

MANY PRIZES GIVEN AT COMMUNITY FAIR

Following is the list of those winning premiums on the various exhibits at the Merkel Community Fair, held on the 19th and 20th of September.

Those receiving prizes on the Agricultural display were: Watt Blair, best display of farm products; Sam Butman, best diversification of products; Lester Wood, age 14, picking most cotton; John Moore, age 11, picking most cotton; Marza Chaney, best pumpkin; Woodrow Patton won second on best pumpkin; W. H. Sanders won 1st on Kaffir corn; Joe Higgins 1st on corn, W. L. Blair 2nd; Sam Butman, 1st on cane; M. G. King best 5 stalks cotton; W. M. Carey, Feterita; Bud Brown Trent, second on Feterita; John Shannon, 1st on maize; J. B. Wood, 2nd on Maize.

Poultry—R. A. Ellis; Booth Warren, W. L. Diltz Jr.; E. Yates Brown, T. G. Harvell, John West, Vestal Hicks, W. R. Sumpter, R. J. Miller.

Livestock—Best mule colt, Martin Barker; 1st on mules, C. P. Wortham; 2nd on mules, W. B. Tarpley, 1st on span horses, S. O. Owen, 2nd on span horses, Rosece Bland; Best Jersey cow, Hollis Huddleston, best calf, J. H. Wicher; best hog, Earl T. Pribble.

Canned Fruits and Jellies—Mrs. T. J. Toombs, E. M. Massey Mrs. Sam Swann, Mrs. R. A. Burgess, Mrs. W. R. Sumpter, Miss Gladys Butman, Mrs. L. R. Thompson, Mrs. R. J. Miller, Mrs. Robert Hicks, Mrs. John West, Mrs. Geo. Bullock, Mrs. Tom Largent, Mrs. Iva Batton, Mrs. J. A. Collins, Mrs. Clyde Reeves, Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Light bread—Mrs. J. W. McConnell, Mrs. C. W. Seago, Mrs. Nannie Casseaux.

Old Relics—Fred Jenkins, razor blade 230 yrs. old, 1st prize; Mrs. Chas. Jones 2nd, ruby pin, 200 years old.

Art exhibit—Thelma Jones, 1st prize; Imogene Agnew, 2nd; E. L. Turner, 3rd.

Needle Work—Counterpane, Mrs. W. G. Tremble; Emb. Bed Spread, Miss Willie Toombs; Neatest patching, Mrs. W. A. Thornton; best Emb. Vanity set, Miss Missie Dye; best luncheon set, Mrs. V. P. Tippett; best em. under 12 years age, B. T. Sublett age 6 years; best Emb. Vanity under 12 years, Himalaya Swafford, best work on vanity, Miss Missie Dye; best tatting, Mrs. Buck Moore; 2nd prize on tatting, Mrs. Vada Naron; best roll and whipping, Mrs. W. H. Albertson; 2nd, Mrs. J. W. McConnell; best crochet, Mrs. Ed Heeter; 1st on knit lace, Mrs. J. E. Costephens, 2nd, Mrs. J. P. Sutphen best display by one individual, Miss Amanda Curtis; best colored Emb. Mrs. H. C. Williams, Mrs. Tom Largent 2nd; best flour sack article, Mrs. J. W. Connell; best display of hand work out side city, Mrs. Jessie Higgins; handsomest article in display, Mrs. T. J. Swafford.

Ferns—Miss Eula Sears, 1st prize; Mrs. H. C. Williams, 2nd.

Cakes—Caramel nut cake, Mrs. Tom Largent 1st, Mrs. James West 2nd; White loaf cake, Mrs. Sam Swann; Best Angel Food, Mrs. Tom Largent; Best pound cake, Mrs. J. M. McConnell; Angel food, Mrs. J. W. McConnell; layer cake, Mrs. C. W. Seago; Devil Food, Mrs. C. W. Seago; best Angel Food by girl under 16 years, Miss Tommie Durham; best Angel Food 12 to 16, Ruby Patton; best angel food, 12 to 16 Anna Lou Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Acuff were Abilene visitors Monday.

MAGICIAN, FIRST LYCEUM NUMBER

The first of five big lyceum numbers will appear in Merkel on October 2nd, Thursday night, in the Presbyterian church. The school stage is being made larger and will not be completed by next Thursday night.

McDonald Birch, the Magician, one of the greater and most entertaining lyceum numbers we have ever had, is to be our first treat.

"The National Trio" will soon appear. This number consists of a fine program of music, singing and reading.

"The McCords" will give us a wonderful program which will be unique in its character, and every one will enjoy it.

"Devault", the impersonator and reader, will prove to be a real artist.

And then, "The Ghost Between" is a three act play with four characters, the doctor, the nurse, the doctor's wife and the doctor's friend. This is one of the cleverest numbers the "Dixie Lyceum Bureau" has ever put out, and no one can afford to miss this.

Now let's make our course pay for itself this year, so buy a season ticket for \$1.50. All school children's season tickets, are \$1.00. Admission at the door, 50 cents for adults, 35c for children.

Next Monday will be "Buy a Season Ticket Day" and everyone will have a chance to get a Season Ticket. There will be 6 or 7 teams of ladies out selling tickets, so be prepared.

NEW GROCERY OPEN UP ON KENT STREET

Mr. J. H. McDonald, who for many years has counted Merkel as his home, has returned here from the oil fields, where he has spent several years, and last week opened in the middle of the block on Kent street a nice, clean, fresh grocery stock.

He has had years of experience in handling groceries, has a nice place and a fresh stock of goods, and will no doubt enjoy his share of the business in this line. Mr. McDonald will have associated with him in the conduct of his business, Mr. Nathan Wood, his son-in-law, who is also experienced in the grocery business.

NEW MEXICO PHOTOGRAPHER BUYS LOCAL STUDIO

O. R. Rodden, of Artesia, New Mexico, is now owner of the Cozy Studio, having closed a deal for the purchase of the studio equipment from H. F. Groene last Friday, and taking charge Tuesday morning. Mr. Rodden comes highly recommended as a photographer and as a citizen, and we welcome him to our city. Mr. Groene is taking up the production of industrial and commercial motion pictures, having just completed a portable laboratory for this purpose, but stated that Merkel would remain his home as he retained his home and studio building.

BABY CONTEST

In this, one of the most interesting features of the Fair, the little daughter, Helen, of Mrs. Ed Heeter, won first prize of \$2.50 cash. And the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hale won first prize in the boys contest, and was likewise awarded \$2.50 in cash.

SECOND FAIR HERE A BIG SUCCESS

Merkel's Second Community Fair, which took place here last Friday and Saturday, has been pronounced by every one as a complete success in every respect. Infact it was one of the finest occasions ever had in Merkel. Owing to the lengthy drouth that prevailed throughout this section during June, July and August, there was not such a large quantity of farm exhibits as there would have been had the season been better, but the exhibits brought in were indeed excellent. Likewise the poultry, livestock and swine exhibits were all of the very best.

Another thing that helped to make the Fair a more decided success was that a great number of our merchants, bankers and other business interests conducted lovely booths, in which they either exhibited or in some manner advertised their respective businesses, and which was viewed and inspected by the great throngs of people who came from far and near to attend this splendid occasion. And every business man, when we heard express himself about the matter, stated that he was most highly pleased, and expected to open their bit in making the next fair still larger and more interesting.

The Fair this year was sponsored and backed by the Luncheon Club. All committees who so ably worked to make the Fair a success, were appointed by the Chairman of the Luncheon Club, and thus the membership of that organization naturally feels proud of the success of same.

Much credit is and should be given Mr. J. A. Buford, Chairman of the Committees, as well as Mr. R. A. Ellis in charge of the poultry department, Jas. A. Patterson, in charge of the livestock; and the ladies, some of whom were: Mesdames F. C. McFarland, Fred S. Rogers, R. O. Anderson, R. I. Grimes, Twyman Collins, and possibly others whose names we did not get.

Such a great success was the Fair that many of our leading business men thought it best to immediately organize for the carrying on the plans for the next fair, and at the meeting of the Luncheon Club on Tuesday of this week a president, secretary and board of directors were elected, along with a number of vice-presidents in and about the city and trade territory, mention of which will be found elsewhere in this paper.

\$10.00 AWARDED FOR NAME OF NEW FILLING STATION

Bill Haynes, proprietor of the new Drive-in Filling Station to be opened soon on Kent Street, announces that the station will be known as "The Oasis", that name being selected from among the hundreds sent in. This name was sent in by Mr. Sie Hamm, and he was given the ten dollars in gold offered for the best name selected by the management.

Oasis, according to Webster, means a grassy or green spot in a desert, a watering place. But in this case travelers and others who travel by auto, will be courteously supplied with not only water, but gasoline and other needed supplies for the automobile trade.

Mr. W. A. Thornton states that while he was against the voting of sewer bonds, he is for the sewer now, and has already placed in his home all fixtures necessary to connect up with the mains.

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MANY YOUNG FOLKS LEAVE FOR COLLEGE

During the past two weeks many young men and women have left home to attend higher schools of learning. Many of them will be students at various colleges for the first time, and others are returning for their finishing year. Merkel has always had her share of college students, but this year it seems that there is an unusual number to represent her in greater fields of opportunity. Every one should feel proud of the great number of young men and women, who are ambitious for a greater education that will prepare them for some future career.

The following are among those who have already left and some who are yet to go to attend various colleges and universities of our state.

Misses Loyce and Lorena Dry are students at C. I. A., Denton, Texas, and will graduate at the close of this school year.

Miss Hattie Proctor is a student at C. I. A., Denton. This is Miss Proctor's second year.

Miss Dorothy Sanders entered McMurry College last week and will be a Freshman.

Miss Grace Lee Cranston left last week for Abilene where she entered McMurry College.

Mr. J. J. Russell left Friday for Austin where he will be a Sophomore at the State University this year.

Mr. Marvin Mayfield left Sunday to enter his second year at the University of Texas.

Mr. Murrell Collins will be a Freshman at the University of Texas this year.

Miss Gladys Middleton will attend C.I.A., Denton, this year.

Miss Mona Margaret Jones left some time ago for Omaha, Texas, to attend school and especially prepare herself in music.

Mr. Weston West left last week for Waxahachie, Texas, to enter Trinity University.

Mr. Jack Anderson is attending the Grubbs Vocational College at Arlington, Texas.

Miss Myrtle Daniels will attend McMurry College, beginning the second term.

Miss Maurine Tipton left last week for Denton, where she will be a Freshman at C.I.A. this year.

Miss Mary Cleo Booth is attending Simmons College for her third school session.

Miss Nell Swann is a student at Simmons College, this being her first year.

Misses Mary Eula and Boog Sears left some time ago for Bristol, Virginia, to attend Sullens College.

Miss Johnny Sears is a student this year at Sullens College, Bristol, Virginia.

Miss Lillian Watts left about a week ago for Bristol, Va. to attend Sullens College.

Mr. Harry McCandless will attend State University for the first years work.

Mr. Williard Reeves will be a first year student at State University this year.

Miss Mae Wilkins is attending C.I.A. this year for the first time.

Miss Autry Porter is a student at Simmons College this year. Miss Porter has had one year at C.I.A. and has done summer school work at Simmons.

Mr. Judson McRee will attend Baylor Medical College at Dallas. Mr. McRee has had three years college work already, one at Simmons and two at State University.

Mr. Warren McSpadden will also have some courses at the State University along with his other duties as teacher in the Junior High School at Austin.

Miss Ouida Campbell will at-

ZIM THE "TITHER" IN BIG CAMPAIGN

Zim the Tithing Evangelist is busy putting a brand new Malachi Self Starter on the Methodist Church.

His method seems to be to correll a bunch of God robbers, take 'em one at a time, put their heads in a vice, prize their mouths open with an Auto jack, and attach this Malachi machine to the top root of their selfishness. It seems that this root is attached to bank accounts and other things, and soon warps Methodist souls, and causes them to become cantankerous, and spasmodic, and pusilanimous, so Zim says?

You will have to come out and watch this Malachi operator, as this editor can only guess at what he is going to do, but whatever it is, if it will help our churches solve their financial problems, we are for him.

We understand that Sunday is the day for major operations, and Sunday afternoon at three o'clock the Self Starter will be applied, and Sunday night the patients begin to come out from under the Malachi ether, and either sign up to tithe or go off into hard fits.

Zim has proven beyond the shadow of a doubt that the Tithing is God's money, and with Merkel Methodism tithing we shall easily solve our financial difficulties and quadruple our power.

Next week the great "God Robber Trial" will take place. Judge, jury, sheriff, prosecutor and defense will wage a royal battle. Don't miss this trial.

PARENT-TEACHERS IN FIRST MEETING

The Parent-Teachers Club met last Wednesday afternoon at the school building for the first meeting of the present school session.

There was quite a bit of business to be transacted and no regular program had been arranged. Two vacancies had occurred by resignation and these were filled. Mrs. Latham was elected second vice-president and is chairman of the membership committee. Mrs. R. I. Grimes was elected third vice-president, and is chairman of the finance committee. The Treasurer reported \$175.00 in the bank. It was then voted to place three libraries in the grades. One in each of the 4th, 5th and 6th grades. This gives a library to every grade up to the high school. The Parent-teachers are sponsoring the Lyceum Course this year and some plans were enacted for carrying on the course. The first number will be October second, and will be given at the Presbyterian church.

Miss Collins gave a very beautiful solo which was much appreciated. The P.T.A. will meet regularly on the second Wednesday afternoon in each month. The next meeting will be the second Wednesday in October, which will be the 8th day.

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Miss Alma Patterson is attending McMurry College at Abilene, this being her first year.

LUNCHEON CLUB DISCUSSES FAIR

The subject for discussion at the Luncheon Club at its regular semi-monthly meeting on last Tuesday evening was "The Success of our Community Fair"

Mr. Chas. H. Jones, manager for the Magnolia Filling Station, was the interesting Toastmaster for the occasion, and to say that he brought forth a most entertaining and interesting program, would be saying far too little. Yes, as a Toastmaster, Charlie is a master in the art. Every one pronounced the meeting absolutely one of the very best.

The first speaker of the evening was Col. J. A. Buford, who managed the recent fair, in a very impressive and interesting manner gave his experience and ideas of the Fair, and how he thought it could be improved upon next year. Mr. Buford was indeed proud of the fair, and stated that he appreciated the fine manner in which all Merkel and the surrounding country cooperated with him in making the occasion such a success.

Next Mayor Henry C. West, who always has a good spicy and interesting message for his hearers, told how he thought the next fair might be improved upon. He said that excepting the Merkel Mail, he felt that the Fair was one of the best ways of advertising our little city and the business interests of same.

Next on program was a solo by Mr. Delma A. Compton, with Miss Gay at the piano, which was appreciated as is always the case when Mr. Compton appears before an audience here.

At this time Rev. W. H. Albertson told his idea of the success of the fair and the many good points connected with any town having such an event. He suggested that the building in which the fair was held be purchased by the city, if possible, and purposely arrange for holding fairs and other occasions where all the people needed to come together.

The next number of the program was a duet by Messrs Jack West and Delma Compton, which was indeed a treat to everyone.

Also Rev. Fred S. Rogers was called upon to give his views about the Fair, which he did in a very complimentary way, pointing to his hearers the fine fellowship and cooperative spirit that is generally prevalent among the people in putting over such enterprises. He always has something good to tell his hearers.

As visitors at the Luncheon we noticed Messrs W. L. Blair, Eli Cordell, M. P. Latimer, Mr. Neill, W. C. Church and possibly others, all of whom made interesting talks. Also Mr. Jack Canon and Mr. Emmette Grimes new citizens among us, were present and made splendid talks.

At this time Chairman L. R. Thompson took charge of the meeting and immediately the Club went into the organization of what might be termed a Fair Association, for the next year, with the following appointed as officers and directors: President H. C. West; Manager, J. A. Buford; Vice-president H. L. Propst; Secretary, Thos. Durham; Treasurer, R. L. Grimes; and as additional Vice-presidents, Messers Cordell, W. L. Blair, Blackburn, Fred Smith, W. C. Church, W. J. Bicknell, Joe Winter, J. K. Higgins, Earl Foster, D. J. Matthews, N. B. Teaff and W. B. Moore, and the Chairman, who had been empowered to make these and other appointments, stated that there would be others to announce later.



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Mrs. L. A. Arrington has as her guest, her sister, Mrs. H. D. Carlock, of Midland, Texas.

Mr. R. L. Bland of Abilene was in Merkel on business Tuesday.

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt spent last week end in Abilene visiting with relatives.

A big shipment of Pennsylvania bicycle tires just arrived. Come and look them over. WEST COMPANY.

FALL IS HERE

So come in and look over our new Samples. We have them in all the new shades and can give you a perfect fit in any style or price you might want.

CASH TAILOR SHOP

Mrs. Fred S. Rogers has as her guest, her sister Mrs. Lance Brown, and little son, Bobbie, and her mother, Mrs. J. M. Wynkoop, all of Breckenridge, Tex.

THE OASIS—Watch for the opening. Bill Haynes, Mgr.

Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Touchstone and daughter, Molly Frank of Chillicothe, Texas, are visiting Mrs. Frank Sears and daughters, Misses Mossie and Eula.

RACING MEN INTERESTED IN STATE FAIR EVENTS

Race horse owners all over the country are showing keen interest in the thirteen day running meet at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 11-26, according to Dr. A. E. Flowers, superintendent of the State Fair speed department.

"As soon as announcement was made that there would be thirteen days of racing at Dallas, inquiries for entry blanks and rules, began to come in," Dr. Flowers said. "Every indication is that we shall see some of the best horses in the country contesting for the aggregate of \$30,000 in purses that will be offered at Dallas."

There are to be four big stake events, entries for which close Oct. 1, with many later-closing events, the purses for which will be liberal and attractive. This year's stake purses will be materially increased over those of last year.

During the last week additional work on the big mile track at Dallas was begun, in the effort to put it in the pink of condition before next October. Hundreds of truck loads of fine road sand were spread over the black dirt of the track two months ago. This had the advantage of the rains prior to July 4, which mixed the sand and dirt thoroughly. The new work constituted running a great double disc harrow over the whole track, and still more thoroughly mixing sand and "gambo" so that later rains will put the course in the finest condition possible.

SIX FOOTBALL GAMES DURING STATE FAIR

Six big football games have already been scheduled for the great athletic stadium at the State Fair of Texas, during this year's exposition, Oct. 11-26. The stadium has been enlarged, with the seating capacity increased, and the playing field is in the pink of condition, with a carpet of grass several inches thick. It has also been re-leveled, and with two lines of drain pipe laid, on either side of the field, the gridiron will be perfectly drained, no matter how hard it may rain prior to any of the six big engagements.

The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Oct. 11—A. & M. vs. Seawance.

Tuesday, Oct. 14—Baylor vs. Central Teachers College, Oklahoma.

Friday, Oct. 17—North Dallas High vs. Bryan High (Dallas).

Saturday, Oct. 18—(All College Day) University of Texas vs. S. M. U., Dallas.

Thursday, Oct. 23—Clarendon College vs. Weatherford College.

Saturday, Oct. 25—S. M. U., Dallas, vs. A. & M. of Texas.

On Friday, Oct. 24, the stadium will be the scene of stirring competitive drills between R. O. T. C. units from various Texas High Schools.

A twice daily attraction at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 11-26, this year, will be twenty big hippodrome circus acts before the grand stand.

BIG CROWDS SEE ABILENE'S FAIR

Abilene, Tex., Sept. 24.—With the largest line-up of exhibits and attractions in its history, the eleventh annual exposition of the West Texas Fair Association opened here Monday morning and has checked up the largest crowds in history for the first two days of fair attendance. Hundreds of people from nearby cities were here on the opening night to witness the elaborate coronation ceremony of the II Queen of West Texas. Some thirty visiting duchesses of West Texas took part in the brilliant gathering staged in an open air amphitheatre in front of the grandstand. Spectacular fireworks displays with daredevil airmen painting the sky with streaks of flame were a part of the night program. These features will be enacted each night of the fair.

Literally thousands of school children participated in the school parade which started the second day of the fair and one of the largest attendances of the whole session was slated for the day, due to the stellar football attraction of the Abilene High, Stamford High teams. The auto races are scheduled for Wednesday and Friday, and officials anticipate the largest crowds on record here for the two days. Shrine day Friday and Traveling Men's Day, Saturday will be the feature days of the fair.

The Agricultural department of the 1924 exposition is by far the best line-up ever shown at a West Texas event of this nature; more than eleven county exhibits, all of the surrounding counties exhibiting, are on hand, and many individual exhibits. Livestock and poultry shows are attracting much attention, more than 750 birdmen entered in the latter. Exhibits in these departments are pronounced the best ever seen here. In all other departments of the fair the exhibits are comprehensive, especially in the women's department, where every sort of textile culinary and art display may be found.

We can make immediate delivery on New Fords of any type. Merkel Motor Co.

WITH THE CHURCHES

SUNDAY IS MENS DAY AT PRESBYTERIANS

Next Sunday will be mens day at the Presbyterian church. Our special days for young people and women were well attended. Sunday morning we hope to have a record breaking attendance of men.

The religion of Christ is essentially a mans religion, and it takes a real man to measure up to the qualifications and responsibilities of the Christian religion. Men, don't forget to be present for Sunday School, and stay for the special service at eleven o'clock. The men's quartet will sing and a special sermon to the men.

Don't forget that the first Sunday in October is the time for our biggest "Rally Day". An interesting program is being arranged, also promotion exercises will be held.

A place for everybody and everybody in their place is our motto for Sunday School. Strangers and visitors made to feel at home. Rred S. Rogers.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Next Sunday the Primary, Junior, and Intermediate departments of the Sunday School will render a special program. This program is one of the A-1 Standard requirements. It has been well arranged and planned and will be worth any one's time to hear it. Sunday week will be our annual promotion day. We urge every member who is enrolled in the Sunday school to be on hand for these two special days. Whether you live in the country or in the town, drive a Ford or a Cadillac, walk or ride a mule, come Sunday.

The Intermediate B.Y.P.U. has organized a special quartet. You should have heard them sing Sunday night.

The week beginning with Monday, October 6th, will be B.Y.P.U. training week. There will be a special class for each department. If you belong to the B.Y.P.U. make your plans now to join a class and let's put over a good school.

Sweetwater Baptist Association convenes with the First Baptist church at Sweetwater Wednesday morning at ten. Begin to make your plans to go.

The Fair Was A Great Success

The Luncheon, Tuesday evening, attended by many farmers, was a great SUCCESS

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank is always ready to lend its support to every worthy enterprise. We invite the Farmers of this territory to make this bank your headquarters.



The Old Reliable FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

and let us know Sunday. There will be several cars leaving the church at eight-thirty Wednesday morning.

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Special Program at 11 a.m. All B.Y.P.U.'s at 6:45 p.m.

Preaching at 7:45 p.m. There will be special music and the subject for the sermon will be, "The Remnant and its Blessings". This sermon will be of special interest to those who are interested in the Bible and its truths. Don't forget the announcement concerning the next two Sundays. W. H. Albertson

At North Side Church

Eld W. G. Cypert will preach at the morning and evening hours at the North Side Church of Christ next Sunday.

We have a phone for the use of our customers as well as ourselves. 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.

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Now open for Business
The place where you can get
THAT GOOD GULF GASOLINE AND SUPREME AUTO OILS.

TIRES AND TUBES.
Drop by and give us a Trial.

B. P. Middleton, Prop.

A FAIR DANCER FROM BELGIUM



This is Mile. Burdy, of the sensational dancing team of Burdy and Noway, who will be a feature of "The Passing Parade of 1924" at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 11-26. The beautiful lace gown is an importation and an heirloom of great value.

Gem Theatre

Saturday, Sept. 27

Harry Carey

In

"Crashing Through"

(Comedy) Tin Can Alley

NEXT WEEK

Tues. & Wed. Sept. 30 & Oct. 1

Mary Pickford

-in-

"Thru the Back Door"

Thurs. & Fri., Oct. 2 & 3

"Little Church Around The Corner"

Saturday October 4

Neal Heart

in

"Branded a Thief"

Buy genuine Ford parts from authorized Ford dealers. It

Miss Autry Porter spent the week end at home with her parents. She returned to Simmons Monday.

Some used Fords, in good condition, at a bargain. See W. E. Lowe. It

Miss Sallie Orr left last week for San Antonio, Texas, for a visit with relatives.

Trade your old car in on a new one; one third cash, balance on easy payments. Merkel Motor Co. authorized Ford Dealers. It

THE OASIS—Watch for the opening. Bill Haynes, Mgr. It

POLITICAL MIXERS

Many people who should be well qualified for political service, hesitate to go into politics because they fear they would have to throw aside their dignity and mix with all types of people in a familiar way. They suspect that if they run for this or that office, they would be asked to mingle with many different circles in which they might get considerably jostled and possibly made fun of. They would not know how to enter into the various jollifications to which they would be invited, or how to meet many people of different antecedents than their own, and possibly would have to do things that might be discredit-able to their sense or honor.

As far as so called "dirty work" goes, the man of high character has little to fear if he adheres to his ideals. He will find that even tricky politicians will have more respect for him if he keeps his hands clean of unworthy entanglements.

But the art of mingling with all types of people is one which he could very well cultivate. A warm smile, a hearty handshake, a willingness to show interest in the personality of commonplace folks, is a wonderful help, and it has elected many men to high office.

The dignified candidate should not be too fearful of such experiences. It would do him good to get out from his grooves and ruts and mingle more with ordinary folks. If he does not do it expertly at first, he at least has a broader conception of how the ordinary run of folks think and feel. Such knowledge will be useful to anybody in his own business, even if he does not succeed in politics. The various strata of our social fabric are too far apart from each other, and a little more of this type of mixing would do us all good.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

MANIA FOR SPEED

French Drive Autos at Reckless Rate Down Mountains.

Writer Says Passengers Touring the Alps Sit Helpless and Trust to Luck and Skill

"The motor coach accidents which have occurred recently in the south of France do not surprise me in the least," writes a correspondent. "Having just returned from motoring over a number of mountain passes, I have had enough thrills to last me for a while.

"It was risky enough dodging the taxicabs in Paris, where apparently the speed limit is unknown, but on the steep gradients and zig-zags of the French Alps the danger becomes much more acute. The pedestrian in Paris can, with some agility, escape with a whole skin, but a passenger in one of the motor coaches which make a feature of climbing several Alpine passes in the day can only sit helpless and trust to luck. The surprising thing is that accidents are not more frequent.

"French motor drivers have a passion for speed, and when two cars meet on a hairpin bend, with a very narrow road surface and a precipitous drop of some hundreds of feet on the one side, the situation is rather unpleasant for the car on the outside edge, and decidedly thrilling for the passengers. When taking such a curve at speed, as is often the case, it is simply a matter of nerve and steady steering that pulls one through, as a sudden application of the brakes might send the car skidding into space. "French drivers take risks that would appall an English motorist. They rush down steep mountain roads, following each other in a dense cloud of dust, or dash out of brilliant sunshine into dark tunnels at a pace that makes one gasp.

"It all seems so reckless, and yet it is really perhaps the most expert driving in Europe. One's feelings of thankfulness at being landed whole at one's hotel door are mixed with a profound admiration of French skill in meeting road emergencies, but also with a distinct preference for the slower but safer driving to which we are accustomed at home."

Suburban Life Not All Roses.

Most young married couples sooner or later get the desire for "a little place in the suburbs with a bit of ground around it." Sometimes their wishes are realized, sometimes they go to the end of their days with their dreams unfulfilled. Those who attain their goal generally find that suburban life is not all as they had pictured it. It is usually friend husband who has his eyes opened more than friend wife. Friend husband lives and learns a great many things. Even if he has a little more money than the average he finds it's up to him to know how to do a lot of plumbing jobs, carpentry jobs and to learn something of electricity, for help in the suburbs along these lines is not always available. Friend husband grumbles, especially to friend wife. But he learns and he does what's expected of him. He has his reward in turning patronizingly to his fellow worker who has not yet fallen for the country and saying, "You ought to live out of town, old man. Nothing like it in the world."—New York Sun and Globe.

Mails Were Accommodating.

An Irishman was astonished to receive the following letter from his son in London: "Dear Father—I am in a deuce of a hole. Kindly send me £10, and oblige—Your loving son, Pat. "P. S.—After writing this letter I was so stricken with remorse that I ran after the postman and tried to get it back. I can only pray that it will not reach you."

But who could be more astonished than the son when he received this reply: "Dear Son: Your prayers are answered. The letter did not reach me. Father."—London Tit-Bits.

He Won.

The recently announced engagement of a widely known man about town to a young woman who lives in Watts brings to light, if his closest friend can be believed, a new angle in successful courtship. Said friend gives the inside dope on the proposal as follows: "If you would marry me, it would make me quite happy."

"My dear Bob, happiness is gained in the pursuit of something, not in the catching it."

"That's not so!" cried Bob. "You've never chased the last car out of this town on a rainy night!"—Los Angeles Times.

Still Musical.

Two men who had been old school fellows met in a restaurant. After exchanging greetings, one said: "By the way, old chap, when at school you used to be rather fond of music. Do you play any instrument now?"

"Yes," was the reply; "second fiddle at home."

His Idea of Substitutes. "So the Lord has sent you a little sister instead of the brother you asked for?" said the kindly neighbor.

"Yes." "I suppose you are just as pleased?" "Just as pleased? I should say not. I suppose this Christmas if I ask for a Jack knife they'll give me a doll's baggy."

NOTICE

To The Farmers

I want to say something with reference to the cut in price of Ginning at Merkel. In the beginning all the Gin men said they were going to charge 35c and \$1.50 for wrapping. But Mr. Hamm said: if I bought cotton he would put the ginning to 20c, and I told him he had just as well put in down there, because I was going to buy cotton. He has no excuse, that he thought I would not buy cotton, because I told him so.

As long as he ginned twice or three times the cotton I did, he did not cut the price. But when I ginned as many bales per day as he, then he cut the price; and not before. So you see he wants the price and your ginning too. But he don't want you to get any help on selling your cotton, as he says I have paid more than the cotton is worth in order to get your ginning.

I admit paying all the cotton was worth and more the way the market has gone; all the buyers have lost as I have, but we still have money to buy your cotton and will gin your cotton as cheap as the other man.

I am still buying cotton and intend to the end, so come to see us. I shurely appreciate your business.

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Prepare Your Car For Winter

To those who want to keep warm and dry this winter, we put in Celluloid and repair your side curtains, so that they will be just like new again. We also make wagon sheets and cotton picking sacks any length or width you want. We have plenty of material to do this work. Give me a chance to doll up your car; we make tops of all kinds, and we have all kinds of paint and enamel and top dressing. You can get what you want here.

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GIVE US A TRIAL

Mr. and Mrs. George Forter of Oil City, Texas, returned to their home after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald.

Miss Ruth Haswell of Dallas, is the guest of Mrs. Elmer Lowe.

FOR SALE—Ford touring car. Like new, priced to sell. W.S.J. Brown. It

Mrs. H. E. Fogleman of Anson has returned home from Shiloh, where she has been visiting in the homes of Mrs. Bud Morrow and Mrs. Gordon Howell.

Rio Coffee at twenty-five cts. per pound. W. W. Campbell. It

Mr. J. A. Collins returned this week from his trip to his old home in Tennessee. He reports a fine trip, but states that crops in that country are very short owing to the long drouth there this summer.

Don't overlook our used car department. We have bargains in every type. Merkel Motor Co. Authorized Ford Dealers. It

J. C. Mason returned this week from an extended trip to his old home in East Texas. He reports crops there just fairly good.

Misses Mary and Ouida Campbell left this week for Canyon, where the latter will attend school this year at the West Texas Teachers College, and the latter will visit in Canyon and other northwest Texas points.

Buy genuine Ford parts from authorized Ford dealers. It

Mr. H. Russell, splendid local barber, announces that he is now associated with the Chas. West barber shop, and invites his friends to call on him there when in need of barber work.

Mr. R. A. Reagan and wife visited in Clyde Tuesday of this week.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

Judge E. S. Cummings had as his guest this week, his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Cummings, whose home is at Anadarko, Okla.

Second hand cars bought and sold at the OASIS. It

If the politicians would show the same assiduity in studying economic conditions after election, as they do in inquiring into the condition of our families before the voting, the country's problems would be solved.

Mrs. W. L. Diltz and baby returned Tuesday from Amarillo, where she visited her parents.

Mrs. Clifford Rose and two children left Tuesday for Los Angeles, California, to join her husband in making that their home.

The movement to mark historical spots should erect notices showing where the automobile accidents take place.

A Circular Tour.
Mary had a little ring, 'twas given by Joe, and everywhere that Mary sent that ring was sure to go. She took the ring with her one day, when she went out to tea, where she might show it to the girls, who numbered twenty-three. And when the girls all saw the ring they made a great ado, exclaiming with one voice: "Has it at last got round to you?"

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kel, Texas as second class mail.

The success of Merkel's Sec-
ond Annual Community Fair has
been sufficient to make certain
that the Community Fair is to
be made a permanent fixture.

The agricultural exhibits at
the Community Fair, while not
as good as they would be during
a reasonable season year, they
were fair to very good, and in-
fact creditable.

It's interesting to think about
some old maid or some married
woman without children trying
to tell the mothers of the com-
munity how to raise children.
There is generally more rot and
graft connected with such than
there is good to be found.

About the least thing to be
found in any community is the
person running around criticiz-
ing everybody and everything
that happens. Such people have
seldom ever made a success in
life themselves; hence their de-
sire to find fault with the ideas
of every one else.

The only way to make a good
road of the newly graded roads
that have been and are being
constructed in this vicinity, is to
drag them immediately follow-
ing the rains. To neglect or fail
to do this will eventually lead
to the loss of the roads and the
time and money expended upon
them. Better drag them.

Some of our good business
men regularly buy tickets to the
Semi-monthly Luncheon Club
meetings and then seldom at-
tend. It's not the amount of
money paid for admission tick-
ets that is needed, but your pres-
ence and cooperation at these
meetings, gentlemen. Make it a
point to be there from now on.

The committees appointed by
Mr. Thompson, President of the
Luncheon Club, to have charge
of the recent Community Fair,
did their work well and with
satisfaction to one and all.

Some men who think they
are really smart and feel them-
selves successful in life, really
never made a dollar in their lives
by either work or the use of
their brain; their wealth in
many instances just grew on
them in spite of themselves.

They don't know what business
principles are. And they are
generally against everything
that is for the upbuilding of the
town.

Don't be a grouch, if things
don't go to suit you, fall in line
and when the opportunity pre-
sents itself, then go and do
what you can to make it right
according to your own ideas.
But don't hate the other fellow
because he don't see things as
you do. If one takes the position
that he has the right to his own
ideas and beliefs, he must accord
that privilege to his neighbor or
friend, even though his neighbor
or friend may take an opposite
view of that held by him. Think
it over.

That the Merkel Luncheon
Club is a live and energetic or-
ganization, doing what it can for
the improvement and upbuilding
of our city, may be more fully
realized when one takes into con-
sideration some of the improve-
ments and enterprises that have
been made and secured as a di-
rect result of the efforts of the
Club membership—such as the
High School, the sewer system,
the good roads program that has
resulted in something like 75 or
100 miles of good graded roads
being completed up to this time
within the Merkel trade terri-
tory.

The editor and family had the
pleasure this week of attending
the West Texas Fair, at Abilene,
and we are indeed glad to say
that the West Texas Fair this
year far exceeds any previous
year which we have attended
during the last four years. Es-
pecially were we interested in
the agricultural exhibits, which
are much larger and better.
Many West Texas counties have
beautiful and attractive exhibits.
We can well remember way back
when the State Fair at Dallas
was not half so good as is the
West Texas Fair at Abilene.
May it continue to grow. And it
will.

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satisfaction to one and all.

erson, in charge of the live-
stock; and Mesdames F. C. Mc-
Farland, R. O. Anderson, Fred
S. Rogers, R. I. Grimes, Chas.
H. Jones, Twyman Collins, and
others whose names we do not
at this time recall.

TO HANG AT NINETEEN

Complications have already
arisen in the Loeb-Leopold case,
as far as it affects public opinion.
A boy from "back of the yards",
poor and friendless and not a
"super-intellect," who has not
even pleaded guilty as Loeb and
Leopold did but who strenuously
asserts his innocence and who
has been exculpated by the
criminal who first implicated his
name—this boy is sentenced to
hang in October.

Every argument made in be-
half of mercy for the Leopold-
Loeb duet applies with manifold
force to Bernard Grant. The
sons of the two richest Jews in
Chicago confessed they were
guilty; this son of a Christian
mother "back of the yards,"
who has supported his family
since he was fourteen, has al-
ways protested his innocence.
Yet the rich men's sons go to
prison and to eventual parole,
while the poor woman's son goes
"into the night," to quote Clar-
ence Darrow.

Leopold and Loeb will be pa-
roled as surely as the sun shines.
Any governor of Illinois can
pardon them. In the not distant
future a man will be made gov-
ernor of Illinois on the specific
promise to pardon them. By that
time the public will have forg-
otten. But, if October's senten-
ce is executed, Bernard Grant
will be beyond the reach of hu-
man mercy.

Where are the alienists at this
juncture? Where is Clarence
Darrow with his long and mov-
ing pleas for mercy? Where are
the millions of the Loeb and
Leopold families. Where is the
judicial decision that set forth
the points in Bernard Grants'
case?

All three boys are of the same
age—nineteen; but Loeb and
Leopold were too young for
hanging!

This is no plea for hanging
anybody. Hanging is far too fi-
nal a thing for man to take in
his hands; far too horrible a
thing for anyone to plead for.

But who will plead for Ber-
nard Grant? Again, where is
Clarence Darrow? He has de-
fended poor men before, but for
rich retainers from unions and
other organizations. What can
he do, for the sake of the public
conscience, in Bernard Grants'
case, without a fee?

It is a queer turn of fate that
the whole stability of the Loeb-
Leopold sentence in the public
mind is going to turn upon the
fate of a poor boy from "back of
the yards."—Ford's Dearborn
Independent.

The people who think wars can
not be prevented, might have
said, if they had been here 300
years ago, that the Indians had
always ruled this country and
always would.

Fact that a man will applaud
loudly for better educational fa-
cilities at a public meeting, does
not prove he will consent to pay
higher taxes for them.

Not merely will the country
people have a good time going
to cattle show, but it won't cost
some of them anything, as if
they stayed at home somebody
might sell them some worthless
stocks.

OH, BOY! Just received a
fresh shipment of Pennsylvania
bicycle tires—all sizes and all
prices. A tube of Never Leak
free with every pair sold dur-
ing the thirty days. WEST
COMPANY. It

Safety and Service are assur-
ed to the customers of the
Farmers & Merchants National
Bank. tf

The OASIS will be open soon.
We handle a good line of gas
and oils, tires and tubes, and
Ford Accessories. It

Much is said about protect-
ing the rights of minorities, and
Dad feels the need of it when the
whole family holler for money.

The right of way does not
seem to do a pedestrian much
good after he is thoroughly flat-
tened out by an automobile.

It is claimed that there are
too many laws, and the school
kids will say so regarding the
school regulations.

The politicians are taking the
stump, and they can have it and
chop it up for kindling wood if
they want it.

If the rising generation would
rise a little earlier in the morn-
ing, it would get farther.

The man who has one foot
stepping on the gas, needs his
hands in some place other than
around his best girl's waist.

The people are urged to stop
and think, but some folks lack
the facilities to do so.

The lazy students seem to
think that school marks aren't
much more valuable than the
German kind.

Not merely are politicians get-
ting smoked out, but the women
voters are likely to be if they at-
tend all the campaign meetings.

If the women wear campaign
buttons as big as those they
sometimes put on their clothes,
they ought to be a very powerful
campaign argument.

If we could have a few less of
clean sweeps at elections, and a
few more of clean sweeps in the
political offices, it would be for
the public benefit.

The typesetters should be care-
ful not to get the names of the
Chinese generals mixed up with
the laundryman where their col-
lars are being washed.

Another kind of Defense Day
that ought to be celebrated is
one that would defend our homes
against undesired solicitors and
canvassers.

The candidates still timidly re-
fuse to declare themselves on
the question of whether we shall
allow our daughters to bob their
hair.

The sociologists ask us whith-
er we are drifting, but if the
folks won't drink anything
stronger than lemonade, they
will probably be able to keep in
the road.

The outlook is said to be
bright in the farm districts, par-
ticularly when the girls come out
in their new store clothes for
cattle show.

Strange to say the college
authorities still persist in asking
candidates for admission what
they know about algebra, latin,
etc. instead of trying them out
to see if they can play football.

News from the Chinese war
indicates that there is nothing
woozy about Gen. Wu, that Gen.
Lu is a lulu, and that Gen Chang
is a noble chink.

Defense Day has been thor-
oughly celebrated, but it is doubt-
ful if it has shown how the gov-
ernment can be defended against
the spoils hunters.

Six years ago the American
boys were digging in on the
western front, and now they are
digging into their pockets to pay
the high prices the war caused.

The American people are ur-
ged to save their constitution,
but there are several printed
copies in Merkel that can be used
in case the one at Washing-
ton should be stolen.

Not merely do half baked po-
litical ideas threaten trouble,
but the American people are dis-
turbed about the half baked un-
dercrusts on their pumpkin pie.

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was simply afraid to eat. I had
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Karnak is a great —"

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to give the people who want to take
advantage of the prices, a chance to do
so. I am going to sell for strictly cash
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not have so much expense. This will
enable me to sell groceries cheaper than
the average merchant.

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by buying your groceries where you can get them
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groceries will amount to a great sum in 12 months
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lowest prices that can be extended. It is to your
interest to save every dollar that you can and we
feel like after we have done so you are a satisfied
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Some used Fords, in good condition, at a bargain. See W. E. Lowe. 1t

LOST

LOST—A Fountain Pen on the streets of Merkel Tuesday of last week. Finder please leave at the Merkel Mail office. 1tp

WANTED

WANTED—Hand on farm, to break land. G. H. Tucker, Merkel, Texas, route 4, box 107. 1tp

COTTON PICKERS—Will come in every mning for you and bring you back at night. Call T. D. Compton, phone 9013F13. 1tp

WANTED—Some Cotton pickers good cotton. See J. O. McMurry, on Dr. Armstrong place. 1tp

WANTED—To trade for second hand Ford Roadster. See Hollis Haynes, Merkel, Tex. 1tp

WANTED—Stock to pasture. Good pasture, ever lasting water. Six miles north of Trent. Lee D. Williams. 1t

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FOR RENT—Nicely furnished housekeeping rooms after Oct. 1. Mrs. S. A. Freeman. 1tpd

FOUND

FOUND—A ladies coat on road north from Stith. Owner can get the coat by paying for this notice and calling for Mr. A. R. Johnson, at Merkel Motor Co. 1t

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

The low point of business activity in many of the leading industries was reached in June and July, and the outlook is encouraging for more active business during the autumn months. The figures for iron and steel production showed the July totals to be the smallest since the winter of 1921 and 1922, but the ratio of operations has increased gradually since that time.

In the automobile industry both production and sales have now improved. Building construction has not let up much. Bituminous coal production has been depressed, but the output is increasing gradually.

The textile industry has been one of the worst features of the business situation, but increased activity is reported in the silk and cotton industry. The shoe business has also picked up.

Notwithstanding that the general level of prices is somewhat lower than last year, the volume of check payments outside of New York in the first four weeks in August was two per cent larger than in the same period of a year ago.

The business world need not expect any great disasters from any political action that is likely to be taken, but business men are traditionally timid about politics. They can adjust themselves to changes, but they want to know what the conditions are to be, so that they can make forecasts of the future on which they can rely. No doubt business will pick up after election.

The good crops and higher prices for agricultural products have promoted more optimism through the farm districts, which will buy manufactured goods more freely than they

American Telephone & Telegraph Company
140th Dividend

The regular quarterly dividend of Two Dollars and 25 cents per share will be paid on Wednesday, October 15, 1924, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Saturday, September 20, 1924.

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IN ANNOUNCING

The purchase of the Patterson Bros. Drug Store by Emmet T. Grimes and Warren C. Smith, it is desired to say that the new management is well acquainted with the drug business, both having had a number of years of active service in the business, and Mr. Grimes being a registered Pharmacist. This store in the future will be a Prescription Drug Store, which coupled with the accomodating and careful attention given our patrons, we hope and expect to make this store measure up in every way to that of our newly adopted slogan, "The Home of Service"

To the former patrons of the Patterson Brothers, we will appreciate your further patronage, assuring you that we will be glad to extend to you every courtesy previously shown. And, to our friends and the public in general, we invite you to call on us when in need of anything in our line. In fact call on us whether you care to make a purchase or not.

Grimes-Smith Drug Company
Prescription Druggist
"The Home of Service"

have for some time. The people should cheer up and retain a confident faith that whatever is done at election, the people are not going to smash their business machine or their industries but that enterprise and labor will still be well rewarded.

A MUNICIPAL STADIUM

As time goes on, cities and towns have new needs hardly thought of in former years. A suitable place for athletic contests has become one of the demands of the present time. Big and little cities are working for stadiums where their high school football and baseball, and other teams, can have contests under favorable conditions.

These are by no means confined to large cities. Anoka, Min. is one town of 4000 which has acquired such equipment at a cost of \$4500 excluding land. This stadium seats 1600 people. Even a small town needs some kind of an athletic field, with propision if possible for enclosing the grounds so that an admission fee can be charged.

It is the general testimony, when such equipment is provided, that the football eleven and other school and town teams will draw bigger crowds, show better spirit, and secure more money which can be used for team development. The stadium becomes a community and business asset.

Improving Fire Departments

Fire losses have become great and the majority of communities need some improvement of their fire equipment.

This situation was cleverly handled some years ago in Hickory, North Carolina. The city needed more apparatus and the insurance men showed that lower rates could be had if the city would install a standard hose and chemical truck. A petition was circulated asking the people to give toward the purchase of such a truck the amount they would save in insurance premiums over a period of three years. Nearly twice the amount needed was thus subscribed.

This was a good example of progressive spirit. If communities everywhere were equally willing to grasp the advantages to be had through improved fire equipment, the terrible American fire loss could be greatly reduced.

Call 180 and let us come out and get all of your dirty fall clothes and fix them up. We can do all kinds of repair work. Re-lining, dying and pleating at very reasonable prices. CASH TAILOR SHOP. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. Mason-Pee of Lawn, Texas, were Merkel visitors last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sanders spent Sunday afternoon in Abilene visiting their daughter, Dorothy, who is attending McMurry College.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cox returned to Abilene Saturday after spending the week in the home of Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong.

Mrs. Chas. A. Fryar and children of Abilene spent last Saturday here attending the Community Fair and visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Mrs. F. C. McFarland will be with the A. C. Rose Dry Goods as saleslady, beginning the first of the month.

We have some bargains in late model second hand roadsters. Merkel Motor Co. authorized Ford Dealers. 1t

Some used Fords, in good condition, at a bargain. See W. E. Lowe. 1t

Miss Lora Joyner, who is teaching in the public schools of Merkel, spent Sunday in Abilene visiting with friends.

Bring your cotton checks to the Farmers & Merchants National Bank. 1t

Mrs. Geo. Caker and baby of Dallas are here to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Cobb.

Miss Lola Dean, teacher in the Merkel Schools, spent Sunday at her home in Hamlin.

Mr. Chas. West has recently added to his barber shop fixtures a nice new Shine chair, and is preparing to improve and add other changes to this already splendid equipped shop.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

My Store will be closed next Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 29th and 30th, account of Jewish Holiday. Will be open for business Wednesday Morning following.

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Dull, Sluggish Feeling

"BLACK-DRAUGHT is our household stand-by," says Mrs. Thomas H. Kell, who lives near Ellijay, Ga. "We have been using it years and years. My mother's family used it and we do here and my four sisters do, too. "I could not run my house without Black-Draught. I give it to the children whenever they need a purgative, and both Mr. Kell and myself take it. As a medicine for sluggish liver and

headache, and the ills that come with constipation, Black-Draught is fine. "Lots of times I have felt dull and sluggish, my head would ache and I had to make a great effort to do my work. A little dose of Black-Draught would correct this feeling. We always keep it on the medicine shelf."

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WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES

At the meeting of the Womens Missionary Society on last Monday afternoon, we had a lesson from the Missionary Voice. The lesson was on Stewardship or the Service of giving. All of those who had been given parts on the program were present. This, together with the splendid interest manifested in each part, made this lesson very helpful and appreciative. After the program a few items of business were transacted. We decided to take as our next study the mission Study Book entitled "Of one Blood". Next Monday is the fifth Monday and we will use it to finish our study book we now have. This last chapter is a summary of the book and every one who is studying this book should be present and get the benefit of this last chapter. We are still meeting at four o'clock. Please be present on next Monday afternoon.

Senior League Program

Subject: Africa for Christ.
 Leader: Mabel Toombs.
 Hymn "Jesus Calls Us".
 Scripture lesson: Romans 9:25-26; 10:12-15.
 Prayer.
 Special music.
 Our beginning in Africa, Marie Williamson.
 Our present work in Africa, Julia Martin.
 Our obligation to Africa at home Rosie Laney.
 Christian Education for the negro, Tom Allday.
 Reading.
 Announcements; Benediction.

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THE PIE SEASON

The time of year has now come when the great American food, pie, reaches its high point of perfection and abundance.

Some people have claimed that there is a pie belt in this country and that only within certain boundaries can this food for the Gods be found in full perfection and abundance. But our observation would be that the pie belt is co-extensive with the United States, and that wherever you go within Uncle Sam's domain, there you find pie a factor in household happiness. It is surely so in Texas.

Pie should be treated with due respect, not gulped down in a hurry. Abundant space should be left for it, and it should not be unduly jostled and congested in the process of digestion. The philosopher knows that a moderate slice, eaten with deliberation and discriminating appreciation, goes farther to create contentment than more hasty consumption of a greater volume of this delectable product.

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Among those attending the automobile races at the West Texas Fair, Abilene, Wednesday were: Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sanders, L. B. Scott, S. D. Gamble and family, Guy Darsey, Ruby and Evelyn Hamm, W. B. Petty, Booth Warren and wife, J. T. Warren and wife, S. P. Foster, W. L. Diltz Jr. and wife.

Mr. T. H. Boone of route one, was here last week attending the Fair, and while here dropped in to have us send him the Mail for the next year.

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NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS OF OLD RELICS AT FAIR

All parties who had old relics on exhibit at the Community Fair, and who have not removed them, are requested to call for them at McFarland Garage at once.

Among the many things of interest and that attracted considerable attention that was on display at the Community Fair, was a large painting belonging to Mrs. Sam Butman, of this city, which was painted by her father, Mr. Vaughan, some forty years ago. This was perhaps among the most interesting of the items found among the old relics exhibits.

Junior B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: "John Bunyan and his great Book."
 Introduction, Willie Evelyn Boaz
 Bunyan's boyhood, by Dorothy Deutschman.
 Bunyan's young manhood, Florence Ligon.
 In Prison, Mabel Ligon.
 Pilgrim's Progress written, Mabel Pilcher.
 Bunyan's last years, Louise Booth.
 Bunyan's Greatest work, Mabel Ligon.
 Poem "Book Friends", by Willie Evelyn Boaz.

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B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: John E. Clough, the hero of "the Lone Star".
 1. Introduction by leader.
 2. Clough's birth and boyhood, Ruth Boden.
 3. College and God's call, Gyrille Howard.
 4. The working of God's will, by Floyd Dowell.
 5. Success from the first, Bill Haynes.
 6. The Great Famine, Stella Wilson.
 7. The great Ingathering, James Swann.
 8. Caring for the converts, Mrs. Warren Smith.

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Buys Home in Town

Mr. J. A. Collum, who owns a fine farm in the Stith community, has recently purchased the A. E. Dyess home on Ash street, in the south west part of the city, and has moved to same with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Collum are fine folks and we are glad to have them move among us.

Messrs. E. E. Leslie and N. A. Dowell returned first of the week from their excursion trip to El Paso. They report a pleasant and interesting trip to the border city, as well as an interesting visit to the famous city of Juarez, across the river in Mexico.

THE FUN SHOP
By Dumdora

HAD NO MORE TO SAY

Three smart alects met an aged minister with flowing beard.

"Good morning, Father Abraham," greeted the first of the trio. "Good morning, Father Isaac," chimed in the second, and "Good morning, Father Jacob," followed the third, in an effort to have some sport with the old man.

"I am neither Abraham, Isaac nor Jacob," replied the old man, "but Saul the son of Kish. I went forth to seek my father's asses and lo, I have found them."

"RELATIVES"

The husband, who had a great habit of teasing his wife, was out driving with her, when they met a farmer driving a span of mules. Just as they were about to pass the farmer's rig, the mules turned their heads toward the auto and brayed loudly.

Turning to his wife, the husband said: "Relatives of yours, I suppose?"

"Yes" said the wife, sweetly, "by marriage."

BOX SUPPER AT WHITE CHURCH

On Saturday evening there will be held a box supper at White Church. The proceeds of this supper will go to help pay-out the piano recently purchased for the church.

BLAIR ITEMS

Well it has been over a year since any news has appeared from here, but it is still on the move.

Ginning season is on and farmers are very busy.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Meeks of Hamlin are visiting Mr. Meeks' mother, Mrs. R. L. Meeks, and other relatives.

Mrs. Homer Reeves of Buffalo Gap has been visiting her friends here, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Hughes and family, the past ten days. She returned to her home Friday, accompanied by Miss Ruby Hughes.

Dr. Martin and Z. V. Moore made a flying trip to Buffalo Gap Saturday.

Mr. R. B. Horton who has been on an extended visit to Limestone county, returned to her home Saturday.

Mrs. Nina Cox of Noodle spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Province.

Mrs. Mattie Farmer visited her aunt, Mrs. Pat Addison Saturday.

Mrs. Williams of Merkel was visiting her son, Mr. John Dulin the past week.

Mrs. Richard Melton is real sick at this writing. Sunshine.

Some used Fords, in good condition, at a bargain. See W. E. Lowe.

Mr. H. M. Rose, formerly a prominent citizen of Merkel, but now prospering in the barber business in Sweetwater, was here last Friday and ably and efficiently acted in the capacity of Judge of the fine chickens on exhibition at the Community Fair. Henry for many years has been interested in fine poultry raising, and the result of his awards here are said to have been highly satisfactory to all concerned.

Tax Collector D. T. Harkrider and County Attorney Frank E. Smith, were over last Saturday from Abilene attending our big Community Fair. These gentlemen are making efficient and accommodating officials, and their many friends here always extend them a hearty welcome to Merkel.

Hugh Brewster and family of Caps, were here this week guests in the home of J. S. Thomas.

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