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Production of sweet potatoes in Texas this year is estimated at 4,450,000 bushels, compared with 6,808,000 a year ago, according to reports of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, released through the co-operative State-Federal market news service. The crop this year for the entire United States is one of the shortest on record, according to the service, which advises that total production this year is estimated to be but 75,620,000 bushels or 21,809,000 bushels less than in 1923.

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**WOMAN'S PAGE**  
MRS. MARGARET STUTE

**HOME PROBLEMS.**

**SERVICEABLE FLOORS IN THE HOUSE.**

One of the greatest cares and greatest worries for the average housekeeper are the floors. This is especially true where there is a large family and the floors receive a great deal of hard use. Hardwood floors are much to be preferred if one can afford them. They usually pay for the difference in the long service they give. However, soft pine floors can be made very serviceable if the selection of the wood is careful and they are properly treated after being laid.

In selecting hardwood floors it is important to see that the carpenter uses only the best pieces of lumber obtainable. As to the finish for this floor, a reliable carpenter can suggest the best method.

Pine flooring requires a great deal more care in the selection than the hardwoods. All pieces with knots should be discarded, as these dry up and come out. Any flooring should be perfectly dry when laid, because if not damp cracks will appear as it dries. Mildewed spots should be discarded. Also any pieces with soft, spongy spots. These boards will always be rough, no matter what care is given them. Boards with fat streaks in them should not be used, as they sliver up in a short time and cause the housekeeper no end of worry and trouble. Boards of similar color can be selected if care is exercised. I have my whole house floored in soft pine, and it looks almost like one board. The carpenter was careful to match the boards as to color and quality of the grain.

Now that you have selected the flooring, the next step is to see that it is laid correctly. The most important point was mentioned above—that is, to see that the wood is perfectly dry. The next step is to use the longest lengths of board obtainable. Then see that the carpenter puts plenty of nails in them, since where there are not enough nails to hold them firmly in place, there will be a brief period appear "squeaky" places in the floor. This is very annoying and can be avoided so easily.

To finish properly is the next step to good and useful floors. There are many methods and many of them very good, indeed. For the woman who can afford to have her floors finished ever so often and has enough help to keep them, I would suggest that she have her floors finished with shellac or varnish and a high polish. This is, to my mind, the prettiest finish, but is far from the most satisfactory for the great middle class known as the "average." The finish, as above suggested, gives the floors the same appearance as the furniture and will wear just about the same as though furniture was walked on by the person who must get the most for their money. I am going to suggest a plan that is

inexpensive and yet if done properly will make a very pretty finish. The emory wheel can be used freely if this is possible. But in order to have a good finish, hand-scraping must come immediately afterward, and sandpapering should be done with the sandpaper which will be recommended by some reliable paint store. After this is done comes the most important step of all. Heat linseed oil as hot as is possible, care being taken not to get it too hot, especially when heated over an open fire, as it catches fire very easily when too hot. Then take a new small mop and rub the hot oil into the floor. Be generous with your application, but see that all the oil goes into the wood and is rubbed down dry. No excess of oil should be left standing on the floor. Let the floor stand for two days. It is best not to walk over it during this time. On the third day give the floor another application of the hot oil as described above. Let stand two more days. Then rub off with a polishing brush and apply the best floor wax you can get. It is best to apply it by taping a portion of the wax in a cheese cloth rag folded twice and rub over the floor by hand, being sure to get on perfectly even. Let stand about twenty minutes and then polish with a weighted mop under which is an old piece of carpet. It is best to repeat the process three times, allowing about a day between each application of wax. Do not be disappointed if your floor does not have the high polished finish of the hardwood or shellaced soft wood floor. The advantage is that your floor will increase in beauty with wear, while the shellac floor will have to be refinished time and time again. In doorways, in front of beds and other often used spots it is best to wax whenever the wear is beginning to show. This will not make the floor look patched.

Another coat of wax should be applied in about twenty to twenty-five days. After this, unless the floor receives uncommonly hard wear, every three or four months is often enough to wax. It is wise to use your weighted mop two or three times a week. This is easily done and will improve the appearance of your floor.

Whenever possible, it is best to have linoleum in the kitchen and bath room. They are much easier cared for in this way. When this is not possible the floors can be sanded as described above and the oil applied. Only it is not wise to wax these floors. The oil will prevent the wood from splintering and water or grease will not harm them if taken up immediately.

I hope my readers will try this method, feeling confident that you will be delighted with the results, if the directions are carefully followed.

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Metal laces and beading on evening dresses hold the center of the stage for formal affairs.

The ensemble costumes are the prevailing style for the mid-winter. They are both attractive and serviceable.

Teach the children to sew; they will thank you in later life.

Newest topcoats are double-breasted.

**QUESTION BOX.**  
and  
**FIRST AID TREATMENT**

I told you I would try to answer some of the questions that have been coming into me during the series of articles on Emergencies.

One woman wanted to know how you would be able to determine whether or not a person has had a stroke of apoplexy, and what to do to relieve them?

The person is usually stricken very suddenly. At first there is only slight muscular twitching all over the body, and the patient rapidly becomes unconscious. The breathing becomes tortuous and each expiration is accompanied with a flapping of the cheeks, a puffing out of the lips and sputtering from the mouth. The pupils of the eyes (the little dark centers) are unequal in size. The temperature is at first subnormal; but soon rises because of irritation in the brain. There is some paralysis.

The only thing you can do is to remove all clothing, if possible; if not, loosen it. Put the stricken one to bed and elevate the head. Place an ice cap to the head and heat to the feet. Keep as quiet as possible and secure the aid of a doctor at once.

Another woman wanted to know what to do for a child who had bruised his head and caused a swelling.

The answer is, do not let the swelling occur. This can be prevented in many ways. First, apply a cold application. Repeat this several times. I have had success by applying alternate hot and cold applications. Keep this up about fifteen minutes. Then apply mentholatum, camphor, camphor oil or camphor spirit. Usually this is all that is necessary and in a few hours even the red spot is gone. Sometimes, however, the injury is more serious and more drastic measures must be employed. Ice crushed very finely and put in a clean woollen rag applied to the injury for thirty or forty minutes is fine. A gentle massage is good. It will be a little painful, but the results will counterbalance this. The rubbing brings fresh blood to the spot, which carries away the clotted blood. Pressure with a cold silver knife is another good remedy.

There are far more questions than I can answer here. The others I will answer individually.

I hope you have all been able to derive some benefit from these little articles, and that I will hear from more of you in the very near future.

Address Mrs. Margaret Stute, 1941 Dartmouth Ct., Fort Worth, Texas.

**LATE FASHIONS.**



What girl would not delight to wear this dress for street or informal afternoon affairs? It can be made in a variety of materials: Black, brown or blue satin or black velvet will show to a great advantage in this model.

Width at lower edge is 1 1/2 yards. Size 36 requires 3 1/4 yards 40-inch material for trimming. The double cape collar which is the most important feature of this stunning model is ultra-fashionable. Long tight sleeves and patch pockets trimmed with buttons complete the desired effect. The design at the bottom of the dress can be finished in colored embroidery or beading.

The youthful styles still point to the tunic dress and other long-waisted effects.

**TESTED RECIPES.**

**Spareribs Spanish Style.**  
Boil a pound and a half of spare ribs until tender. Then add tomato sauce made in the following manner. Cook one can or three ripe tomatoes until the juice can be extracted easily by pressing through a strainer. Put three tablespoons of butter or bacon grease in a frying pan, heat, and add one small onion finely chopped and brown, being careful not to burn. Add the tomato juice with a tablespoon of finely grated celery, 2-3ds teaspoon salt (or to taste), and 1/4 teaspoon black pepper. We like to cook a few pods of okra with our meat before adding the tomato juice. Cook the tomato juice and ribs until there is only a small amount of juice left. Serve hot.

**Sausage Making.**  
This is an art as old as the first civilization. I believe, and for my part I will say it is one of the most delicious ways of preparing meat I know of. Cut the lean meat from the parts of the hog not suitable for hams, bacon, etc. Also some fat—just how much is a matter of taste. Grind the meat in a mill designed for the purpose. After you have it all ground you must then season it well. Add salt, pepper and sage to taste. Have

clean as much of the large gut as is necessary to use. It is wise to let them stand in cold water a little while before they are to be used. When the meat is ready take a piece of the gut, push over the stuffer of the grinder enough to make the desired length of sausage and stuff. Tie the ends. When all of it is made up hang up in a small room and smoke with hickory sawdust if possible. If not oak can be used.

**Round-Steak Glorified.**  
Cut round steak very, very thin. Then cut the large piece into strips the width of a piece of bacon. Salt and pepper each piece thoroughly. On each piece lay a strip of bacon, roll them together as small as possible and pin with a toothpick. Drop in smoking hot bacon grease, brown. Turn the fire down and put finely chopped onion over the top of the pieces. Cover and cook slowly for forty minutes. This is delicious.

**MAKING VINEGAR AT HOME.**  
The United States Department of Agriculture recently published Farmer's Bulletin 1424, in which they describe how to make vinegar. It will be well worth the time and effort of any one to send to Washington and secure it.

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## HOME TALENT PLAY AT COZY APRIL 3RD.

At the Cozy Theatre on Friday evening, April 3rd, the Baraca and Philathea classes of the Methodist Sunday School will give a play entitled "Aaron Boggs, Freshman," in three acts which, according to those familiar with scenes and characters of same, is very interesting and thrilling from the beginning, and those who avail themselves of the opportunity of attending will have the pleasure of enjoying the full two hours of real fun, as can only be had in a play such as will be staged by this splendid local talent.

The two classes are very enthusiastic and diligent in their work of the church, and expect to use the proceeds received from the patronage of the play in furthering their church program along; hence when you attend you will not only be well paid in clean amusement, but will also help the young people in their splendid work.

Below is published a brief synopsis of the play, which will give one a fair outline of the scenes. This will be followed in next week's paper by a more detailed account of the play and the characters.

### Synopsis.

Act I—The College Campus.

Spring. The old love seems a little thing, and heads are turned by the college whirl, and the Freshman seeks a college girl.

Act II—A College boarding-house.

Off with the old love, on with the new, but often the newer love won't.

The sweetest rose is the old rose pressed— and I sometimes think that the old love's best.

Act III—Same as Act II. For a college life is a thing apart and a college love is a whim of the heart.

But the heart beats true, though the world seems slow, when you love the girl that you used to know.

### IMPORTANT NEWS ITEM OMITTED—APOLOGIZE

It is often said, and truly so, that every one is subject to mistakes and oversights, and no one knows this better than the average newspaper man. In fact a newspaper is seldom ever published that there is not some important news item left out. And now to our subject: In some manner in our rush of week before last, we overlooked to mention the fact that Mr. A. C. Rose, one of our popular and most progressive merchants, had purchased the Campbell's fine stock of dry goods, in the city of Abilene. This oversight, we regret very much and here and now extend to this progressive gentleman our sincere regrets and apologies.

In conversation with Mr. Rose Thursday morning he stated that he would on that day begin the removal of the Campbell stock from the former site to the building recently vacated by the Over Hardware Company.

## CANON AND FORD FOR ALDERMEN

Friends of Messrs J. I. Ford and A. J. Canon, both prominent and substantial citizens of Merkel, authorized the Merkel Mail to place in our announcement column the names of these two gentlemen as candidates for the office of Aldermen for the next two year term.

While these gentlemen have not been citizens of Merkel but for the past year or two, they are both well and favorably known to most of the voters of the city, having resided for many years in the Stith community, from which they both moved to Merkel. They are good, honorable, first class citizens, and if elected to the office their friends are asking the people to elect them to, they will without doubt serve honestly and to the best of their ability.

Their friends ask for a fair and impartial consideration of their qualifications for this office at the coming City Election, April 4.

## LUNCHEON CLUB NEXT TUESDAY

Owing to the turmoil into which the country had been thrown last Tuesday over the tragic death of two peace officers, one of which was our good citizen and capable officer, the meeting of the Luncheon Club on last Tuesday was postponed until next Tuesday night, when the same program as planned for last Tuesday will be carried out.

Mayor H. C. West is to be the Toastmaster, and is expected to bring forth a program having to do with the laying of plans for making our Community Fair one of the best of its kind ever held in this part of the country.

As this paper has stated time and again, the Luncheon Club is an organization that has for its purpose the fostering of means and ways of helping our town to grow and if possible benefit the citizenship as a whole, and is open to one and all to attend and take part.

If you have not a ticket, call at Ed's Cafe not later than Monday noon and make arrangements for one, and come to help lay plans for a fine Community Fair in Merkel this fall.

where he will conduct the business until the building now occupied by the Woolworth Company is vacated by them, when he will move into that building for a permanent home.

Mr. Rose also stated that he had not decided fully about his store in Merkel, but at this time rather thought that he would maintain and operate both places of business. We, with his numerous friends in this city, sincerely trust that he will do this as we would regret very much to lose him from among the business interest of our city.

Mr. E. D. Coats has just had completed a new garage at his home in the south part of town.

## PRBYTERIANS TO HAVE NEW PASTOR

We have been informed from reliable parties that Rev. Chas. H. Lile, of Houston, Texas, has accepted the call of the local Presbyterian church, and that he and his wife and eleven-year old daughter are soon to become citizens of this city.

Rev. Little has for a number of years been pastor of the Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church of Houston, and comes to us highly recommended as a desirable citizen and an able minister of the Gospel. Besides possessing all of the qualities of a good preacher, he is also a musician playing well the piano and on two other instruments. He is also an efficient choir rector. Rev. Little has also quite a bit of experience as a director of athletics in the high school and takes an active interest in the welfare of the young people of the community in which he lives.

It is credit to any community when they are able to keep their moral and social development such a high state that it will attract good people from the larger places where the opportunities for development along these lines are far greater than ours.

Rev. Little expressed himself as being very interested in the church plant, the manse and church interests in general. Also one of the things that particularly attracted him and of which he expressed special delight was the cleanliness of our town, which only goes to prove that our efforts in this direction have not been in vain.

We welcome this good man and his family to this city and hope that his stay in our midst may be long and of mutual good.

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## HIJACKMAN GETS \$500 IN JEWELRY

Jewelry amounting to more than \$4,500 and about \$115 in money were taken from Paul P. Fontaine, of Fort Worth, Wednesday night as he was enroute from Sweetwater to Abilene. According to Mr. Fontaine's story he had a young lady who works for him, ate supper in Sweetwater, stopped at the filling station and got gasoline and oil and started toward Abilene.

Between Sweetwater and Merkel a high powered car overtook Mr. Fontaine and passed him, going at about 45 miles an hour. Mr. Fontaine states that he never thought any more about the matter until he was halted between Merkel and Abilene. The hi-jacker waved a flashlight in the middle of the road for him to stop, stated Mr. Fontaine, and then the hi-jacker shot a pistol into the air. At this moment Mr. Fontaine stopped his car. He says that he had been robbed twice before and didn't want to take any chances with being shot, as once before his car was badly damaged when a robber fired into it.

Mr. Fontaine and the young lady were told to get out of the car and place their valuables on the ground. "The robber told me to work fast, because whatever we were going to do it

## FUNERAL FOR SLAIN OFFICER HELD WEDNESDAY

The funeral services of Constable Geo. L. Reeves, who was killed Tuesday morning, March 24, 1925, while doing his duty as an officer of the state and county, by a Mexican when the Constable went to arrest him, were held here at the family home a short distance west of the city, Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. Sam Morris, of Abilene, a close friend of the deceased, who was assisted by Rev. W. H. Albertson, local pastor of the Baptist church.

Constable Reeves had been a peace officer for a number of years in this community and had been faithful and fearless in the performance of his duties as such. In fact George Reeves, as his friends often remarked, did not know the meaning of the word fear, and, while he was faithful and diligent in the performance of his official duties, he was a man of the kindest disposition, always courteous and generous toward all good citizens, he was always willing to and anxious to give aid and help to any one who was willing to take up and follow the straight and narrow path.

Deceased was born May 7th, 1877, in Grimes county, Texas, was married to Miss Sarah Francis Davis November 8, 1897 at Rosebud, Texas. They came to Merkel in 1902.

He was the father of 13 children, all living, four married and nine at home. And besides the faithful wife and children, deceased is mourned by an aged father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Reeves of this community, and four brothers and six sisters.

In the tragic death of George

## SHEPPARD & BONEY FOR RE-ELECTION

Friends of Messrs A. T. Sheppard and W. O. Boney request this paper to announce them in this issue of the Mail as candidates for re-election as Aldermen for the next two years.

Messrs Sheppard and Boney are too well and favorably known in Merkel to need commendation from this paper, they having been citizens of the town for many years, and for several years have served as Aldermen of the city.

They are good, honest citizens and if re-elected will continue to serve the citizens of Merkel in the same honest and efficient manner in the future as has been their policy in the past.

Their friends urge the voters to give their candidacy fair and impartial consideration when casting their votes at the coming election, Tuesday, April 4.

## MISS SPENCER TO APPEAR IN ABILENE

Miss Elizabeth Spencer, the eminent Soprano, assisted by Miss Lucille Collette, Pianist at Simmons College Auditorium on the evening of March 31st.

Miss Spencer is one of the best known Sopranos on the concert stage. Her voice is rich and colorful, of genuine Soprano quality with this unusually beautiful voice is linked a personality rarely met with and these qualities combined with splendid musicianship make Miss Spencer a decided favorite in Concert field.

Miss Collette is an artist of considerable reputation and the concert will undoubtedly prove one of the outstanding features of the musical season in Abilene. Admission will be by card of admission only which may be secured by writing or phoning G. W. Waldrop & Co.

Mrs. T. V. Touchstone and little daughter, Molly Frank, have been here for the past ten days on a visit to the former's mother, Mrs. Frank Sears. Mr. Touchstone came in Sunday and spent a few days. Mrs. Touchstone and daughter accompanied him on his return.

Messrs. Thos. Durham, L. W. Cox, T. G. Bragg, T. J. Rea, Dewey Sanduskey, and Denzil Cox spent the day Tuesday on Deadman Creek fishing.

L. Reeves, the family has lost a kind and affectionate husband and father, and the community a faithful and efficient peace officer, as well as honorable and most excellent citizen.

Immediately following the funeral at the family home, burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery in the presence of one of the largest ever before assembled there.

This paper joins hundreds of friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved family and loved ones.

## DYNAMITE USED TO EXTRICATE FUGATIVE FROM RAILROAD CAR

CONSTABLE GEO. REEVES AND SHERIFF W. W. SATTERWHITE OF BIG SPRING KILLED BY MEXICAN.

The Mexican who murdered Constable Geo. Reeves and the sheriff of Howard county, W. W. Satterwhite, eleven miles south of here on last Tuesday morning was this afternoon discovered in a box car on a siding along the Santa Fe Railroad near Lawn, Texas, by officers, at which place some two hundred Mexicans were said to be at work on the railroad. From reports the section foreman had told the officers and searching party that he had noticed two strange Mexicans about camp a short time before their arrival about two o'clock Thursday afternoon, and immediately Deputy sheriff Lige Jennings and another officer or citizen started to look through the string of boarding cars, and walked into the car where the murderer, Lopez Morales, was hidden with two other Mexicans. Immediately Lopez opened fire saying "me kill all the law," and a shot just grazed Jennings as he ran from the box car. Both men escaped without serious injury and ran for their lives.

The great crowd of five hundred or more who were in the vicinity of Ovalo were notified and dynamite was brought into action and after some three or four efforts the end of the car was blown open and it is said that the Mexican who had so fiendishly killed the officers near here fell out of the car with a part of his head blown off.

Reports are that his body was then carried into the streets of Lawn where enraged citizens riddled the body with bullets. And the dead Mexican's body was taken to Abilene and, tied on the side of a car, was shown on the streets. The body was then brought here and shown on the streets to many people. Thus ended the tragic chapter of perhaps the greatest and wildest man hunt ever staged in West Texas.

### THE STORY

Perhaps the greatest shock the citizenship of this community ever knew was received by them when at half past eleven o'clock last Tuesday morning the news was phoned to this city by parties in the neighborhood known as Nubia and Mulberry Canyon, some eleven miles south of here, that Constable George Reeves, of Merkel, and Sheriff W. W. Satterwhite, of Big Spring, had been killed in that community by a Mexican whom they were seeking to arrest for the murder of another Mexican at Big Spring on Saturday night previous to the affair.

The Howard county sheriff, we understand, had information to the effect that the Mexican wanted for the crime had made his way to Merkel, and that on Tuesday morning he and Constable Reeves drove out to the

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Plan now to enter something in Merkel Community Fair in Sept.

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  6. Gambling.
  7. Profanity and vulgarity.
  8. Sabbath desecration—Sunday picnics, outings, hunting, absenting from public worship, etc. The Sabbath is the Lord's day and should be used to glorify Him and bring in His kingdom, and not for selfish ends.
- We, further go on record as giving our whole-hearted allegiance to God's Word, its doctrine, its practices, and its standard of Christian living.
- Adopted by the church in conference March 25th, 1921.

**Womans Missionary Note**

There was a splendid program from the Voice on last Monday afternoon. Every number on the program was met with hearty response. A few items of business were transacted at the close of the program. As next Monday is the fifth Monday a motion was made and carried to have a social meeting on that afternoon. Mrs. Vaughn and Mrs. Burgess together with the president are to arrange for this meeting. This month closes the first quarter of this year and our finances are in nice shape. Plans are being made to raise more local funds in the near future.

Supt. Publicity.

she was married to Mr. I. Hutcheson and went with him to the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Georgetown, Tex.

In the year of 1872 Mr. and Mrs. Hutcheson moved to Texas, and first settled at West Fork School House, near what is now known as Arlington, Texas. In 1878 they moved with their family to Elizabethtown in Denton county. Seven years later they moved to Taylor county, and lived on a farm near Merkel for many years, later moving to town, where they have resided at the Hutcheson home for 21 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutcheson soon after coming to the community helped to organize the Cumberland Presbyterian church and were faithful members until the union of the two churches.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hutcheson are pioneer and well known people of this place. Mrs. Hutcheson's life was one of service to mankind and to her church. And when it was thought by close friends and relatives that the end was approaching, they tenderly lifted the aged and beloved husband, who for many days previous had also been critically ill, to the bedside of the companion who for more than sixty years had stood by him suffering with him during the trying times and rejoicing with him in success and prosperity where in clear and distinct tones she assured him and those about her that all was well with her, and begged that they so live and

rent or free space for your own safety deposit boxes.

We have unexcelled equipment for handling your business with accuracy and dispatch. We solicit the deposits of women and children, and will give them the same attention as accorded to any depositor. We have comfortable seats and writing desks and we invite you to make this bank your headquarters when in town.

**The Farmers & Merchants National Bank**

J. T. Warren, Pres. L. R. Thompson, Cash.  
Boubt Warren, Ass't Cash. Owen Ellis, Ass't Cashier



**Wennie Roast**

Tuesday afternoon at four-thirty o'clock the members of the Intermediate Department of the Methodist Sunday school with Mrs. W. S. J. Brown as Superintendent, gathered at the home of Mrs. Brown to go on a wennie roast.

After driving about four miles to a pretty place on Mulberry creek, wennies were toasted over a camp fire, and together with pickles, bread, cakes and frozen suckers a delightful supper was had.

Those enjoying the trip were: Mesdames W.F. Golliday, W.S.J. Brown, Misses Rennie Burns, Inice Brown, Tommie Durham, Ruby Fae Golliday, Elizabeth Harkrider, Rubijo Higgins, Bernice Lassater, Orpah Patterson, Gladys Watts, Nadine Tippet, Elsie Lassater, Irene Perry, Dahlia Watkins, Dorothy Daniels, Lois Suber, Marza Chaney, Margaret Turner, Addie Fae Patterson. Boys going were: E. L. Turner, T. J. Rea, Victor Smith, Sterling Sheppard.

Highest market price for your eggs. G. M. Sharp. 2012

Don't miss "Aaron Boggs, Freshman" at the Cozy, Friday April 3rd at 8:00 o'clock.

Mrs. J. R. Baze returned last week from a visit of a week or more with relatives at Fort Worth.

Mr. Ed. Leslie is improving his place by having concrete curbs and side walks laid.

Mrs. John Sears returned Sunday from Cisco where she had been visiting some time.

Mr. Dick Coleman, formerly with the Merkel Mail, was here Sunday from Winters visiting with friends.

FOR your Milk Cow try a few bales of Sorghum hay and note the increase in the flow of milk. Hellums Wagon Yard. 1tp

# As the Hot Day are Approaching

It is time to prepare for that COOL, "EASY TO KEEP CLEAN" KITCHEN that you have been longing for so long. It can be had, and at low cost, by the use of one or more of these.

- Hot Point Ranges**
- Electric Fans**
- Electric Irons**
- Electric Vaccum Cleaners.**

Call at the office of this firm in Merkel and let us arrange a demonstration for you that will convince you of the value in the home of these appliances.

**West Texas Utilities Co.**

certain a reuniting of an unbroken family in that world beyond the skies where peace and happiness reign forever. She also mentioned as a parting word that she was leaving behind her beloved companion, who was old and feeble, and admonished those near and dear to be patient, kind and good to him through his few remaining days sojourn here.

Thus does the aged husband lose a devoted wife, the sons and daughters a kind and loving mother, and other friends and loved ones a dear friend, and last the community loses from among it's citizenship one who has pioneered, yes helped to blaze the way and make possible from a bleak and undeveloped, unsettled cattle country what is now considered one of the best and most prosperous sections of our state and nation.

Rev. Elmer D. Landreth, pastor of the Oak Street Methodist Church of Abilene conducted the funeral services, which were held at the Methodist church on Monday morning at ten o'clock. Rev. Landreth was assisted in the services by the local pastor, Rev. T. J. Rea. The active pall bearers were: Messrs. A. J. Canon, J. T. Dennis, Dr. S. W. Johnson, L. W. Cox, Herbert Patterson and C. E. Conner.

The deceased is survived by her aged husband and five children who were all here to attend the funeral. The children are: Mrs. Will Warren, of Greenville, Chas. Hutcheson of Trent, Mrs. John Campbell of Merkel, Mrs. John Skillern and Mr. W. D. Hutcheson of Merkel.

Out of town relatives and close friends attending the funeral were: Miss Minnie Dean of Dallas, Mrs. John Willingham of Strawn, Mrs. Walter Cox of Stephenville, Mr. W. H. Warren and son, Ray, and daughter, Vada, of Greenville, Mr. L. J. English and family of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Tom A. Lee of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Bonner of Clyde.

**From Farm Bureau News**

Every member of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association in every county of the state should subscribe for his home newspaper. We have said this so often that it would hardly seem necessary so say it again, but the Association members owe a debt of gratitude to the rural press that can best be paid by subscribing and paying for the home newspaper.

Thousands of dollars worth of space were given freely by these papers to the movement during the early stags of organization and since then these same rural newspapers and the city fellows, too, for that matter, have given space and prominence to Cotton Co-operative news. These editors are our friends and have shown their friendship in a substantial way. We can manifest our appreciation of what they have done for us by subscribing and paying for their newspapers and we can, at the same time, keep up with the local news of our counties, which, of course, we ought to do.

The next time you go to town if you are not already a subscriber for your local paper, go in and pay the editor for a year's subscription in advance and tell him you appreciate what it has done for your Association.

Fresh car of feed at G. M. Sharp's. 2012

C. L. Eoff and family who have been for the past year or more residing at Yuma, Arizona, came in this week for a month or two visit with home folks and friends. Mr. Eoff, who is in the ginning business in Arizona reports a fine business there the last season and good crop prospects at this time for another crop this year.

Come to the Cozy Theatre on Friday Night April 3rd at 8:00 o'clock. Aaron Boggs, Freshman

**Do You Believe in**

**TRADING**

**AT**

**HOME?**

Do you realize that a town is usually judged by the newspaper published in that town?

And do you know that the citizens and business interests make the newspaper what it is in a town?

When a visitor or prospect looks over "the home paper" and finds only a few advertisements of home concerns and a small paper because of that fact, do you suppose he thinks that a live town?

If you merchants believe in "Trading at Home" try a series of ads in the Merkel Mail and see if you don't get the desired results.

We can also do most any kind of printint, and if it can't be done here we will get it done for you.

**The Merkel**  
**Mail**

"PRINTING THAT PLEASES"

## The Merkel Mail

Published on Friday Morning by  
The Merkel Mail Printing Co.  
Thos. Durham, Editor-Mgr.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

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kel, Texas as second class mail.

### OUR POLICY

"Just what is the policy of your paper," a subscriber asked the Editor of the Merkel Mail the other day, and in the belief that our answer may be of interest to all of our readers, we are giving a statement of about what we told him.

First we stand ready to support every movement that we feel will make this a better community. It is our wish to wipe out personal animosities and factional lines. It is our desire to create a common set of interests and purposes among citizens of Merkel.

In politics we assert our right to express what we believe, and at the same time stand ready to open our columns to the other side and to tolerate all reasonable and sincere convictions.

We believe that the truth can be presented to the public only by making the Merkel Mail an open forum for the discussion of problems and issues that interest our citizens.

In the presentation of news we aim to be impartial. We feel that news is for the presentation of facts, that editorials are for the presentation of fact and opinion both. And we aim to be fair both to those with whom we agree and those with whom we disagree.

In this way we feel, we are serving the citizens of Merkel best.

### MORE PER ACRE

"All the food needed in this country could be produced on about one-half the land now undercultivation," an agricultural extension specialist told the editor of the Merkel Mail not long ago.

"Of course we are looking for farm relief through cooperative and orderly marketing, through legislation favorable to agriculture, and through the further development of labor saving machinery."

"But while we are waiting for these slow moving, evolutionary forces to improve conditions," this man added, "the individual farmer must develop scientific and careful methods of improving things for himself."

We believe this is a message of great importance to the farmers of Merkel country right at this time. Time for spring planting is not far off. And right now the farmer should be busy looking into the seed situation with a view to getting greater production per acre and cultivating fewer acres during the coming season.

The importance of tested seed corn was never so great as this year. Seed even in the corn belt is not up to standard, agricultural workers report. Every ear should be tested before planting. And the utmost effort

should be expended to secure climated seed.

Oat seed should be treated with formaldehyde solution for smut. Other grain should be given some thought too. Then the farmer who takes care that he plants or sows none but acclimated seed, and plans in advance to plant none but seed which will germinate, has in a measure solved his agricultural problem. He will be sure of greater production in proportion to the land he works and the effort he expends. He need not work quite so hard to get the same income he has derived in years past.

And he will be upbuilding the standard of farming as a business enterprise.

### SURVIVAL

Whether or not you believe in evolutionary theories that seek to explain the source and development of life through the operation of the law of survival of the fittest, you must believe in their application to communities.

Merkel, like many other small cities, is faced with keen competition from all parts of the country. Every little city is working hard to build itself up industrially and commercially. Many are the attractive offers that every big business man receives when he plans to locate a factory somewhere.

And only the city that is alive on its toes, with a good healthy Chamber of Commerce, is going to survive and develop amid this competition. Only the community composed of active, public spirited citizens can win out in this struggle for survival.

In other words, only the city whose people support a Chamber of Commerce can grow, develop and move forward with the tramp of progress.

Think what an aggressive commercial organization means in the lives of all our citizens. Its officers are constantly on the job to attract new capital into our community. It is one of the important organizations that sells our city to prospective citizens.

And this bringing in of new business and industry increases the assessed valuation of all property locally. That means a reduction in your taxes, for the richer the community, the more industries it has, the lower its tax rate.

And more than that it creates a demand for more labor, and as everyone realizes, wages are determined by the law of supply and demand. The greater the demand the higher the pay.

MEMBER  
TEXAS QUALIFIED  
DRUGGISTS' LEAGUE

Legally  
Registered  
Pharmacist

**Merkel Drug  
COMPANY**  
S. D. Gamble, Mgr.

### YOUR FRIEND

Suppose a neighbor came to you and said: "I know where you can save two dollars on the next pair of shoes you get. I also know how you can save \$7 on your new spring suit, and twelve dollars on the next coat you buy."

And suppose you followed that friend's advice, and found that his confidential information were valuable. You would be inclined to listen to that friend when you were in the market for anything from an article for the kitchen to a new automobile. Wouldn't you?

But do you always regard advertising, a friend that does all this and much more, in that same light? Perhaps not. You may be in the habit of passing up the ads for the stories that fill the news columns, but in so doing you are deliberately throwing away good dollars.

For today the successful merchant knows that he must be truthful in his advertising. And he knows that he must advertise if he is to derive any benefit from cutting prices.

In other words advertising is the medium through which you may get information which will enable you to get the most amount of merchandise for the dollars you spend. And in view of this fact it will pay you to glance through the advertising columns of the Merkel Mail every week.

Do this for one week and you will find that it pays to read the ads.

### THE MEANEST MAN

We've heard about the meanest man for many years, but the editor is inclined to award the distinction to the "I told you so" fellow.

CITY FURNITURE Co. buys, sells and exchanges new and second-hand furniture. Large shipment of dishes, rugs and army goods. Joe Garland, Prop. Across from Post Office. tf

### "LEST WE FORGET"

The first celebration of the winning of Texas freedom held April 21, 1837—one after the battle of San Jacinto in the infant town of Houston. There in an unfinished building the celebration and ball took place—headed by Sam Houston, then President of the Republic of Texas.

"Lest we forget," this newspaper is going to review the stirring historical events preceding and following the Battle of San Jacinto, in an article written by A. T. Jackson of Houston, Texas, who has studied this subject well and who is a graphic and accurate writer. This article will appear in the Magazine Section of the Merkel Mail April 10th.

We hope each one of our subscribers will read this article for it will create within them a greater appreciation of the man who fought and died that Texas might be what she is today—the bright lone star in the galaxy of nations.

Mr. Byers Petty, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. W. E. Petty, left Tuesday for Dallas, where Mr. Petty will attend to business matters. From Dallas Mr. Petty and mother will go to McKinney for a brief visit with relatives.

Call 180—we are back in business on Kent street and will give you the same good service as heretofore. CASH TALOR SHOP. tf

### ACALA COTTON MAKES RECORD

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Bulletin No. 321 recently published on cotton variety experiments at the main station, shows the Acala to rank first in a six year test, 1917 to 1722 inclusive. In this test the Acala produced more pounds of lint cotton per acre than any other variety.

I have ordered a few bags of Pedigreed Watson's Improved Acala Cotton Seed which I will sell at \$2.75 per bushel. To those interested in better staple cotton descriptive literature will be furnished. See should arrive in a few days. C. L. TUCKER. It

### WE ARE IN THAT BUSINESS

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

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest. tf

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

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—FOR PLUMBING—  
\* That is as good as the \*  
\* BEST \*  
\* See JONES \*  
\* Phone 266 And \*  
\* Ben Jones DAVIS \*  
\* Ira Davis \*  
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Mr. Shirley King and wife of East Vaughan, New Mexico, are here for a visit to Mr. King's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. King

Miss Dorothy Sanders of McMurry College, Abilene, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm spent last Sunday in Rotan visiting with friends.

Miss Edna Jones of Simmons College spent the past week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jones.

Don't miss it. "Aaron Boggs, Freshman," from Splinterville, at the Cozy Friday, April 3. 27t2

**The  
BULL'S EYE**  
Editor and General Manager  
WILL ROGERS



Another "Bull" Durham advertisement by Will Rogers, Ziegfeld Folies and screen star, an amusing American humorist. More coming. Watch for them.

**THE AMERICAN  
CONSTITUTION  
A LA CARTE**

Order Any Amendment  
You Want

THEY are trying to pass an amendment to keep children from working. Now children didn't want to work, but they got tired waiting for somebody else to do it. If they would just put through an amendment to MAKE grown people all work, there would be no need to have this children one. Grown people stopped working without an Amendment or even a reason, so it will take more than an Amendment to start them. It will take a Miracle.

They are going to pass another Prohibition Amendment, somebody mislaid the rules of the other one. The 19th amendment made Women vote, some amendments make us do something and some keep us from it. No. 21 will give men with Knee Breeches the vote. About the 25th Amendment will prohibit smoking and when they do, 'Bull' Durham will bootleg for a dollar a sack. (I knew I would get that Ad worked in there somewhere.)

*Will Rogers*

P. S. I'm going to write some more pieces that will appear in this paper. Keep looking for them.

**MORE OF EVERYTHING**  
for a lot less money.  
That's the net of this  
'Bull' Durham proposition. More flavor—more enjoyment and a lot more money left in the bankroll at the end of a week's smoking.

**TWO BAGS for 15 cents**  
**100 cigarettes for 15 cents**

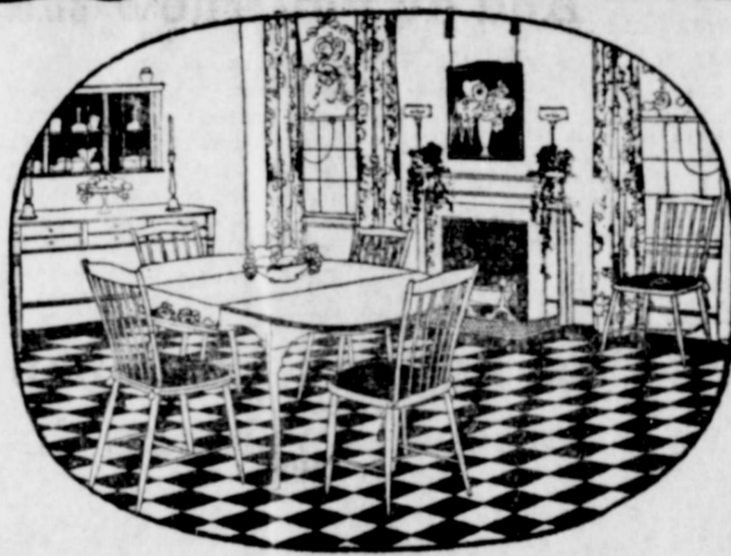


**'BULL'  
DURHAM**

Guaranteed by

The American Tobacco Co.  
INCORPORATED  
111 Fifth Avenue, New York City

## --New-- Linoleum



**JUST RECEIVED!** Big shipment of  
Linoleum and Linoleum Rugs. Some  
very pretty patterns in 12 foot, 7½ foot,  
and 6 foot widths.

### Refrigerators

The Automatic Refrigerator---Saves Ice and keeps food dry and cold. See them before you buy.

### Porch Furniture

—Porch Swings, Settees, Rockers. Make your porch attractive, as well as comfortable.

### —Paints and Wall Paper—

We are headquarters for paint and paper. Why pay more for wall paper, when you can buy it at home for less? It will not cost you any more to paint your house with Sherwin Williams Paint than it will with any other paint; and you are assured of having the best, let us figure your paint bill.

**Barrow Furniture Co.**

### Just Received--

A Car of Baled Sorgham  
Hay. Extra good feed for  
Milk Cows. At--

**Hellums Wagon Yard**

## For Your Milk Cow

Try a few bales of Sorghum Hay and note the increase in the flow of milk.

## Hellums Wagon Yard

### NEWSPAPER PUBLISHING NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE

Modern machinery, electric power, gas for heat, automatic controls and a hundred other things make the small news paper and job shop something quite different from what it was thirty years ago, says the Texas Public Service Information Bureau.

And now-a-days the editor of the weekly newspaper knows what it costs him to run his shop. He figures overhead and depreciation, freight and postage, and a lot of things that he used to forget. He figures wages for himself and return on his investment as separate items— which the old-timer didn't do.

Thirty years ago weekly news papers were printed on the old Washington hand press, ninety per cent of these weeklies were just able to live, and changed ownership frequently because expenses were larger than income.

Half a century ago it would take two men working steadily, much harder than most men work today, an hour to print two pages on one side of 240 sheets of newspaper. Today, even on the small city daily, two men could turn out 20,000 copies of a sixteen page paper, printed and folded, in an hour.

With the old Washington hand press it would require 666 hours of hard work to do that job. On an eight hour basis it would take 83 days to print one edition of 20,000 copies of a 16-page paper. It would take the lifetime of two men to print one Sunday edition of some of the city papers. The progress made has been staggering. Utility News.

*J. P. Howard*  
Scientific Mesneur

**Collins Hotel**  
Phone 173

### Stop Night Coughing This Simple Way

People who have persistent, annoying coughing spells at night, and who through loss of valuable sleep are weakening their systems and laying themselves open to dangerous infections, can stop their distressing trouble promptly by a very simple treatment. Hundreds who have hardly been able to rest at all for coughing, have gotten their full night's sleep the very first time they tried it.

The treatment is based on a remarkable prescription known as Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs. You simply take a teaspoonful at night before retiring and hold it in your throat for 15 or 20 seconds before swallowing it, without following with water. The prescription has a double action. It not only soothes and heals soreness and irritation, but it quickly loosens and removes the phlegm and congestion which are the direct cause of the coughing. The result is that you usually sleep as soundly as a babe the very first night, and the entire cough condition goes in a very short time.

The prescription is highly recommended for coughs, chest colds, hoarseness and bronchitis, and is wonderful for children's coughs and spasmodic croup—no harmful drugs. Economical, too, as the dose is only one teaspoonful. It is on sale at all good druggists. Ask for



### \*\*\*\*\* WITH THE CHURCHES \*\*\*\*\*

#### Presbyterian Notes

There will be preaching on next Sunday morning at 11 a.m. at the friendly church. Rev. R. W. Dowell will preach for us at that hour. Interest continues good in Sunday School. Our young people are depending on you older folks to take care of their instruction in Christian education. Show your interest in them and your church pride by your presence and enthusiasm. Let every member be present next Sunday. Visitors always welcome and your attendance is appreciated.

H. C. West, S. S. Supt.

#### METHODIST CHURCH

At the Methodist church next Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour the pastor will preach on "The Holy Ghost Witnessing." For the evening hour his subject will be "The Gateway into Heaven."

To each and all these services he extends a cordial welcome to one and all to attend.

During the week preceding Easter a series of meetings will be conducted, preaching twice each day during the entire week.

#### BAPTIST CHURCH

The services last Sunday both morning and evening were well attended, and the interest was exceptionally good. There were three additions to the church. Next Sunday there will be a special program in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions given by the different departments of the Sunday School. Mrs. R. J. Miller is in charge. Each individual is asked to bring an offering for these two causes of Christianity.

Wednesday night of this week the church was well represented in a called conference. At this meeting the church unanimously adopted the Standard of Christian Living published elsewhere in this paper.

Since the beginning of the World War a little over ten years ago we have found ourselves drifting rapidly away from our standards of social and moral ideals and practices. We are anxious to do our best to counteract and overcome these tendencies. There are so many things that are wholesome and uplifting in which people can engage that we feel if any one will stop and reflect seriously for a few minutes he will be convinced that a professing Christian cannot afford to give his sanction, his influence, or his time to some things.

We are planning for some special music next Sunday night. You are cordially invited to worship with us. W. H. Albertson.

#### STOP THAT ITCHING

If you suffer from any form of skin diseases such as Itch, Eczema, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Poison Oak, Ring Worm, Old Sores or Sores on Children. We will sell you a Jar of BLUE STAR REMEDY on a guarantee. It will not stain your clothing and has a pleasant odor.

For sale by MERKEL DRUG CO.

## RECENT BILLS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

### SEVERAL MEASURES HAVE BEEN GIVEN EXECUTIVE APPROVAL.

Aust.—Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson signed the following bills during the past week.

House bill 27, providing that highway officers wear uniforms.

House bill 32, appropriation of \$3,000 for presidential electors.

House bill, 57, creating District court No. 101 for Dallas County.

House bill 58, providing one assistant district attorney and a special investigator in districts of more than 100 county with a city of over 70,000.

House bill 107, fixing a maximum amount to be used for textbooks of fifty-cent ad valorem tax.

House bill 126, providing for audit of the books and records of district, county and precinct officers.

House bill 142, fixing the interest rate charged by agricultural credit corporations.

House bill 180, providing increased tax for Confederate pensions.

House bill 394, permitting assessors and collectors of taxes in cities of more than 20,000 to maintain a branch office.

Senate bill 104, permitting corporations to amend their charters to include sale of water and ice to municipalities.

Senate bill 82, extending the commission of appeals to 1931.

Senate bill 5, appropriation to pay for cattle slaughtered in the foot and mouth disease outbreak.

Senate bill 88, providing special deputy district clerks in counties over 100,000 containing a city over 100,000.

Senate bill 31, preventing horses running at large in Willacy, Bailey and Crane counties.

Senate bill 115, providing that no evidence obtained in violation of law shall be admitted against the accused at a trial.

Senate bill 51, providing that railroad companies granted charters since Jan. 1, 1892, which have not built their roads, may have two years in which to pay franchise taxes and keep their corporation alive.

#### Tribute Paid to State Lawmakers

Austin.—Congratulations were extended to the membership of the Thirtieth legislature by Congressman Claude Hudspeth of El Paso, as the most "efficient body of lawmakers" who have ever assembled at Austin. By invitation the El Paso Congressman delivered a brief address to the house. He asserted that during the sixteen years that he was a Texas lawmaker, first in the house and then as a senator, he does not recall of the appropriation bills passed at a regular session. He also congratulated the membership on the recent defeat by the legislature of the federal child labor amendment. "I may be old fashioned," said Hudspeth, "but I am one of those state rights Democrats and resent at every opportunity the tendency for federal encroachment. In Washington it is the survival of the fittest, while here, there is a bond of human sympathy."

### RURAL SCHOOL AID FUND HAS \$65,445 CREDIT

#### MARRS ISSUES STATEMENT CONCERNING STATUS OF A.P. APPROPRIATION

Austin, Texas.—There was a balance of \$65,445 to the credit of the rural school aid fund at the end of the present fiscal year, August 31, 1924, out of the total of \$1,500,000 appropriated for that purpose, according to a statement issued by Prof. S. M. N. Marrs, state superintendent of public instruction. Of the appropriation of \$1,500,000 the state department of education granted \$1,321,626 for teachers salaries, \$39,060 for industrial equipment of 180 schools, \$23,857 for high school tuition for 438 pupils. There was also paid out \$19,132 for consolidation and transportation in eighteen districts, while the administration of the law cost \$20,967.

The state also shows there are 7,673 common school districts in the state, and of these 4,109 applied for state aid and were visited, of which 3,433 were granted aid. This does not include aid granted to 300 independent school districts. The number of children receiving benefit of state aid was 342,650, while the average traveling expense, visiting and inspection, per school was \$1.11.

#### Rejects Report on New Game Law Bill

Austin, Texas.—The House rejected the report of the free conference committee on the new game law bill and ordered the appointment of a new committee. Representative Fields, who moved to reject the report, said that the bill agreed on by the committee was a measure advocated by the Game, Fish and Oyster Department, and that the committee had ignored the judgment of the House on its provisions.

# Jones Dry Goods

## SOME EXTRA SPECIALS For Saturday

One lot of 23 Silk Dresses---all brand new. A beautiful range of colors. Your choice of the lot Saturday for

**\$9.75**

### LOT NUMBER 2

A big assortment of better Dresses. Values up to \$19.95, our price for Saturday.

**\$14.75**

All \$25.00 dresses selling Saturday at **\$19.75**

# Jones Dry Goods

13 STORES IN TEXAS

#### Trent Missionary Society

The Womans Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, of Trent, met at the usual hour Monday, March 23. The lesson "Bringing the Lambs into the Fold" was enjoyed by each one. For next Monday, March 30, we will not have a lesson, but will meet at the church at 2:30 p.m. for our fifth Monday social. We have a program arranged for the occasion and will be glad to have as many of our Methodist ladies with us as can come. We will try to show you a pleasant time, so take a day off, come out and help us enjoy the afternoon. Each member of the Society will represent a character of the Bible.

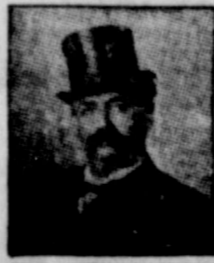
#### The Program

four so vyhlst—GL T,T Song No. 84, Prayer, Mrs. R. B. McRee, Solo, Dagnah Rawlings. Mary, Mother of Jesus, Mrs. M. G. Scott, Martha, Mrs. J. S. Reed, Lois, Mrs. R. B. McRee, Ester, Mrs. D. J. Rawlings. Noomi, Mrs. E. L. Mangum. Mary Magdolene, Mrs. C. R. Hutchison. Rebecca, Mrs. J. K. Winn. Dorcas, Mrs. O. A. Smith. Deborah, Mrs. Will Steen. Rachel, Mrs. G. F. Boyd. Refreshments.

Don't forget the missionary play soon to be staged, "The Old Fashioned Mother," also that we are to have an Easter market.

Aluminum tea-kettle \$1.25 at West Company. It

## BLAIR'S No. 7



**HERB TONIC FOR Stomach, Liver Kidney and Blood**

Sold For Over 20 Years

All Good Druggists

BLAIR & SON MEDICINE CO. Sherman, Texas. MERKEL DRUG CO. Sells it.

Good clothes make a good impression and a good impression wins the day. Let us help you with your clothes troubles. And you will be sure to win out. CASH TAILOR SHOP, on Kent Street.

If you want Mineral Wells Water call on J. N. Shelton or phone 198.

FOR your Milk Cow try a few bales of Sorghum hay and note the increase in the flow of milk. Hellums Wagon Yard. It

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McBean returned Wednesday to their home at Dallas after a visit in the George Brown home several days.

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Do they have a recent portrait of you, Dad? Mother? Sister? Brother? Give them one—that you may always be with them. They need one! They want one! Let RODDEN build that portrait for you today. We produce again and again that type of portrait they want. The past achievements prove it. Call and see these displays. Arrange then for an appointment.

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**MEXICAN SLAYER OF OFFICERS KILLED AT LAWN**

(Continued from front page farm of G. W. Richie, 12 miles southwest of Merkel, where a bunch of Mexicans were engaged in clearing land, and while there were no eye witnesses to just what happened when the officers approached the band of Mexicans at work, it is believed that Reeves started out toward them and was shot down. Then Sheriff Satterwhite, seeing that his fellow officer had been shot and that he had better go for a physician and help, immediately made his way to the home of Mr. Richie, nearly a mile away, where he found Mrs. Richie at home, and, after telling her what had happened, borrowed the Richie car and started for a phone, there being none at the Richie home. He only went a short distance from there, however, when the Mexican, who had followed him near the house, opened fire, killing the sheriff after shooting three times, only one shot taking effect. The car ran over a wire fence.

Mrs. Richie witnessed the shooting of the sheriff and went for her husband who was working on the other side of the field, and he, with a hired hand, returned to the home. They saw the Mexican, accompanied by another, coming toward the house, and not having any arms of any consequence Mr. Richie decided he would walk out in the yard toward them without arms and, if possible, keep them from going into the house while he left the wife and children and other man in the house. Upon meeting the Mexicans one of them asked "where is your car?" and Mr. Richie replied that he did not know. Then the Mexican said he guessed that it was his car in which he had killed the sheriff. The Mexican then asked that Mr. Richie take the car and get him out of the country, but he said the car would not run after the wreck. The Mexican said he must get out of the country as he had killed two officers and at this Mr. Richie suggested that he take to the mountains. After forcing Mr. Richie to get him a drink at the point of his gun the two left the place. But instead of going into the mountains they returned to the clearing where they had shot Constable Reeves and shot him twice more in the head to make sure of killing him. They took his gun, we are told, and left through the mountains.

Two traveling men happened along the road immediately following the shooting of Satterwhite and they were held up and asked if they were officers. The traveling men, after telling them they were not officers, were told to beat it and say nothing of seeing them. Officers and physicians rushed to the scene, followed by hundreds of citizens, and then more hundreds as the news spread, and by night fall there were possibly a thousand men and boys engaged in a wild and frantic hunt for the assassins. And on thru-out the entire night and all day Wednesday the officers of some dozen counties surrounding, augmented by the thousand or more citizens, searched the entire country miles around without any actual trace of the murderer. Trained blood hounds from Paint Rock and Lubbock were brought to the scene but failed to pick up any trail that proved of any value.

Upon receipt of the sad news of the death of the Sheriff of Howard county, hundreds of citizens from that county as well as other adjoining counties rushed to the scene of the tragedy, and joined in the effort to capture the fugitives. And all day Wednesday and Wednesday night the hundreds of citizens continued their search, but aside from the fact that many wild and exaggerated stories were circulated and all proved to be unfounded, there was no evidence as to the whereabouts of the murderers.

On Thursday morning word

# BIG AFTER THE FIRE

# SALE

--STARTS--

## Monday March 3

We are going to sell all the high grade Electrical Merchandise that was in the store during the fire, at a **BIG REDUCTION**. This line of merchandise was not in the fire at all. Only water damaged. Some of it is not damaged at all. We are going to sell this line out complete at Big Reduction. Now is the time to save money on all Electrical Appliances you are anticipating buying soon.

**Just a few prices. Ranges \$60.00 and up. Hot weather is here. Now is the time to get that fan \$7.50 up. Iron \$2.75 and up. Curling Iron 45c and up.**

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We will sell to every person who enters our store on Monday 6 lamps of 10 to 40 watt for \$1.00. Others at a big reduction.

## WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO.

was received from Ovalo in the south part of the county to the effect that on the afternoon of Wednesday two Mexicans suiting the descriptions of those being searched for had gone to a farm house in the country between Ovalo and Old Guion and asked for something to eat. A lady at the house gave them something to eat, the Mexicans paying for same, and were just about to leave when the man of the house came up. It is said the Mexicans ran off into an orchard near by, but later returned to the house and offered to pay the farmer to take them to either Tuscola or Sweetwater, which the man refused to do. The two are claimed to suit the description perfectly of those wanted. They left and no further news came in until about nine o'clock Thursday when another report came from Ovalo to the effect that the blood hounds had struck trail of the men and in fact the rumor stated that the

Mexicans were really surrounded by a posse and that capture seemed certain.

The bodies of the two slain officers were brought to Merkel and cared for in the Barrow Furniture Company undertaking parlor. Funeral services were held for Constable Geo. Reeves Wednesday afternoon. The remains of Sheriff Satterwhite were carried to Big Spring for burial.

Don't forget the place to sell your eggs. G. M. Sharp. 20t2

Have special order for 25 cases Eggs. Market price paid. W. F. HAMBLET. 1t

Get an aluminum tea kettle for \$1.25. West Company. 1t

Miss Grace Lee Cranston returned to school at McMurry College Monday after spending the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cranston.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We desire to express our sincere thanks and deepest gratitude to each and every one for their acts of kindness and words of sympathy in the tragic death of our loving husband and father. Mrs. Geo. L. Reeves and children. 1t

See "Aaron Boggs Freshman" at the Cozy Theatre, Friday, April 3. 27t2

**LAUNDRY SERVICE**

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

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**Senior B. Y. P. U.**

Sunday, March 29th. Leader: Flossie Campbell. Intraduction by leader. Part one, Miss Hearn. Part two, Floyd Dowell. Part three, Stella Wilson. Part four, Ola Sharp. Part five, Carlton Dennis. Part six, Miss Harrison.

Messers Wade Darsey, Buddy Cobb, Stanley Stanford, Zedic Johnson and Alvin Curb left first part of the week for Devils river and other South Texas fishing places for a week or more of fishing and outing.

Are you planning to have an exhibit of some kind in Merkel's Community Fair in September? Plan now to win a prize on some particular exhibit.

Mrs. L. L. Estes left first of the week for a visit with relatives and friends.

**WHITE CHURCH NEWS**

Rev. John Reynolds, who teaches at Moro was over Sunday to fill his regular appointment here. Services were well attended both morning and evening. Brother Frank Wilson conducted the services on Sunday night.

The rabbit drive Saturday was quite a success. Not as many rabbits were killed as was hoped for, but there was plenty of dinner and all who attended expressed it as having a very good time.

Lois McIvers, the Weaver Springs teacher visited home folks near Colorado City one day last week.

M. D. Burrus and family of Munday, L. H. Burrus and wife and Frank Irvin and family all from Rule, also W. R. Burrus and wife from Cuthbert were among those who were visiting here last week and attending the cemetery working.

Quite a lot of work was done there last Wednesday. The attendance was the largest we have had since we began meeting there and the yard was left in fine shape which means this is a very creditable place in our community.

Our county Superintendent Mr. M. A. Williams, was out to visit our school last Wednesday but owing to our school not having had any holidays so far, the trustees permitted that privilege that day.

Among those from Merkel visiting in this community last Sunday were: Mr. Mac Perkins and family, Mr. Carl Thomas and family, also Mr. J. S. Hughes and family.

Our County Agent, Mr. Masterson was over Tuesday making off some land for Mm. Snow which is to be terraced right away. In a short time, as soon as earlier arrangements will permit, he will be at the farm of Mr. Dennis to give a terracing demonstration.

Mr. Wm. Snow left this morning, Wednesday for a visit with his son, D. E. Snow, near Brownfield. He was accompanied by his wife as far as Justiceburg where she will visit her niece, Mrs. Lee Clanton.

Homer and Leonard Tye attended the funeral of their uncle, Jim Tye, who was buried at Paducah one day last week.

Leonard Tye returned to his home at Burleson on day this week after a visit here with his brother, Homer.

Messers W. E. Malone and Frank Demere were among those from Blair Lodge to attend the Grand Lodge at Wichita Falls last week.

Mr. R. B. Stockton and family from Weinert visited Mrs. Stockton's sister, Mrs. Dillard Snow, one day last week.

**SALT BRANCH ITEMS**

The health of this community is very good at this writing.

Mr. Hobson Robertson has a new bungalow home almost completed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Price and family took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Northcutt Sunday.

Miss Ruby Patton and Gladys Petty were visitors of Miss Celia Henry Sunday.

Miss Helen McCormick and Vera Jones were visitors of Miss Lois Jaynes Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Petty has gone to McKinley where she will visit her daughter for a few days.

Miss Toombs was a visitor at Salt Branch School on Monday of this week.

Good clothes are the bootstraps by which a man pulls himself up in life. Come in and look over our spring sample line and get that suit. CASH Tailor Shop, Kent street. tf

Mr. H. M. Rose of Sweetwater was in Merkel on Business this week.

Windmill with 20-ft. steel tower \$55.00. West Company. 1t

## Week-End Specials

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"Beautiful Tissue Gingham" in colors of pink, blue, gold, lavender, brown and red. Very serviceable for spring dresses. An opportunity you can not afford to miss, Friday and Saturday, only ..... 49c yd.

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# STATEMENT FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas  
December 31, 1924

## RESOURCES

Loans & Discounts .....	\$185,248.22
Overdrafts .....	521.40
Banking House & Fixtures .....	13,902.50
Stocks & Bonds .....	4,430.40
Warrants .....	915.57
Liberty Bonds Held in Trust .....	8,950.00
Other Resources .....	12,108.27
Other Real Estate .....	22,314.40
Due from State Gty. Fund .....	31,611.80
CASH, EXCHANGE & COTTON .....	340,416.30
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$620,418.86</b>

## LIABILITIES

Capital Stock .....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Profits .....	12,166.43
Liberty Bonds held for customers .....	8,950.00
Bills Payable .....	NONE
Rediscounts .....	NONE
Borrowed Money .....	NONE
<b>DEPOSITS .....</b>	<b>549,302.43</b>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$620,418.86</b>

The above statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.

### Missionary Society Notes

The Missionary Society of the Methodist church met last Monday afternoon at 2:30. The new officials took up the duties of their respective offices. The president then called for the report of the different officers. After these reports other items of business were transacted, among these was the acceptance of the resignation of Mrs. Sanders as connectional treasurer and the election of Mrs. V. N. Ellis to fill that vacancy. It was also decided to serve the Baraca and Philathea banquet on the 23rd of January. Because the study books have not come, we will have a program from the Voice on next Monday afternoon. The meeting opens promptly at 2:30.

Following is the program for the afternoon.  
Leader, Mrs. Butman.  
1. Song, What a Friend we have in Jesus.  
2. Bible lesson, David and his mighty men, 2nd Samuel 23:13-17, Mrs. R. A. Burgess.  
3. Prayer, Mrs. Rea.  
4. From Female cent societies to a world Sisterhood, Mrs. Rainbolt.  
Pledge service.  
5. Southern Methodist woman's urge, Mrs. R. I. Grimes.  
6. Answered prayer, Mrs. Ellis.  
7. My pledge, by Society.

### B. Y. P. U. Program

For Sunday, January 11, 1925.  
Subject: The Bible; Its Inspiration.  
Leader, Lewis Giles.  
Introduction by Leader.  
1. What the Scriptures say, Miss Weedon.  
2. Man's Desire to read the Bible, D. Polly.  
3. The Bible not like other books, by F. Giles.  
4. How the Bible was written, by E. Yates Brown.  
5. Objections raised and removed, Valerie Dye.  
6. Obey the Book, Lola Dennis.

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#### BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m.  
Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 6 p.m.  
Prayermeeting each Wednesday evening at seven o'clock. We began this week a study of the Minor Prophets, beginning with Hosea. The lesson for next Wednesday evening will be Hosea 4 to 14. This study will be very interesting. Read your Bible and attend the meetings.

On account of a severe cold, the pastor was unable to preach last Sunday night, so the fifth Commandment will be the subject for discussion next Sunday night. The home is the basis of all law, government, and character. Hear this sermon. The following Sunday night we will discuss the seventh Commandment, as the violation of this commandment is a means of wrecking so many homes. The pastor will deal with these subjects in straight forward way. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." As go the homes, so goes the nation."  
W. H. Albertson.

#### METHODIST CHURCH

In another column of this paper you will find the program of the preachers and laymen's conference to be held at the church on Monday night and Tuesday of next week. I am sure this will be a helpful program and want our people to give the best attendance possible.

Next Sunday at eleven o'clock the service will be devoted to our young people, the sermon subject being "Spiritual Athletics". This will be a service that will be helpful to all, but we especially urge the young people of the church and community to be present.

Sunday night at seven fifteen will be the second subject of the series on personal problems.

# STATEMENT OF CONDITION THE OLD RELIABLE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Merkel, Texas  
Close of Business December 31, 1924

### RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand .....	\$158,305.10
<b>Loans, Commercial .....</b>	<b>169,000.00</b>
<b>Loans, Cotton .....</b>	<b>54,060.61</b>
Overdrafts .....	2,183.01
<b>U. S. Bonds and Treasure .....</b>	<b>64,850.00</b>
Other Bonds and Warrants .....	9,490.62
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank .....	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co. ....	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures .....	3,735.00
Five per cent Red. Fund .....	312.50
<b>Cash and Sight .....</b>	<b>242,229.95</b>
<b>Exchange .....</b>	<b>242,229.95</b>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$707,016.79</b>

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock .....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund .....	15,000.00
Undivided Profits .....	6,360.04
Circulation Acct. ....	6,250.00
<b>BORROWED MONEY .....</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>Deposits .....</b>	<b>629,406.75</b>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$707,016.79</b>

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Many people exemplify Sunday as a day of rest, by sleeping throughout the minister's sermon.

Old fashioned people come down the streets with a splendid dignity, but that does not prevent automobile drivers from running over them.

The income taxpayers are now kicking because they have to make out returns again, and non-taxpayers are kicking because they don't have to.

President Coolidge shook hands with thousands New Year's day, and now he knows how the town pump used to feel on cattleshow day.

The school teachers have been trying for 100 years to get the people to study the dictionary, which was accomplished in six weeks when the newspapers began to print cross word puzzles. Who gets the credit?

Many of the school pupils are getting ready for the mid-year examinations by going to all the dances and other late parties anywhere around.

People in Merkel who can't get away for winter vacations can obtain benefit by sawing wood in the back yard and doing the housework in the kitchen.

The president does not expect to make any change in his cabinet, but the politicians can continue to mention themselves.

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Sunday School at nine forty-five and preaching at eleven in the morning and seven-fifteen in the evening. T. J. Rea, Pastor.

### Methodist S. S. Notes

Our Sunday School is again facing the responsibilities of another new year, but the most encouraging fact in regard to our Sunday School work is the interest and enthusiasm shown by our officers and teachers, and we are looking forward to a greater increase in 1925 than we have had in any other year. We are having some specially arranged programs for our worship periods each Sunday.

On next Sunday we are going to have an "Ice service." Can you imagine an icicle transformed into usefulness in the promotion of our Sunday School?

Be sure and be here on time next Sunday and not miss any of this service. The Baraca and Philathea classes will have the opening service. L. W. Cox, Supt.

### Baptist Sunday School

Come to Sunday School Sunday. Fall in with the spirit of friendliness and good will that exists, take part in the singing, and the study of the lesson, and you'll feed good over the day. The piano starts five minutes before 10. Sunday school promptly at ten o'clock.

### Junior League Program

Our Juniors are doing fine work. They have a splendid program each Sunday at four p.m. We wish all the juniors would come and have good times with us. On last Monday after school we met at the parsonage with our lunches and had a "real picnic", played games until late, and left with the promise that we might come again. Be on time next Sunday at the Methodist Church.

### Mrs. Roy Largent Hostess

Mrs. Roy Largent was the charming hostess to several friends at an all day affair, which included a pretty twelve o'clock luncheon, at her home in the suburbs of the city, Saturday of last week.

Mrs. Largent's guests were school friends of recent days. Besides enjoying the luncheon, a very interesting time is reported to have been had talking of the past times spent together.

Those enjoying this happy occasion were: Mrs. John W. Cox of Abilene, Mrs. Warren Smith, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, Misses Alice Bigham of Trent, Evelyn Hamm and Loyce Dry.

Coal in transit—expecting another car Dawson Egg—also car Alabama Fancy Lump, lower ash than McAlester—Try it. Swafford, phone 44.

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**GLEANERS CLASS IN MONTHLY MEETING**

The Gleaners held their regular monthly meeting at the new home of Mrs. L. C. Sublett on Oak Street.

Sixteen members were present. The house was called to order by Madam President, Mrs. D. H. Vaughn. Mrs. Thompson led in a short prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Dues were paid and cook book money turned in.

Much fun was had discussing capsules. Each member was requested to tell if they had been remembered and if they knew who their capsules were. Some had been remembered; some had not; some knew who had their names, and some did not want to know. But life has been made so much brighter by the capsules in the past year that new capsules were drawn again, to be kept only four months this drawing.

The Gleaners are getting to be good artists; we next drew the names of the months of the year to see who entertained. Any Gleaners not present wishing to draw a capsule or a month to help entertain see Mrs. Fred Latham.

Balloons were turned loose and each member was asked to try to get a balloon with a number. Some were numbered and some were not, the numbers drawing prizes. Much commotion and explosion was caused because balloons don't stand rough treatment and are easily punctured. The prizes were awarded and a mistake had been made. Mrs. Dr. Gambill, Mrs. A. Morton and Mrs. V. B. Sublett all had No. 13. Balloons were then given the three ladies, the one blowing her balloon up until it bursted received the leading prize of the day, Mrs. Morton being the lucky lady. Every one enjoyed the contest very much.

Mrs. L. R. Thompson next served the class with cheese and crackers in the new dish given her Christmas by the class.

Refreshments consisting of marshmallow pudding with whip cream and cherries were served by Mrs. Fred Latham, Mrs. L. R. Thompson and Mrs. L. C. Sublett to the following ladies: Mesdames J. E. Richardson, Eli Case, Dr. Gambill, Herbert Patterson, Robert Hicks, Tom Largent, D. H. Vaughn, Baccus, Duncan Briggs, Clyde Sears, Rush Buford, A. Morton, and V. B. Sublett.

**DELPHIAN CLUB**

The Delphian Club met at the home of Mrs. S. D. Gamble on Wednesday afternoon of this week. Mrs. O. R. Dye was the leader for the afternoon, and the subject for discussion was one of Shakespere's comedy dramas. The five acts of the play were made very interesting by the discussions, with Mesdames F. C. McFarland, L. A. Arrington, Fred Groene, R. O. Anderson and S. D. Gamble taking part.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January the twenty-first, at the home of Mrs. R. O. Anderson. This will be a social meeting, and every member is urged to come.

Miss Johnnie Sears left Sunday morning, returning to Sullins College, Bristol, Va., after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sears.

Hulls on track—buy off ear and save money. SWAFFORD, phone 44. 1t

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Mr. Lee Acuff and son, Ira, and Mr. Tom Allday are expected Wednesday from a trip to San Angelo, Texas.

Mr. J. O. Barbee, we are informed, has purchased a home in the south part of the city, and has moved with his family to same from the farm where he has resided near here for several years. We welcome him to our city.

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**That beginning with next weeks issue of this paper you will find each week in this space two "SPECIALS" advertised for Friday and Saturday only.**

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**Mrs. Beidleman Hostess To Kings Daughters**

The King's Daughters Class the Methodist Sunday School met with Mrs. Beidleman Tuesday afternoon. During the business session, the class discussed some definite work for the New Year. This was decided upon and with our next meeting will start our work. Mrs. Harkrider gave a select reading which was very much enjoyed. The hostess served grape juice and cakes. Those enjoying the afternoon were Mesdames Watts, Graham, Ellis, Patterson, Beene, Miller, Berryman, Patton, Smith, Harkrider, Campbell, Middleton, Golliday, Russell and Mary Joe Russe.

**New Year's Party**

On last New Year's eve, Miss Lola Dennis entertained a group of friends with a forty-two luncheon and watch party. At seven-thirty the guests began to arrive and were told to buy their tickets for a trip of progressive forty-two, which proved to be dainty tally cards. The train departed from Abilene and stops were made enroute on the tour at Tye, Merkel and Trent. A delicious plate lunch consisting of wild turkey, dressing, salad, pickles, olives, cranberry sauce and coffee was served. At the next stop, which was Eskota, another course consisting of delicious fruited jello, whipped cream and angel food squares was served, carrying out the color scheme of pink and blue.

Several other interesting contests were had, especially the Eskota grammar school contest, where, after passing examination in spelling and Physiology, all were sent to Abilene to complete their education.

In forty-two, Mr. Wilbur Thomas and Miss Opal Patterson won high score and were awarded silver pencils.

Miss Eva Mae Johnson and Fred Giles won the consolation which was popcorn in miniature traveling bags.

The guest list included: Misses Eva Mae Johnson, Opal Patterson, Emma Toombs, Stella Wilson, Edith Baker, Gladys Milliken, Lucille Guitar. Messrs. Fred Giles, Lewis Giles, Wilbur Thomas, Delbert Polly, Comer Patterson, Kenneth Watkins, Jack Anderson, Carleton Dennis.

Miss Dennis was assisted in entertaining by her mother and Miss Mabel Toombs.

**Miss Mildred Matthews Hostess**

Miss Mildred Matthews was hostess to a gay crowd of young friends at her home last Friday evening, honoring Mr. Maben Rogers, who left that night to make his home at De Leon, Tex.

A very happy evening was spent in playing games of all sort, in fact any thing that any one suggested. Many wishes and new resolutions were made for Rogers, and hopes expressed for his return to this city again some time.

A refreshment plate of peaches with whipped cream was passed to Misses Melba West, Ona Fae Rose, Gladys Mayfield, Johnny Sears, Mildred Matthews and Dorris Durham, and Messrs. Garrett, Matthews, Tucker, Curb Rogers, Rea, and Mayfield.

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Mr. William Brown and son, Leon, of Burkburrett, are here this week for a visit with the former's brother, Mr. Geo. Brown.