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INSPECTORS REPORT ON MERKEL SCHOOL

On Thursday, November 13th, the High School Inspector from the State Department of Education inspected the Merkel Schools. These inspectors are sent out to see that schools are coming up to standard, and to suggest changes by which the efficiency of the schools may be improved. Every classified high school is visited at least once each year. Below is the report of the inspector after the visit to the Merkel schools:—

1. A teacher should be added to the high school faculty. Five classes have an excess of thirty students. If this condition continues, the classification of the school will be jeopardized. If a fourth year English is to be applied for, the English teacher should have two conference periods.

2. That Latin be dropped from the list of accredited subjects. Latin has not been taught for two years.

3. That the handsome new school building with all modern conveniences is worthy of the highest commendation. The building and equipment would be credit to a much larger community.

4. That the Parent-Teacher Association is doing a creditable work in beautifying the grounds, sending elementary libraries to standard, and buying suitable fixtures for the rooms.

5. That good work was observed in all classes visited.

6. That PROVIDED recommendation 1. (above) be met, material for accrediting be submitted for the fourth unit in English and an additional one in credit in American History.

7. The supervisor appreciated the cordial treatment by the faculty and students of the Merkel High School.

(Signed) A. W. Evans, Chief Supervisor of Texas High Schools.

If the Merkel Schools are able to secure the additional credit asked for above and recommended by the inspector, we shall give credit for every course offered in the Merkel High school. Some more library books must be added to the English and History libraries before we can hope to submit creditable work in English and American History. Proceeds of a musical comedy "The Microbe of Love", are given to this fund. This additional credit should be secured with the cooperation of parents and parents with school funds, will be secured. This is the standard just that more, and makes it even better for students leaving here after college without any credit whatever.

Work for the first six period of this school was excellent. The Senior class the school in having per cent of its enrollment on the Honor Roll. There is a decided falling off, however this grade period from the excellent work of the first period. In my opinion this is due largely to the activities of the student. There has been almost no activity of some sort or another to demand the attention and time of the students. There has scarcely been a night but that there was not some activity, social or other activity, which detracted from the pupils school work. It is not the actual time lost from what should be a child's regular study period at night that does the most harm, but it is the distraction of his interests from his studies and the dissipation of his energies that when he does come to school he is unfit for profitable work. The school hopes that

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED THREE CARS ARE BURNED

A freight train was wrecked about three miles east of Merkel at about two o'clock Thursday morning and three cars were destroyed by fire. A call was made for the local fire boys and Chief A. V. Dye, rushed to the scene with his chemical engine and soon brought the flames under subjection, at least saving three cars, that would have been consumed had not the fire boys arrived when they did. The three cars that were destroyed were too far gone to save when they arrived, but were not allowed to make further progress. A call was also made for the Abilene fire department, as it looked as though the whole train might be consumed at first, and Chief Frank Ferrier made a run to the scene also.

At this time, eleven o'clock Thursday, the wreck had not been cleared so as to allow traffic to pass, but a train was expected within the next hour or so.

CONFEDERATES TO GET MONEY IN 1926

Austin, Nov. 18.—Answering a bombardment of questions from lawyers and Confederate veterans as to when the new pension amendment becomes effective, Comptroller Smith today announced no payments would be available until perhaps 1926. The amendment charges the date of residence from 1900 to 1910, permitting claims by persons who became residents prior to the latter date. Widows of veterans who married before 1910 also are eligible.

This charge must be ratified by the legislature and the additional tax provided for must then be levied and collected, which makes it improbable any of the money will be available before 1926, Smith said.

Pension warrants for the current quarter are now being mailed so that veterans will have their money in time for Thanksgiving. The allotment this time is \$35, except for veterans in the state home, who get \$17.50. About thirteen thousand claimants will be paid.

Bachelors, you can insure against fire, cyclone, accident and rain; but with the "MICROBE OF LOVE" you don't have a chance.

ALL parents will aid the progress of the school and of their own children by co-operating with the school in seeing that so far as possible the outside activities of any nature are confined to the week-ends, and that the student's work is not interfered with during the week. This will, I am sure mean better work and enough recreation to keep "Jack from being a dull boy" because of too much work. Parents who really want their children to do the best school work possible can, in my opinion aid materially in using their influence to discourage the planning of affairs for school nights which might be postponed to the week end.

The cooperation of all concerned in this matter will mean better school work, I feel sure. Any kindly suggestion which you may have which in your opinion means the betterment of the school will always be appreciated and receive a respectful consideration. I am yours for any measures which mean a better school system for the children of Merkel. Respectfully, Roger A. Burgess,

SPECIAL SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

A rare treat will be given at the Baptist church, Sunday night as advertised in this paper.

The choir of the church is going to have full charge of the Sunday night service and will give a musical program which will be free to everybody.

Special music has been secured from the best Abilene talent and the solo by Miss Anna Morris will be a feature of the evening.

Program to be rendered to be as follows:

1. Processional. 2. Invocation. 3. The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth, Choir. 4. Ten minute talk by Rev. W. H. Albertson. 5. Anthem with Tenor solo, "Come Unto Me, Choir; Soloist, E. Yates Brown. 6. Some masterly advice—Readings. 7. Solo, Miss Anna Morris. 8. Anthem with Tenor solo, "The Lord is my strength, Choir; Soloist, Mr. L. B. Scott. 9. Reading, Miss Lucy Tracy. 10. Offertory, Mrs. L. B. Howard. 11. All Hail the power of Jesus name, Congregation. 12. Benediction.

ATTENDS MEETING UTILITIES COMPANY

Messrs Ira Huss, local manager, and C. I. Powell, bookkeeper, for the West Texas Utilities Company in Merkel, were among those attending the regular quarterly conference of the employees of this great company. There is no organization or company of any kind or character, that has done more for or brought more comfort and happiness to the people of West Texas than has the West Texas Utilities Company since its entry into this section.

Its managers and employees wherever they have offices are without exception courteous, honest and painstaking in their efforts to really render valuable service to the thousands of patrons of this company, and let us say here, that there are none more efficient or more courteous than the two gentlemen above mentioned.

TRENT MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO HAVE PROGRAM

The Womans Missionary Society of Trent will render a very interesting program for the "week of prayer," next Monday at 2 p.m.

Every lady in the church has a cordial invitation. Our annual Bazaar will be on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13. The last day of the Bazaar, Dec. 13, we will have a market of "good eats." We will also take subscriptions for McCalls Magazine. Call to see our Bazaar before you do your Xmas shopping. Pub.C

Mason Buys Another Farm

We are informed that Mr. J. C. Mason, who already owns considerable farm lands around Merkel, purchased this week from Mr. M. B. Tabor, of the Shiloh community, the latter's 160 acre farm. We understand Mr. Tabor is thinking of going further west, while Mr. Mason who has lots of faith in Merkel and the Merkel country, indicated that he might make further investments in this vicinity.

Mr. J. J. Grimes of Winters, Texas is here for a visit with his son, Mr. R. L. Grimes and family.

LAST LUNCHEON ENJOYED BY ALL

The regular Luncheon Club meeting was held last Tuesday evening at Ed's cafe, with a large and appreciative number present. Mr. L. B. Howard was master of ceremonies and brought forth an entertaining and interesting program.

The first speaker of the evening was Mayor Henry C. West, who was called upon to give a report of the progress being made in the installation of the sewer system in this city. His report was very gratifying, as he reported that it would only be a short time, some two or three weeks before the lines would be laid and the disposal plant completed. He also stated that the system would be completed just as the plans announced and advertised at the beginning or before the election was held, and that after the work was finished there would still remain some of the bond money on hand. The Mayor also urged the people to go ahead and make their connections just as fast as they could; especially did he urge the business men to take advantage of the opportunity and complete the connections in the city in order that the business district might be cleaned up and made sanitary and healthy. He also urged that the public cooperate with the city officials in this matter, and that before they make kicks, talk to those in authority and who might have an opportunity to make right any little thing that might not look so even be just right.

Next those present enjoyed one of Mr. Delma Compton's splendid vocal solos, with Miss Melba West at the piano. And following this, Rev. T. J. Rea, was introduced and made a most able and appreciative talk on "Success or Putting it Over". Rev. Rea's talk was very pleasing, to the point and highly appreciated.

The above bringing the evening's program to a close, the Toastmaster turned the meeting over to the President, Mr. L. R. Thompson, who called for a report of the Good Roads Committee, which is composed of Dr. M. Armstrong, T. G. Bragg, and W. H. Frazier, and Dr. Armstrong responded with a very fine report of the work up to this time. He reported that our tractors were paid for and that all the work of building some 80 miles of road in Taylor county and about 20 in Jones county, had been paid for and there was some money yet in the treasury, and that the committee was going to continue to push this good work along, and each of them being real road enthusiast the people of this city and community may expect them to do that very thing. And let us say here that there is nothing that will help our community more than the building of more good roads.

At this time, Mr. Thompson announced that the Toastmaster for the next meeting would be Mr. Lige Gamble, of the Merkel Drug Co., and also at the next meeting there would be held an election of officers for the next year, and it is therefore urged that everybody be present at this time.

Notice to Tax Payers

I will be in Trent Thursday the 27th day of November, and in Merkel Friday and Saturday, the 28th and 29th days of November, 1924, for the purpose of collecting 1924 State and County Taxes. Respectfully, D. T. HARKRIDER, Tax Collector Taylor County, Texas. 2042p

NEXT THURSDAY IS THANKSGIVING DAY

Next Thursday, November 27, the people of this great American Republic will celebrate the day in giving thanks to the Almighty for the many blessings and prosperity that they have been permitted to enjoy during the year.

The President of the nation has already issued his proclamation, declaring the day as a Holiday, and urges the people to assemble themselves at the usual places of worship and there carry out such ceremonies and program as will be in keeping with former custom of the country.

Surely no people have more for which to be thankful than do those of this section, and it is indeed proper that they come together in union, and give expression of their appreciation of same.

And, it has been their custom to hold such service, announcement of which may be found elsewhere in this paper for this years service.

It has also been the custom to close business houses for the day, and we are informed that this will be universally observed next Thursday.

OFFICIALS INSPECT ARMY UNIT HERE

Capt. Roy B. Rutherford, of Amarillo, is here this week making his annual inspection of the local unit of the 131st Field Artillery of the National Guard, and to this writer who by invitation of the local officials, was present Wednesday evening, when Capt. Rutherford came over from Abilene for a first review of the more than forty fine young men belonging to this local unit, Capt. Rutherford stated that therewas no finer bunch of young men to be found in any such unit throughout the entire state, nor were there any that would measure up to a better standard of training.

Capt. Rutherford was accompanied over from Abilene by Major W. G. Kinsolving, Capt. Smith and Lieut. Frank Hobbs, as well as Sargent Eaton and Sargent Rayburn who travel with him in his touring inspection.

The organization officials of the local unit is composed of Dr. R. I. Grimes, Capt. W. L. Diltz, Lt. Lieut., James R. Brown, Second Lieut. and Stewart Grimes first Sargent, and right here we might mention that after the witnessing the inspection and the drilling of the boys for some time, tables were prepared and right in the middle of this big armory room one of the finest turkey dinners was served to all present that any man ever sat down to. Yes, there was good, juicy turkey and lots of it, with all the salads and sauces and pies that go to make such an occasion complete. My! but it was good. And we could not fail to mention that this delicious dinner was cooked and prepared by the Unit's chief Mess Sargent, Mr. Chris McGehee, assisted by Mr. Bill Moore.

Among the local citizens present to enjoy this fine dinner and occasion, we noticed Dr. M. Armstrong, R. L. Grimes, Jas. A. Patterson Jr. Prof. I. L. Jackson, A. V. Dye, R. A. Reagan and the writer.

Mr. W. C. Mattingly of the Noodle community, was here this week from his home and stated that he had already gathered 14 bales with only one to gather yet. Read his advertisement in this paper of a farm for sale.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM THURS. NIGHT

Next Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock, there will be a union Thanksgiving service held at the Presbyterian church. These services have become the custom in Merkel, the services alternating among the different churches of the town. Rev. W. H. Albertson, pastor of the Baptist church will preach the sermon this year.

It is to be hoped that a large crowd from Merkel and surrounding community will attend. Special music and readings will feature the program. "Let us return thanks".

10,591 BALES COTTON GINNED HERE TODATE

According to figures gained at the local cotton yard and the Farm Bureau platform, we learn that there had been weighed at the cotton yard, 7,900 bales, while at the Farm Bureau, there had been received 2,691 bales; making a total of 10,591 bales received todate.

28,157 BALES GINNED IN COUNTY PRIOR TO NOV. 1

According to a report sent out by the department of Commerce Washington, D. C., there had been ginned in Taylor County previous to November 1st, 28,157 bales of cotton as compared to 34,120 bales last year.

MERKEL MAIL TO BE A DAY EARLIER NEXT WEEK

The Merkel Mail will be published on Wednesday of next week on account of Thursday being Thanksgiving Day. So look for the Merkel Mail on Thursday next week instead of Friday. Also the management of this paper asks that the Merchants cooperate with us by having your advertisements ready as early as possible.

Thos. A. Johnson, former banker in this city for many years, spent several days here last week on business and mixing with good friends. While here he sold his farm located in the Stith community, consisting of 230 acres.

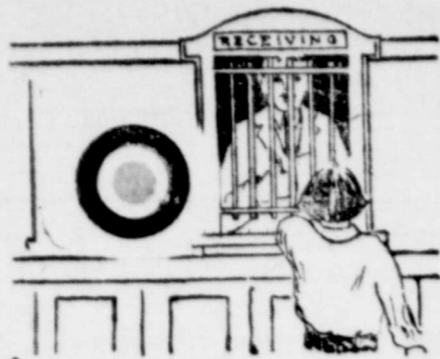
OUR GREATEST NEWS-PAPER BARGAIN OFFER

Below we publish a list of the newspapers and magazines which are all included in ONE BIG BARGAIN OFFER as follows. * The Dallas Semi-Weekly * Farm News for 3 years. The Merkel Mail one year, Peoples Popular Monthly one year, Mothers Home Life magazine one year, Hearth and Home one year, Gentlewomans Magazine one year, * The Dairy Farmer one year, ALL FOR \$3.60

Just think of it, 7 newspapers and magazines, one for 3 years and six for one year each, for only \$3.60. * The offer will not last long, * so better take advantage of it NOW.

BARGAINS IN DAILIES

The following prices are for daily and Sunday with The Merkel Mail: * Abilene Reporter and Mail one year each.....\$4.65 * Fort Worth Record and Mail one year each.....\$8.20 * The Dallas News and Mail one year each.....\$7.00 * The Star-Telegram and Mail one year each.....\$6.00 * The Dallas Semi-Weekly * Farm News and Mail.....\$2.30



Your Success is Our Success

As a Bank prospers only in proportion that their customers succeed, it is only logical that they should be interested in every method or plan that is vital to the conduct of the business of each depositor.

With this thought of mutual prosperity in mind, we invite our depositors to talk over every business problem with us. If we can assist with our experience, we shall be most happy to have rendered a worth-while service

Make yourself at home at this bank.

Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas

WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES

The missionary society observed the week of prayer on last Monday afternoon with an appropriate program. A very liberal offering was received at the close of the program. There were 24 present and the offering amounted to \$29.20. Our offering this year goes to the Wesley House in the Coal fields of West Virginia and to a Mission school in Mexico. Every part of the program was met with hearty response and all together this was a splendid meeting. On next Monday afternoon we will not have our regular Voice program, but use the entire time on the Mission study lesson which is the fifth chapter in the book. Mrs. Rogers will have charge of the lesson and we hope every member of this study class will be present. The Missionary society also sent a large box of supplies this week to the Wesley House at Thurber to be used among the miners and their families. The week after Thanksgiving we are to fill a box for the Virginia Johnson home at Fort Worth.

On December 17, this auxiliary will entertain the All day Meeting of the Abilene district known as the "Harvest Day" meeting. This is the last all day district meeting of the year and will be a district and rounding out of the years work. Large delegations from every auxiliary in the district are expected.

The meeting next Monday afternoon will be at three o'clock.

SPECIAL SALE for 15 days Cups and Saucers or Plates 98c per set. **SCHINDLER VARIETY STORE.**

Don't forget that the big bargain days for Newspapers and magazines are now on. Call at the Merkel Mail office for particulars. We can save you a nice sum when you subscribe here. The best offers we have ever had.

PIONEER SETTLER DIES HERE LAST MONDAY

Monday morning at 2 a.m. the soul of Mr. William Perkins Browning passed away. Mr. Browning has been in very feeble health for some time, but his death came rather suddenly, as he had been in better spirits for the past two months.

Mr. W. P. Browning was a pioneer settler of this place, coming here in the early part of the year 1888. He was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky, Warren County, on the 23rd day of May, 1836. On January 10, 1864 he and Miss Mary Taylor Christian were married at Bowling Green. Soon after their marriage he engaged in speculation on the tobacco business, and was a partner in the E. Rice & Co. establishment who started the manufacture of the famous Greenville chewing tobacco. He came to Texas in 1887 and settled first with his family at Abilene, but lived there one year only, coming to Merkel, where he started out in the lumber business, known as the W. P. Browning Lumber Co. Following his success in this line of work, he became interested in the retail furniture and undertaking business. And for fifteen years he carried on a prosperous business in this line, after which he retired to private life.

Another important characteristic of his life was his early affiliation with the Masonic Lodge. While a native of Kentucky, at the age of 25 years he became a Mason. Upon coming to Merkel he became one of the 45 charter members of the Merkel Masonic Lodge, No. 710 A.F. & A.M. And with his passing only two of the 45 charter members are left, namely Judge W. W. Wheeler and Mr. L. J. Harris. He was a member of the lodge in good standing and while active practiced the principles of the order. Early in life Mr. Browning was converted, but never affiliated with any church in particular.

He was held in high esteem by every one with whom he had ever had any business or social dealings, and was known for his honesty, sincerity and desire to give to his fellow man a fair, square deal. He was loved and esteemed by his family for the good, kind and affectionate fatherly disposition he possessed.

In the loss of W. P. Browning Merkel loses one among its best and pioneer citizens, and this paper joins a large circle of friends in extending to the aged, and good companion who has faithfully traveled by his side the long and useful career of his life, as well as the sons and daughters, who are left to mourn his going, deepest and most profound sympathy, during this sad hour of bereavement.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday evening at the family residence, with Rev. T. J. Rea and Elder W. G. Cypert officiating. The Masonic Lodge had charge of the services at the local cemetery.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Browning and are as follows: Mr. A. C. Browning, Mrs. Duncan Briggs, Merkel; Mrs. J. B. Steele, Duvo, Okla.; Dr. Walter Browning, Waurika, Oklahoma; Lem Browning, Amarillo; Mr. Merritt Browning, Clairmore, Oklahoma; and all were present for the funeral services except Mr. Merritt Browning.

Don't mitt IT. Miss WHAT? Don't you know everybody is talking about the "MICROBE OF LOVE?"

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren spent the day with relatives in Abilene last Sunday.

RHEUMATISM
The powerful, heating warmth of Hunt's Lightning Oil gives relief and permanent relief from rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, lumbago, etc. It is the only oil that cures.

HUNT'S LIGHTNING OIL
For sale by MERKEL DRUG CO

SAFETY SERVICE SILENCE

We are the oldest and largest bank in Merkel. We appreciate every deposit made with us and it is our desire to please you in all matters. If at any time there is anything that you don't understand or that is not satisfactory, come to us and let us adjust it, which we will gladly do.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

Capital and Surplus \$65,000

J. T. WARREN, President L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier
Booth Warren, Asst. Cash. Owen Ellis, Asst. Cash.



5TH SUNDAY SINGERS

Mr. T. H. Spears of the Blair community, in a communication to the Merkel Mail announces that the next 5th Sunday singing will be held at either Blair or Nubia, but further announcements will be made in this paper as to which place. He urges all singers to keep in mind the date and especially urges that they do not fail to prepare for a big dinner.

Buy a "KIRSCHBAUM SUIT" at BROWN'S this week. We can "Suit" you, young or old.

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

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Beginning Nov. 23, 1924, we will be prepared to figure you on your plumbing jobs, both your fixtures and the work, or your work where you have already bought your fixtures. Our motto has always been in other lines of work, honest work and fair dealings with every man. We will appreciate your business. Yours for service,

J. T. COATS
J. N. WALKER.

After Saturday will trade Overland car for a good truck or good team or farm implements, and pay difference. In good order. LEE D. WATSON.

FOR IMMEDIATE SELLING

YOUR CHOICE

of any Street or Dress Hat regardless of former price

for **\$5.00**

Also a pretty line of CHILDRENS Dress and School Hats at Very Low Prices.

OPENING DECEMBER 1st.
we will have a

Christmas Gift Shop

Don't fail to see our Beautiful line of Handwork and Xmas Gifts

Bettye Bonnet Box

AUTUMN AT HER BEST

Never before in the history of our store have we been better prepared to meet the demands of the buying public than now. Never before have styles and materials been lovelier than this season. A visit to our store will convince you that we have given much time and skill in selecting one of the largest stocks of goods ever brought to this section. Our shelves, tables and racks are aglow with the season's most favored materials. A cordial invitation is extended you to visit us and see our many values in the different departments.

The Store Where Price and Quality Count

MAX MELLINGER

Merkel, Texas

The Store With Courtesy and Appreciation

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving comes but once a year and of course you want to enjoy the occasion.

A GOOD DINNER, SUCH A ONE AS YOU CAN ORDER HERE, WILL BE NECESSARY

It's not too early to begin to think about it. Thinking is the first essential. If you did not think about it before hand Thanksgiving would creep up on you and find you unprepared to enjoy the day.

Begin to think now about it and in connection with the thought remember we have everything you will need to make that fine dinner complete.

Hamilton & Case

HEAR Musical Program

Sunday Night

AT THE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

A Real Musical Treat

No Special collection taken other than usual evening offering

MISS ANNA MORRIS, of Abilene, Leading Soprano

DOCTOR MILLER NOT LEAVING MERKEL

Rumor again has it that Dr. Miller is soon to move to one of the larger cities to specialize, but we have it from the doctor himself that such is not the case and as evidence that he is not moving, he has recently spent several thousand dollars for the purchase of new apparatus and for the improvement of his office that he may the better serve his patrons. The entire rear of the building in which the doctor's offices are located, has been remodeled and subdivided into eight treatment rooms, each of which is equipped with Electrical apparatus, Therapeutic Lamps, Low Tention and Wave Modalities, High Frequency and X-Ray Machines, such as are successfully used in the treatment of Chronic deep seated and long standing conditions that have failed to respond to medicine alone.

Miss Mae Burrows of Dallas assists the doctor in this special work. She has had extensive training in the offices of city specialists.

AT THE COZY THEATRE MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Picture Is Dramatic "Java Head", New George Melford Production Soon to Be Seen Here

Dramatic, impressive and thrilling, George Melford's latest Paramount picture, "Java Head", will be the attraction at the Cozy theatre next Monday and Tuesday, Salem, Mass., is the locale of the story, although several of the scenes are laid in China. The story, in brief, tells of the love of a young sea captain, Gerrit Ammidon (Albert Roscoe), for a young Chinese maiden, Taou Yuen, played by Leatrice Joy. Gerrit returns from Shanghai with his Chinese wife to find Nettie Vollar (Jacqueline Logan) ready to marry him. Nettie suffers an injury, and Gerrit leaves Taou to go to her. Edward Dunsack (Raymond Hatton), a rival of Gerrit's and an opium smoker, tells Taou Yen that her husband and Nettie Vollar are in love. The young wife orders him from the house and goes to Nettie's home herself.

She arrives just after her husband has left and goes to the sick room. Edward, now a raving maniac, follows her and a dramatic finale, filled with thrills, is reached.

Mr. G. W. Harvell left first of the week for a visit with relatives at Clyde.

IMPLEMENTS

Just received a car load of John Deere Disc Plows, Stag Sulkeys, 2-row Stalk Cutters, 2-row Lister Planters, Section Harrows, Middle Busters, and infact anything you may need in the way of a farming implement. Whether interested in farming tools or not at present, we would like to have you come in and let us show them to you.

GENERAL HARDWARE

You will find our stock complete in the way of Shelf Hardware, Stoves, Harness, Guns, Ammunition, Queensware and everything that consists a first class hardware Store.

Sewer Goods

We have a complete line of Bath Tubs, Lavatories, Kitchen Sinks, Commodes, and anything you will want in the way of plumbing goods. Our plumbers are experienced workmen, and guarantee their work to be dependable. We shall be glad to figure your job complete. If interested in either of the above mentioned articles, call and let us talk to you and show you our line.

When in Merkel Make Our Store Your Headquarters

We Thank you for your past business

CROWN HARDWARE CO.

WE WIN THAT BUSINESS

If cleaning and pressing you want, that is one of our specialties. Phone 218. Ligon, the laundryman.

Mr. J. T. Dennis returned first of the week from a trip to Fort Worth and Dallas, where he had been to buy additional stock of fall and winter goods for his store here.

Miss Lorena Dry of Merkel is a student assistant in the Biology department at the College of Industrial Arts this year. All assistants in that department are seniors at the college. The work consists of assembling materials for the laboratories, assisting in mechanical details, and in making copies of laboratory directions.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

The many friends of Postmaster G. E. Comegys are glad to learn that he is again able to be at his post of duty at the office most of the time again. For some time he was a very sick man, and for a few days his recovery was thought to be doubtful, but a turn for the better has brought him up and about again and now he is able to look after his official duties again.

If you want White Leghorn Roosters of the Johnson strain and Mommooth Bronze Turkeys, see J. M. Williamson, Merkel, route two.

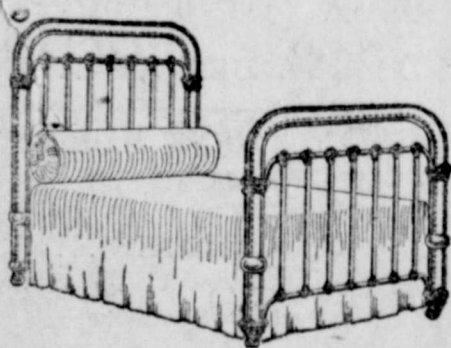
Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Latimer of route five were in the city last Saturday doing some fall shopping, and while here Mr. Latimer renewed for the Mail and Reporter for another year.

Mr. J. L. Winter purchased this week through Mr. E. D. Coats local realty dealer, a half section of land belonging to the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, located in Mulberry Canyon, and to which we are informed Mr. Winter will move in the near future. Mr. Winter put his home in this city in on the deal.

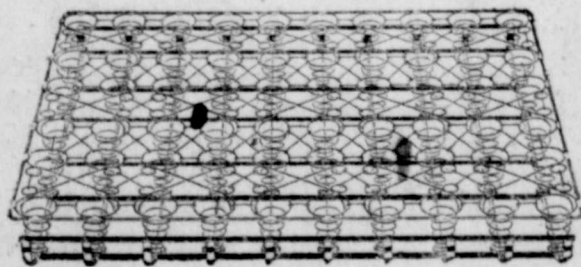
County Attorney Frank E. Smith, was up from Abilene last Saturday, and made us a friendly visit. Judge Smith is a Merkel product and was recently elected to the office of county attorney for the next two years, and this paper is going to predict that he will make one of the very best that this county has ever had.

Mr. E. D. Coats reports the sale of 320 acres land located in the Stith community and belonging to Thos. A. Johnson to Mr. A. C. Bond of the Canyon community, at \$12,000.

Special BARROW'S Special



Full Size Two inch Post Bed Any Finish \$7.50



A Good Heavy Spring Well Constructed \$4.00



A 40 lb. All Cotton Mattress Roll Edge \$7.50

Buy all three, Bed, Springs, and Mattress For Only - - - \$16.95

Congolium Rug Size 9x12 - - \$10.95

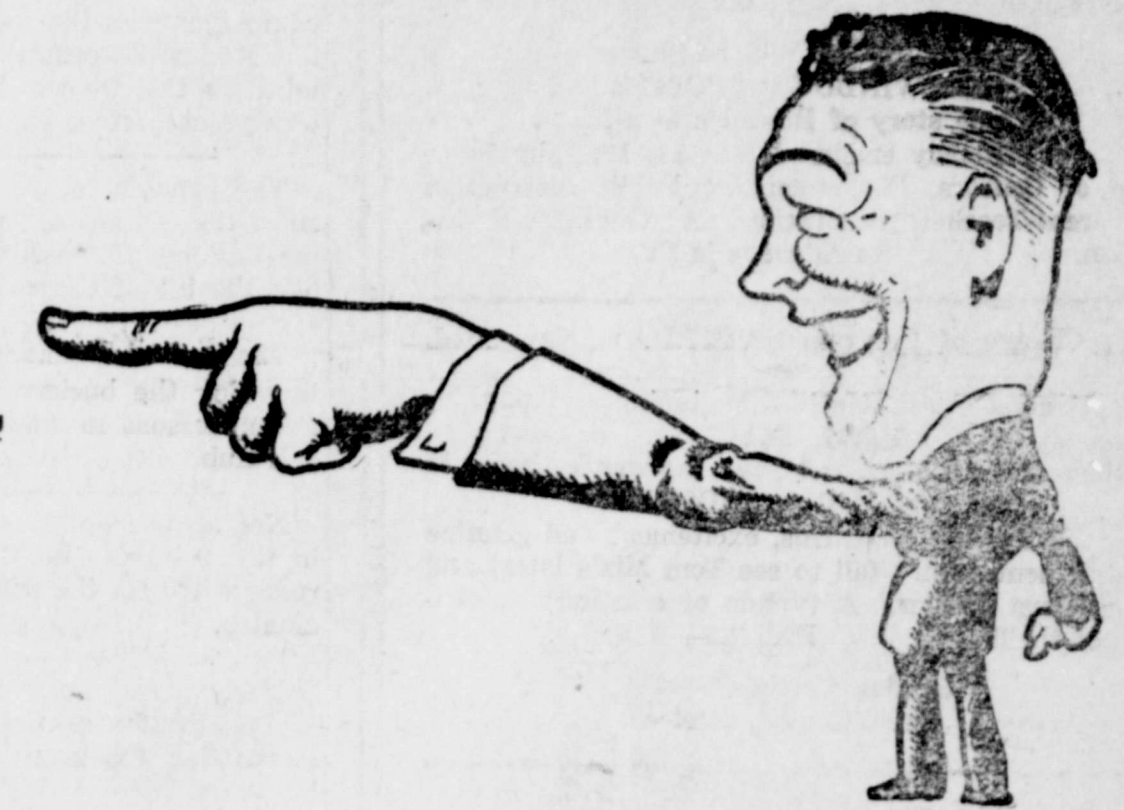
Genuine Linoleum Rug Size 9x12 - - \$13.95

These Prices are good for one week only begining Saturday Nov. 22, closing Saturday Nov. 29.

Barrow Furniture Company

OUR GREAT END OF THE YEAR SALE!

SENSATIONAL SELLING FOR CASH! SALE STARTS SATURDAY MORNING NOV. 22



Beginning Saturday Morning we will inaugurate the greatest Money Saving Sale the people of Merkel have ever seen in many a day.

The Facts are these:

No Returns
No Approvals
No Alterations

We went to market when every thing was high now. We bought too many goods for the store as we positively will not carry over

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SATURDAY, Nov. 29

WILLIAM S. HART in "Singer Jim McGee"

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We approach the Thanksgiving season with heart-felt thanks for the bounties of the past year. The spirit of Thanksgiving will mark all our services Sunday, November 23. At the 11 o'clock hour a special sermon will be preached from the subject, "Saving America for Christ". At 7 p. m. a stereopticon lecture will be given.

This week we have been conducting a school of missions and each service has been marked by increased attendance and interest. Three classes are held each night, adult, young people and children. Stereopticon slides of unusual interest have been shown. These special services will close Friday night.

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THE HOME CIRCLE

In summer time the people could not settle down in the home circle because they wanted to go automobile riding or on other out-door diversions. Now they can't settle down because they are going to the movies or other shows, clubs, etc. Many philosophers lament this spirit, and assert that the home circle with its old fashioned sweetness and inspiration has almost ceased to exist.

It will pay parents to put in facilities for their young people making home pleasant. Those who begrudge them radios, musical instruments, etc, which would keep them content at home for many evenings, may be rewarded later by seeing them drift away to other scenes and become estranged from home influences. The homes of Merkel need something more than chairs and tables to hold these young folks.

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Much was said through the campaign about the "silent vote" but it was not commonly claimed that the women folks cast any great part of it.

The candidates are said to show the marks of the campaign. Some of these marks look like the toe of the voter's boot.

The sons of the men who used to swing the bucksaw are now taking lessons in swinging the golf club.

Not all the people who holler in the political jubilation parades voted for the winning candidates.

Many people must be suffering indigestion as the result of swallowing too much campaign bunk.

Four years more will now pass before there is danger that anyone else will be struck by presidential lightning.

Many people will celebrate the political results by writing to the successful candidates to ask for a job.

The people will learn much from the election, but possibly that is too much to expect of Congress.

The power of the voice of the people is not doubted by those who hear them hollering at the football games.

The American people may not have settled the political problems permanently, but anyway they have solved a lot of cross word puzzles.

Some of these boys who look with contempt upon the girl students, will be asking them for jobs in the business world before long.

Claimed artificial voices will enable dumb persons to talk, but it is not claimed they can make Cal Coolidge talk any more freely.

A large number of recent candidates are now free to enjoy the delights of their home town and old jobs.

Last week a reporter for this paper made mention that Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Campbell had just returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in Alabama, and when that gentleman, whose gentle voice used to ring out over the city, while he was in the cafe business here, announcing "Roast Pork and Yellow Yams" met this writer and in a tone of voice that no man could mistake, when you consider his size, kindly stated that this paper had misrepresented him, we not being very "heavy" felt about as light as a feather, for we could not imagine what he had on his mind, but felt relieved when he aid that he had not been to Alabama at all, but had spent a few days very pleasantly over in the grand old state of A-R-K-A-N-S-A-W. Then he apologized and said, "we were really nice to him."

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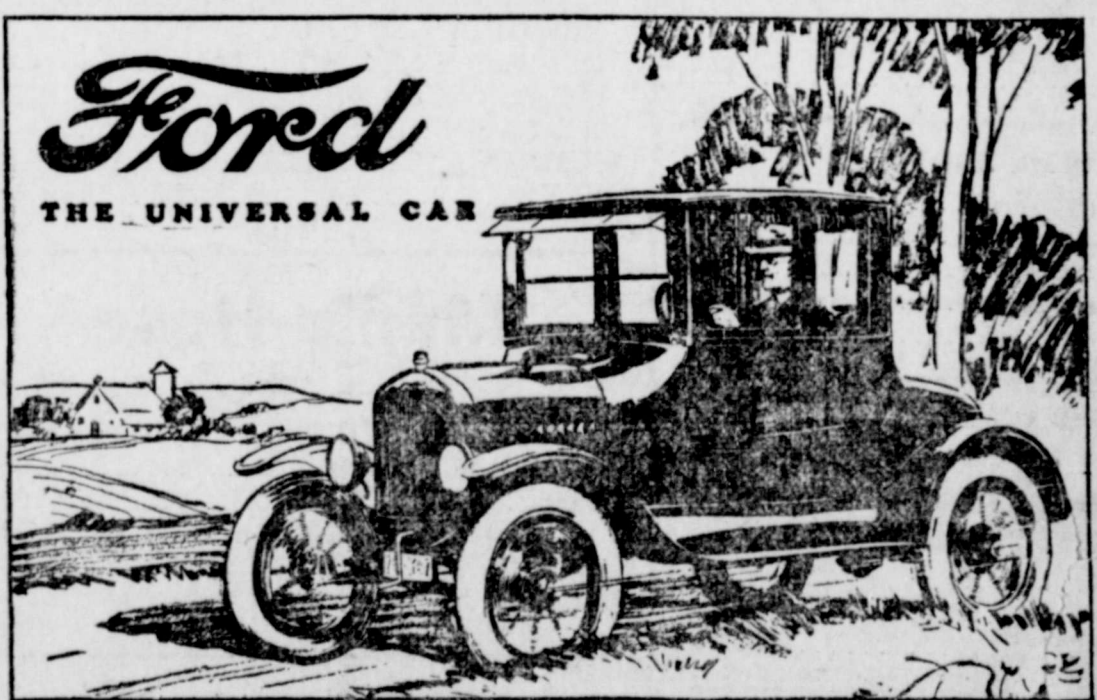
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FOR SALE—One double row John Deere Beam hitch Lister Planter at a bargain. See Bill Haynes at the OASIS Filling Station. tf

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FOR SALE—One 10-foot Eclipse Wind Mill, in good condition. See T. F. Compton at Garrett's Feed Store. 1tp

FOR SALE—A good Jersey Milk cow, with young calf. See W. C. Reed, one and a half miles east of Merkel. 1tpd.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES
By Gladys Mayfield

The High school was surprised Thursday morning to find the State Inspector here. We can not help but feel that she realized that she was the "unwelcomed guest", but we trust that we made a favorable impression upon her.

The Parent Teachers Association gave the Merkel foot ball boys a banquet at Ed's Cafe on last Friday evening. The affair was a very elaborate one and as a result the "Badgers" and "Miss Badgers" were all smiles. Everyone did his part to make it the best affair of the season. The turkey dinner was served first, this was followed by speeches and jokes by the toast master, Mr. Booth Warren, the football boys, and members of the faculty. Everyone went away feeling as they had never felt before and wishing for another surprise from the P. T. A.

Monday afternoon, all the High school students were asked to pass to the study hall, and to our surprise Mr. Burgess gave a very interesting lecture. He in his calm and forceful manner pointed out to us some of the causes of the greatness of the "Stay in Squad." Every one that attended the meeting was deeply impressed by his talk apparently, for they left the room with lowered heads and solemn faces.

Miss Pierce: "What is the contribution of the Middle Ages to high school life."

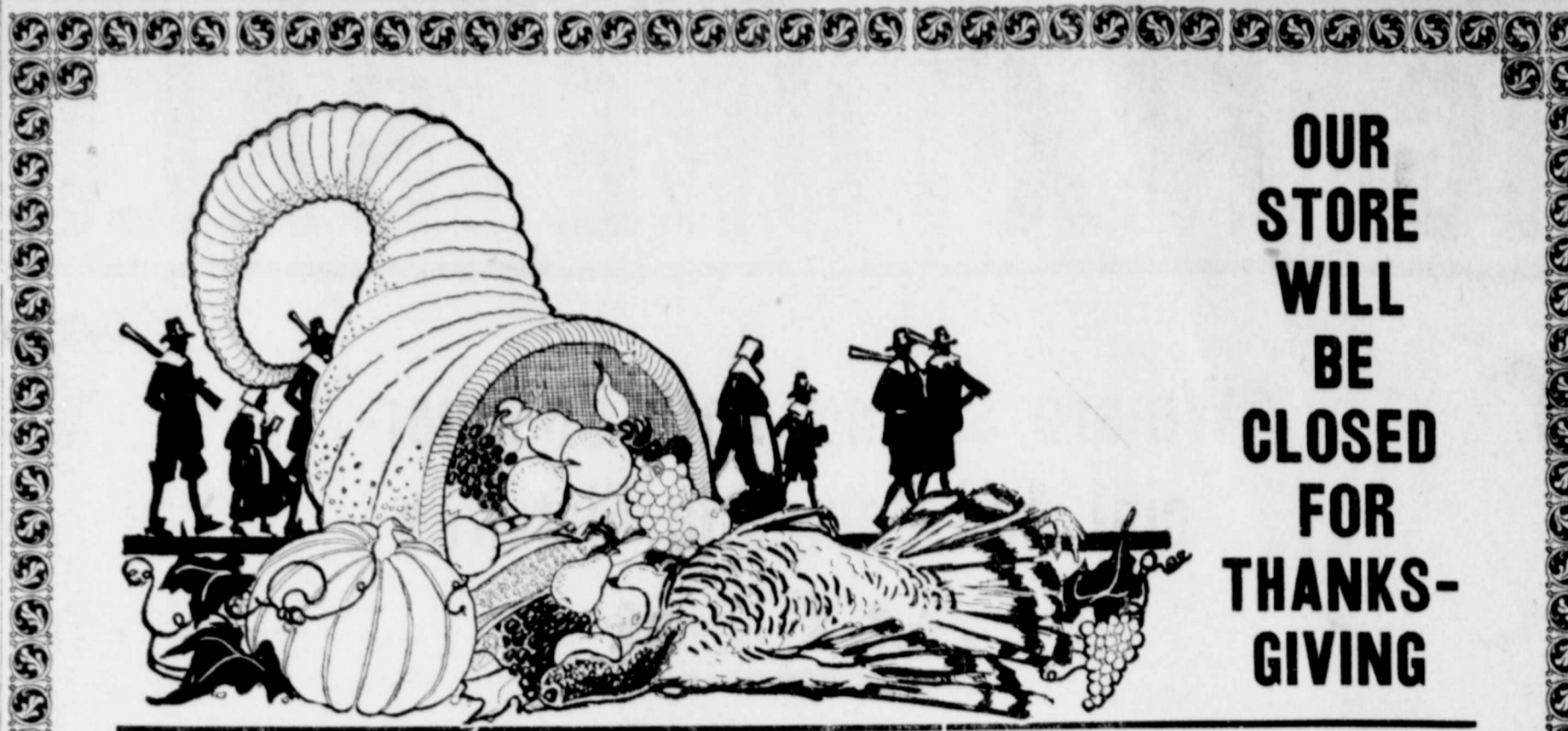
Clyde Matthews: "Chaperones"
Miss Bird asked the Sophomores to write a theme of their own choosing and the following is one written by Thelma Conder.

"The Nose"

The nose is situated conveniently in the face at an angle to the forehead wrinkles. A authority says the nose is nine tenths for smelling but this ratio may be changed when there is more Limberger Cheese around than there is air. Some noses are always running. They are probably geared up 3 to 1 like racers, hence the expression "won by a nose". It is impolite to let your nose intrude down into the water when drinking out of the finger bowl in public. Roman noses are different shape from Protestant noses because in olden times they'd go to see the Galligators fight in the Coliseum (pp. 173 Ancient History) and got their noses out of shape by putting their thumbs t them, signifying death to the boy which has had his gears stripped.

One reason for freshmen being called "fish" is because they play so many baby games for example the other day, Sterling Sheppard went into the Drug Store and said, "Mr. Arrington, give me another box of those pills like the ones I got yesterday for my Mother. Mr. Arrington: "I sure will, but did your mother say that she liked them?" Sterling:—"No, Sir, but they just fit my air-gun."

The latest device for speeding up foot ball games is for the



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players to wear roller skates.

"Wordy"

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God, Oh save me God—Never Miss Pierce: "W. L. what have you done to save our timber?" W. L.— "I shot a woodpecker once."

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He extends a cordial welcome to one and all to come to hear him, and especially the membership of the church to be present.

Foot-Ball Boys Given Banquet

A Thanksgiving turkey banquet was given last Friday evening at Ed's Cafe, for the Foot Ball Boys, and their lady friends, and the high school faculty. The Parent Teachers Club, with Mrs. Fred S. Rogers acting president, were the sponsors.

The table decorations, house decorations, and the genuine spirit of cordiality of Mesdames A. R. Booth, Twyman Collins, Fred S. Rogers, J. E. Richardson, R. I. Grimes and Mrs. Duncan Briggs in greeting the guests at the doors of Ed's Cafe, carried out the Thanksgiving season to a perfection. The banquet tables were pretty with cut flowers and with center pieces of gold with purple stars, which carried out the high school colors. Place cards of strutting turkey goblets were used, and included the following names: Mr. Booth Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Jackson, Misses Marie Williamson, Madge Pearce, Martha Bird, Susie Belle Weeden, Doris Durham, Ona Mae Rose, Melba West, Gladys Mayfield, Thelma Conder, M. Eckerd, Frances McElroy, Wyn Curb, Helen Booth, Burkes Blair, Ruth J. Gladys Acuff, Dorris Pike, Intha Bird, Messrs. Ira A. Ray Garrett, Delbert Polly, L. Harkrider, Charles Sutt, C. R. Williams, Lester T. Royce McDonald, Mabin Ivers, J. C. Petty, Jimmie T. Monte Daniels, Wilbur Weldon Wells, Leron Chaney, Buford Smith.

After the eating of the delicious menu, consisting of, turkey with dressing, and potato salad, deviled egg, berries, pumpkin pie with pecan cream and hot chocolate, a splendid program of talks was carried out, with Mr. Booth as toastmaster. A talk "Why the P. T. A. gave the banquet" by Mrs. Fred S. Rogers was the first number, and was followed by talks by Bu Smith, Coach, I. L. Jackson, Ray Garrett, Miss Melba gave the "Characteristics of Badger", the badger being mascot of the Foot Ball boys. Joke telling was the last feature of the program and each foot ball boy was called on for a joke. Mr. Leron Chaney received tiny foot ball with M. H. S. colors for telling the best joke.

At the close of the evening entertainment, a rising vote of thanks was extended the P. T. for the pleasures of this occasion.

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