

READ THE LIST
Read the Premium List
offered to exhibitors in
the Community Fair.

THE MERKEL MAIL

COMMUNITY FAIR
A Community Fair for
Merkel September 19-20.
You Can Be a Booster.

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MERKEL COMING TO THE FRONT

A dandy good new high school building nearly completed, just ready to go to work on the sewage system, 50 miles of new freshly graded road in Merkel territory, and nearly every one willing to give enough land to make the road bed 40 feet. We can't make a good lasting road on less than 40 feet; it lessens danger of going into the ditch, especially when muddy, gives a chance to get the road bed firm before the loose dirt is mashed off and blown away. Where the ditches wash, it leaves a road bed broad enough after some has come off into the ditches to still leave a good road, while if the road is narrow to begin with, and then comes off some, it leaves the road too narrow to be safe to drive over. In making your pleasure drives just go out toward Mt. Pleasant and see some good roads. See how broad and nice they are and how nice they are compared to what they were.

Let every body talk good roads. See your commissioner and say to him "before going by my place I want to set my fence back to what a forty foot grade." That is what I told him; set my fence back, then told him to send grader and a man to run it and give the man who would drive my teams credit for his time and my teams pulling the grader would cost nothing. I wanted a good road by my place and he did. Advise your neighbor to set back his fence. Show him the advantage of a good road.

If our commissioner can't get room to make a good road by your place, then he will go on to where they want good roads, and will set back and put their road up, and when you feel disposed to give the ground and he can get to yours, he will try and grade yours. The desire for good roads by our farms is now nearly as catching as measles and is going to get as prevalent as the "flu" was.

We now have two graders at work making us good roads. About one more week and we will have a dandy road to Noodle. These people already have the road fever and they know the value of the drag. Have already dragged what we have up and that is the life of a road after it is made. And we are going to try and inoculate every man in the whole community we know will be immune. Here's hoping, "The Road Crank."

Mr. Alva Herring, of Dallas, has accepted a position with the Patterson Drug Company as prescription clerk. Mr. Herring is an experienced man in this position and a splendid gentleman in every respect, and the Mail with the people of this city extend to him and his family a hearty welcome.

ANOTHER EL PASO SPECIAL TRAIN

In this paper will be found an advertisement from the Texas and Pacific Railway announcing another big Special to El Paso and return on September 19th for only \$12.00 for the round trip.

Besides the many interesting and unique things to be seen in that city and over the quaint old town of Juarez, Mexico, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will hold a district meeting in El Paso on the 20th. Read this advertisement on another page in this paper.

METHODIST ORPHAN HERE MONDAY NITE

Rev. W. F. Barnett, Superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage located at Waco, accompanied by his wife, and 27 of the young men and young lady orphans from this home, passed through Merkel first of the week on a tour of the West for the purpose of enlightening the Methodists of this part of the state as to the real work being done by that institution. While here arrangements with the pastor, Rev. T. J. Rea, to give an entertainment at the Methodist church next Monday night, September 8th, were completed. Every one is cordially invited to attend this affair.

Superintendent Barnett stated that no charges were made for the fine entertainment given over the country, but that the Methodist folks were royally entertaining them in their homes while they were visiting each city. You Methodists, these orphans are from your church institution and every Methodist home should be thrown wide open for them while they are here, only one night. A good opportunity to show your religion.

DEFENSE DAY TO BE OBSERVED HERE

Next Friday, September 12, has been set aside as National Defense Day in the United States, and the fact that Merkel has a post of the National Guard in the 131st Field Artillery, it is but fitting and proper that the citizenship should join in and help make the same a success.

The purpose is to only rally our citizenship together for this day ONLY to demonstrate our ability to defend ourselves in case same should become necessary.

The plans here are in charge of the local Armory boys and arrangements have been made to hold the ceremony on the main street at about six o'clock in the evening, when prominent men will speak and the local band will furnish music.

It is expected that about Thursday of next week, the boys will establish small huts on the main streets where those between the ages of 18 and 45 may drop in and register their names as being ready to defend their country. But just for this day, remember. There is no further obligation upon any one.

It is also urged that all Ex-Service men, who can, please come out for the entire day dressed in their army uniform.

Show your patriotism and get on the dotted line for your country for One Day.

GRAND JURY IN SESSION TWO DAYS—SIX BILLS

Mr. T. H. Spears, substantial citizen of the Blair community was the representative from this part of the county sitting on the grand jury in District court this week. They were in session only two days, examined 30 witnesses and found six bills of indictments. Three for automobile theft, one for forgery, two for removing mortgaged property from the county.

Misses Helen and Georgia Bowen of De-Leon, Texas, have been the guests of relatives, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Simpson, this week.

FARM BUREAU MEN SPEAK MONDAY NITE

We are informed that either Hon. J. W. Orr, president of the Texas Farm Bureau, or J. W. L. Hall, secretary, will be in Merkel on next Monday night, and will speak at the tabernacle at eight o'clock, to the members of the Farm Bureau and the public as well. Infact every body, business men, farmers and all, are urged to be present and hear him.

Next Monday night, September 8th. C. W. Simpson, Sec.

NEW DRIVE-IN FILL- ING STATION HERE

The new Drive-in Filling Station, which is just being completed in the Crenshaw block on the corner of Kent and North Front streets, being made in the lower floor of the two-story Hotel building, by the owner of this block of buildings, Mr. W. J. Fulwiller, of Abilene, will have its opening on next Saturday.

This splendid new Drive-in Filling Station will be in charge of Mr. Bill Haynes, who has leased same for a period of time, and Mr. Haynes states that he expects to make same one of the best and most popular enterprises of its kind in the city.

Mr. Haynes is one of our enterprising young business men, familiar with this kind of business, and thoroughly capable of making a success of same. Read his announcement in a quarter page advertisement in this paper. He says he believes in printers ink and expects from time to time to tell the public of the good things he has to offer in his line.

NEW PRES. OF A.C.C. TO PREACH HERE SUN.

President Batsel Baxter of Abilene Christian College, Abilene, will preach at the North Side Church of Christ Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour and also at the evening hour at 8:15.

You are cordially invited to hear him on these occasions. A hearty welcome awaits you.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

A Big Hen Egg

During the year quite a number have brought to this office freak eggs, especially some very large ones, but to Mr. D. J. Curb, one of the splendid young farmers on route three, goes the credit of having brought in the largest. The egg he brought in measured nine inches around the long way and seven and a half inches the short way, and is from a Rhode Island Red hen. It is on display in this office.

Since writing the above the shell of the big egg was accidentally cracked, and, thinking that it would have to be disposed of, the editor went out in the back of the office and proceeded to finish breaking the egg to see just what was on the inside. And, to our surprise, we found besides what seemed to be the white of an egg, an ordinary size egg with shell well formed. The egg is now on display just as it was when broken. It is a real freak. Come in and see, so you will be convinced.

Mr. W. S. J. Brown and wife returned Thursday from Dallas, where Mr. Brown made new purchases for the Brown Dry Goods Company.

NEW TOURIST PARK IS OPEN TO PUBLIC

Mr. B. P. Middleton has leased for three years the new Tourist Park and Filling Station recently built by Mr. Ellis Warren in the west part of the city, and has same open and ready for business.

Mr. Middleton is an experienced man in this business, and by his usual courteous manner and fair dealings will no doubt enjoy his share of the business in this line.

BUSINESS FIRMS TO HAVE EXHIBITS

Another interesting feature that we did not have at the Fair last year which will be an interesting and important feature for this year, will be the beautiful and interesting exhibits that the local business firms will have on display.

We are informed that many of the local firms have already signed up for space, and are planning fine displays of their different lines, as an advertisement for their business. This is commendable indeed, and shows a progressive spirit from such.

Infact there is every reason to expect this to be a much larger and more interesting fair than the one held here last year. The only thing needed is that little word needed so badly to make anything a success, which is COOPERATION. So may we trust that the citizenship of Merkel and the surrounding country will join hands in an effort to put the Community Fair over in a way that will not only be helpful, but interesting and entertaining.

MR. CANON WITH THE CROWN HARDWARE

Mr. A. J. Canon, one of the best and most substantial citizens of the Stith community, last week moved with his family to this city, occupying the residence lately occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann, and known as the old Baptist parsonage, which home Mr. Canon purchased some time ago.

Mr. Canon and family are very fine folks and this paper joins all Merkel in extending to them a royal welcome to our city.

Mr. Canon is associated with the Crown Hardware Company of this city, his announcement of which will be found elsewhere in this paper.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

CITY TAX RATE FOR YEAR TO BE \$1.00

From Mayor H. C. West we learn that the city tax rate for the current year has been set at \$1.00 per hundred valuation. Last year the rate was 65 cents, and the additional 35 cents is to take care of the late sewer bond proposition.

The rate is made up as follows: General fund 45 cents, sewer bonds 35 cents, water works 10 cents, and 10 cents for fire equipment.

Notwithstanding the above little raise, the City Board of Equalization lowered the taxable values by more than \$200,000.

FARMERS INVITED TO NEXT LUNCHEON

The next regular Luncheon meeting will be held as usual at Ed's Cafe, on next Tuesday evening, with Mr. L. B. Scott in charge as toastmaster. And we understand he is already arranging for a fine and interesting program. And as this is the beginning of the fall season it is expected that a large attendance will be present.

A feature that is expected to add much to the occasion, is the fact that the Luncheon Club hereby extends an invitation to every community in the Merkel Trade Territory to send as an invited guest from one to two of their representative citizens to the next Luncheon Meeting, the purpose of which is to talk over with them the question of each community bringing in a "Community Exhibit" to the Fair on September 19 and 20.

Now, you folks from Noodle, Stith, Shiloh, Mt. Pleasant, Blair Nubia, Salt Branch and all other communities in this territory, don't overlook this. Get together and send in one or two of your citizens to the Luncheon next Tuesday night. Besides the next question you will enjoy the fine feed and interesting program.

And, you business men, you who have not been attending, come and let's join hands in making Merkel the best town of its size in all the west.

COMMUNITY FAIR HERE SEPT. 19 & 20

Plans are well under way and being worked out for holding in this city on Friday and Saturday, September 19 and 20, Merkel's second Community Fair. The big Stucco Building under lease by the Government, and now being used by the local unit of the 131st Field Artillery, Texas National Guard, will be used for holding the big event. It is large and roomy, and very suitable for holding such an event.

For the Fair this year, besides the large and interesting list of individual premiums offered by the business interest, there is also a nice list of cash premiums offered by the same business men who made cash donations.

Especially would we call attention to the big \$25.00 cash premium that is being offered to the community that brings in the best display of farm products. This means that the citizens of any community, say like Stith, Noodle or any other such community, can collect their exhibits together and bring them in and compete with each other in the best display. A separate booth being arranged for every community that will do this, and without cost to them. And in this connection let us say that any farmer who furnishes exhibits for his community's exhibit, will also have the privilege of entering any item for any premium that may be offered.

Let us urge the farmers of this community to study carefully the big premium list published in the big double-page advertisement in this paper, and pick out something that you can bring in to enter. Also the ladies have many premiums for which they can enter, and we urge them to make preparation to do so.

Anyway, farmers, this is your Community Fair and it is hoped that every one will take part in same and help make it a success.

FACTS ABOUT THE OPENING OF SCHOOL

On Monday morning, September 15th, the doors of the Merkel Public School will open for what promises to be the best year yet. On Saturday afternoon preceding this there will be the first faculty meeting of the year where plans will be made for the year's work. A big opening is expected. People are realizing more and more the importance of having their children in school from the opening day. A few days delay may mean that the bad start thus made will keep the child from making his year's work. Where at all possible, the pupil should enter the first day.

Return Books.

All free text books that have been taken out since the close of school should be returned to the office by the student on Thursday or Friday, September 11th or 12th. It is very important that this be done so that the record will be straight. If it is not, the pupil must wait possibly a week until the rush of opening is over before he can obtain books. Any book record of last year not straight must be made so before the child can secure books for this year. This should be done on the above dates.

Examinations.

If pupils intend to take entrance examinations on any subject upon which they failed last year or to make up any subject which they lack of being a Senior, they should report on the scheduled dates below. The examinations can be given at no other time. Please be prompt.

Monday, Sept. 8, 9:00—Mathematics, Monday, Sept. 8, 1:00—History, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 9:00—English, Tuesday, September 9, 1:00—Geography and Physiology, Wednesday, September 10, 9:00—Any subject not mentioned above.

Credits and New Students

Pupils who did not attend the Merkel Schools last year should bring their book-card and report card and report on Thursday or Friday, September 11th or 12th, and be classified BEFORE the school opens. If you are in high school, bring not only your report for last year but for the 8th, 9th, or 10th grades. Pupils who during the summer have made credits by attending summer school or otherwise should also report along with these new students to have their credits recorded.

New Building.

The new building will not be quite ready on September 15th. Therefore, all pupils will report to same rooms assigned to the various grades last year. The high school will report to the Auditorium in the old building, the seventh grade to the "Annex", and the other grades to the same rooms as last year. When you come on Monday morning, bring both your book-card and your report card—BOTH OF THEM.

Seniors.

It will not be amiss to mention again that all students who intend to graduate this next year should have twelve (12) units to their credit BEFORE school opens. The rush will soon be on. If you do not have the required number on record, see to it now. Some plan to take entrance examinations, and others have made summer school credits, others have planned to make up some deficiency. All this must be done BEFORE school opens. Plan now to graduate with the largest Senior Class Merkel has ever had.

Very respectfully,
Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

To Our Friends Who Are Members of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Ass'n.

When you deliver your cotton to the platform the local receiver will give you a receipt for the number of bales to be shipped. It will not be necessary for you to wait for a bill of lading, just bring your receipt to the bank and we will gladly advance you the amount the Farm Bureau Cotton Association is now paying. The local receiver will deliver to us the bills of lading at the close of each days business.

Every employee of this institution is always at the service of our farmer friends.

Farmers State Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS
A Guaranty Fund Bank and a Community Institution.

UNDERS MUST PAY TUITION TO GO TO SCHOOL

Children who are seven on any date after September first are unders for the entire school year and of course will be required to pay tuition for the entire school year if they attend. This tuition, three dollars per month, must be paid in advance. The Primary Department of the Merkel Schools will admit unders who are six or over on or before September first, 1924, with the understanding that if the first grades become crowded, the unders will all be stopped. The school law requires this of us. Unders may be admitted upon such terms as are deemed proper "PROVIDED that in admitting such pupils the school shall not be overcrowded to the neglect and injury of pupils within the scholastic age".

Those who do not care to send their unders to the public school under the above conditions or who have unders that are not six which they wish to send to school, will find a good kindergarten at the home of Mrs. McSpadden, whose promotions are recognized. Very respectfully.
Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

J. M. Garrett Improving Coal and Feed Yards

Mr. J. M. Garrett, one of our local Feed and Coal dealers, is having his large sheds doubled in size in order that he may better care for his business in this line.

JUST LOOK!

From now until Saturday night, September 6th, I will sell all goods in my store at and below actual cost, and am giving some away just for the taking. Don't miss this.

All store fixtures go also way below cost. Shelving counters, show cases and all. In jump or any part you want. A lot of Shirts, Pants, Dress Shirts, overalls, Jumpers, Sox, ladies Hose, childrens hose, all go. Get these bargains.

Have also some lumber and house hold goods to sell. Come see and be convinced. A. L. Jobe

Mrs. Berry and daughters of Detroit, Texas, visited Mr. Joe Holmes last week for a few days.

THE GROWTH OF SYMPATHY

The history of one of the old New England towns shows that the effort was made at one time about a century ago to secure an appropriation for the benefit of the poor.

Not merely was the motion to make such an appropriation defeated, but a vote passed that "the poor" be warned to leave the town. A long list of such persons was made out, and officers were paid to go around and notify them to get out. In many of the old towns it is said to have been customary to warn newcomers who looked as if they would not be able to earn a living, to leave the place.

Such action seems heartless in these days, showing how humanitarian sentiment has grown. The old timers of course would have defended their action, by saying that people who were willing to work could earn a living, and others were not desired.

Yet it is recognized to-day that a great deal of poverty is due to misfortune for which the victims are not responsible. If Christian sentiment is to govern our acts, these people must be treated with warm hearted generosity. It is significant that in the old town referred to where the poor were thus warned to leave, it was voted some time after to pursue a different policy and "overseers" of the poor" were appointed to care for the needs of those who had suffered misfortune, showing that under a somewhat hard exterior the old timers had good feeling.

Mistakes in home training and education lead to many failures and no one can say how far the individual is responsible for failure, and how far the blame comes upon the homes and society in which he grew up. The kindly sentiment of these days will not deny food and shelter and clothing to anyone who lacks it, though it is better to have the same provided by people who are experienced in dealing with such cases and know how to handle fraud and imposition.

Safety and Service are assured to the customers of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

We have spared no expense to perfect a system for handling Cotton sold through the

Farm Bureau Cotton Association

Which we believe is unexcelled.

We solicit this business and invite the members of the association to acquaint themselves with our system, and the service we render to all our customers.



The Old Reliable
FARMERS & MERCHANTS
National Bank

Let the Merkel Mail do your printing.

YOU TELL 'EM



Lightning never strikes twice in the same place. -It doesn't need to

You will not need to hunt the second time the place to buy GROCERIES

if you come to CARSON'S store. Buy here. I guarantee that you will get more Real Value for every Dollar you spend. Make your dollars do their duty in the buying of your groceries. Get the most for your money. You will not only get the lowest Prices, but will also have the assurance of Dependable Quality.

- 8lb Bucket Lard \$1.45
- 25lb. Sugar \$2.15
- Good Sorghum Syrup 70c
- Pure Ribbon Cane 95c
- Corn and Cane 70c
- Pure Crystal White 75c
- Cane, Corn & Maple 95c
- 1 doz. small cans Cream 65c
- 50c K. C. Baking Powder 40c

J. N. CARSON GROCERIES

The Store of Quality and Lowest Prices.

PERSONALS

Miss Mildred Hamm returned Friday from Abilene, where she visited Miss Marjorie Bland.

Mr. Ben Little of Texline, Texas, was here last week visiting friends.

Mr. Byers Petty returned Friday from Lamesa, Texas, where he visited relatives.

Miss Ruby Johnson was the guest of her sister, Mrs. John West, this week.

Mr. Tobe Paylor of Big Spring formerly of Merkel, was here visiting with friends Wednesday

Mr. L. A. Watts and family returned Tuesday from a trip to the state of Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Lytton Howard announce the birth of a baby girl on Thursday of last week.

Miss Christene Collins is at home after a visit with relatives at Taft, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black of Trent visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott last week end.

Mr. J. G. Younger left Saturday for a business trip to Houston, Texas.

Mr. John Calvert and family of Sweetwater visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt Jr., of Abilene, visited H. M. Rainbolt Sr. and wife last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Comer Clay of Abilene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth last week end.

Follow the advice of the ten million; buy a Ford now. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. West returned last week from their trip to northwest Texas and Okla.

Cozy Theatre

Friday and Saturday 5th & 6th

Dorothy Dalton

in "The Law of the Lawless"

With more thrills than a dozen ordinary pictures.

Extra - Uncle Tom's Cabin

Delightful 2 reel comedy

Coming Monday & Tuesday 8th & 9th

Cecil B. Demille presents Thomas Meighan

in "Manslaughter"

Also a two reel Larry Semon Comedy

Wednesday & Thursday

"The Danger Line" with an all star cast

Extra - 2 reel Educational Comedy

TENTS AND WAGON SHEETS

All Waterproofed and Mildewproofed.

7x9 10 oz. Wall Tents Treated \$18.50. 8x10 10 oz. Wall Tent Treated \$21.50. 10x12 10 oz. Wall Tent Treated \$25.00. 12x14 12 oz. Wall Tent Treated \$36.00. 14x16 12 oz. Wall Tent Treated \$45.00. 16x16 Army Pyramid Tents (Not Treated) \$35.00.

10x14 10 oz. Waterproofed Wagon Cover \$9.00. 11x14 10 oz. waterproofed wagon cover \$9.75. 11x15 10 oz. waterproofed wagon cover \$10.50. 10x16 10 oz. waterproofed wagon cover \$10.35. 11x16 10 oz. waterproofed wagon cover \$11.35. 7x10 12 oz. waterproofed wagon cover \$7.50.

We can furnish you prices on other sizes and grades of tents, Tarpaulins and Wagon Covers upon request. We guarantee all this merchandise to be NEW and in PERFECT Condition, except the 16x16 Pyramid Tents. They have been used, but are fully repaired.

THE ABILENE ARMY STORE

Phone 556

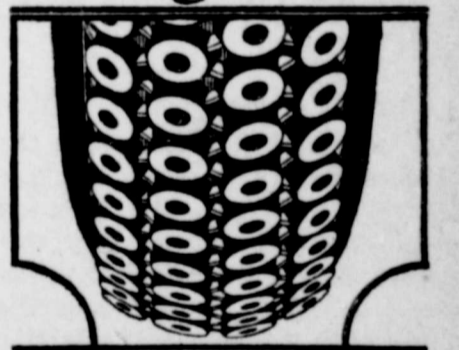
1064 South Second Street, Abilene, Texas.

Card of Thanks

We take this method of expressing our sincerethanks and appreciation to the good people of Merkel and the surrounding community, especially our good neighbors, all of whom in any way gave us assistance any sympathy since the loss of all our household goods in the fire that

Miss George Daniels has accepted a position as bookkeeper at A. C. Rose Dry Goods Store.

Longest Mileage on Roughest Roads



VACUUM CUP TIRES

RUGGEDNESS that withstands the hardest blows of the roughest roads and piles up thousands and thousands of miles with but little sign of wear and tear.

The motorist who buys with a strict view to economy finds Vacuum Cup Tires mean just that.

West Company
ACCESSORIES

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Tyler of Abilene were here Sunday visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Wheeler of Abilene visited with W. W. Wheeler and wife Sunday.

Mr. R. L. Grimes and family spent the week end with friends at Winters, Texas.

I. D. Walton came in last week from a visit to friends and relatives in Knox County. He reports good crops in that county.

Dr. J. L. Jones and family of Talpa, were here first of the week, guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Partridge.

All you can eat for 35c. Hamburgers 5c. The Farmer's Cafe, Cox and Belt, props. Located just south of Cozy Theatre.

Messrs. Homer C. Prince and Roy Holmes, of Clovis, New Mexico, were here this week for a visit with relatives.

Buy a Ford and spend the difference. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lamar and daughters, Minnie Maud and Nell Lou, returned Tuesday from a trip to Clovis New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Turner have as their guests this week, Evelyn and Lowry Derrington of Bomarton, Texas.

Mr. W. H. Orr and family of Cross Plains, Texas, are visiting Mrs. Mary Orr and other relatives here.

Dr. Parrott, who has been located in Longview, Washington, has returned to Texas, and formed partnership with Dr. Watson of Trent. Dr. Parrott is a nephew of Mr. C. T. Beckham, one of the substantial citizens of Trent.

FREE!

We are looking for the three Best Guessers.

The largest lump of Maitland "Labeled" Coal ever shipped to Merkel is on exhibition at our office.

WHAT DOES IT WEIGH?

To the person guessing nearest the correct weight we will give the following Prizes.

First \$5 in cash and 100 lbs Superior Egg mash, value \$3.75
Second \$2.50 in cash and 50 lbs Superior Egg Mash value \$2
Third \$1 in cash and 25 lbs Superior Egg Mash value \$1.00

The contest closes on Sept 19th. Prizes will be given out 4 p. m. September 20th 1924. Two guesses will be allowed each coal using address. Come to our office and guess the weight of this huge block of coal.

Swafford's Coal & Feed Yard
South Side Phone 44

Mr. Roy Holmes of Clovis, N. M., was here a few days last week for a visit with his father, Mr. Joe Holmes.

If its a Ford car of any model or description, we have it. Merkel Motor Co. Authorized Ford Dealers. It

Miss Jess Sutphen left Sunday for Electra where she will teach in the Electra schools the ensuing school year.

Mr. Harvey Warren and family of Knox City have been here visiting with Mrs. J. B. Warren and family.

Ford fender braces \$6 per set. Clamp on bumper rear; heavy Wichita pattern front. Get them at West Company.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cox of Abilene visited Mrs. Cox's parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nobels of Fort Worth, Texas, are here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson.

We can make immediate delivery on any type of Ford. Merkel Motor Co. Authorized Ford Dealers. It

Mrs. S. M. Edmiston, who has been visiting with relatives at Hamilton, Texas, came in recently to make her home again with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Dry.

Miss Eunice Russell left Saturday for Cleburne, Texas, to attend the funeral services of Rev. H. E. Bullock, a former Presbyterian pastor of the Merkel church.

Mr. J. M. Garrett is having some improvements made at his Feed Store in the way of extending the hay barns quite a few feet.

Rev. R. E. L. Stutts and family will move back to Abilene this week where they will be ready to place the children in school there.

GENUINE FORD PARTS! Complete stock; up-to-date, efficient equipment; service that is unequalled. West Company, Ford Service Dealer.



Plumbing Supplies

We wish to state that we are now in a position to fill your orders for any thing in plumbing supply goods which you may need for your home. We have just received a new shipment of Iron Wheel Wagons. If in the market for a new stove we have them. Infact our general line of hardware is the largest that we have ever carried. For the man who is picking cotton we have Scales, Cotton Picking Sacks, Wagon Sheets and Tents. If you are wanting any thing in our line come and see us and let us show you and give you prices. We buy our goods so we can and will sell you anything we have in our line as low as goods of like quality can be bought any place. We will appreciate your getting our prices before you buy.

Again thanking you for your business we are,

Yours truly,

Crown Hardware Co.

PERSONALS

Miss Ona Fae Bland of Abilene was here Wednesday.

Mr. R. L. Bland of Abilene was here Friday on business.

Follow the advice of the ten million; buy a Ford now. It

New car Light Crust Flour just arrived. W. W. Campbell. It

Mr. H. M. Rose of Sweetwater was here Monday on business.

Bring your cotton checks to the Farmers & Merchants National Bank. It

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rose left first of the week for Tulia, Texas, where Mr. Rose will attend to business matters.

LAUNDRY SERVICE

Send to the Laundry and be convinced. Regular family washing. Everything included except stiff collars, silk and woolen goods at ten pounds for one dollar. Phne 218. Alfred H. Ligon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Sharp of Fort Worth, Texas, are here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Gaither had as their guest last week, Mrs. Alice Cline of Ranger, and Mrs. Sam Casey of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Anderson and baby of Sweetwater were here the first of the week for a visit with relatives.

A new awning has been built over the buildings on Front St. occupied by N. A. Dowell Auto Shop and H. H. Hand Garage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchins returned Wednesday from a ten days visit with relatives at Colorado, Texas.

Dr. W. F. Armstrong came home last Friday, after being in an Abilene Sanitarium for about two weeks.

Mrs. N. D. Cobb was suddenly called to Dallas to see her daughter, who has been quite ill, but who is reported to be better.

Get your stationary at the Merkel Mail office. It

HAVE YOU EVER STOPPED TO THINK?

What a wonderful age we are fortunate enough to live in. What modern labor saving conveniences we enjoy in comparison to what our forefathers did. No longer do we have to make wash-day a



What Wonderful Laundry Work!

day of drudgery but by the touch of a button we make it not a day, but an hour or two of pleasure. Come in and let us show you our stock of both new and used machines.

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO.

Mrs. Amy Sears and daughters, Mary Eula and Boog will leave Saturday for Virginia where the girls will attend Sullens College for the coming school year. They will make the trip in their car.

The many friends of Mr. Earl Thornton will be glad to learn that he is improving from his operation for Appendicitis last week.

Mrs. Elmer Patterson of route five was bitten by a rattle snake last Thursday afternoon, and was brought here for treatment. She is reported to be doing very nicely.

There is a better market for used cars now than will be later. Better trade your old car and get a new one now. Merkel Motor Co. Authorized Ford Dealers. It

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Merkel — Texas

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Office over Crown Hardware Co.

Mrs. R. L. Ferguson and little daughter, Flora Frances, who have been here visiting Mrs. Ferguson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes, left for their home at Waco Tuesday morning.

Mrs. J. J. Stallings of Fort Worth, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McGee and little son, J. J., also of Fort Worth, were here first of the week visiting with friends.

Rev. F. W. Wilson and Rev. John W. Reynolds, both young student ministers from Simmons College, closed a splendid Baptist revival at White Church last Sunday, with a number of conversions and additions to the church.

Mr. R. J. Hannah returned last week from an extended trip to his old home in Tennessee. He returned via automobile and reports most of the entire country through which he traveled as being very dry and crops very short.

Miss Tina Moore has accepted a position with the Merkel Motor company. Miss Lillian Watts who has been with the Merkel Motor Company for several years, will leave soon for Bristol Virginia to attend Sullens College.

Rev. W. H. Albertson, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, accompanied by his family, returned first of the week from their vacation of some two weeks. While away they visited Austin, Fort Worth, Dallas and points up the Denver as far as Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Matthews and son, Clyde, and daughter, Mildred, returned Sunday from a trip to Roswell New Mexico, Phoenix, Arizona and Tucson, Arizona.

If you ask the home town knockers for news, their items sound more like bitens.

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MERKEL BUSINESS MEN OFFER BIG PRIZES

On Products Brought to **COMMUNITY FAIR** September 19th and 20th

Premiums are offered on Agriculture, Livestock, Poultry, Fine Arts, Textile, Home Canning, Cooking, Community Exhibits, etc.

<p>McFARLAND GARAGE</p> <p>BADGER TIRES — MOBIL OILS One of the Best Oils for all makes of cars</p> <p>We can furnish you with any size BALLOON TIRES They ride Easier and take Care of your car</p> <p>While attending the Community Fair drop in and see us about them.</p> <p>F. C. McFARLAND, Proprietor</p>	<p>MAGNOLIA FILLING STATION</p> <p>Welcomes all Community Fair visitors to Merkel on September 19th and 20th.</p> <p>We strive to serve our patrons courteously and efficiently at all times, and will make special effort to serve all who visit us on this day with entire</p> <p>SATISFACTION</p> <p>Chas. H. Jones, Manager.</p>	<p>WE WILL GIVE YOU--</p> <p>For Best Caramel-Nut Cake..... Pair of Silk Hose For Heaviest Rooster..... Ladies or Mens House-Shoes</p> <p>-ALSO-</p> <p>At our Store you will find Quality Merchandise--For Cash</p> <p>BROWN DRY GOODS COMPANY</p>	<p>WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAVE YOUR MONEY?</p> <p>Then come to us for your Fall Bill of Dry Goods.</p> <p>We Guarantee to Save You Money on: Gents Furnishings, Shoes, Blankets, Staple and piece Goods, Also Ready to wear and Millinery</p> <p>BRAGG DRY GOODS COMPANY "The Place Most People Trade"</p>	<p>CHICKENS — CHICKENS</p> <p>We are exclusive agents for the "Jersey Incubator" and "Blue Flame Brooders." Also we have poultry supplies of all kinds.</p> <p>Let the Hen Pay your Bills.</p> <p>LIBERTY HARDWARE COMPANY</p>
<p>GOOD, FRESH, CLEAN GROCERIES</p> <p>That is the kind of merchandise we handle. We also endeavor to give to our patrons along with the best in GROCERIES, the BEST and most ACCOMMODATING SERVICE.</p> <p>If you are not now numbered among our large list of satisfied customers, come around and give us a trial.</p> <p>"Our Prices Are Always Right"</p> <p>We are for our Community Fair and bid you welcome.</p> <p>BOB MARTIN GROCERY COMPANY</p>	<p>THE MERKEL DRUG COMPANY</p> <p>Is for the Community Fair. We are for anything that is for the progress and upbuilding of the community. And besides, we are doing our best to conduct a first class Drug Store, where service is found and enjoyed by our line of satisfied customers.</p> <p>We appreciate all the business tendered us.</p> <p>THE MERKEL DRUG COMPANY We Handle All Kinds of School Supplies</p>	<p>List of Premiums Offered</p> <p>The following is the list of big, fine premiums offered by the business firms and professional men of Merkel to be given away during the two-days Community Fair in Merkel, September 19th and 20th. This writer has had opportunity to see the premium list as offered by other towns, even the catalogue of the Dallas Fair, and we can assure the farmers and stock raisers of this community that in most every prize offered, the same is larger than that offered by other Community Fairs, even the Dallas Fair. Hence, we urge the farmers and others who may have something that you can enter, to study the premium list, and bring in some thing to be offered.</p> <p>Last year Merkel had her first Community Fair, and it was indeed a success. And while the crops this year are not so good as last year, there is no reason why we should not have a fine fair. Especially do we urge the different communities to collect their exhibits and bring them in and display them as a community. A separate booth will be set aside for every community that will do this, and then any citizen from that community who has something he wishes to enter in competition for individual premiums, may do so.</p> <p>OUR TOWN</p> <p>There are fancier towns than our little town, there are towns that are larger than this; and the people who live in the smaller towns don't know what excitement they miss. There are things you see in the wealthier towns that you can't in a town that's small; and yet, up and down, there is no town like our own little town, after all. It may be the streets through the town are not long, they're not wide and maybe not straight, but the neighbors you know in your own little town all welcome a fellow—it's great. In the glittering streets of the glittering town, with its palace and pavement and thrall; in the midst of the throng you will frequently long for your own little town, after all. If you live and you work in our little town, in spite of the fact it's small, you'll find it a fact that our little town is the best little town, after all.—Okla. Wheat Grower.</p>	<p>WELCOME FAIR VISITORS</p> <p>You are cordially invited to visit our Shop</p> <p>We Carry an Up-to-date Line of MILLINERY</p> <p>We now have a complete stock of Matrons, Ladies, Misses and childrens HATS in all the newest colors and Shapes.</p> <p>Prices that are in Reach of ALL We Want Your Business</p> <p>BETTYE BONNET BOX Located in Mrs. Dry's Racket Store.</p>	<p>OUR MARKET SERVICE</p> <p>We are trying our best to give the people of Merkel and surrounding country</p> <p>GOOD MARKET SERVICE</p> <p>We keep in stock both Fresh and Cured Meats, and will appreciate your business in our line.</p> <p>Visit us and give us a trial, and be convinced that Our Service and Meats are as "Good as the Best"</p> <p>WATKINS & VAUGHN MARKET On Main Street</p>
<p>FRESH GROCERIES</p> <p>At All Times—Guaranteed to Please</p> <p>Try a Sack of our LIGHT CRUST FLOUR</p> <p>And while attending the Merkel Community Fair Make our Store your Headquarters</p> <p>W. W. CAMPBELL</p>	<p>ED'S PLACE FOR GOOD EATS</p> <p>A Place where good, clean meals are served night and day, to Ladies and Gentlemen.</p> <p>Try Our Service</p> <p>We appreciate all patronage extended us.</p> <p>E. L. TURNER, Proprietor</p>	<p>1st Prize—\$25.00 cash to the community (for school for the best farm display. 2nd. Prize \$10.00 cash. 1st \$5.00 cash for best Jersey Cow. 2nd \$2.00 cash. 1st. prize \$5.00 cash for best span of mules. 2nd. \$2. 1st prize \$5.00 cash for best span horses. 2nd. \$2.00. 1st prize \$2.50 cash for best Calf. 2nd. prize \$1.00. 1st prize \$2.50 cash for best sow, any breed. 2nd \$1. 1st prize \$2.50 cash for best litter of pigs under 3 months old. 2nd prize \$1.00. 1st prize \$2.00 cash for best pair of Turkeys, any breed. 2nd prize \$1.00 cash. 1st prize \$1.00 cash for best 10 heads Maize. 2nd prize 50c cash. 1st prize \$1.00 cash for best 10 heads Kaffir Corn. 2nd prize 50c cash for best 10 heads Kaffir Corn. 1st prize \$1.00 cash for best 10 heads Feterita. 2nd prize 50 cents cash. 1st prize \$1 cash for best bundle Cane, 2nd 50c cash. 1st prize \$1.00 cash for best bundle Oats, 2nd 50c. 1st prize \$1.00 cash for biggest pumpkin, 2nd 50c. CAKES: For the best home-made Yeast Bread, 48lb sack Light Crust Flour, by W. W. Campbell. For the best Angel Food Cake baked by housewife, one 24lb sack La France Flour, Grocery Department of West Company. For the best Angel Food Cake baked by girl, age 12 to 16, \$3.00 cash prize, by Parent-Teachers Club. For the best pound cake, 25lb sack Sugar, J. T. Dennis Grocery. For the best White Loaf Cake, \$2.50 Cash, by Woodrum Filling Station. For the best White Layer Cake, \$5.00 in merchandise, by McFarland Garage. For best Jam Cake, 5 gal. For 1 Oil, Magnolia Filling Station. For the best Devils Food Cake, Ford Tube, Merkel Motor Company. For the best cake cooked on an Electric Range, one months stove service, by West Texas Utilities Co. For best Caramel-Nut Cake, pair of Silk Hose, by Brown Dry Goods Company. JELLIES: Plum Jelly, 6lb Roast (value of Roast in trade) by Vaughn & Watkins Meat Market. 2nd, 50c Apple Jelly, \$1.00 in work, by Renfro's Tailor Shop. 2nd prize for apple jelly, 50c. Grape Jelly, 5lb Beef Roast, by Patterson Meat Market. 2nd prize 50c. PRESERVES: Plum Preserves, Special plate dinner (value \$1.00) by White House Cafe. 2nd. 50c. Peach Preserves, \$1.00 cash. 2nd prize 50c.</p>	<p>THE QUALITY BAKERY First Class</p> <p>BREAD, CAKES, PIES AND CANDY All Kinds of the Best, most Tasty and most Delicious Pastry</p> <p>Try our goods and be convinced of their HIGH QUALITY</p> <p>We welcome every one to Merkel's Community Fair</p> <p>A. A. McGehee, Proprietor</p>	<p>WHITE HOUSE CAFE</p> <p>Will appreciate your patronage at any and all times. We assure you the best of eats, with courteous and fair treatment.</p> <p>We will be especially prepared to care for your Restaurant wants on the Community Fair days.</p> <p>J. F. HOLLOWAY, Proprietor</p>
<p>OUR COMMUNITY FAIR</p> <p>We are for it. Let's make it the best possible We invite you to make our store your headquarters when attending the Community Fair.</p> <p>And incidentally we call your attention to our Mammoth line of New Fall Dry Goods. They are New, Up-to-date and of the best makes. And the price—well we are always right on that.</p> <p>MAX MELLINGER, DRY GOODS</p>	<p>A REAL WELCOME</p> <p>The Largest Public Servant in West Texas is for The Community Fair.</p> <p>Service through Growth, Progress and Efficiency Is our Slogan.</p> <p>We are 100 per cent for Progressive Development.</p> <p>WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY</p>	<p>Pear Preserves, Cake by Quality Bakery. 2nd 50c. CANNED FRUIT: Best can Peaches, 1st prize, an Aluminum Dish Pan, 2nd prize 50c in cash, by the Schindler Variety Store. Best canned Pears, 1st prize aluminum stew pan, 2nd prize 50 cents cash, by Mrs. Dry's Racket Store. Best canned Plums, 1st prize 3lb silver moon Coffee, 2nd prize 50c cash, by Hamblett Grocery. Best canned Berries, 1st prize 2 years subscription (value \$3.00) to Merkel Mail, 2nd prize 50 cents in cash, by Thos. Durham. Best Peach Sweet Pickles, 1st prize \$1.00, 2nd 50c. Best Cucumber Pickles, 1st prize \$1.00, 2nd 50c. Best Beet Pickles, 1st prize \$1.00, 2nd prize 50c. Best Canned Beans, 1st prize \$1.00, 2nd 50c. Best Canned Tomatoes, 1st prize \$1.00, 2nd 50c. HAND WORK: For the handsomest piece of hand-work entered in the entire exhibit, \$12.50 Rocker, by Barrow Furniture Company. Crochet Bed Spread, 5 Victor Records, by Merkel Drug Company. Embroidered Bed Spread, 1 pair silk Hose, by Max Mellinger, Dry Goods. For the neatest job of mending, \$2.50 cash, by the Cash Tailor Shop. For the best embroidered Bucella Vanity Set, one Vanity set complete, by J. T. Dennis, Dry Goods. For the Best Luncheon Set, one stamped Linen Luncheon Set, by Bragg Dry Goods Co. For the best Embroidered Vanity Set worked by girl under 12 years, one Hat, by Bettye Bonnet Box. For the best handwork by a girl under 12 years, \$2 cash prize by the Parent-Teachers Club. For the best piece of crochet, one bottle of Narcisse Toilet Water, by Sanders Drug Store. For the best piece of knitted Lace, \$1.00 1st, 50c 2nd Best piece of tatting, \$1.00 cash 1st prize, 50c 2nd. For the best display of embroidery by one individual, \$5.00 in trade, Burton-Lingo Lumber Co. For the best roll and whipping, 1st prize \$1, 2nd 50c For the best Colored Embroidery, 1st \$1.00, 2nd 50c. For the best Embroidered Towel, 1st \$1.00, 2nd 50c. MISCELLANEOUS: \$2.00 cash to the boy under 12 who picked the most cotton this fall in one day, to Sept. 19, by Parent-Teachers Club. \$3.00 cash to the boy between the age of 12 and 16 who picks the most cotton this fall in one day up September 19th.</p>	<p>COME TO THE COMMUNITY FAIR September 19th and 20th</p> <p>Meet Your Friends—Enjoy Yourselves</p> <p>Visit our Booth and let us Show you the best place in West Texas to buy your Furniture.</p> <p>BARROW FURNITURE COMPANY</p>	<p>CAN YOU AFFORD TO LOSE THE PROFITS THAT BUILDING WILL GIVE?</p> <p>If we could reduce building costs we would cut them fifty per cent. We can make more money when prices are low. But what indications is there that prices will be lower; none that we know of. It is our advice to build now what you need.</p> <p>THE MERKEL LUMBER COMPANY</p> <p>Dealers in Carey's Blue Ribbon Paints and Roofing, Wall Board, Builders Hardware & Glass. Infact everything in the Builders Line. Sash, Doors, Screening goods, Lime, Cement and Sand—Gravel.</p> <p>Make this your headquarters when in town.</p> <p>Wm. P. Carey Company, Owners Phone 62 Established 1881</p>
<p>HAMILTON & CASE, GROCERIES</p> <p>GROCERIES—That's our stock in trade. That's what we study about most. We must do that if we are to render our patrons the kind of Grocery Service they are entitled to. And our fast growing patronage is indicative of the kind of service we are putting out.</p> <p>However, we are always glad to cooperate with the people of our town and community; hence we are for the COMMUNITY FAIR.</p> <p>If you are not a customer now, give us your next order and then you will know how to appreciate our goods and our excellent service.</p> <p>HAMILTON & CASE</p>	<p>When You Think of Building Material</p> <p>Think of</p> <p>BURTON—LINGO LUMBER COMPANY</p> <p>Dealers in</p> <p>LUMBER, BUILDERS HARDWARE AND GLASS ...LOWE BROS. HIGH STANDARD PAINTS....</p> <p>Phone 71 Corner Lamar & North Front Sts.</p>	<p>(CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX)</p>	<p>SCHOOL WILL SOON OPEN</p> <p>Don't Forget</p> <p>SANDERS DRUG STORE Headquarters FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES</p>	<p>THE WOODRUM FILLING STATION</p> <p>Where real AUTO SERVICE is rendered those who patronize our Filling Station, is glad to contribute toward a Community Fair in Merkel. While attending this Community Fair, come to us with your car trouble, we will solve them for you.</p> <p>We thank you for any and all patronage.</p> <p>GEORGE WOODRUM, Proprietor</p>

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kel, Texas as second class mail.

Among those who believe in
liberalism are the tramps who
are looking for hand-outs.

The ice cream dealers will not
object to the continuance of hot
weather.

Many parents are alarmed a-
bout their missing children, but
they usually turn up at meal
times.

The battle cries of the parties
are now being sounded, but
some people insist on bottle
cries.

Many of the kids are enough
interested in Sunday school work
so they are willing to attend the
annual picnic and eat ice cream.

The men look very imposing
in the stylish clothes they are
buying, but the girls would pre-
fer them to look proposing.

The short hand reporters have
been meeting at Washington.
They will have to work fast to
take down all the bunk being is-
sued in this campaign.

Motorists would better be
careful not to run over any
cows, calves, chickens, dogs, or
cats, for if they do they are
likely to find those animals were
high blooded stock and very val-
uable.

Another cause for having a
Defense Day is the need of pro-
viding some means of repelling
the neighborhood dogs that
tear up the flower beds of Mer-
kel.

Principal thing the bolshe-
vists need about now is to get
their hair bobbed.

The patriotic opportunities of
the days for primary voting are
celebrated by many citizens by
forgetting to go to the polls.

Many complaints are made
that mail is misdirected, but
people seem to get their bills all
right.

American men are declared to
make the best husbands, prob-
ably because they have learned
that it pays to obey.

The man who says advertis-
ing does not pay because he
once spent \$2.98 on it and got
no results, will not probably be-
come a captain of industry.

While the politicians are try-
ing to jump on board the band-
wagon, the people are looking
for someone who sticks to the
saw-horse.

The boys who are puncturing
tires by throwing tacks in the
road, would not look with ap-
proval on anyone who should
strew the same at their swim-
ming hole.

Fact that the kids are aiming
at the back shed with their air
guns does not prove that the
spirit of militarism has infested
the land.

About the only way to secure
safety for some automobile driv-
ers is for their friends to lock
them up over the week end so
they can't get behind a steering
wheel.

This is a great country for
athletic sports, and even many
of the temperature records have
been broken this summer.

Sociologists are discussing
what shall be done with way-
ward boys. The old fashioned
woodshed has largely disappear-
ed, but the garage will make a
good substitute.

WORK AFTER VACATION

Millions of people, including
many in Merkel, have just re-
turned from summer outings
and are taking up once more the
tasks of their daily occupations.
Many of them are remarking
that it comes hard to buckle
down once more.

It is said that people ought to
find happiness in work. If so,
there is something wrong when
people once more resume, with so
much distaste, the tasks which
they should theoretically find
satisfaction in performing.

In many cases people may be
working beyond their strength.
In other cases, however, work
has become more of a burden
than it ought to be by the in-
ability of people to grasp the
fundamental principles of their
job, and gain a thorough mas-
tery of it by their penetrating
insight into its conditions.

When people can do a thing
with a superior degree of skill,
they find pleasure in doing it.
Work is not a burden to them
unless they take on more of it
than human powers can reason-
ably perform. The remedy for
such a condition is not so much
to have longer vacations, as it
is to look deeper into one's
work and do it better.

There remains a great body
of workers who are toiling away
at occupations in which there
seems to be little scope for orig-
inality, in which they are per-
forming about the same machine
—like operators day after day.
But if people find such routine
tasks distasteful, they should
seek to graduate into something
offering more scope for initi-
ative. If people are on the right
track in like, there ought to be
a certain zest in beginning work
again after a vacation, a feeling
that rest and reflection and
change of scene have whetted
one's powers, and made one able
to accomplish some things that
previously were out of reach.

Follow the advice of the ten
million; buy a Ford now. It

\$10 Free! Free! \$10
TEN DOLLARS IN GOLD

For the Best Name to be Submitted for
the new Drive in Filling Station

—located just north of the Fire station, on the
corner of Kent & Front St., in the Crenshaw
Building.

I will handle the very best grades of Gas and
Oils, Casings, tubes, and accessories; and give
service that pleases. Everything is for your con-
venience and we want a name suitable.

This is free to all, your suggestion may be
chosen and you may get the \$10.00. Contest
closes, September 13th.

Come and look the new filling station over
and then submit a name. You may be the lucky
one.

All answers must be submitted through the
mail, address to Bill Haynes, Box 265, Merkel,
Texas.

Watch the paper for answer and the lucky one.

Bill Haynes

Work Starts on Sewer!

Work has started and material arriving to
push construction of Merkel's
Sewer System.

We are prepared to furnish you with all
kinds and prices of Combination Closets for
Interior use. Also the alley or Frost Proof
Connection.

We will be glad to figure your Fixtures com-
plete, installed or otherwise. Contract with
us now as we will be rushed when main lines
are completed. Give us a chance to figure
your job, we helped make it possible for Mer-
kel to have this needed improvement of sani-
tation.

**Liberty Hardware
Company**

**THE GLORIFICATION
OF LABOR**

In former years works of fic-
tion used to deal principally
with the grander scenes of the
world. People of humble station
used to read sensational roman-
ces, in which the story was told
how people of low position would
find purses in the road, or make
lucky strikes in mines, or hum-
ble girls would be wedded to
princes or capitalists. Thus their
minds were filled with rosy
dreams, but the chances were
about 10,000 to 1 that nothing
of that kind would happen in
their case.

While people used to amuse
many idle hours in such ways,
the general tendency of such
reading was to make them dis-
contented with their own lot,
and fill them with revolt against

the simple conditions in which
they were born and had to labor.

Many noted writers during re-
cent years have developed a
finer message. They take some
form of workaday existence,
and show how much romance
and achievement there is in it,
and that people can accomplish
happiness and success in such
circumstances, even if they do
not find purses in the road, or
make a haul in mining stocks,
or marry princes and capital-
ists.

Such a story is now one of the
most popular books or recent
times, the novel "So Big" by
Edna Ferber. This writer tells
how a hard working woman
takes hold of an unproductive
truck farm located near Chic-
ago, and enriches her own life by
making it successful, through
studying the needs of the mar-

ket and making her product at-
tractive.

She shows that such a farm,
in which unimaginative people
could see no beauty, has its own
charm and can be made the cen-
ter of a happy and useful exist-
ence just as well as any other
set of circumstances. The coun-
try needs more of that point of
view, so that people shall stop
dreaming about impossible good
fortune, and set to work creat-
ing happiness and success out of
the conditions in which they
find themselves placed.

We have a phone for the use
of our customers as well as our-
selves. Use it when you give
checks to cotton pickers who are
strangers. Use it if we can serve
you during the busy season.
Farmers & Merchants National
Bank. tf

List of Premiums Offered

(CONTINUED FROM PAGES FOUR and FIVE)

- One pair best House-Shoes for the heaviest
Rooster (any breed) by Brown Dry Goods.
- 1 set Ford Fender Braces (value \$7.50) for
exhibit showing greatest diversification on
one farm, by West Company, Accessory Dep.
- To the couple marrying on the 19th or 20th
of September, 1 marriage License by Sie
Hamm, 1 Minister's fee by H. A. Sanders.
- To mother of the youngest baby at the Com-
munity Fair, 1 can of Maxwell House Coffee,
by Porter's Grocery.
- Mans wool Shirt for the best 10 heads of
Maize, by Bragg Dry Goods Co.
- 100 lb. Sack OmeLine Feed for the best Colt,
by Garrett Feed Co.
- \$5.00 in Gold for the best 3 stalks of cotton,
by Farmers State Bank.
- Base ball fielders Glove to boy under 16 who
exhibits best pig (any breed), by Liberty
Hardware Company.
- Set of Community Silver Tea Spoons to the
lady exhibiting the best display of Home
Canned Fruits, by Liberty Hardware Co.
- Automatic Feeder to Best pen of chickens
hatched in a Jersey Incubator, by Liberty
Hardware Company.
- Little Chick Feeder for the best pen of pure
bred Friers (any breed) Liberty Hardware.
- \$1.00 cash for the best Hound Dog, by J. A.
Buford.

- 3lb. can White Swann Coffee to the largest
family calling in the store of Hamilton and
Case, Grocery.
- To the best Mulé Colt, \$1.00 worth of Barber
work, by West Barber Shop.
- To the best twin calves, \$1.00 worth of work,
by McCoy's Barber Shop.
- For the oldest Relic, \$2.50 1st prize, \$1.00
for 2nd prize.
- For best Fern, \$2.50 cash 1st prize, \$1.00
2nd prize.
- \$5.00 Meal Ticket for the best twin babies
under 16 months old, by Ed Turner's Cafe.
- One 24lb. Sack Seal Flour for best Angel
Food Cake baked with Seal Flour, Bob Mar-
tin Grocery Company.
- One 24lb sack Seal Flour for best yeast Bread
baked with Seal Flour.
- \$2.50 cash for most perfect baby under 18
months old. Baby Ring second prize.
- ttendingG alelot(Cob wRTkJoZ choho'fb t-A
For best Feed display raised on any one
farm, variety and quality considered, \$5.00
in Gold, by Farmers and Merchants National
Bank.
- The Following Gins have donated \$5.00
each to the Community Fair: Guitar Gin,
South Side Gin, Swann Gin, Planters Gin at
Merkel, Planters Gin at Blair, F. P. Hamm
Gin, and Mr. W. T. Daniels gave \$1.00.

Six Big Days Six Bright Nights
The West Texas Fair
ABILENE
 September 22-27 Inclusive.
Livstock, Poultry and Dog Show-
 Automobile, Manufacturers and Agricultural Ex-
 hibition. School and womens work Exhibits.
Auto Races (two days) Football,
(Three Games.) Gates monster Flying Circus:
 Fireworks, Chicago Cadet Band, and a thousand
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Mr. G. W. Johnson has moved his offices to the office building over **West Company** on Front Street.

WHITE CHURCH NEWS

Sunday shortly after noon it began raining and again Tuesday morning so it has begun to look as if we were going to have turnip greens before many days. I'm sure that is some inducement to stay 'round about the place. However, it seems that the majority of our folks have the plains fever.

Since our last writing, Messrs. **Leroy Frazier, W. E. Malone,** and **Frank Demere** returned from a trip to **Dawson** and **Gains** counties.

Mr. D. D. Coats returned last Friday from **Lubbock,** where he went prospecting.

Miss Mary Riggins returned last week from a visit to her sister, **Mrs. Ernest Connelly,** at **O'Donnell.**

Wm. Snow and family left Tuesday for **Brownfield** where they will visit several days with **D. E. and Z. E. Snow's** families. They were accompanied from **Merkel** by **J. S. Hughes** and his family.

Mrs. Mims, her little daughter, and her brother, **Frank Demere,** are here from **Broome** visiting their **Uncle, Paul Demere,** and family.

The little baby of **Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coats** of **Blair** was layed to rest in our cemetery Tuesday.

We are glad to report that **Mrs. Elmer Patterson** is improving nicely. **Mrs. Patterson** was unfortunate enough to come into contact with a big rattle snake one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Spears from **Hawley,** route one, were here one day this week.

KINDERGARTEN OPENS

I will open my primary school for children under the scholastic age September 15th at my home. Your patronage is solicited. **Mrs. W. A. McSPADDEN.** Phone 115. 5t2c

TO THE PUBLIC

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Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones returned last week from **Quanah** where they had been called to attend the bedside of **Mrs. Jones'** mother, and who after an extended illness passed away last week. We join many friends in extending deepest sympathy.

Warren McSpadden came in Sunday night from **Austin** for a short visit with his mother, **Mrs. W. A. McSpadden.** **Warren** has been in school at **State University** for the past two years, including the summer months. He will teach in the **Junior High School** at **Austin** the opening school session.

Mr. F. F. Freeman of **Oklahoma City** visited his mother, **Mrs. P. A. Sandifer,** and sister **Mrs. S. W. Johnson,** the past week.

Mr. C. L. Stewart, accompanied by **Mr. N. H. Moore** of **Abilene** were here Friday on business.

Mrs. W. L. Harkrider and daughter, **Miss Elizabeth** spent last week end with relatives at **Abilene.**

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WITH THE CHURCHES

At The Methodist Church

Sunday, September 7th, will be communion day again at our church. We hope that there will be a large attendance. At the morning hour the subject will be "God" and at the evening hour the subject will be "An Important Question". Let every one come who possibly can. We always strive to make each service helpful to all. T. J. Rea, pastor.

Baptist Church

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

The fall days are here and bring to us renewed energy and zeal. The year's work so far has been exceptionally good. The S. S. attendance has held up well through the summer. There have been about 90 new members added to the church since the first of January. Let's begin now to make our church and Sunday School attendance for the coming months the best ever. May we depend on you.

Next Monday night the officers and teachers of the Sunday School will have a banquet in the basement of the church. Every officer and teacher is urged to come.

Next Wednesday night Mr. Coleman Craig of Dallas will deliver a stereopticon lecture on the Holy Land at the church. The pictures are those he took himself. The lecture will be very interesting. Every one is invited to come.

If you are not lined up somewhere, come to see us Sunday. W. H. Albertson.

Presbyterian Church

September is Rally month in the Presbyterian church. Each Sunday will witness something different, and we close the month with a great Rally Day the last Sunday.

Next Sunday morning, September 7, announcement will be made of our plans for the entire month. Come to Sunday School and stay for the preaching service. Subject at the morning hour: "Playing at Religion" Also the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed. We invite all Christians to partake of this sacred remembrance. Subject for the evening service "A

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Theatre Party

Miss Dorris Durham entertained a number of friends with a Theatre party Monday evening. The picture show at the Cozy Theatre was "Prodigal Daughters" and was immensely enjoyed by the party.

After the show, Miss Durham asked her friends back to her home, where a refreshment plate of sandwiches, ice tea, and olives was served. Plate favors were small hand-painted booklets, with names of each guest written within.

This occasion was enjoyed by Misses Melba West, Johnny Sears, Boog Sears, Ona Fae Rose, Hazel Lee Rainbolt, Mildred Matthews and Dorothy Sanders.

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Sleeper Who Fell."

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Junior B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: Nehemiah the cup-bearer.

1. Introduction, Benjiman Sheppard.
2. News from Jerusalem, Mary C. Cummings.
3. Nehemiah's prayer, William

Sheppard.

4. Nehemiah's request, Mabel Pilcher.

5. The King's answer, J. D. Ashby.

6. The Journey, Howard Albertson.

7. The ride around the walls, by Louise Booth.

B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: The Lord's Day a happy day.

1. Introduction by leader.
2. Rest for the Soul or the body which? by Miss Dye.
3. Recognize the rights of the soul, by Ola Sharp.
4. We need to worship, by Gyrllie Howard.
5. Recognize the Lord's right, by Mrs. Warren Smith.
6. A day for good Deeds, by Flossie Campbell.
7. A day of Triumph, by Stella Wilson.

Weekly Prayermeeting

The prayermeeting will meet at Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth's Wednesday at four p.m. Every one is invited.

Song 240, prayer by Mrs. Harris, song 235. Lesson, Jesus' Inaugural, Luke 4:16-21 by Mrs. Jim Meek. Jesus Driven from Nazareth, Luke 4:22-30 by Mrs. Joe Harris. His own received him not, John 1:9-14 Mrs. Causseaux The Jews disbelieved, John 5:37-47 by Mrs. Charlie West. The Chief Priests disbelieved, Luke 22:66-71 by Mrs. Mack Busbee. Christ's brethren lack belief, John 7:1-9 by Mrs. Fannie King. Christ's Mission, Isiah 61:1-3; 10-11 by Mrs. Elliott. Prayer by Mrs. King. Song 100. 11 and 12 chapters of Joshua by Mrs. Jim Meek. Prayer by Mrs. Sears. Minutes and roll call by Mrs. Busbee. Closing prayer, by Mrs. Causseaux.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Tippett are here this week visiting with Mrs. Tippett's mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown, and other relatives.

Senior Epworth League Program

"Be a good scout and B on hand at the Beehive meeting. You will not B stung."

Subject: Organizing to get things done.

Leader, Ethel Wilson. Song; Scripture, Mark 2:1-6. Prayer; Song.

Busy as a Bee, Rosie Laney. What Busy Bees are going to do, Adrian Rea.

The spirit of the Hive, Lorena Frazier. Special music.

Announcements; benediction.

Womans Missionary Program

For Monday, September 8, at Trent, Texas.

Missionary Bulletin, Mrs. D. J. Rawlings.

Roll Call, (answer with a verse of scripture on giving.)

Bible lesson, I Cor. XIII, Mrs. R. B. McRee.

Steward's Service in the home, Mrs. Lee Keyes.

Our Proteges in Africa, Mrs. W. Y. Steen.

Business; Report of officers and committees.

Our annual Bazaar will be held in December. All Methodist ladies take notice and help us by making some fancy work.

Publicity Supt.

Baptist Ladies Society

The ladies Missionary Society of First Baptist Church, north side circle, will meet with Mrs. Charlie West Tuesday, September 9, at four o'clock. All the ladies belonging to the north side circle be present.

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