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ABOUT THE NEW F. & M. FIXTURES

Last week we made mention of the fact that the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel had purchased and would install, sometime in January, a new set of fixtures and would re-arrange the Banking room so that there will be plenty of space to take care of a large volume of business.

The fixtures will be on the right hand side as you go into the Bank, except Mr. Warren's office which will be at the left leaving a large lobby as the fixtures on the left hand side as you go in will be removed and the front vault will be the customers vault.

The fixtures will be of McMullen gray marble, seven feet, two inches high with marble wainscoting and a large marble customers desk, six feet long, in the center of the lobby.

As you go into the bank on the right will be Mr. Thompson's office which will be open and immediately west of that will be a private room, where all private and confidential business can be transacted. Then will follow three cages where three Tellers can easily and conveniently handle the business of the Bank's customers. The cages will extend eight inches beyond the front of the front vault and the marble will extend from there to the vault.

The bookkeepers will work in the space where Mr. Warren's now is to the back of the bank, and their work will be arranged that they will be in the lobby at all times and there will be no delay in giving information which customers may seek.

The walls, ceiling and the light fixtures will be made to correspond with the other furnishings.

This bank has always been regarded as one of the strong banks of West Texas and the fact that they are installing fixtures such as we have attempted to describe above is not only evidence of their prosperity but also speaks the confidence which the officers and directors have in Merkel and Merkel trade territory.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, will be held in the offices of the bank, between the hours of 10:00 a. m. and 2 p. m. on the second Tuesday in January 1925; the same being January 13, for the purpose of electing five directors and transacting any other business as may come before said meeting.

J. T. Warren, president
L. R. Thompson, Cashier

GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Why not give pretty stationery for Christmas gifts? When making out your gift list, don't forget to see my beautiful line of stationery before deciding. Comes in neat Christmas Boxes. Samples on display at Merkel Mail Office. Or call me and I will visit you at your home. Phone 64 or 61. Blanche Durham.

Messrs. W. L. Diltz, Booth Warren, Guy Darsey and V. B. Sublett, returned Wednesday from their outing and hunting trip to the Rio Grande, south of Alpine. They report a fine time but not much luck in the way of big game. We understand that they were shot at a big bear, and failed to kill him.

HOME TALENT PLAY IS A BIG SUCCESS

"The Microbe Of Love" a home talent play, for the benefit of the Public school Library, with Miss Loneta Holland as director, is a proven success. By eight o'clock last Monday evening, the Cozy Theatre building was filled almost to its utmost seating capacity, and the crowd was anxiously waiting for the show to begin, for the unique advertising it had been given had created much curiosity and interest.

The story theme was one of the most interesting and fascinating and thrilling that a Merkel audience has ever had the pleasure to hear. But the outstanding features were the clever costumes and the characters that were portrayed so well by the various ones taking part in the play. The chorus girls were certainly well trained and carried out their part of the show quite well. In a brief summary, we would say that it was a thrill, a laugh, and one of greatest interest from the beginning to the end. A reading "When Pa Shaved Off His Mustash", by Nell Durham was a feature of the between acts.

BUILDING GOOD ROADS CONTINUES

Beginning at County line, by Saturday night to Monday night we are going to have a hard surface road to Noodle creek east and north of J. M. Dunn's and Will Dunn's places on the Shiloh road. They have helped with 3 teams, filling holes and ditches, with six grubbing and putting the fence back. "Cooperation" is what we are getting, and they are getting good roads. They say, "we will keep them dragged" We believe it too. The two dreadfully bad places on the road will be soon fixed. Let every overseer have his road dragged. Co-operate with the road committee.—M. Armstrong chairman of committee.

NOTICE TO AUTO OWNERS

I am now prepared to register all autos and trucks for 1925 that have been registered for 1924, but can not register new cars for 1925 that have not been registered for 1924. Bring your 1924 receipts also weight of your trucks, if receipt does not show same. Law requires all autos to be registered by Jan. 1st. Respectfully, D. T. Karkrider, Collector.

W. I. Cogburn, one of the hustling citizens residing on route 5 dropped into this office one day recently and renewed the subscription of the Mail which he was sending to his son at Fort Worth, for which we are thankful. He also reports that his son-in-law, Mr. A. V. Henslee, of Hood county, has recently moved to the Riney place in the Canyon, and will make his home in this country.

Messrs. Austin Robertson, Ollie Higgins of the Saltbranch community and Mr. Taylor of Lorain, returned last week from a trip to the Rio Grande Valley near El Paso.

H. M. Mayfield and M. C. Graham, who went to Waco last week as delegates to the Masonic Grand Lodge, returned first of the week and report a very fine trip, and a big attendance at the annual meeting of this great fraternal order.

ABILENE COLLEGE MAKES PROGRESS

Abilene Christian College, of Abilene, Texas, is the first denominational college in America to organize a Geography department. In the fall of 1923, Professor L. G. Kennamer, who is especially equipped for such work by his training under Dr. A. E. Parkinshead of the Geography Department of Peabody College, and his teaching in Sam Houston State Teacher's College and in David Lipscomb College, Nashville, Tennessee, came to Abilene Christian College to organize this department.

Professor Kennamer's attempt has been very successful. As head of this department Professor Kennamer has a direct influence in the rural and city schools of West Texas. He directed the Geography Division of the Nolan County Institute. His advice to teachers has been generally well accepted.

At the business session of the Texas Geography council at San Antonio on November 28, Professor Kennamer was elected permanent secretary of the organization. He was the only permanent officer elected during the session. Dr. Broun of the East Texas State Teachers College at Commerce being elected president for a term of two years.

With men like this to work under the able supervision of such leaders as President Baxter and Dean Cox, Abilene Christian College and incidentally Abilene itself, is just beginning to grow.

MERKEL CIRCUIT REINSTATED

At the last Annual Conference held in Abilene recently, the Merkel Circuit of the Methodist church was done away with and the various churches constituting same were changed about considerably, and which proved unsatisfactory to almost all concerned, and which resulted in a conference held here last week, between the Presiding Elder and those interested, and at which time it was decided to reinstate the Circuit, which is now composed of Noodle, Nubia, White Church, and Mt. Pleasant. Rev. R. E. L. Stutts, of Abilene was made temporary pastor of circuit.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE FOR MERKEL CIRCUIT

The first quarterly conference for the Merkel charge will be held at White Church, Tuesday December 30, 1924 at eleven a. m. Presiding Elder W. E. Lyon, will preach and the business session will be held at 2 p. m. R. E. L. Stutts, Pastor in charge

This paper is informed that Mr. Clyde Sears, who with his family last year moved to Abilene, has sold his home there and has this week purchased the home of Mr. A. V. Dye, in Merkel and will soon move back to this city. Mr. Sears and his family are fine folks and we join their host of good friends here in extending to them a royal welcome back to Merkel. We also learn that Mr. Dye has purchased some acreage in the south part of the city, bordering on Oak Street, and will soon start the erection of a fine home on same, to which he and family will move when same is completed.

Mr. J. A. Douglas, of Sidney, Texas, writes in to have us count him in on our big subscription offer to the Mail and other papers for the next year.

DODGE BROTHERS REDUCE PRICES

Announcement of a reduction in the prices of all Dodge Brothers Passenger cars was received today by the Merkel Garage, local Dodge Brothers Dealer. The new prices are effective Monday, December 1st.

The reductions are especially sharp on the closed types. The Type A Sedan, for example, on which the list price was formerly \$1385, is now \$1245. The Type B Sedan, which formerly sold for \$1250 f. o. b. Detroit, is now listed at \$1095. There is also a reduction from \$1035 to \$995 in the list price of the business Coupe. Dodge Brothers Roadster, under the new price will sell for \$855 and the Touring Car for \$885.

The announcement from Dodge Brothers also carried the information that baloon tires are standard equipment on all passenger cars. New prices on Special Type cars are as follows:

Special Roadster... \$955.00
Special Touring... \$985.00
Special B Coupe... \$1095.00
Special B Sedan... \$1195.00
Special A Sedan... \$1330.00

Substantial improvements in the appearance, riding comfort, and other important details of construction and design, plus the car's long-standing reputation for dependable performance, were responsible for the greatly accelerated demand during 1924. For a number of months production was maintained consistently at a rate close to 1000 cars per day.

Prices of Dodge Brothers Commercial Cars and Chasses are not affected by the reductions.

FINED \$100.00 FOR SHOOTING MAIL BOXES

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 6.—Ernest Treat, formerly of the Noodle community, in Jones county, but now of Knox City, pleaded guilty in United States court at Fort Worth Thursday to the charge of shooting into and damaging several rural mail boxes on Rural Route No. 2 out of Anson, on or about Dec. 28, 1923. Judge James C. Wilson fined Treat \$100 and upon payment of the fine the defendant was released.

Extends Thanks For Good Roads In Trent Community

Trent, Texas, Dec. 1
Editor Merkel aMIL:
Dear Sir:
May I have the privilege of a little space in your paper, to express to Mr. W. H. Frazier, our most excellent County Commissioner, as well as to the graders and tractor men, for the good roads which you have so splendidly put up in the Trent community, that I personally wish to express my thanks and appreciation of same.

Most respectfully,
Willard Rogers.

BOX SUPPER AT BLAIR

The Mail has been requested to announce that there will be a box supper at Blair Friday evening. The public has a cordial invitation to attend.

Mr. E. P. Bickley of San Saba stopped off here this week, enroute from a visit to relatives at El Paso, for a brief visit with his brother, Mr. J. S. Bickley and wife.

Mr. Jeff Case, uncle of Mr. Eli Case, of the Hamilton & Case Grocery firm, spent a couple of days here this week with the latter, the same being the first time they had met in thirty years.

MARR TOASTMASTER NEXT LUNCHEON

At the next Luncheon, which will be held at Ed's Cafe, on next Tuesday evening, December 16, Mr. Donald Marr, one of our local enterprising Confectionary men, will be in charge of the program as Toastmaster, and those present may rest assured of a very spicy and interesting program.

As little as some people may think about it, the Merkel Luncheon Club through it's members has accomplished much that has and will redound to up building and good of Merkel and the surrounding country, and owing to the fact that this will be the last meeting to be held during this year, it is sincerely hoped that every business man and citizen who possibly can will be present. Let this paper say once more that EVERYBODY is welcome to attend these meetings, and if you are interested in making this a better town and country, you will and should attend and take part in the proceedings of the club.

A NEW CHURCH AT COMPERE

The Presbyterians at Comperre are showing their progressiveness and loyalty by erecting a splendid new church building. The church now under construction, is a modern building in every respect, and will be a credit to any community. The building committee hopes to have the church ready to occupy by Christmas, and they expect to dedicate it free from debt, when completed.

SCOCKHOLDERS MEETING

A meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank of Merkel, Texas is hereby called to meet at 2 o'clock p. m. on Thursday Jan. 8th 1925 for the purpose of electing a board of Directors for the ensuing year, and any other business that might come to their attention.

R. L. Grimes, Cashier. 1274

AN ERROR

In our last issue we were in error when we stated that Mr. B. T. Sublett had purchased the interest of Mr. H. R. Hicks in the Liberty Hardware Company. Mr. Sublett only purchased a part of Mr. H. R. Hick's interest. Hence both Mr. Hicks and Mr. Sublett will be members of this firm.

To give you an idea of just how well the little classified column of want ads. etc., in this paper each week pays those who use them, will say that recently an advertisement was placed in this column advertising a "Collie Dog to be given away", and that in response to same at least 30 people called for the dog. Business men, farmers and all find this column very profitable to dispose of anything they might have to dispose of.

Rev. T. J. Rea pastor of the Methodist church of Merkel was called to Munday last week to preach the funeral of a deceased member of the Methodist church in that city. Rev. Rea formerly having served that church as pastor several years ago.

MISS LUCY TRACY'S PUPILS IN RECITAL

On Thursday evening, Dec. 18 at eight o'clock in the school auditorium, the Expression Department, with Miss Lucy Tracy as instructor, will present a Christmas play in Prologue and three acts, "The Birds' Christmas Carol". This is one of Kate Douglas Wiggin's most loved plays and will please any audience with both its humor and pathos. In giving this program, it is the aim of the pupils to bring to us all more forcibly the right spirit of Christmas.

Characters

Angels of the Prologue—Lois Leslie, Ruby Fae Golladay, Irene Perry.

The Bird Family—Carol, the snow-bird grown up, Nell Durham; Mrs. Bird, her mother, Flora Frances Anderson; Mr. Donald Bird, her father, in the nest, but not quite out of it, Roy Giles; Uncle Jack, a bird of passage, Clyde Mayfield; Elfrida Clifford, Carol's nurse, Deshazo Simpson; Their Neighbors—The Ruggleses in the rear. Mrs. Ruggles, who was a McGrill, Gladys Watts.

The seven little Ruggleses—Sarah Maud, Oleta Moore; Clement, E. L. Turner; Peoria, Maurine Davis; Peter, Harold Boney; Kitty, Margaret Turner; Cornelius, Ross Ferrier, Larry, H. C. Toombs.

Readers: Pauline Toombs, Betty Lou Grimes, Jim Patterson.

Pianist, Ona Fae Rose.

and 30c will be made.

An admission charge of 20c

ELDER CYPERT TO PREACH SUNDAY

Elder W. G. Cypert will preach at the North Side Christian Church next Sunday at the eleven o'clock hour and at seven in the evening. Every one is invited to hear him.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards can be purchased at lower prices than elsewhere, at the Merkel Mail office. We take your orders, so let us have yours soon. Your name printed on the cards are included with cards, if bought from us. MERKEL MAIL Printing Co.

Mrs. G. F. Wood left last week for California, where she will visit her son, who is on the boat, U. S. A. Oklahoma.

* OUR GREATEST NEWS- *
* PAPER BARGAIN OFFER *
* Below we publish a list of *
* the newspapers and maga- *
* zines which are all included *
* in ONE BIG BARGAIN OF- *
* FER as follows. *
* The Dallas Semi-Weekly *
* Farm News for 3 years, The *
* Merkel Mail one year, Peo- *
* pies Popular Monthly one *
* year, Mothers Home Life *
* magazine one year, Hearth *
* and Home one year, Gentle- *
* womans Magazine one year, *
* The Dairy Farmer one year, *
* ALL FOR \$3.60 *
* Just think of it, 7 news- *
* papers 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 *
* 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 *



Safe-Guarding the Future

Present prosperity means little to us unless we take advantage of it to prepare for seasons of uncertainty that may arise.

By putting your money in the bank when you have it, you are afforded a medium of safety for your present needs and a safe-guard against the day when this protection may be a vital matter with you.

Safe-guard the future days by putting your money in the bank today.

Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas

A COMMUNITY INSTITUTION

Gleaners Class Meets

Regardless of the snow and blustering weather, Tuesday afternoon, the Gleaners class met at the home of Mrs. Fred Guitar in their monthly business and social meeting.

The living room was beautifully decorated with ferns, but the main attraction was a real fire place with a real fire burning in the grate.

Mrs. Fred Latham took charge of the business. Dues were paid and as several ladies had sold cook books recently, proceeds from these were turned in.

The social program consisted of discussing the duties of members of the class, and other main topics of the day, as Christmas.

Refreshments consisting of white cake, fruited jello, topped with whipped cream, were served to Mesdames, L. R. Thompson, R. R. Buford, Fred Latham, L. C. Sublett, V. B. Sublett, W. E. Lowe, W. M. Gambill, Misses Lola Dennis, Lucille Guitar and hostess.

Members who were unable to attend can't imagine what they missed, because it was an evening of real pleasure, with Mrs. Guitar as the delightful and entertaining hostess.

WHAT BETTER FOR A GIFT

Give a Home Cook Book for Christmas. Price 50 cents. Call any member of the Gleaners Class of the M. E. Sunday school or call Mrs. Fred Guitar. 1212

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank one and all for the many expressions of loving kindness and Christian love and fellowship showed me, during my long illness. Especially do I thank you for the birth day shower of so many nice things. May God's richest blessings be with you all. Mrs. O. J. Adcock. It.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

BOOTLEGGED IMMIGRANTS

Secretary of Labor Davis estimates that 850,000 aliens entered the United States by illegal means during the past fiscal year.

The United States has passed a law providing close restriction of immigration, believing that we should be swamped by aliens if the doors are opened widely. Considering how depressed conditions have been in Europe, the number to come over would be something enormous of the doors were opened freely. The character of our country might be changed in a few years as the result of a flood of alien who could not be assimilated, and who would bring to this country notions contrary to the principles of its founders.

We have taken a step which the great majority of people consider necessary in holding immigration down to certain quotas. But a great number of people are evading that law and slipping in across our boundaries which cover thousands of miles. It would seem that the most desirable type of immigrants would not come in that way. Those who slip in, contrary to our regulations show a willingness to break our laws, which should make one fearful as to how they will behave after they get here.

Something needs to be done to impress the authorities of Canada and Mexico, from which countries most of these people must slip over the line, that the United States can not tolerate this traffic. If unwanted aliens are going to come in so easily, it will be necessary to pass stricter laws governing immigration from those nations.

The United States wants to take a generous position toward aliens. But we have adopted a certain policy in order to protect our national ideals, and to give our own workers the first chance at employment. The country will demand drastic action, when it finds that such a multitude of people evaded this law.

BLAIR ITEMS

Dear Editor:

As we have been visited by a good snow, and everybody is sitting by the fire, I thought I would drop you a few Blair Items.

Bro. Rea of Merkel came out and preached a fine sermon last Sunday evening. He will preach regular twice a month first and third Sunday evenings in each month at 2 o'clock. Sunday school meets every Sunday evening at 3:30 o'clock at the Baptist church. So everybody come to church and Sunday school.

Mr. J. H. Campbell has just completed a nice bungalow and is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Sanford.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Neil have moved in the home vacated by Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Doan.

The latter have moved to his farm that he recently purchased from Mr. E. M. Blackburn. Also Mr. John Meeks has just finished a nice bungalow on his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell spent Thanksgiving day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

We have had several cases of mumps but all are getting along nicely.

Bro. McClure will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church next Sunday. Every one Come. —Sunshine and Shadows

NOTICE — WARNING

Only 12 more shopping days until Christmas. Have you visited this store? We have lots of XMAS GIFTS. Let us help you to make your selection. Hamm Drug Co. It

Bring your Farm Bureau Cotton to the Farmers & Merchants National Bank. It

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Barnes, a bouncing baby boy on November 28th.

SAFETY SERVICE SILENCE

We are spending some money for the greater accommodation of our customers in new fixtures which will be installed within the next thirty days. Come in and let us show you the plans and start an account with us now.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS

National Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

Capital and Surplus \$25,000

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



WE ARE IN THAT BUSINESS

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

Mrs. L. D. Gaither of San Antonio, is here for a visit with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Cranford.

You ought to see those Goodrich Balloon Tires at Woodrum Filling Station.

Xmas Stationery! Candy, Xmas Cards, Mahogany Candle Sticks at HAMM DRUG CO. It.

Oranges, Apples, Candies and Bannas, at Bob Martin Grocery Company. It.

GIVE JEWELRY THIS CHRISTMAS



Jewelry Lasts. That's one of the good reasons for selecting it for gift purposes. Another is the ease with which a successful choice may be arrived at.

Let us also call your attention to our general line of Christmas goods, such as Dolls, Kodaks, Smoking Sets, Manicure Sets, Candies, Xmas Cards, Xmas Boxes. Just a visit to our store will make you realize that old Santa has made his Headquarters with us.

Merkel Drug Co.

HUBBARD'S DRIVE IS ON FOR \$50,000 IN DECEMBER

LARGEST STOCK SINCE 1919 SACRIFICED IN A

Sale of Sales

That Pulls the crowds to this store daily — Why do they come?

HERE IS THE ANSWER!

When Hubbards quality goods go on sale at cut prices, the people know they can save money on every purchase and they come take the goods away.

DO YOUR XMAS SHOPPING HERE AT SALE PRICES

HUBBARD'S SWEETWATER

J. T. DENNIS' GREATEST MONEY SAVING SALE

Positively the Greatest Money Saving Sale ever Staged in Merkel

We are not closing out or going to quit business, but our aim is to give our many friends and customers the lowest possible prices---

Beginning SATURDAY DECEMBER 13 CLOSING Wednesday DECEMBER 24

We take this method of showing our customers our appreciation of the courtesies they have shown us in the past. Our entire stock of Dry Goods is marked down so it will enable you to get your supply of winter needs. We can only give a few of the many items that you will find marked down lower than you have found before in the history of sales.

Ginghams

All our 27-in. Gingham, a good grade, former price 25c on sale at..... 16½
 Red Seal Gingham..... 20c

All our 32-in. Kalbunia and Toile Du Noid, former price 30c, on sale at..... 25c
 Chambray Gingham..... 29c

We have anything you need in Lingerie. Just the thing to make for Christmas. A good assortment of Sateen and Bloomer Charmense at a bargain.

Outing

A Special on the best grade 27-in. Outing at..... 16½c



A Christmas Welcome to All

And it will be doubly appreciated by the tired shopper who comes here and sees the splendid array of gift articles conveniently arranged for gift choosing. The following are but a few of the many items that you will see here--and at the prices we offer our merchandise, you can save.

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|----------------------|-----------|
| Boudoir Caps | Purses |
| Handkerchiefs | Silk Hose |
| Silk Jersey Bloomers | Sweaters |

Draperies

Two-Tone Terry Cloth, former price \$1.25, on sale at..... 98c
 50c grade Marquisete..... 39c

Hosiery

We have a complete stock of hosiery. A few prices on silk hose
 \$2.50 Silk Hose..... \$1.98
 \$1.50 Silk Hose..... \$1.25

Sheeting

Now is the time to get your supply. We have bleached and unbleached in both 10-4 and 9-4 Pepperell Sheeting

Domestic

We have a large stock of Domestic, as cheap as the cheapest.

Free! Free! Free!

ATTENTION LADIES! To the first 10 ladies in our store Saturday morning a nice serviceable present given you absolutely Free, and the first 10 ladies buying \$15.00 worth of goods get a pair house slippers Free. Doors open promptly at 9:00 o'clock. Don't forget the date, Saturday, Dec. 13, until Dec. 24.

Wishing you one and all a Merry Christmas and a Most Prosperous New Year,

All Goods Cash

J. T. DENNIS

Merkel, Texas

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TEXANIZING TEXAS

The unique work of "Texan-izing Texas" has been set for itself by the Texas Centennial Committee of One Hundred in advance of its meeting at Austin, January 19. At this meeting it is proposed to take steps toward raising a fund of \$100,000 to be employed in educational work in preparation for the Centennial.

To those who entertain surprise as to why there should be such an educational campaign it is suggested that this Centennial thing is not to be the ordinary kind of celebration, even statewide. The vision which first comprehended it has grown until it is planned that the exposition shall be such as to place it among the great fairs of the world.

Texas has the background of historical and commercial significance to justify such plans. Here was fused in the caldron of the primeval wilderness destiny of a great continent. The period of import to North America second only to that of the period of discovery. But one thing is lacking to complete Texas' equipment for making this Centennial as big as it ought to be. That one thing is the understanding and the universal co-operation of the people of Texas.

In this view, the proposal of the Committee of 100 to spend \$100,000 in "Selling Texas to Texans" in advance of any permanent plans for the exposition becomes the height of good business judgement.

There is, fortunately, suffi-

ent time to proceed carefully in maturing the plans for the exposition. The idea of a Centennial does not necessarily apply to any one date. Any time with in the period between the first Anglo-American entry into Texas and statehood may be commemorated as well as another.

The chief matter at hand right now is to build up in Texas a public realization and importance of the state in the past and in the present. It is to develop a Texan consciousness among Texans. When this is done, the degree of co-operation necessary to success of the exposition will be guaranteed. To know Texas history and its historical significance is to realize that here is something for commemorating greater and grander than that which inspired such world fairs as those at Chicago, St. Louis, and San Francisco.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

A thief played a good joke on our good friend and splendid citizen, Selma Russell, who owns a fine farm home near town recently, when said thief stole a couple of big, fat juicy turkey gobblers Mr. Russell had been saving up for Christmas and New Years day. But Mr. Russell who most of the time takes even such hard jokes good naturedly, says that this thief was kind enough to leave him a couple of nice turkey hens, and while he is loser some eighteen pounds of turkey, he would be better satisfied if the thief would pay him the difference in the weights of the gobblers and the hens, and there is where our friend Russell demonstrated that he was just about like the rest of US men, never satisfied. If any one doubts the above, just let 'em ask J. C. Mason, he has the "dope" on Mr. Russell, he says.

KILL HEN HOUSE BUGS

and keep them away by painting one time with "TAROLINE." For insects on chickens FEED "Martin's POULTRY TONE." Money back guarantee, Sanders Drug Store. Incl. Dec 12, 24

OUR CHRISTMAS ISSUE

THE CHRISTMAS ISSUE of the MERKEL MAIL will appear December 19th. Some of the best writers in Texas have contributed to the columns of this issue and our readers will find much to interest and entertain them in the pages of the Christmas Issue.

Austin Callan tells of an early day antelope hunt in West Texas, in which he took part.

Another writer tells how the good folks of East Texas celebrated Christmas back in 1876.

David J. Morris, who lives in South Texas, has a good story on how the foreigners of his part of the State celebrate Christmas.

Many other interesting stories will be in the Christmas Issue—stories for the women folks, the boys and the girls. Lookout for it.

Following are the contents of our Christmas Issue:

"Christmas In The Open"—An old-time antelope hunt in West Texas a week before Christmas. By Austin Callan.

"Christmas In The Piney Woods."—Peach Tree Village (East Texas) and its first Christmas tree.

"Christmas Reflections."—By J. H. Lowry. (Mr. Lowry writes tenderly of Mary, the Mother of Christ, and her long painful journey to Bethlehem, where the Savior was born.)

"Getting The Christmas Spirit."—When the Yuletide of Christmas joy sweeps into your heart.

"A Review Of The Passing Year"—A review of the progress of Texas during 1924. By W. N. Beard.

"The Ready-Made Christmas"—A dear old grandmother has her own way, and shows the beauty of a "Home-made Christmas" over that of a "Ready-made Christmas."

"And As Ye Give."—The angels gave the gift of peace and good-will almost two thousand years ago. Cannot we do the same thing in 1924?

"Christmas Tree Decorations"—Pretty ways to decorate a Christmas tree at the last minute.

"Housewifely Christmas Gifts"—For the woman who is swift and skillful with the needle there are many ways she can surprise friends with pretty gifts that can be made at home.

"Boys' and Girl's Page."—Aunt Mary wishes all her Boy and Girl friends a Merry Christmas and says to tell them that she has written a good story that they must read. Watch for it in the Christmas issue of the Merkel Mail.

"Woman's Page."—Mrs. Margaret Stute has worked faithfully to get up an interesting Christmas page for the women folks. It would be profitable for all our women readers to turn to this page and study it carefully.

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

Christmas is pre-eminently a children's day, and if it were not for the joy of making them happy, the holiday could never keep its present appeal. The choice of gifts for those youngsters, however, should not be merely a chance to give them a little temporary pleasure. It is an opportunity for the people of Merkel, if rightly handled, to interest them in useful activities.

Boys and girls who are inactive and shy, may be induced to mingle with others by giving them games or equipment for outdoor sports. Those who have seemingly no taste for good books, may be helped to a better appreciation by a nicely illustrated copy of some classic they ought to know.

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which time the Editor and family have indeed been feasting. And yet we are not through, for on Wednesday evening of this week when the Editor came home for supper, our good wife very politely informed us that we had been invited out to eat Turkey dinner, at the home of the above, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown. It was not an especial occasion of any kind, only these good people just decided to bring in from their farm a big gobbler for their every day table use, and which can only be afforded by real farmers, such as Mr. Brown, bankers and the rich.

However, upon this occasion there was also all the accessories, and extras that go with a

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George (acted by Wesley) finds that he is late for a swimming carnival, jumps into his roadster and starts to race to his destination at 45 miles per hour. A traffic cop, stop watch in hand, overhauls him and proceeds to make out a summons. "Young man", he said, eyeing him severely, "Do you know you were going 37 miles an hour?"

Young George denies this stoutly.

"Don't make matters worse by lying" says the officer. "I

timed you with this stop watch. Imagine the utter surprise of the policeman when George answers: "I had my eyes on the speedometer, I was going 45 miles an hour."

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WITH THE CHURCHES

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The general interest was still better last Sunday in all the services. The three laymen who spoke last Sunday morning brought us messages that we will not get away from in a long time. The spirit of the service was good indeed. The series of sermons on the Ten Commandments is creating quite a lot of comment. Next Sunday morning the sermon subject will be: "Paul's incentive to Christian Unity." Sunday evening the pastor will preach on the third commandment, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." Profanity and near-profanity is getting to be a fad with some people. Are you a first hand or a second hand "cusser"? A man is located in any company by his speech. There will be special music. Mrs. Howard will sing Sunday morning. Special male quartett will sing Sunday night. W. H. Albertson, pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Last Sunday was a good day in all departments. The Vesper Service at 4 o'clock was well attended. The High school choral Club under the direction of Miss Christene Collins was a very welcome feature of the program. Rev. E. B. Surface of Abilene brought a splendid message.

Sunday, December 14, we hope to have an increased attendance at all our services. In the Sunday school, the Bible Class under the leadership of Dr. S. W. Johnson will have charge of the exercises. If you are a member of this class try and be present. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Vespers at 4 p. m. Rev. A. G. Fitzgeard of Anson will speak. Come and hear him.

Fred S. Rogers.

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- 6. Hungary, James Collum.
- 7. Roumania, Eunice Bird.
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- 4. The worship of the heavenly Host, Rev. Albertson.
- 5. The sealed book and the lamb, Bill Haynes.
- 6. The Lion becomes a lamb, Floyd Dowell.
- 7. The worshipers of the lamb, Gyrle Howard.
- 8. The angel worshipers, E. Yates Brown.

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thereof, in Abilene, Texas on
the 1st. Monday in January A.
D. 1925 the same being the 5th
day of January A. D. 1925,
then and there to answer a pe-
tition filed in said court on the
12th day of November A. D.
1924 in a suit numbered on the
docket of said court No. 5636,
wherein Hattie Dingler, is
Plaintiff, and J. C. Dingler, is
defendant, and said petition
alleging in substance that plain-
tiff is a bona fide inhabitant of
the State of Texas for one year
and of the county of Taylor for
six months next preceding the
filing of her petition; that plain-
tiff, a single woman, married
defendant in Kauffman County,
Nov. 5, 1907; that plaintiff and
defendant lived together as
husband and wife until on or
about the 28th day of March,
1923 when the plaintiff by rea-
son of excesses, cruelty and
outrages practiced and com-
mitted upon her by the defend-
ant was forced and compelled to
separate from the defendant and
did separate from him on or
about said date; that defendant
was guilty of studied outrages,
excesses and cruelties towards
the plaintiff which covered a
period of about five years; that
the defendant cursed and abus-
ed plaintiff and applied to her
the vilest of profane and indec-
ent epithets; all of which is
fully set out and specifically
alleged in plaintiff's original
petition on file in this cause
which is here referred to as a
part hereof. That the treat-
ment of defendant towards

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Adv. 1tp

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Disc Plows going fast, see the
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If anybody's plow will plow it, a "Bob Cat" will plow it too. Remember our special prices on Implements and wagons lasts until December 24.

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plaintiff was of such a character to impair her health and to permanently further living with the defendant unbearable and in supportable; plaintiff prays that upon final trial she have her judgement for separate from the bonds of matrimony with the defendant; that the court restore to her her maiden name of Hattie Thompson and for costs of suit and such other and further relief in law and in equity as she may show herself entitled.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

WITNESS, J. K. Fuller, Clerk of the District court of Taylor county.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas this the 6th day of December, A. D. 1924.

J. K. Fuller, clerk
District court, Taylor county
By Belle Willborn, deputy
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Have You This Habit?

By Margaret Morison

TIMOTHY RUGGLES

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

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

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

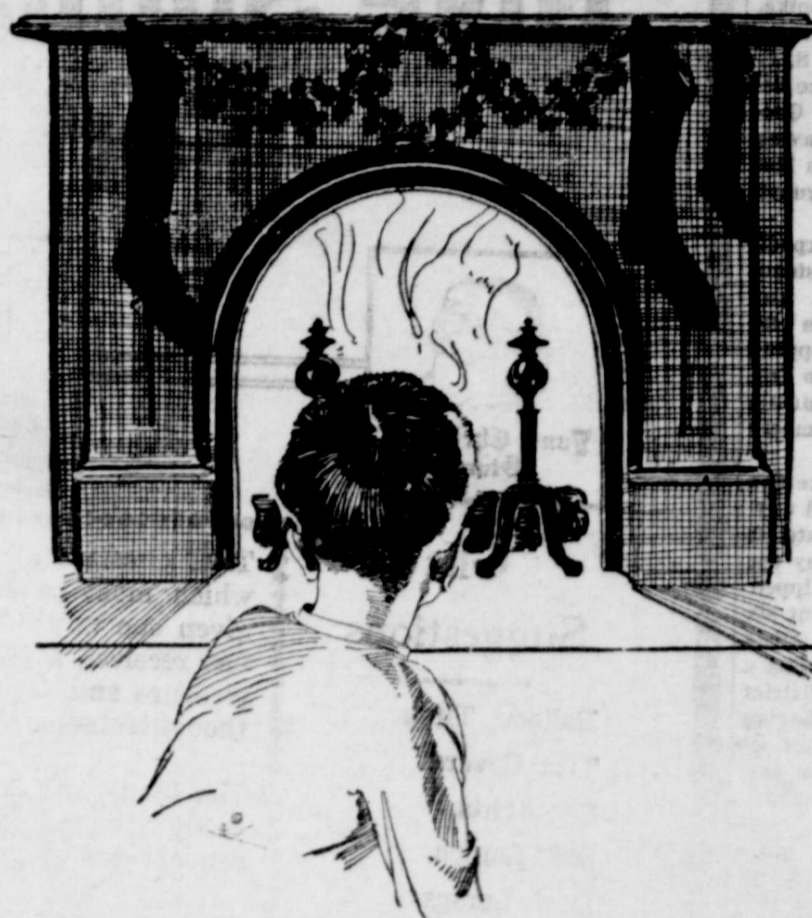
When a vacancy occurred in the sales department, he applied for it and proved himself worthy of a trial. Then he made good in it. So, as he worked at the present, his eye was always on the future. He had acquired the habit of "looking ahead." And as he looked ahead, he went ahead.

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

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

"We have bought it," said Tim. "I knew you'd want it when you saw it. I've been saving up for this day ever

Santa Claus Headquarters



At this store you will find the most wonderful array of gifts for men, women and children it has ever been our privilege to show you. Any attempt to list the many articles to be found here would be a hopeless task. Below we give a few suggestions and we cordially welcome you to come here and see the balance.

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Classified advertisements get results

Our Big Holiday Sale

Is Still on and many have taken advantage of the opportunity Offered.

But if you have not been in to investigate our big stock and get our extremely low prices, it will pay you to do so. We are absolutely offering the biggest line of bargains ever before offered in Merkel.

Our Entire Stock

Is absolutely offered in this great Holiday and money saving sale, at the greatest reductions in prices to be found any where. And it is by this fact that you are able to procure your every need for the entire family. Now is the time, while these bargains are being offered to buy your dry goods at a Real Saving.

MAX MELLINGER

since I was fifteen—ever since I began to "look ahead."

HAVE YOU THIS HABIT?

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Mother's Cook Book

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

MAIN DISHES

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

Alaskan Dish.

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

Panned Oysters.

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

Baked Lima Beans and Tomatoes.

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

Fricassee of Tongues.

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

In the Merkel Mail our readers for the past few weeks have found many large and attractive advertisements from the business interest of Merkel, which have announced great reductions in the prices of goods in the various lines of the merchants, and let us emphasize the fact that you will find no where any better or possibly as good prices on high class merchandise as you can get in Merkel. We therefore urge you to read carefully the advertisements in the Mail and profit thereby.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Some mighty fine dirt roads have been graded up during the past few month throughout the Merkel country, and in order that the roads may be improved and made real good they must be dragged. How about it, did you see that they were dragged in your community after the nice snow first of the week?

Oranges, Apples, Candies and Bannas, at Bob Martin Grocery Company. It.

Mr. M. Elliott of this city has our thanks among many others for his subscription to the Mail.

Toys Boys Like



You'll find them here, not a few, but scores of Toys that boys like to get on Christmas morning. Included are toys that develop the brain as well as the brawn—mechanical construction toys, working model radios, in fact there is almost no end to the exceptional display we have ready for your choosing.

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Schindler's Variety Store

"SANTA CLAUS HEADQUARTERS"

Discovers Odd Fish on Trip to Northern Brazil

A vulture that barks like a dog, a flat fish something like the plaice but equipped with a nasty poison spike, and vampire bats galore, are among the attractions reported by Capt. S. C. Bullock M. C. in a paper which he recently read before the Royal Geographical society in London, as having been encountered in his expedition last year to the Tocantina and Araguaya river regions of northern Brazil.

One of the members of the expedition, which traveled in a 25-foot steam yacht taken out from England, was bitten by one of the vampire bats and difficulty was experienced in stopping the bleeding. The bat is said to frequently attack humans and animals and is found in considerable numbers in the region.

The arara, as the flat plaice-like fish is called, lives in still waters and anyone bathing or walking in the water is very apt to have a foot pierced by the sharp spike with which it is equipped. The tail of the fish averages about six inches in length, and half-way along this tail is the spike, which contains a kind of poison. Natives of the district were ready with tales of many having died from the poisoned wound of an arara. The fish raises the spike peculiarly when he senses danger.

"At one camp in this district," said Captain Bullock, "a large bird, quite new to us, was encountered, like a vulture, having five talons on each foot and one talon or spike on the middle joint of the wings, which measure nearly six feet from tip to tip. The bird is black, except for the breast and under side of the wings.

"Locally it is called 'tuma' and it makes a noise very much like a dog barking. It is generally found near a lake and when frightened it takes refuge in a tree."

Captain Bullock told of an incident at one place where some waterhogs were encountered at a lagoon a short distance in from the river. Two of them were shot and one fell into the water. The water was too shallow to cover the animal and before the party could get to it the piranha fish began to eat it, jumping right out of the water and onto the waterhog's back in their haste to do so. Northern Brazil abounds in curious birds, beasts and fish, according to Captain Bullock.

A Marked Man

It is custom of some hospital doctors who are treating patients suffering from heart or chest complaints of putting a blue pencil mark round the part affected, so that the condition can easily be examined day by day, sometimes leads to comedy.

One man so marked died the night following. A new patient was admitted to his bed, and the same blue-pencil process was repeated.

After the doctor had gone the neighbor of the new man turned to him said, mournfully: "Your num-

Give Something for the Car For Christmas



—Then your gift will have been one of value, utility and lasting pleasure, —a tribute to your thoughtfulness



Gift Suggestions

- Balloon Tires
- Tire Covers
- Spotlights
- Side Lamps
- Dash Lamps
- Parking Lamps
- Stop Lights
- Step Plates
- Pedal Pads
- Visors.
- Windshield Wipers
- Stromberg Carburetors
- Drum Headlights
- Muffler Cut Outs
- Clocks.

Gift Suggestions

- Motometers
- Locking Radiator Cap.
- Lock steering wheel
- Motometer wings
- Radiator Caps
- Tool Sets
- Tool Boxes
- Gasoline Gauges
- Foot Feeds
- Mirrors
- Hub Cap Sets
- Bumper Braces
- Alemite System
- Bosch Ignition
- Battery Horn.

THE question of spending money at Christmas time is one which must be considered carefully, for even after the gift is given one wants to feel sure that the recipient is satisfied and has received a gift not only useful, but one which will give pleasure and service and also be a daily reminder of your thoughtfulness.

The family car is no longer a luxury—it has become a property easily attained and is an absolute necessity to the comfort and convenience of your family and yourself.

"Give Something for the Car" has proven its real merits in past years and now, again, you are face to face with the big problem of "what to give" this Christmas. Your question is now answered for you in a big, sensible, logical way by "Giving Something for the Car."

Automobile Accessories are not expensive—the price is incidental considering the value, utility and lasting pleasure derived. For your convenience and careful consideration we are presenting on each side of these pages a comprehensive list of Automobile Accessories. It will pay you to cut out these suggestions or save this advertisement for handy reference. Choose the item or items you desire and call upon us—we will serve you well.

SHOP EARLY—Join the Christmas Shoppers and "Buy Something for the Car for Christmas"

WEST COMPANY

"Everything in Accessories"

Big casing sale at Woodrum Filling Station. It

Oh Doctor! Doctor!

During the filming of his latest five-reel Pathe comedy, "Dr. Jack," Harold Lloyd, in the title role, was hurrying toward the "lot" with his medicinekit. At the same time, there was a small accident at an adjoining studio and one of the players was hurt.

"Oh doctor!" a bearded gentleman shouted, rushing up to Lloyd. "I've run out of bandage tape for this patient. Let me have some from your kit."

Before Lloyd could protest, the excited doctor pulled his satchel open, and then gasped in amazement, for the comedian's kit was filled with boxes of various kind of candy.

"I'm a sunshine doctor, you see, Lloyd explained, "but you're welcome to anything I've got."

The management of the Cozy Theatre announces that "Dr. Jack" will demonstrate his sunshine methods locally, beginning Wednesday.

3 day Jewelry auction sale, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Hamm Drug Co. It

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A Special For Christmas in WATCHES, DIAMONDS JEWELRY CUT GLASS CHINA SILVER CLOCKS And NOVELTIES

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MT. PLEASANT NEWS

There will be a box supper at Mt. Pleasant school, Dec. 12. Every one come and bring a box. There will be a "fishing pond" and a short program before the selling of the boxes.

A delightful party was enjoyed at Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Owens Saturday night.

A singing was enjoyed at Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Massey's Sunday night.

Mr. F. T. Hogan and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Riney.

Mr. Willie Jones is visiting F. T. Hogan and family at Mt. Pleasant. —Mickie.

Mr. Wilbur H. Hand, who when a young man more than twenty years ago resided in the Salt Branch community, but who since that time, according to his statements to a Mail representative, has traveled over most of the world; having visited most of the principal cities in almost every nation, and the last eight years of this time being spent in China, where Mr. Hand states he has accumulated a comfortable fortune. He stated that he was on his way to New York, and that in China he was in the bonding business. He said there had been many changes in Merkel and community since he left here, but that he felt good to spend a short time here again. His greatest regret he stated was that his mother had passed away since he left, which news he had not heard until his arrival here.

Mr. L. C. Patton, one of the excellent citizens of the Stith community, on route one, has lately bought a home in Merkel and has moved with his estimable family to same. Mr. Patton purchased what is known as the Counts home.

You ought to see those Goodrich Balloon Tires at Woodrum Filling Station. It

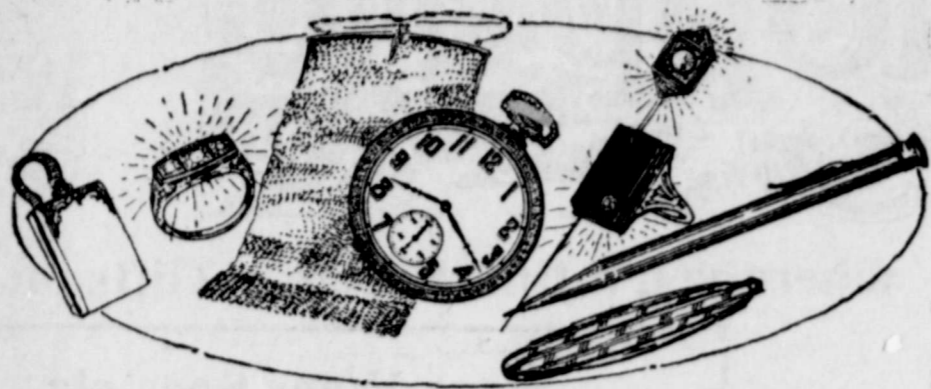
SEE A REAL **Santa Claus** AT Santa Claus' Headquarters **SCHINDLER'S VARIETY STORE** Tell Him what you want for Christmas

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." Be sure that you get Theford's, the old, reliable Black-Draught powdered herb liver medicine. At all dealers'.
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Most beautiful of all gifts that you can select, Jewelry pleases all and proves a most lasting remembrance of your best Christmas thoughts. Our selection is exceptionally complete.

The following lists will help you to make your selections:

<p>For Women--</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilet Sets Ivory Sets Pangburn's Candies Piece Ivory Bob Sets Pearls Bridge Sets 	<p>We Have On Display</p> <p>A very Complete line of-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toys, Dolls, Scooters Tricycles And many other things for kiddies 	<p>For Men--</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smoking Stands Xmas Cigars Traveling Kits Military Sets Shaving Stands Bill Folds Card Cases
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"THE HOME OF SERVICE"

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE, TRADE or LEASE—Farm near Seagraves, also will buy improved or unimproved lots in Merkel. Also prepared to do carpenter repair work. Your work appreciated. See Dan Reid-enbach at Merkel. 28t3pd

FOR SALE—1921 Model Ford Coupe for \$200.00 Cash. New paint, new tires, in good condition. Jack Durham at Mail office.

FOR SALE—My farm 164 1/2 acres. Teams, tools and feed. Price, \$70.00 per acre. Half cash, rest easy. W. E. Petty. 4t2

FOR SALE—My 304 acre farm, 275 in cultivation, 3 sets of improvements, located one-half mile west of Shiloh church, 12 miles north-west of Merkel. A choice home for sale for next thirty days. For prices and terms see owner. J. H. Grayson, Trent, Texas. 5t3p

FOR SALE—Cheapest place in Merkel. Terms to suit. Reason for selling, leaving country. Also 320 acres near Trent. Will give from one to 20 years time. H. D. Simpson. 5t4.

FOR SALE—Teams and tools. Also will rent 250 acres land to right party. P. A. Diltz. 1tp

FOR SALE—Salt Petre and meat Smoke. Hamm Drug Co. 1t

FOR SALE—Writing paper and envelopes to match. Name or monogram printed FREE. Call at Mail office to see samples. Blanche Durham. tf

FOR SALE—Some good buys in second hand cars. On display at Wodrum Filling Station. See Dick Loving, with Witt Chevrolet Co. 1tp

FOR SALE—Second hand Mo-line Double disc plow—\$35.00 J. T. Warren. 12t2

FOR SALE—Good second hand Cash Register, at a bargain. Call at the Hamm Drug Co. 1t

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Good span of mules, wagon and harness. See C. K. Russell. 1t.

FOR SALE—Team of big horses, mule colt, milk cow, two row cultivator, two-row planter, Go-Devil and Walking Buster. Call on B. T. Sublett, at the Liberty Hardware Co. 1t

WANTED

WANTED—A good jersey cow. Call at the Merkel Mail. 1tp

WANTED—Some good second hand plow tools and harness and a wagon. Must be worth the money. H. D. Simpson. 1tp.

LOST

LOST OR STRAYED—One gray horse mule about 14 1-2 hands high, weighs about 850 lbs. Chain on right fore foot when last seen. Age nine years. Will pay liberal reward for notice of whereabouts. T. A. Carlisle, Roseoe, Texas, Route B. 1tp

LOST—Navy blue coat with fur collar. May have been lost in cloak room at school or on school ground. Return to Mrs. Ed. Martin for reward. 1tp.

FREE prizes at Jewelry auction sale. Diamond ring free Saturday. Two sales daily at 2:30 and 7:00 p. m. Come in and get your Free ticket for the drawing. Hamm Drug Co. 1t.

At Bob Martin's you will find all kinds of nuts for Christmas. 1t

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

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity to express our heart-felt thanks and gratitude to the Senior Class for the services they rendered during the death and burial of the Junior Class. We also wish to state that Spir-its never buy flowers. Respect-fully.—"Junior Spirits".

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation and sincere thanks to our neighbors and friends who helped us when our home burned. May each of you be blessed for this kindness. Respectfully, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Warner, and David Warner. 1tp

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* Appointments should be made now.
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Just one week and six days until Christmas Day. It is and should be a great and sacred day with the Americans, and truly the people have much over which to rejoice, for many blessings have come to most of us. Let every one prepare to observe same in keeping with the real purpose for which it was created.

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Electrical Gifts for All

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 Extra special Xmas price on fifty pairs \$3.95 blankets,
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 All Piece goods priced special.
 All Ladies and Childrens shoes marked special for
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Furs, House Shoes, Ties, Handkerchiefs, Gloves
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 Barettes, Boudoir Caps, Linen Towels, Table Linens
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 derwear, Baby Blankets, Bootees, Shirts, Mens
 Belts, Shoes, Suits and Overcoats.

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\$40.00 Overcoats, Xmas Sale \$32.85
 \$37.50 Overcoats, Xmas Sale \$29.85
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 One lot \$10.00 Tilt Shoes, special \$5.95
 One lot men's work shoes \$1.95
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Fresh from his triumph in
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 everywhere with "Back Home
 and Broke," which is billed for
 Monday and Tuesday at the
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 mount production is the second
 by George Ade for the screen.
 Mr. Ade wrote "Our Leading
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 specifically for Mr. Meighan.

"Back Home and Broke" is
 rich in humor with delightful
 dashes of thrills, suspense and
 heart tugs. The story deals with
 the problems of a young man,
 who upon the death of his fath-
 er is left penniless. Made to feel
 that he occupies an humble po-
 sition in the town, he leaves to
 seek success elsewhere. Evtually
 he returns to the old town,
 but not as a conquering hero.
 Apparently he is broke and ridi-
 cule is heaped upon him. The
 rest of the story travels in a
 swift cycle of excitement puc-
 tuated by humor which is sure
 material for laughter.

Mr. Meighan's leading wo-
 man in this picture is Lila Lee.
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 three former Meighan successes
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 Diamond Rings Saturday—
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