirley Smith and family of Electra are here this week visiting with Mrs. C. B. Smith.

Bragg D. G. Co. will give a pair of silk hose to each of the ten first ladies who buy a pair of shoes Saturday.

Dr. N. J. Smith and family of Hamlin were here the first of the week to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith.

Mrs. L. E. Adrian of Trent was here Monday to visit with her daughter, Mrs. C. L. McLeod.

Misses Ethel and Beatrice McLeod were guests in the home of their brother, Mr. C. L. McLeod, Monday.

Messrs. F. P. Hamm, Max Mellinger, Booth Warren and Sie Hamm spent Wednesday afternoon on Elm Creek fishing. They report catching some fish, but not as they expected.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McGarr, of Houston, Texas are the guests of Mr. McGarr's sister, Mrs. Fred Groene. Mrs. McGarr is also a niece to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Roberts.

PERSONALS

Elder W. G. Cypert left this week for Cherokee, Texas, where he will hold a revival meeting.

Mr. S. T. Coleman of Abilene spent several days here this week the guest of his daughter, Mrs. F. J. Holloway.

Mr. J. G. Sadler and family of Gatesville, a former Merkel citizen is here to visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith arrived Monday from a trip to Glen Rose.

Mrs. W. V. Cranford returned Saturday from a visit of a few days to her sister at Abilene, Texas.

Mr. J. F. Holderedge and family of Snyder were here this week to visit Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott and son, Burneal, returned from a trip to Arlington, and other places east.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Golladay and daughter, Ruby Fae, spent Sunday in Anson visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Calvert of Sweetwater were here Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell, and other relatives.

Mr. Wayman Rose of Sweetwater was in Merkel for a short time Wednesday calling on relatives and friends.

Miss Hollis Cypert of Dallas is here to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cypert, and sister, Mrs. Geo. Woodrum.

Col. J. A. Buford and wife left Wednesday on the Sunshine Special for Fort Worth to visit their son.

Mr. Geo. Brown and son, Willie, made a short business trip to Winters and Ballinger Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald, spent Sunday with friends and relatives in Westbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes returned last Friday from their visit with relatives in Collin and Dallas counties.

Mrs. L. L. Murray and children are in Paris, Texas, for an extended visit with relatives and friends.

The boys and girls are not to be overlooked at Bragg D. G. Co Saturday. The first ten buying shoes are to have a pair of hose Free. It

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell left Tuesday morning for Lampasas, after receiving a message from Mr. Thos. H. Mallett saying that Mrs. Mallett was very sick.

Mr. Joe Holmes, the efficient assistant manager of the Burton-Lingo Co., of this city, is in Clovis, New Mexico, spending his vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell Brittain of Abilene were here Sunday, the guests of Mrs. Brittain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, and other relatives.

Mr. Robert Hicks and family and Mr. A. Morton and family spent a day on the river last Thursday fishing. They report a very enjoyable outing.

Mrs. Craddock and Misses Ruth and Mattie Craddock of Denton, Texas, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John West this week. They were enroute to Amarillo.

Mr. W. O. Boney was an Abilene visitor Monday morning.

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Sanders Drug Store

Mrs. H. B. Hill of Columbus, Texas, who is here on a visit with her mother, Mrs. B. Jenkins, has been quite ill for several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Anderson and baby of Sweetwater were in Merkel last week-end the guests of Mrs. Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Toombs.

Mr. George McDonald of Abilene was a Merkel visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth and family left Tuesday morning for a few days fishing and outing trip to Leuders.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmette Darby and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Darbey of Lubbock whe here last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. J. W. Dougherty.

Mr. Bill Bond of Whitewright, Texas, was here this week visiting with John Sears and family.

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A good many people who are
opposed to foreign entangle-
ments have not been able to
keep out of the matrimonial
kind.

Not much public excitement
is created when the men go
fishing and don't catch anything

It is declared that more lead-
ers are necessary, and plenty of
people are offering for the job.

It is hoped that the political
conventions won't forget the ne-
cessity of nominating a vice-
president and go home without
attending to that matter.

The young people have not
fully completed their education
until they learn how many
things there are that they do
not know.

Many people's idea of choos-
ing a career is to pick out the
job that is the shortest distance
from their homes.

President Coolidge may be
disappointed at the way Con-
gress turns him down, but
think of the parents who are
trying to restrain the modern
child.

Many people can't tell how
much progress they are making
with their work, yet they al-
ways know how long it will be
before quitting time.

They shouldn't put so many
eating places along the auto-
mobile roads that it will give a
person indigestion to look at
them.

The folks who are anxious for
newspaper publicity can always
get it by getting out and doing
some useful thing for the com-
munity.

Who ever dreamed 20 years
ago that the hand painted china
movement would spread so ex-
tensively to the girl's faces?

At last accounts the bobbed
hair vote had not shown much
enthusiasm for the candidates
with unpressed trousers.

WEDDING JOURNEYS

The first aftermath of the
June wedding season is a large
number of young couples on the
railroad trains and tourist
routes of Texas doing their
best to conceal their sentiment-
al looks and appear as if they
were old married people.

To accomplish that result, they
would have to manifest a stud-
ied indifference to each other,
coupled with a slight rudeness
and unconcern. A wedded couple
may care for each other very
deeply, but not many of them
will maintain through the years
the same solicitous attentions
that prevailed on their wedding
journey.

It would be better for them
if they did. These little atten-
tions cost nobody anything, and
they soften over many differ-
ences. Instead of the just mar-
ried folks trying to imitate the
old timers, the latter would bet-
ter copy the newlyweds, and
realize that the little courtesies
sweeten all life, and bring people
into closer comradeship.

**BRIGHTENING UP THE
HOME TOWN**

The average tenant in a ren-
ted house will not take as much
pains to improve and beautify
his grounds as the average home
owner. This is perhaps natural,
as you could hardly expect a
person to do as much work to
improve another man's property
as he will to develop his own. It
is particularly hard to induce
transient occupants to do much
for improvement.

Landlords often complain
that if they take pains to im-
prove their buildings, that the
same is not appreciated by many
tenants, and that many such
betterments are destroyed by
careless tenants or their child-
ren.

People who occupy rented
properties ought to take just as
good care of them as if they own
ed them. If they do they will
usually find that landlords value
them as occupants and will

make concessions to keep them.
The people who allow property
to deteriorate while they occupy
it, usually have to pay pretty
high for what they get.

Refresh Your Memory

Well, dear singing friends, the
Fifth Sunday is drawing near at
hand again, and you know we
are going to have a big day at
Trent on Fifth Sunday. We are
going to sing a while, then eat
a while, then sing some more.
I hope to see a good turn-out
from each class composing this
convention, so come right along,
bring your song books and a
box of good things to eat. Trent
is a wide awake little city and
hope and feel they have a united
effort for the entertainment
of this convention, but let's
show the good Methodist, Bap-
tist and Christian people of
Trent that our heart is in the
right place, and help feed the
people. So many people come to
these singings that it is most
too hard on any one community
to prepare the eats, so come
right along and let's sing prais-
es to God without any church
politics. Invite all your singing
friends and bring all you can
with you. Come, Mr. Editor.

Respectfully, T. H. Spears.

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meeting and election night. All
come out, do not fail. G. E.
Comegys, H. P. 1tc

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ed number of pupils this sum-
mer. Lessons will be given on
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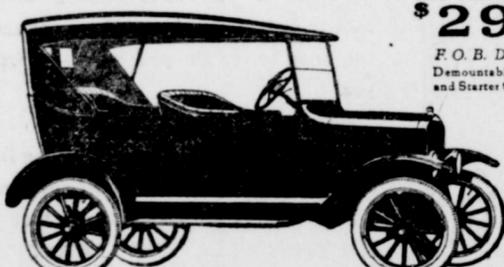
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THE HOME TOWN PAPER

(The following is taken from the Loraine Leader, of which Earl T. Williams is editor, and is written by one of his loyal supporters):

There is no medium in existence that does more for the advancement of the community than the home town paper. No other enterprise gives so unstintedly, in advocacy of those things that tend to elevate the local community religiously, morally, socially and in a business way, than the home town paper. But alas, how unappreciative the public seemingly is, in some communities, of the efforts of the home town paper to make their community the ideal community in which to live.

If we should become as interested in the welfare of the home town paper as the home town paper is in our welfare, there would not be a single home tributary in our home town left off the subscription list. By supporting the home town paper we are not only supporting the greatest asset to our community but we are fulfilling a moral obligation by cooperating with the home town paper in working for our mutual good. The home town paper is the bright and shining mark of our public spiritedness.

The home town paper is the indicating needle that points to all things that are for the best interest of all the people. The home town paper is part and parcel of our community.

When our heads are bent in sorrow it is the home town paper that most sympathetically condoles us in our grief.

If we are covered with a crown of happiness, it is the home town paper that joyfully tells our friends of our happiness.

If we do a good deed it is the home town paper that carries the message, eulogizing us for what we do. It is the home town paper that consistently and

continuously asks all its friends to subscribe to the support of the churches, the Sunday school, the public schools, the different societies, the business enterprises, of the community.

I wonder how many members of these institutions, associations, societies or business enterprises have thought to ask, not all, but just one, of their friends to subscribe for the home town paper.

Now folks, let's rally, in a greater degree, to the support of our home town paper. Let's show the editor that we do appreciate the many favors he has extended us, individually and as a community. Let's show him that we appreciate the value of his working in our behalf, by boosting his business. If there ever was an enterprise justly entitled to the loyal support of a home-loving, God-fearing, conscientious christian people, it's the home town paper.

Hand in yours and your friends' subscriptions, thereby helping, not only the home town paper, but the home town and vicinity, increasing the number of homes the good old home town paper goes into with its messages of all the good things we are doing in our churches, Sunday schools and all other benevolent, fraternal and social organizations or business enterprises that we may be building for the good of the home town, and the people in general. The more subscribers to the home town paper the greater will be the achievements in the things that we are engaged in, by acquainting more people with the things we are doing.

Speak a good word for the home town paper.

I WILL TRY

Here is a clipping. This is taken from the Kiwanis Magazine. It is worth pasting up where all can read it:

"I will try to be a lifter—not a leaser; to encourage, never discourage; lighten the sorrow of

others; make the world a little sweeter place in which to live, keeping in mind the will of God; make sunshine in life's shady places; look on the bright side of everything; be clean in body and mind, working industriously and honestly for a living and a spotless character so I can look up—not dream down—and meet Death's coming with a fearless smile; rejoice in life; have a hope and faith in everybody until they, themselves, destroy it; try to live without hate, jealousy or envy; avoid speaking critically and bitterly; repeat only the good I hear; love, be cheerful in disappointments, charitable toward the erring and the fallen; smile more—frown less, follow the Golden Rule.

BE NOT AFRAID

He who fears criticism is hopeless. Only those who do things are criticised. The idler is lost sight of in the march of events, but the doer is watched, and criticised. To hesitate for fear of criticism loses the battle while the doers march on to victory and triumph. Indecision is a great harbinger; but to hesitate for fear of criticism is cowardly. If your cause is right, be not afraid of criticism; advocate it, and if need be, fight for it. Critics there always have been and always will be, but to the strong-minded they are a help rather than a hindrance. As the horse spurts forward when prodded with the spur, so the doers forge ahead under the lash of criticism. Take your part on life's stage and play your part to the end; stand for that which is good; be a doer, not a drone; look the world in the face and let the critics criticise, keep them busy and if you can eliminate only one of the many reprehensible practices which are operating around you something has been achieved. Again we say to you, keep the critics busy.—Ex.

Miss Bessie Green of Abilene was here last week-end, the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. N. E. Sandalin.

June Clearance of Spring Footwear

Men's, Women's and Childrens Footwear, consisting of Patent, Vici Kid and Calf Leathers in Straps and Oxfords, with low flat, cuban, baby Louis and full Louis heels.

Here is an opportunity to effect a saving in buying footwear for the whole family that will do for summer wear.

Investigate our prices before buying.

Men's Work Shoes Priced Right.

Our entire stock of summer goods is yet complete.

MAX MELLINGER

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION CONVENES AT AMARILLO

Amarillo, Texas, June 18—Delegates to the Texas Press Association began pouring in here today from North, East, Central, South and West Texas. Many of the newspapermen arrived here Wednesday night on a special train out of Fort Worth. The convention was officially opened in Amarillo's new Municipal auditorium with one of the largest attendances yet recorded at a meeting of the Texas Press Association.

The entertainment program includes a barbecue in Palo Duro Canyon, visit to West Texas Normal College at Canyon and a visit to the gas fields.

The newspapermen were started at some of the things they learned about West Texas. The world's greatest gas field is at Amarillo. Palo Duro Canyon is considered as scenic as many of the famous canyons of Colorado. The temperature seldom gets above 90 degrees.

Editors familiar with farming conditions in other sections of the State were startled to learn of the rapid increase in cotton farming. For example, Midland, which lies to the South of Amarillo has never been troubled by either the boll weevil or hurrah grass. The boll weevil has never gone above the cap rock.

Many farmers who have moved into West Texas pay for their farms the first year. Land in the newly developed farming sections, such as Midland, sells for as low as \$10 an acre, and sells on long terms.

The C ranch, lying in Andrews, Martin, Midland and Ector counties is said to be the biggest body of agricultural land left in America. This body of 226,000 acres is being cut into 1,200 farms to sell at only \$3. an acre down and ten years to pay the balance. The land sells at \$10 to \$25 an acre.

Other farming land about Midland is sold on what is known as the crop payment plan, the

editors in Amarillo were told. This land sells at \$1 an acre down and one-half the cotton crop till the land is paid for. Visiting newspapermen could hardly believe it when they were told many farmers made more than enough to pay for their land in one year. The newspapermen in Amarillo are expecting this to be one of the most enjoyable conventions they have ever attended.

SOMEBODY KNOWS

Somebody knows when your heart aches,
And everything seems to go wrong;
Somebody knows when the shadows
Need chasing away with a song;
Somebody knows when you are lonely,
Tired, discouraged and blue;
Somebody wants you to know Him,
And know that he dearly loves you.
Somebody cares when you're tempted,
And the world grows dizzy and dim,
Somebody cares when you're weakest,
And farthest away from Him;
Somebody grieves when you've fallen,
Though you are not lost from His sight;
Somebody waits for your coming,
Taking the gloom from your night.
Somebody loves you when weary
Somebody loves you when strong;
Always is waiting to help you.
Watches you, one of the throng,
Needing His friendship so holy,
Needing His watchcare so true
His name?—We call His name Jesus.
His People?—Just I and just you.
—Clipped.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN FORD INDUSTRY PLANT

A new development in Ford industry came with the dawn of the morning of Tuesday, May 27th, when the Lake Freighters Onadaga and Oneida sailed from the harbor at Toledo, Ohio, the first Ford owned vessels to carry Ford coal to Fort properties in the upper peninsula of Michigan.

The coal, brought up from the Kentucky mines on the Detroit Toledo & Ironton Railroad was delivered to the dock at Toledo and there loaded into the vessels. The Onadaga sailed at one a.m., with 2800 tons of coal and the Oneida departed at 5:45 with 2900 tons.

The coal will be delivered at Menominee, Michigan for rail shipment to Ford Motor Company's plant at Iron Mountain and returning, the boats will load lumber at Ford Mills at Pequaming and L'Anse, Mich., for delivery to the River Rouge Plant, Detroit.

The two vessels will be used principally for carrying coal north and lumber from the Ford Mills to the Rouge Plant. Coal will continue to be loaded at Toledo until such time as boats loading facilities are completed at the River Rouge dock.

The Oneida and Onadaga were recently purchased by the Ford Motor Company from the American Ship Building Co. The vessels are of steel, the same size, 261 feet overall, with 43-foot, 6-inch beam, and each has a capacity of around 3800 tons.

The Oneida was conditioned in Detroit and the Onadaga at Buffalo, both being converted to oil burners.

These two vessels, with the big steel feightory, the Henry Ford II and the Benson Ford, both of which will enter service in July, form the first units in the Ford fleet on the Great Lakes.

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TRENT NEWS

Mr. Ben Rogers, from Mission Texas is visiting here. Mr. Lewis Johnston was carried to Abilene Sunday for an operation.

Misses Averil Scott and Emma Jean McRee who are attending McMurry College this summer spent Sunday with home folks.

Mr. J. W. Hassel was carried to Abilene Monday afternoon for an operation.

The Missionary Society met Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The lesson was from the missionary study, "The Leaven in Japan."

Mr. Eugene Archer, who is attending A. C. C. this summer, spent Monday at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Murdock of Big Spring were here Saturday visiting Mrs. Murdock's grandmother, Mrs. A. J. Dingle.

Mr. and Mrs. Coke Caraway and little daughters spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hale McRee.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock left Sunday morning for Arkansas, where they will visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry left Monday morning for Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williamson and W. S. Williamson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McRee.

Mrs. Ben Howell and little daughter, Betty Lou, visited in Slaton last week.

Mr. Bud Winters, Ethel McLeod, T. G. Hamner and Lillian McRee took Emma Jean McRee back to McMurry Sunday afternoon.

Miss Bea Billings of Simmons College spent Saturday at Trent.

Misses Annie Neal and Burnet Uler were in Trent Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lillie Benard was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Dowdy Sunday.

Mr. Titus Heorn is now with the Magnolia Filling Station.

Mr. Othel Watkins returned to Simmons Monday where he will attend the summer term.

Mr. Walter Blackman of Port Arthur was here Sunday visiting his sister, Mrs. N. L. McLeod.

Mrs. Newman of Wichita Falls was here Sunday visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Tip-ton.

Miss Lillian Buscher of Granger visited her uncle, Mr. C. T. Beckham and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Oualline and family of Comoe, Texas, are visiting the families of W. E. and J. C. Hamner.

Misses Stella, Estell and Maurine Faulkner of Fort Worth are visiting their grandparents,

Mr. and Mrs. John Archer. Misses Clara and Lois are visiting their uncles, W. E. and J. C. Hamner.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Craig of Arizona are visiting Mrs. Craig's sister, Mrs. Cal Hamner.

TEN-MILLIONTH FORD COMPLETED JUNE 4TH.

Detroit, Mich., June 4.—A new and outstanding achievement in the automobile industry of America was attained here today when the ten-millionth Model "T" Ford Car left the assembly in the Highland Park Plant of the Ford Motor Company.

The motor, bearing the number 10,000,000 was completed this morning, and reached the car assembly line early this afternoon, and was assembled into a touring car, the most popular of all Ford body types.

In celebration of having attained a 10,000,000 production record, the company announces that Ford Car No. 10,000,000 will make a coast to coast trip as signifying the nation-wide popularity of the Ford Car and its appeal to every class of driver.

The car will be shipped to New York within a day or two and leaving there will be driven across the country to San Francisco. The Lincoln Highway has been selected as the official route of travel and stops will be made at most all the towns along the line. Frank Kulich, who years ago attained fame and broke many records as the pilot of Ford racing cars, will be at the wheel of the ten-millionth Ford, during the trans-continental trip.

Model "T" Ford cars are today in use in every country on earth and the usual success which has attended the Ford Motor Company dates principally from 1908 when the Model "T" was developed and first introduced on the market.

The company was among the first to adapt the unit power plant and the left hand drive control, and it was the originator of such fundamental principles as the removable cylinder head, three-point motor suspension and torque tube drive, all incorporated in the Model "T" and which have since been generally adopted in the automotive industry. The correctness of these basis features has been strikingly proven by the fact that in the entire ten-million production, while improvements have constantly been made, there never has been any deviation from the original principals of the Model "T".

Previous to the time that the Model "T" was introduced, the company had built and sold approximately 25,000 Ford Cars of other models. The first model "T" was completed October 1, 1908, and it was seven years later, Dec. 10, 1915, when Motor No. 1,000,000 was produced. Since then, under an ever increasing demand, production has steadily grown until a new output record was established in turning out the last million cars in 132 working days.

FOR THOSE WHO FAIL

"All honor to him who shall win the prize,"
The world has cried for thousands of years;
But to him who tries and fails and dies,
I give great honor and glory and tears.
Give glory and honor and pitiful tears
To all those who fail in their deeds sublime;
Their ghosts are many in the van of years;
They were born with Time in advance of Time.
Oh, great is the hero who wins a name,
But greater many and many a time
Some pale-faced fellow who dies in shame
And lets God finish the thought sublime.
And great is the fellow with a sword undrawn,
And good is the man who refrains from wine,
But the man who fails and yet still fights on,
Lo, he is the twin-brother of mine.
—Exchange.

APPRECIATION

We wish to thank the many acquaintances who so graciously helped us in every way possible in our hour of bereavement and for the floral offerings, and every kindness shown us. May God's richest blessings rest upon each of you. Mr. J. W. Daugherty, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cypert and brothers and sisters

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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.

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WRITE CHURCH NEWS

About the hottest, driest weather we usually have is being sent on us at present, and if these hot winds and grass hoppers continue there will be quite a few pessimist in our community. Generally speaking, though, everything is still growing fast and we have a prospect for a bountiful harvest.

Some folks are already thinking of vacations. Mr. John Dudley and wife and Hoyt Willis went fishing Saturday and visited Sunday at Mrs. Dudley's mother, Mrs. Reynolds at Inkum.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Snow left Saturday morning for a several days trip to Galveston and the "Grand Valley".

Last Sunday was Childrens Day here. A program conducted by the children, and a nice dinner was enjoyed. Also every one present enjoyed the singing, especially a song sung during the afternoon by Mr. Cyrus Pee, of Merkel. Brother Pike conducted the afternoon services and with the singing Sunday night, ended a full day at White church. We didn't observe it as being Father's day, but it could have been appropriately mentioned, as there were a number of old folks present who had not been together in several years.

It would be a wonderful thing if we could have more services such as these, as it's always a pleasure and a benefit to know people outside of your own community. Every community in the Canyon was represented. Among those present from other places were, Messrs. Pat Hutcheson, Fred Brown, Jack Noel, and their families from Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Spear of Hawley, Mr. Bee Tabor and family from Anson, Mr. John S. Hughes and family of Merkel, Mr. C. L. Tucker, Mrs. Noel, Mr. Andy Brown and family, and others from Merkel. Also others from other places, the writer failed to meet.

Mr. Grant Riggan and family and Mrs. Lydia Payne of Trent visited Mrs. Riggan Saturday, and Sunday.

Mr. Riley Hodges and Earl Wortham visited Elgin Riggan and others Sunday.

Mr. Mose Brown and wife from Abilene were over a few days the first of the week.

Mrs. Clyde Williams has a guest this week, her sister, Miss Hill from one of our neighboring communities in Jones county. While here Miss Hill asked to be considered as an applicant for one of our teachers next year.

Already there is quite a bit more interest shown in our school work than heretofore, and we are looking forward to a period of progression in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Magnus and children of Dallas stopped here for a day with Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble and other friends. Mr. and Mrs. Magnus formerly lived in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McNeese, and Miss Mabel of Abilene were here Sunday, spending the day with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. McNeese and daughter formerly lived in Merkel.

Mrs. Oscar Cypert of Lamesa was here last week the guest of Mrs. N. E. Sandlin.

FIND FORTUNES IN WASTE WATER

Profits From Simple Processes to Remove Metals.

Thousands of pounds' worth of gold and silver are saved each year from dirty water which would otherwise pass into the sewers.

Wherever business is conducted on a large scale, and more particularly where articles of commerce are turned out on the mass production system, the control of waste is a vital part of organization. This is especially the case where the raw materials used are precious metals.

In factories producing gold and silver articles, such as jewelry, gold-rimmed eyeglasses and so on, minute portions of the metals become attached to the hands of the workers. Special arrangements are therefore necessary to prevent the loss of these minute particles, which aggregate to large values in the course of a year.

Where gold is concerned, the wash-basin is the trap used. All the workers wash in special basins, the dirty water from which is stored and treated. The gold, being heavier than water, sinks to the bottom, the water above it being drained off periodically. The accumulated sludge is sent to the refiners, who extract the gold and pay for it.

Large sums are also saved in photographic workrooms by rescuing the silver which escapes from plates and films and photographic papers during the process of development.

The hypo in the fixing bath dissolves out the unused silver. When the bath becomes exhausted and dirty, instead of going down the sewer it is run into tubs into which a chemical is thrown. The silver falls to the bottom. The water is then run off and more exhausted hypo is added, the precipitating process being repeated, and so on until the tub is nearly full of sludge.

The refiner extracts the silver from the sludge, returning to the factory sums which are often large enough to cover the rent.—London Tit-Bits.

Vegetable Pear

The chayote, a popular vegetable in Mexico and Central America, has been grown for more than a generation under the names "vegetable pear," "Mirliton," "mango squash," etc., in certain sections of the South.

A single vine in a garden or yard will produce more than enough chayotes for an average family. It is an excellent fall and winter table vegetable.

The chayote is related to the cucumber and squash. It weighs from eight ounces to a pound, has a smooth surface, a fiber-free flesh and a delicate, agreeable ornamental vine for training over a porch or outbuilding. It flowers profusely, and for that reason is a good bee plant.

The fleshy underground tubers are used in some places much the same as potatoes in temperate regions. Its foliage makes good food for cattle and poultry.—Detroit News.

King Invents Language

A few years ago Njoya, king of Fouban, in the Cameroons, became jealous of the particularly good set of secret languages of neighboring tribes and invented from French, English and German words a code tongue of his own which is reserved for the exclusive use of the "cabinet" and upper administrative officials.

The interesting feature of this language, which was discovered and studied by a Frenchman, Lieutenant Clapot, is that, instead of meaning their usual equivalent, the European words have entirely different code significances. "La mission," for instance, means "to see," and "franc" means "the king." "Ordnung" means "we," "savant" means "an egg," and "franc" means "a hill," "left" means "which," and "England" means "a head."—Manchester Guardian.

Braggators Both

A Yankee visitor to a London club was making himself rather unpopular by bragging about the American navy. "The fact is, friends," he said, "Mrs. Britannia no longer rules the waves. Why, if it ever came to war between your country and America our fleet would come out and tow your fleet right into New York harbor, and that would be the end of it."

"Perhaps you're right," said one of the listeners quietly, "but it would take a better man than Columbus to discover America afterward."—Boston Transcript.

R-r-r-revenge!

Little Jack had been so persistently naughty that mother just had to give him a good spanking, and all that afternoon a desire for revenge rankled in his little breast.

At length bedtime came and, kneeling down, he said his evening prayer, asking a blessing upon all the members of the family individually—except one. Then rising, he turned to his mother with a triumphant look, saying, as he climbed into bed, "I suppose you noticed you wasn't in it."—The Christian Guardian.

Belle of the Funeral

One of the best narrators of Irish stories is Lord Carson, who always tells them with the gravest face. One of his best is an Irish "wake" story. A pretty girl was invited to the funeral of a friend. When it was over, she was telling how much she enjoyed it. "Sure, it was grand," she said. "They put me in the second coach with the brother of the corpse, and I was the belle of the funeral."

Have You This Habit?

By Margaret Morison

TIMOTHY RUGGLES

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

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

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

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

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

"How I wish we could afford to buy it!" sighed Tim Ruggles' wife, looking at their son.

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

HAVE YOU THIS HABIT?

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Mother's Cook Book

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

MAIN DISHES

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

Alaskan Dish.

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

Panned Oysters.

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

Baked Lima Beans and Tomatoes.

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

Prickasses of Tongues.

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

Nellie Maxwell
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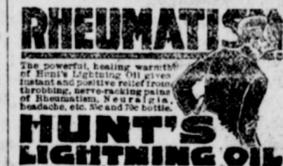
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Mr. Osie Burns was in Abilene Wednesday attending a reunion of his old company of the A.E.F. during the World War. The company meets every year to talk over and enjoy the association of old times.

Mr. H. N. Newsom, formerly of Merkel, but now residing near Lamesa, was here last week, being called here on account of the serious illness and death of his mother, mention of which will be found in this paper.

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REWARD—Any one who will return the missing Rings of Mrs. Tom Green to the Merkel Mail office, will receive \$10.00. The name need not be given, and no questions will be asked. 1tp

LOST—Strayed or Stolen—Two Mares, bay and gray, roach main, weigh 1200. Bay has short rope around neck. Reward for any information. W. O. Maxwell, Abilene, rt. 5, phone 277. 20t2p

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LOST—A dark grey horse mule. About 14 hands high, collar marks, age 3 years old. Finder return to or notify C. A. Hudson, Merkel route 4. 1tp

FOUND

FOUND—A watch. Any one describing same can get it by paying for this ad. S. J. Roberts. 1tp

Mr. T. C. Weir of Abilene was here on business Thursday of last week.

Mrs. S. F. Annis reported to this office that the thermometer in her home reached the high mark of 120 degrees Fahrenheit at four o'clock Sunday afternoon. At three it was 108, at 3:30 it reached 110, at four it registered 120, and gradually receded until at six o'clock the thermometer registered 104.

Rev. D. J. Dodd, Baptist Minister of Abilene, was in Merkel Monday meeting with old friends. Bro. Dodd filled an appointment at Salt Branch on last Sunday. He will be remembered by many as a former Merkelite.

Mr. J. S. Thomas, the clever and efficient salesman for the Barrow Furniture Company, in company with his family, Miss Murphy, of the Farmers State Bank, and Mrs. Milliken, of the Max Mellinger Dry Goods, left Sunday for Fort Worth where they will visit the former's son. They will spend a week or more on their vacation in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Easters, and son, Clarence, Mrs. Lona Mabry and Miss Mayburn French, all of Beaumont, after a ten days pleasant visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Boyce, returned last week to their home at Beaumont.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Durham and children left Monday morning for Wellington, where the children will visit their grandmother and other relatives, and Mr. and Mrs. Durham will go on to Amarillo to attend the Texas Press Association, which convenes there the 18th, 19th, and 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Duke of Waco were here Wednesday and Thursday visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock. Mrs. Duke is a sister of Mrs. Adcock.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones have as their guests this week, Mrs. H. R. Robinson of Omaha, Texas; Mrs. Silas Jones, of De Kalb, Texas and Mrs. R. P. Lind say and two sons, Robert and Charles, of Ashdown, Arkansas sas.

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UPSON BOARD

Mrs. M. R. Woodrum and daughters, Miss Sadie, Mrs. Ed. Heeter, Mrs. A. V. Dye, and Mr. Harry Woodrum and several grandchildren enjoyed an outing to Buffalo Gap Sunday. They spent the day picnicking and kodaking.

Mr. Ira Armstrong of Sweetwater was here Monday for a short visit with Dr. M. Armstrong.

Miss Cary of Dallas is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. A. Ellis for a week of more.

Patterson and Baker shipped six cars of cattle to the Fort Worth markets this week. Dave Beasley shipped two cars, B. E. Fencher two cars, and W. H. Laney one car.

Mr. L. B. Howard recently purchased the place known as the Jim Black residence, located near the Presbyterian church. Mr. Howard, we understand, will soon begin to make some improvements about the place.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. N. Campbell returned last week from a visit with relatives at Bronte. Mr. Campbell reports crops down that way as being very poor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Telford returned last week from a visit to their daughter near Robert Lee. Mr. Telford also stated that he found fishing mighty nice in the well known Colorado.

Mr. John W. Cox of Abilene was here on business Friday.

HOSPITAL ENGINEER AND WIFE GIVE FACTS

Among the many remarkable experiences being told daily about the sensational new medicine Karnak is that of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Brown, well-known residents of 2514 Kennedy Ave., Parsons, Kansas.

"I had reached the point," says Mr. Brown, who is engineer at the M. K. & T. hospital, "where I thought my case was hopeless. My stomach and nerves were all to pieces and my blood so weak I would wake up in the night with my arms so numb I would have to get up and rub them. I had tried so many medicines without result I thought I would never see another well day, but when I got hold of Karnak it worked like magic. I eat anything, sleep fine, have gained weight and am so much stronger my work seems easy. In fact, I don't feel like I ever had a sick day in my life."

Mrs. Brown relates her experience as follows: "My digestion had utterly failed and my nerves were so frayed I could scarcely sleep day or night. Every bite I ate caused pain and distress for hours. Karnak helped me from the start just like it did Mr. Brown and now I am in such splendid health I feel like a new person. We think it our duty to tell others what Karnak will do."



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HIGH TOP'S WITCH

By JANE GORDON

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"DEED it is a witch, Mr. King, sir; I done seeer with my own eyes. Last night when we's in the cabin playing cayrds something brushed past the window. Sam, he says, 'I bet that's High Top's witch.' Which? I asks, and Sam tells us. She roams the mountains, and its bad luck for the man that sees or tries to catch her. Joe, he once give chase, when the witch come prowlin' around the messhouse, and she throws a laugh at him and gets quick behind a tree, and when Joe looked all about she wasn't there; an' next day Joe lost his job, diggin' on High Top."

Glen King laughed, but the golden-haired child on his knee warned:

"It is true what Jim says. I saw the witch one evening just as I was going off to sleep. Sister Monna had tucked me into bed and kissed me good-night. She threw a rose from the edge right through my window and into my bed—and first she kissed the rose—so I wasn't afraid at all. Maybe its only bad men that she punishes, Mr. King; Joe was a bad nigger, Mary Murphy says. He gambled money and took all poor Tim Murphy had."

"Information bureau," Glen King remarked, and pinched the little girl's cheek.

"So you have seen the witch, and are not afraid of her, Angel—and Monna says that red roses mean love?" Glen King was quite untutored in the ways of John Kirkwood's daughter. And the chief engineer was.

Glen was torn with jealousy at times by the sight of Monna, walking the sweet mountain trails at the side of Bob Whitely. Bob, a New Yorker like himself, had come with the engineering commission, as secretary to Mr. Kirkwood, and Glen could not get over his dislike and suspicion regarding the ingratiating stranger. Monna appeared not to share this dislike. Sighing now, he put the child down from his knee and left the cabin; Angel walked at his side.

"And if you don't believe in the witch, Mr. King," she continued her favorite topic, "you just watch for her some evening on High Top."

Glen sat long in the moonlight at his cabin door that night; Jim, as usual was absent. As he sat across the moon-lit path fled a shadow. He got to his feet, interested—the witch, beyond a doubt. He saw a dark enveloping cape, a peaked hood rolled low.

The witch eluded him; but moonlight showed a touch of scarlet lining, where the person's arm had tightened for a moment the cape about her—or him.

Next day Glen King astonishingly received notice that his services on the great engineering commission were dispensed with. When he sought out his chief John Kirkwood received him coldly.

"This grieves me more than it can possibly grieve you," he said. "If I had not undoubted authority, I would not find it possible to believe you guilty of the very fault you have apparently been eager to help me to subdue. You were an active gambler at last night's disgraceful meeting on High Top."

Stunned, indignant, Glen King spoke but one word. "Mistaken," he said brusquely, and went to pack his things.

Black Jim brought him coffee. "Dat rascal call himself Bob Whitely, tell Mr. Kirkwood lies 'bout you, Mr. King," Jim said. "Pretendin' to look up the gamblers when he's one of 'em. Dressed up like you last night. Went to the whites' cabin. Got out so no one could catch him, an' den made the detective believe it was yo'self. I know it. An' it's Miss Monna Kirkwood that rascal wants, an' maybe'll get her, on account of his smooth ways."

"But to think," Glen murmured brokenly, "that after all our association Mr. Kirkwood would disbelieve in me—"

"Dat Bob," Jim confirmed, "is mighty smooth, Mr. King." Glen bowed his head in his head—toward him a slender figure came. The negro flew. "The witch!" the disheartened man heard him cry. Glen raised his head. Monna stood before him. A dark cape wrapped about her, its lining showed scarlet. She held out to him a wide black ribbon. "The peaked hood," she said and smiled.

"I have been High Top witch, Glen." She came to sit beside him. "After Angel was put to bed for the night I roamed the Top; really it was fun, but I had an object. Bob Whitely had whispered things about you—had insinuated to father. I had to know. So, I peeked in the cabin windows where games were played. How did I know where to go? I followed Mary Murphy's Tim one night, secretly. She had bewailed the fact of his nightly visits. And last night, Glen, I saw through a cabin door, left open but for a moment to admit a man—that man dressed as you might be dressed—but it was not you. I have told my father who the man was. And here I saw you, solitary, on your own doorstep—until you went in to bar for the night your cabin door. I have told my father that, too. Tomorrow it will be Bob Whitely who will leave the High Top commission—and not you, my Glen, dear!"

His longing arm was around the slender figure in the cape, and "It was love for you," said Monna.

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The Busy Bee Class of the Methodist church, with their teacher, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, spent a very pleasant evening Tuesday at Martin's Tank. Various games were played for a time. Then a very appetizing supper was spread on the ground, and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Russell accompanied the crowd also. Those present besides Mrs. Hutcheson, teacher, and guests, Mrs. and Mrs. Chas. Russel, were: Misses Intha Bird, Eva Mae Johnson, Juanita Patterson, Opal Patterson, Erma Lee Rea, Lois Dixon, Mary Hutcheson, Lucille Guitar, and Lola Dennis.

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The Misses Garrouette Entertain

Tuesday evening at six-thirty Misses Ollie and Dota Garrouette entertained in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Will McGarr and their two daughters, of Houston, with a dinner party. The Woodrum Hotel dining room was where the lively party was held. A wonderful dinner was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Will McGarr and two daughters, Mrs. Fred Greene, Miss Mary Comegys, Miss Ollie Garrouette and Miss Dota Garrouette.

After the dinner was served and enjoyed, the Misses Garrouette asked the party to their home, where the rest of the evening was spent in pleasant conversation.

Mr. and Mrs. McGarr formerly lived in Merkel about twenty years ago, and they have many close friends who are glad to see them back on a visit.

A CARD OF THANKS

To our many friends who so faithfully assisted us in the long illness and death of our dear departed mother, Mrs. E. J. Newsum, who lay sick so long, we the children wish to express in a feeble way our appreciation. Heaven alone can reveal our gratitude we owe to the community. Heaven's blessings on you all and God keep you ever, is our prayers. We further wish to express our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Grimes for his untiring efforts in her behalf.—From All The children. 1tp

Just what you are looking for in the way of a gift is the fashionable Stationery at the Merkel Mail Office. Come and see the samples.

Mr. Grady Kensolving of Abilene was a Merkel visitor Monday.

Stith Methodist Church

There will be preaching at Stith next Sunday morning, June 22. On account of the revival at Tye, there will be no services at night. Let's expect a great day. B. Y. Dickinson, pastor.

CREAM WANTED

Cream is 29 cents this week, and is still advancing. Bring in yours and we will test it Wednesday and Saturday of each week. T. L. Hamblett. 1tp

NOTICE

My place and Martin place I have leased is Pested. No boys are allowed to hunt or go in the tank, and will be prosecuted if trespassing. S. G. Russell. tf

City Furniture buys everything.

SHILOH NEWS

Health in the community is good at this writing.

There was a large crowd attended church Sunday and Sunday night at Shiloh.

The Cream Supper at W. R. Grayson's Friday night was enjoyed by a large crowd, all reporting a fine time.

Shelby Howell and family, Albert Vessel and family, Elmer Pomroy and family, Mrs. Phoebe Green, Miss Maude Greene and Mr. Homer Green were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Green Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson visited E. H. Grayson Sunday.

Mr. Hardy Rutledge and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lovel Rutledge and baby were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. James Sunday.

Mrs. N. J. Maynard of Iowa Park is visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. L. James.

Grandma Tiner of Abilene is visiting her son J. W. Tiner this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Grayson, Bro. Humphries and wife visited S. L. Grayson Sunday.

Misses Jessie and Edith Walker, Murel Greene and Maggie Wheeler spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Green.

Mr. Leslie Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Naron were guests of M. F. Naron and family Sunday.

Quite a large crowd of young folks from here attended the cream supper at Mr. Harris' Saturday night.

Mr. Hardy and Lovel Rutledge attended singing at Trent Sunday evening.

There will be preaching and Sunday school Sunday. Every body come. Brownie.

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Mr. Max Mellinger and family spent Sunday in Big Spring, the guests of a brother, returning Sunday evening.

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