

TRENT SCHOOL PLAY FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6

"Safety First," a play produced by the Trent High School, will be given in their auditorium on February 6th.

Do not fail to see this splendid comedy drama. You will get a laugh in every line.

Jack Montgomery and Jerry Arnold, who is Jack's wife's fiancé, interfere to prevent Jack's cousin, Elmer Flannel, marrying Zuleika, a Turkish fortune teller. While Jack and Jerry are at Zuleika's room trying to bribe her not to marry Elmer, the police raid the place. Zuleika is arrested, but after a fight Jack and Jerry escape and spend the night in a box car.

Mabel, Jack's wife, is terror stricken because Jack has been out all night, and the innocent conjectures of new maid, Mary Ann O'Finnerty, greatly increase her terrors. Mabel, her sister Virginia, and Elmer drive to the police station in an effort to locate Jack and Jerry. During the absence of the girls Jack and Jerry come home. Jack is at his wits' end as to how he is to explain to Mabel. At Jerry's suggestion, they decide to tell that Jack was being initiated into the Shriner's lodge. Jack doubts if they can make this work on Mrs. Barrington Bridger, Mabel's mother.

While Jack and Jerry are talking, McNutt, the policeman, Mary Ann's "financier," appears with Zuleika and informs them that they and Zuleika have been sentenced to 30 days in jail for assaulting the police. How on earth is this to be explained to the women? A body of Shriners are leaving at once for a convention in Florida. They bribe McNutt to pose as Zuleika's husband, and to back them up in the statement that they are going as delegates to the convention. The girls now arrive and accept the colorful explanations as to the all night initiation. The Florida trip is explained, and, consternation, Mabel declares she is going too, and runs out for her hat. Mrs. Bridger and Elmer appear. Jack introduces McNutt and Zuleika as Mr. and Mrs. Willie Woe. "McNutt married to a Turkey!" Mary Ann faints in Elmer's arms. In the confusion Jack, Jerry, McNutt and Zuleika leave.

Another character that adds color to almost every scene is Abou Ben Mocha, Zuleika's father, who, in a desperate and threatening manner, taxes various male members of the cast with stealing his "leela almond blossom".

The second act is taken up with Mabel's and Virginia's grief because of their belief that Jack and Jerry have been lost at sea on the trip to Florida. With the return of Jack and Jerry when their month's jail sentence is served, and their subsequent tale to the girls as to how they were shipwrecked and finally saved by a "kind providence."

The third act is rendered exciting by Abou's wild charges in turn on Jack, Jerry, Elmer and McNutt in his effort to find out what has become of his Zuleika. Two cases of mistaken identity, one because of the dark and the other because of disguise, being about many humorous situations in this act.

Explanations are made at last. Jack has his wife, Jerry his Virginia. Tlmer his Zuleika, McNutt his Mary Ann, Mrs. Bridger is reconciled to her son-in-law, and Abou finds his "leela daughter."

Read our ad on the back page of this paper. Brown Dry Goods Company. It

LOCAL BANKS ADD NEW SAFETY APPLIANCES

As a matter of precaution, both the banks in this city have just this week added some new safety appliance devices to the doors of their vaults, which is expected to better protect them against the possible entrance by burglars. While there are lots of bank robberies over the country, the yeggs will have to go some if they get into the banks in this city, not withstanding the fact that these birds have become adepts in their profession.

MERKEL WILL TRY FOR C. OF C. MEET

On February 5th, there will be held at Big Spring the annual District meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, and since Merkel came very near getting this meeting for 1925, it was decided at the last Luncheon Club meeting that Merkel enter the race to bring to this city the 1926 meeting.

It is expected that the local orchestra will accompany the delegation and help furnish the music for the occasion at Big Spring, as well as help to bring the next meeting to this city.

Should the next district convention be brought to Merkel, it will mean that there will be several hundred delegates from the different towns in this section of the state visit our city and we will receive considerable advertising as the result.

The Luncheon Club very cordially invites any and all, either from the city or surrounding community, to feel welcome to make this trip to Big Spring on next Thursday and help to bring the next meeting to Merkel. A big time is assured all who wish to make the trip. It is expected that the party will leave here at about six a.m. and return after adjournment of the convention in the afternoon, say about five o'clock, so very little expense should be incurred by the trip.

LOCAL MERCHANTS LEAVE FOR MARKET

First of the week Mr. A. C. Rose, manager of the A. C. Rose Dry Goods Company, in company with Miss Evorie Clark, Milliner for this firm, left for St. Louis and other Eastern markets, where they will buy the large and complete stock of spring millinery and dry goods for this firm.

Within a few days Mr. Max Mellinger will leave for the big markets in St. Louis and Chicago where he, too, will make selections and buy for his store a fine line of spring dry goods.

Also on next Sunday Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, of the Bragg Dry Goods Company, will leave for St. Louis, where they expect to select and buy one of the largest stocks of the season's latest in dry goods and millinery for their firm.

With the above in view the buying public of Merkel and this section of country may expect to find in this city everything they may desire in the way of up-to-date dry goods and millinery.

Painters are busy this week adding a new coat of paint on the front of the Farmers State Bank, which when completed will add much to the attractiveness and appearance of this institution.

COOPERATION TALKED AT LUNCHEON CLUB

As per announcement in our last issue, the Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the Methodist church, was the interesting Toastmaster at the last regular Luncheon meeting held last Tuesday evening at Ed's Cafe. While the minister is one of our able and untiring pastors, who works at his job, and is undoubtedly making a success of it, he is also an adept in the art as Toastmaster of the meeting of the Luncheon Club.

Rev. Rea used for his subject for discussion, "The Need of and just How to obtain the best cooperation between the town man and the country man."

However, the first number on the program was some vocal music from a quartet composed of Messrs Tom Allday, Tom Largent, Cyrus Pee and Roy Largent, with Miss Williamson accompanying at the piano.

Following this Mr. E. Yates Brown made an able and interesting talk on the necessity of cooperation from the business man's stand point. Mr. Brown's remarks were timely, to the point, and highly appreciated by all. He was followed by Mr. C. W. Simpson, one of our successful and progressive farmers, who discussed the same question from the farmer's point of view, and many were the compliments from those present upon the logicalness of his speech and the interesting way in which he had presented it to the club.

Next Mr. Robert Hicks, local Hardware man, was called on to make a few remarks on "How can the Town man and Country man best Cooperate together," and Mr. Hicks hid himself proud in the discussion of this splendid subject. Next Mr. J. A. Buford was called on and, as is usual with him to always have something good to say upon any subject, he did not fail this time. Also Eld. W. G. Cypert was called on to speak on a subject assigned to another who was unable to be present, and Rev. Cypert demonstrated that he was equal to the occasion and gave his hearers one of the best addresses that has ever been delivered before the Merkel Luncheon Club.

This being the closing number on the program, the Toastmaster turned the meeting over to the President of the Club, Mr. L. R. Thompson, who also made a few interesting remarks concerning the need of more cooperation among all the people of the town and community, which was highly appreciated by every one.

The President, at the close of the meeting, announced that Mr. Jas. A. Patterson would be the next Toastmaster two weeks hence.

MISS LORENA DRY LEARNS HOUSEHOLD DUTY AT C.I.A.

Denton, Texas, Jan. 29.—Miss Lorena Dry of Merkel, a senior in the College of Industrial Arts, is one of a group of girls occupying the Mary M. Bralley demonstration cottage at the College of Industrial Arts, state college for women. Groups of six young women occupy each of the cottages at regular intervals during the college year.

During their term of service they become acquainted with every phase of household duties. Formal dinners are given at which the girls serve in turn as hosts and hostesses, waitresses, and cooks.

The houses are kept spotless by the young students who give them a thorough renovation each morning before breakfast. Both homes are completely equipped in every respect.

LADY STOCKHOLDER IN MERKEL BANK

In this modern age when the women of the country are not only becoming deeply interested in and associated with the political and social affairs of the country, we also notice that with the beginning of this New Year 1925, that many are taking their places in the business world, especially do we notice that many prominent women are this year becoming directors and stockholders in various banking institutions of the country, and in this respect the banking interests of Merkel is no exception to the rule, for just last week Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent celebrated their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary and for a present upon this occasion Mr. Largent presented his wife with ten shares in the Farmers State Bank of this city, which stock Mr. Largent purchased some few days ago, paying \$125.00 per share for same, being among those of this community who recently purchased the interest of those formerly in control of this, one of our most substantial and accommodating banking institutions.

Mr. and Mrs. Largent are not only well known in this immediate section of the country, but through the fact that they are raisers of the world's finest Hereford cattle, which have been exhibited throughout the nation, their name is familiar in most every city and hamlet in the country. They came to Merkel about thirty years ago, engaging for a time in the mercantile business, and in which enterprise they made a success. Infact they are considered by all with whom they are well known, as having sound and conservative judgement, and as Mr. Largent stated "the reason he presented his wife with the stock in the above named bank in this city was that he considered it a good, sound business investment."

Besides the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Largent are raisers of the world's finest Hereford cattle, of which they have many, they also own and operate large farming interests in connection with their more than 4000 acre ranch, and we feel sure that the addition of Mrs. Largent to the other substantial and influential stockholders, many of whom are among this city's and community's best and most wealthy citizens, will add much credit and influence which shall help to insure the bank's continued success and help it to maintain its place among the strong and useful banking institutions of this section of the state.

BIG CIRCUS COMING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Friday, February 6th, there is to be a big circus in Merkel. A High School Circus in the beautiful new High School. Everybody likes a circus. Come and bring the children. See the clowns, hear the music, visit the majestic! Take a look at the "smallest couple in the world" Watch the man walk the rope. See a picture show. Hear the radio; visit the trained wild animal show; see the little man dance. Each grade in High school will have a beautiful booth. There will be a candy booth, peanut and popcorn booth, balloon booth, and cold drink stand. Come and let's enjoy the Circus! Doors open at 6:45 p.m. come and stay as long as you like or the entire evening. Gate fee is 25c for adults and 15c for children under 12 years of age.

REV. A. B. DAVIDSON WRITES TO LEADER

The Leader is in receipt of a letter from the former Methodist pastor, Rev. A. B. Davidson, who is now located at Snyder, Texas. In part he said, "The board unanimously fixed my salary at \$3,000. They pay one month's salary in advance the first of each month. It is a real titheing church. The tithe offerings amount to \$200 and over each Sunday since I came. No collection plate has been passed in this church in four years. The store-house treasury plan is their plan."—Wellington Leader.

HIGHWAY NO. 1 GET NEXT ALLOTMENT

The State highway commission has decided that its decision made recently that the next allotment made for the paving of Highways Nos. 1 and 30 through this county should go exclusively to No. 1, will not be changed. County Judge Carlos D. Speck was advised in a letter received from Gib Gilchrist, state highway engineer.

"In regrad to the present allotment of aid to Taylor county on state highways Nos. 1 and 30," the letter states, "we wish to advise that the state highway commission on January 19 considered your letter of January 14 and it was decided that the conditions attached to the minutes of the state highway commission should not be changed and that after the first sections on highways Nos. 1 and 30 are under contract, the next section to be placed under contract will be on Highway No. 1.

The action by the commission was made after the county commissioners' court here had decided that it would accept the allotment of \$345,000 from the state provided the state would remove the condition that the next allotment must go entirely to Highway No. 1.

The \$345,000 was first allotted to Highway No. 1 which is to be paved through the county with two-for-one aid from the state and federal governments. Highway No. 30 also is to be paved under the same conditions and the county commissioners' court secured the agreement from the state that the first allotment should be split between the two roads. The addition of the condition as to the next allotment made the split of the funds unsatisfactory to the commissioners' court.

No definite plan of action had been made Monday regarding the course to pursue. The matter likely will be put up to the commissioners' court at the next meeting.—Abilene Reporter.

LOCAL CITIZENS BUY LANDS ON PLAINS

From W. F. Patterson the writer learns that he and Mr. L. L. Huddleston of this city, have recently sold some of their holdings in land in the Merkel community and have invested in considerable acreage about twelve miles northwest of O'Donnell, in Lynn county.

Mr. Patterson, we are informed, bought 480 acres and Mr. Huddleston 960 acres joining Mr. Patterson. We understand these men will soon move to their new holdings with their families. They have very likely made good investments, and while their friends regret that they are to soon leave Merkel, they wish for them success and the best of health and happiness.

We also learn that Mr. Floyd Cox has recently sold his farm in this vicinity to Mr. H. H.

LIBERTY HARDWARE WILL STAGE JUBILEE

This is a gala week with the Liberty Hardware Company. Their store is decorated with banners and displays. Special demonstrations are stationed throughout the salesroom. Windows are aflame with color. Everything is all "slicked up".

Besides, they are mailing out letters, calling up friends of the store on the telephone and in this issue of the Merkel Mail a large advertisement appears telling all about their one-week Avery Jubilee Implement Sale, put on in cooperation with the Avery factory to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Avery Company. Rogers silverware is being given without extra charge with every Avery implement sold during this six-day Jubilee event. The sale starts Saturday, Jan. 31, and ends promptly at 6 p.m. the following Saturday, Feb. 7.

According to Messrs Hicks and Sublett, proprietors of the Liberty Hardware Company, it was 'way back in 1825, when John Quincy Adams president of the United States, that Benjamin Franklin Avery began the manufacture of plows in Clarksville, Va. In 1845 the business was removed to Louisville, Kentucky, and in 1877 it was incorporated. In 1919 the famous Champion Harvesting Machinery line was purchased and in 1921 its manufacture was begun in the new Champion Division of the Avery Louisville plant. And now, to fittingly commemorate the Centennial Jubilee year of the Avery Company, the Liberty Hardware Company, together with other implement stores, all over the South are joining with Avery in these one-week Jubilee Sales.

In speaking of the age of the Avery Company, Messrs. Hicks and Sublett state that the Avery Company is the oldest manufacturer of implements in America. He says the second oldest implement manufacturer must wait twelve years before it can celebrate its 100th Anniversary. The third oldest manufacturer must wait seventeen years. And the fourth oldest must wait 30 years.

The 100th birthday of B. F. & Sons has still greater meaning when you consider that the average life of all manufacturing concerns in this country is only seven years. B. F. Avery & Sons, therefore, has lived over fourteen times as long as the average concern in the manufacturing business. And then, to show that implement manufacturing companies in general do not necessarily live longer than other manufacturers, Hicks and Sublett pointed out that in 1922 alone, 683 implement manufacturers went out of business.

Messrs. Hicks and Sublett say the constant growth in prestige and volume of business enjoyed by B. F. Avery & Sons during its 100 years of business existence can have but one true significance. It means, in the last analysis, consistently higher quality of service and greater value-giving to Southern farmers.

Married Saturday

A. V. Shaw and Miss Durice Bell McWilliams of Merkel were married by Justice of the Peace P. B. Ford here Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. They will make their home near Merkel.—Abilene Reporter.

Toombs for a cash consideration, and will soon move with his family to the Rio Grande Valley near El Paso.

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This institution is here for the benefit of the community and we ask cooperation of our patrons and friends. All legitimate business will be handled with care and dispatch.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF BARACA AND PHILATHEA CLASSES INTERESTING

An affair of the past week that was held with much interest was the annual Philathea and Baraca Banquet, held at the Methodist church last Friday evening. Sixty diners were present for the evening, including guests and class members.

Members and guests were gathered in the Philathea and Baraca class rooms until eight thirty o'clock, when a grand march was made into the dining room. The spacious dining hall was very attractive with four long banquet tables covered with pretty linens and tapering candles in pretty holders adorning each end of the tables, with a center decoration of pot plants. The pretty color scheme of bright blue and white was carried out in the table decorations and in giving a colorful effect from the lights. Dainty place cards marked the places. The banquet was prepared and served by the Missionary Ladies of the church.

Mr. L. R. Thompson acted as toastmaster for the evening. The program included a splendid talk from Rev. L. N. Stuckey, of Abilene, several numbers by the McMurry Male Quartet, accompanied at the piano by Miss Gypsy Ted Sullivan, also of McMurry College, a violin solo by Miss Lynn Thompson, a vocal number by Miss Sullivan, and brief talks by various guests and ex-class members and members of the two classes.

Visitors present on this occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Stuckey, Abilene; The McMurry College Male Quartet; Miss Gypsy Ted Sullivan, Abilene; Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Rea, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sanders, Mr. L. A. Watts, Mrs. Geo. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Durham.

Corn and maize for sale. See Sam Swann.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR J. W. TALLY

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church on Monday afternoon, beginning at two-thirty o'clock, for Mr. J. W. Tally, Sr., who died Sunday evening after a long illness. The services were conducted by Rev. T. J. Rea, assisted by Elder W. G. Cypert, of the Church of Christ.

The deceased was born November 8th, 1844 in Robertson county, Texas, and was married to Rhoda Cox in 1867, after which they moved to Merkel, where they have resided since.

Besides a host of friends and loved ones, he leaves a devoted wife and the following children: Mrs. G. R. Holloway, Merkel; James Tally, Dallas; Mrs. P. Hays, Houston; Mrs. Dora Cobb, Merkel; Abe Tally, Corsicana; and Mrs. Bulah Stanford, Merkel.

Early in life Mr. Tally was converted and joined the Methodist church. In 1915 he put his membership in the church at Merkel, and has lived a devoted Christian since his conversion. He was a good neighbor, a kind friend, a true husband and father, and an upright citizen.

At the time of his death, Mr. Tally was eighty years old, and his wife, who survives him, is eighty-five years of age.

We join the many friends of the splendid man in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

M. E. WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES

The Womans Missionary Society will meet next Monday afternoon in regular business session. All officers are urged to be present that reports may be had in full. Other business matters will also be transacted. The meeting will be at 2:30. Supt. Pub.

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SENIOR NOTES

On Monday morning of this week we were glad to have in chapel Rev. W. G. Cypert, who conducted the exercises. This was his first visit to the school and his short talk was enjoyed very much.

The examinations are over and the question of the day is "what did I make?"

Mr. Burgess had a young friend who was desperately in love with Miss Josephine Baber. But his wooing was fruitless. He then begged Mr. Burgess to intercede for him. Mr. Burgess did so; he bombarded Josephine with scripture texts to prove that matrimony is a duty, but without avail. At length the young woman suggested that Mr. Burgess go home and look up II Samuel XII, 7. He did so and found the text "Thou art the man," and—well Mr. Burgess, himself married Josephine.

Dorris Durham went into a telephone booth and dropped a nickel into the slot. Central called, "number please?" "Number," roared Dorris, "here, you give me my chewing gum."

Miss Pierce was talking about "Ma" Ferguson the other day and she said that at the inaugural ball she was dressed in a gown trimmed in beads and "oyster" feathers.

Ray: "What a beautiful string of beads you have. I hope you don't mind me asking where they came from?"

Melba: "Certainly not, they came from oysters."

The first two numbers on Mr. Burgess' daily menu are: 1. Grace. 2. Beene.

Ona Fae: "Gee! I feel like I've been to Echo class."

W. L.: "You mean Eco. don't you?"

Ona Fae: "No; I mean Echo, for Miss Bird is always echoing what's in the text book."

"Blood, blood, I want blood." About Don Mocha in "Safety First," Trent, February 6. 1t

As you are sitting by a good, comfortable fire

these long wintry nights, are you dreading those long, hot summer days that will be spent in that hot kitchen next summer?

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TRENT HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Last Thursday we had a most interesting program in chapel. Some of the actors for the "special" program couldn't reach here in time so we were entertained by local talent. Miss Davis and Imogene Mangum each gave a piano solo and Mrs. Watkins read two numbers for us.

Since exams are over, J. P. Stevens seems to be able to use his sprained wrist.

Lee Winton entered school last Monday.

What would you do if your husband eloped with a Turkish girl? Come to see "Safety First"

Miss Ellison: "Imogene you may read your story."

Imogene: "I haven't much of a story. It is only description."

Miss Ellison: "You may read what you have."

Imogene: "She is black headed and has black eyes. Her neck is so long she looks much better with a fur on. Who is it?"

Carmen: "Miss Ellison."

Mrs. Churchille and Mrs. Wind visited chapel last week.

What would you do if you found you were eloping with the wrong girl? See "Safety First."

Minnie Lee Chapman has been out of school for several days.

We all feel so sorry for J. P. Stevens. He had to go home and do the family washing the other noon.

Isaac Parker is out of school with the "flu".

If you see "Safety First" you will laugh so much you'll forget you ever had a care.

Ailene Edwards and Vorine Reed were absent Tuesday.

A real blood thirsty Turk with a real darreg. See "Safety First"

The basket ball game with Sweetwater was called off last Friday. It will be staged some time in the near future.

Can a man spend a month in jail and keep his wife from finding it out? See "Safety First".

Reverend Ledger conducted the chapel exercises last week.

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ASK FOR RESTORATION OF JAMES E. FERGUSON

TO VOTE ON SENATE RESOLUTION TO REMOVE IMPEACHMENT JUDGMENT.

Austin, Texas.—The Senate of the Thirty-Ninth Legislature has been asked to go on record as favoring removal of the impeachment judgment passed on James E. Ferguson in a simple resolution introduced by Senator J. Roy Hardin of Kaufman. This is the first move in the Senate toward Ferguson "restoration." If the resolution is adopted the method of removing the previous Senate action of 1917 would be suggested by a committee of three Senators appointed by Lieut. Gov. Farry Miller.

The resolution is to the effect that the judgment or impeachment against James E. Ferguson "should be and of right ought to be set aside and that all disqualifications incident to that impeachment should be removed."

There was no discussion pro or con on the resolution save over the time for its consideration. Senator Hardin of Kaufman, its author, moved immediately after it had been read that it be set as special order for Friday morning. Senator J. D. Parnell of Wichita Falls objected to that time, explaining that he would not be able to be present then and that he wished to be on hand when the resolution was taken up. Hardin then proposed Monday morning, but this time was objected to by Senator I. D. Fair of Lufkin, who suggested that some of the Senators might not be able to attend the session on that day. He cited Senator John H. Bailey of Cuero, who has been detained at his home on account of illness. The time for consideration was then ultimately fixed at the suggestion of Senator Charles R. Floyd of Paris.

In the opinion of Senator Hardin, author of the resolution, expressed later, constitutional amendment may be necessary to remove the judgment of impeachment against former Gov. Ferguson. "It is pointed out," he commented, "that the Constitution vests the Senate with the right to impeach, but does not expressly delegate to one Senate the right to wipe out impeachment proceedings brought by another Senate. In my opinion, a constitutional amendment will be necessary."

A. T. Sheppard, genial manager of the Barrow Furniture Company, was among those numbered on the sick list this week, causing him to be absent from his duties for a day or so.

Mr. J. A. Meeks, one among the splendid citizens residing on route five, was in the city yesterday and while here dropped in and renewed for the Mail for another year.

J. W. Patton, who resides over in Jones county, near Avoca was here one day recently and dropped in to have us keep the Mail coming to him.

Mr. S. L. Penny and family of Clyde are here for a visit with Mrs. J. S. Burns, who is Mrs. Penny's mother.

C. C. Campbell returned first of the week from spending some two weeks on a ranch near Sweetwater.

Mr. W. D. Hutcheson, splendid local hardware man of this city, accompanied by his wife, left first of the week for a business trip to the Plains.

Many dollars were saved last Friday and Saturday by the people who took advantage of our "Specials." Brown Dry Goods Company. 1t

The longer you use it the better you like it. Try it. Motorgain Fordoyle lasts longer, makes motors run smoother. Get it at the OASIS Filling Station. tf

Miss Mae Beidleman, who is teaching school near Haskell, Texas, was here the past week end for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Beidleman.

Mrs. Maude Rogers stopped off here Sunday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Jack Durham. Mrs. Rogers was on her way to Dallas to see a son.

Mrs. J. E. Richardson returned first of the week from a trip to Burnett, where she had been called on account of the serious illness of a relative.

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Buy your implements while this special offer is in effect!

For one week only B. F. Avery & Sons are co-operating with us in conducting a grand Jubilee Sale to celebrate their 100th Birthday. Famous Avery Implements are being featured. Farmers from miles around will attend. Those who buy will receive guaranteed Rogers Silverware, without extra charge, with every Avery Implement.

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Prepare to attend this sale. See the new Avery Implements and the new features. Remember, if you expect later to buy any implements, you have to buy any implements, you have everything to gain by buying now. Stocks are now complete. You'll have your implements when you need them. And, by having good, up-to-date implements, you'll produce a bigger crop and make more money. Besides, now you get the Rogers Silverware—a gift your whole family will enjoy. By all means arrange to be here.

WHITE CHURCH

I realize more and more from my own experience what a task it must be to find enough news in a week to make up a single issue of a newspaper of any size. I do not mean that I am an editor of any periodical, but since I have been trying from time to time during the last two years to send in a brief budget from this community I find that it is surely no small work to find news sufficient for from 4 to 8 pages.

For several days we have been having some ideal weather, but a sudden change took place about five o'clock Monday morning which caused the consumption of more wood and coal. Why would not this kind of weather be a good time to clean out our fence rows and expose these insects' egg deposits to the weather? We might save a lot of time and expense fighting those pesky

hoppers in the spring by breaking up their hatcheries now.

John Reynolds filled his regular appointment at the church Sunday at eleven and again at three o'clock. He left immediately after services for Moro, where he is teaching this year.

Lois McIvers, our teacher at Weaver Springs school spent last week-end with home folks near Colorado City.

Messrs. Ray and Howard Brown and families accompanied by their mother, Mrs. Amanda Brown, visited Willard Brown near Sweetwater one day last week.

Miss Mary Agnes Dryden, our assistant teacher in the White Church school, spent last week-end with her parents at Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson were over from Bitter Creek on Sunday, visiting Mr. Wilson's mother who has been sick for several days. We are glad to report at this writing we hear Mrs.

Wilson is able to be up and about again.

Uncle Bill Brown also has been quite ill for several days, but is better at present.

The news reached us too late for last week's write-up regarding the death of Mr. J.W. Wright which occurred January 17th, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fannie Nun, who lives north of Sweetwater in Fisher county. Funeral services were held at Sweetwater Sunday afternoon at two o'clock after which his remains were shipped to Grapevine for interment. Had he lived until June, Mr. Wright would have been ninety-five years old. He was an uncle of Mrs. Paul Demere and will be pleasantly remembered by the old settlers as at one time a resident of our community.

W. R. Childs and family from Village Springs, Alabama, have been visiting Mrs. Child's sister Mrs. Byrd Hughes. Mr. Childs

is the depot agent at Village Springs, a position he has held for the past twenty years, and although he was favorably impressed with his first trip to West Texas, he returned to Alabama to resume the work that he is experienced in doing, while here, he said that if he were to decide to quit his present work to take up farming he would make West Texas his choice of location.

We are thankful to Mrs. J. S. Blair for the renewal of her subscription to the Mail for another year. Mrs. Blair also placed an advertisement in the Mail concerning the opening again of her splendid hotel. Her many friends will be glad to learn that she has about recovered from her prolonged illness of some weeks.

Peace Maker Flour, Del Monte can goods, All Gold Coffee, all best brands at G.M. Sharp. 232E

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 6:30 p.m. W.M.S. meets each Tuesday afternoon. Prayermeeting each Wednesday evening at 7:30. Sunbeams meet each Friday afternoon at 4:15.

Next Sunday afternoon, in keeping with out plans for an A-1 school, we will take the census of the town. The plans are that we will meet at the church at two o'clock, get our assignments and then return to the church when we have finished. It will take about forty-five to do this work properly. This will be under the direction of Miss Valerie Dye, and she insists that we do not plan anything between two and four-thirty but to see that we do our best in the taking of the census.

Sunday morning the pastor will preach on the 6th Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill". The sermon will be in keeping with the present day conditions and of interest to all. Miss Lola Dennis will read. If you miss this service you will be the loser.

The house was crowded last Sunday. We have a seating committee whose duty it is to provide some more seating. We will soon take care of the crowded condition.

Last Sunday morning the church voted unanimously to begin a meeting the first Sunday in March, which is the first day of March. Our appeal is to the entire membership, that we get together in this campaign and work for the glory of God and the coming of His kingdom. Armies do not win altogether by their size but by their cooperation and man-to-man council, confidence, and enthusiasms.

The Sunbeams were organized last Sunday afternoon under the direction of Mrs. Albertson. There were about fifty present. They will have their first regular meeting at 4:15 p.m. Friday of this week.

The prayermeeting services are growing in interest. Our lesson next week will be the last half of the book of Amos. We are studying the Minor Prophets.

Quite a number of our people are sick. Let us pray that the Lord shall soon restore them to their wanted health.

W. H. Albertson.

METHODIST CHURCH

The attendance last Sunday was exceptionally good and the message delivered by our Lay Leader, Bro. Walker, was fine and appreciated by all who heard it. Next Sunday at the morning hour, the Dean of McMurry college, Bro. B. M. McKeown, will speak to us on the subject of Stewardship.

He has a fine message I am sure, and I hope that we will have a good large crowd to hear him on this occasion.

At the evening service the pastor will give another of the series on personal problems, the subject Sunday night will be "The Problem of Self". This is a great theme and I trust that our study together will bring us to a closer walk with God.

Be sure to read every line of the spicy "Methodist Quarterly" gotten out this quarter. T. J. Rea, pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Last Wednesday night we had a splendid church night program and those who came had a delightful time. We were disappointed that sickness in the community prevented many from attending.

Next Sunday, February 1, we will hope to see all of our regular attendants at all our services. Bring some one with you. Sunday school will be more interesting if you are a regular attendant, and keep up with the lesson.

The sermon subject for the morning hour will be: "Unknown Depths". Vesper services at four p.m. Last Sunday we had one of the most interesting Endeavor programs in a long time. They always have something worth while. Fred S. Rogers.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Mer-
kel, Texas as second class mail.

This paper hastens to com-
mend the splendid work that is
being done under the direction
of City Marshal W. N. Hall, in
the way of cleaning up the
streets and alleys of the town.
Especially is this good work
noticeable in the business section.
Infact one could not imagine the
filthy condition of some locali-
ties until the clean-up campaign
had been started, and many
wagon loads of such had been
hauled away. This work will soon
be finished in the business sec-
tion, and the appearance of same
is not only going to be healthier
but it will look many times bet-
ter and more welcome. Let's all
help make Merkel the cleanest
town in the country.

THE TRUTH OF IT

Merkel has always been re-
cognized as one of the best towns
of its size in all the west. It has
always been one of the best cot-
ton towns along the T. & P. rail-
way, for several years receiving
more cotton each year than any
other town along the T. & P.
from Fort Worth to El Paso.
This year there has been weigh-
ed in the local cotton yard more
than 13,000 bales of cotton. It
has the same large trade terri-
tory it has had for many years.
There are just as good business
men here as are to be found any-
where, and they can hold this
trade for this city, but the ques-
tion is—will they do it? It's up
to you, Mr. Business man.—The
Merkel Mail.

If the editors didn't call the
attention of the business men of
a town to matters like the above

then perhaps they would be for-
gotten, both the editors and the
matters. The editors don't want
to be forgotten nor do they wish
that matters like the above be
forgotten. Therefore, the issue
resolves itself down to somebody
saying something about the mat-
ter. The Mail editor has hit the
nail on the head, no doubt about
it.—ABILENE REPORTER.

**RADIO IN THE TOWN
AND ON THE FARM**

Texas possesses some of the
best radio broadcasting stations
in the United States and stands
third among States in number
of radios. There are about 100,-
000 radio sets in Texas and it is
estimated that 20,000 of the
100,000 sets are on farms.

S. M. Morris, a farmer who
lives near Weir, Williamson
county, Texas, owns a super-cir-
cuit three-tube set and can listen
in from all the larger radio sta-
tions in the United States. His
son, David J. Morris, who builds
radio sets for farmer folks and
town folks of Williamson county,
has written a very interesting
story entitled, "Radio in the
Town and on the farm," which
will be published in the Maga-
zine Section of the Merkel Mail,
February 13th.

Be up-to-date by always read-
ing the Mail. If you are behind
with your subscription, Renew
NOW and don't miss a single
issue. The Mail will have more
good stories like this one, during
1925, and also all the live local
county news that's fit to print.

Mr. Urban Childress has just
been placed in a good position
with the Wooten Grocery Com-
pany of Abilene, through Draugh-
on's Business College where
he has just finished a course.

Mr. W. J. Sheppard of Brown-
field, Texas is here for a few
days visit with his family.

"Begorra, yous was tried by
proxy, but you'll not go to jail
by proxy." Policeman McNutt in
"Safety First", Trent, Feb. 6. 11

OUT WEST
By Ruba Patton, age 14
of Salt Branch School

Out where the girls go with
their arms and back bare,
Out where the troubles of life
are easy to share,
Out where the little boys
never pout,
Out where the big boys wear
their shirt tails out,
Out where the snow falls fast
and thick,
Out where there is so much
cotton to pick,
Out where the people all live
true,
Out where the skies are al-
ways blue,
Out where the wind blows a
little stronger,
Out where it rains a little bit
longer,
Out where there is so much
to do,
Out where the land agents all
sell, too,
Out where people all enjoy life
Out where you can love your
wife,
Out where there is so much
land buying,
Out where there are less tears
and dying,
Out where every body can live
free,
Out where the song birds
chirp and flee,
Out where the quails are al-
ways flying,
Out where no one ever thinks
of sighing,
Out where the school children
all do right,
Out where there is plenty of
sun light,
Out West where there is so
much reaping and sowing,
Out West is where I am bound
to be going.

Mr. J. S. Thomas, valuable
salesman at the Barrow Furni-
ture Company, is back at his
post of duty after being absent
on account of a badly mashed
foot which he suffered when a
heavy box of glass fell on him.

**GOVERNOR MIRIAM FERGUSON
PLEADS FOR CO-OPERATION
IN HER INAUGURAL ADDRESS**

Austin.—The following is the in-
augural address of Governor Miriam
A. Ferguson, delivered following her
being sworn into office January 23.
Your Honors of the Supreme Court,
Gentlemen of the Thirty-Ninth Leg-
islature, Ladies and Gentlemen:

In assuming the duties of the gov-
ernorship to which I have been called
by the people of Texas, I find my-
self overwhelmed with the feeling
of gratitude and responsibility.
Deeply grateful for the honor be-
stowed and conscious of the solemn
path taken, it now becomes my
duty to enter into the active ser-
vice of the people.

I shall not at this time attempt
a detail of plans and policies. But
on the morrow I will in a more de-
finite way send to the honorable
Thirty-Ninth legislature specific
suggestions and recommendations
setting forth the hopes and purposes
of this administration.

While our government is divided
into three distinct parts—the judicial,
the legislative, the executive—yet I
hope and pray that there is to be
that friendly co-operation on the
part of each that will inspire the
confidence of the people in the ad-
ministration of their business af-
fairs. One good way to establish
this relation is for each department
to recognize and respect the rights
and powers of the other.

I extend to the judges of the courts
the heads of the departments and
especially the members of the legis-
lature, a cordial and earnest in-
vitation to visit the executive offices
for conference on matters personal and
official. We are all humble servants
of a great people, and we must do
our best for the common good.

The people have spoken. Their
verdict is that this must be a gov-
ernment of law founded on the
sacred constitution handed down to
us by the fathers and mothers of
the pioneer days. To this end let
us reconsecrate our lives and all
that we possess.

Recognizing and freely admitting
my inexperience in governmental af-
fairs, I must ask the advice and coun-
sel of others.

Perhaps this would not be a bad
idea for others to adopt, even though
their training and learning may be
more than mine. I shall endeavor
to make this administration a success
by team work. There is so much to
do that no one mind can bring re-
lief to the people. What Texas needs
more than anything else at this time
is a strong pull, a steady pull and a
pull altogether. In this way we may
climb the hill of difficulties that
confronts us.

With this great need pressing us,
perhaps it would not be enough to
depend upon logic and science and
statesmanship to realize our hopes
and ambitions. In the turmoil and
strife and passions of the hour too
often do we find ourselves controlled
by jealousies and envies that keep us
from joining our fellowman in some
great movement for the cause of hu-
manity and the good of civilization.

It is then, my people, that we must
turn to God, who can remove all
envy and hate from every heart
and unite us in love and forgiveness
for all.

I am praying for this administra-
tion to be one of progress in mat-
ters spiritual as well as material.
If the example can be set for a high-
er standard of morals and purity of
life and conduct in public servants
of the people I shall feel that my
administration has not been in vain.
Let us not forget that it is more
glorious to lay up treasures in
heaven than upon earth.

As the first woman governor of
our beloved state, I ask for the good
will and the prayers of the women
of Texas. I want to be worthy of
the trust and confidence which they
have reposed in me.

By the decree of our Supreme
court we women have been recog-
nized and admitted into all the
rights and privileges of citizenship.
Many women will be invited to an
active part in this administration.
Let us render full service, not so
much because we are women, but
because we are citizens who are now
to stand side by side with men upon
the foundation of equal rights and
equal justice.

With love for all, with malice to-
ward none, trusting in God, I con-
secrate my life to my state.

To Teach Constitution in Texas.
Austin.—Representative Raymer of
Travis county has introduced a bill
in the house to require teaching
and study of the Constitution of the
United States and of Texas in the
public schools of this state. The bill
was referred to house committee on
education. Such a bill was introduced
in the last legislature by Represent-
ative Carpenter of Dallas. It is not
expected there will be serious oppo-
sition to the Raymer bill.

Governor Extends Parole.
Austin.—An act of mercy was the
first announcement made Wednes-
day by Governor Miriam A. Fergu-
son, when she extended for sixty
days the parole of Sylvester Montel-
bano, who would have had to return
to prison immediately but for her
action. Montelbano killed his brother-
in-law after becoming enraged at
the way his sister was being treat-
ed by her now dead husband. He
was convicted and sentenced to
fifteen years in the penitentiary—
leaving a wife and small child—

**MT. PLEASANT MAN DIES
FROM PNEUMONIA**

Carl V. Jaynes was born July
16, 1899 in Comanche county,
died January 26, 1925, at 12
o'clock p.m., after a few days
illness at his home in Mt. Pleas-
ant community.

He was married to Miss Viola
Bonine May 13, 1917, who sur-
vives him with four children, 2
boys and 2 girls, one boy, E. C.,
their oldest who has gone on be-
fore.

He was converted at the age
of eleven at Harmony in Coman-
che county, and joined the Meth-
odist church, of which he was
still a member.

The funeral services were held
at the home of his parents Mr.
and Mrs. J. A. Jaynes of the
Salt Branch community. The ser-
vices were conducted by Bro. Rea
and Bro. Albertson of Merkel.
Burial followed immediately in
Rose Hill Cemetery.

Deceased was an excellent,
honest, hardworking young man,
and by his honesty and kindness
had won many close friends, with
whom we join in extending sym-
pathy to the bereaved.

Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: "The Friend Who
Gave."
Reading: "The Hindered Christ"
by Gladys Deutschman.
Roll Call. Bible quiz.
Scripture reading: Mat. 26:6-13,
Fannie Belle Boaz.
1. Mary's Choice, Joe Ben Ashby.
2. Mary's Faith, Ora Hughes.
3. Mary's Gift, Roy Giles.
4. Mary's Love, Lillian Hughes.
5. What a difference there is be-
tween Mary and Judas, Mary
Ellen Ashby.
6. Judas, Durwood Owens.
Quartet. Sword Drill.
Leader ten minutes.
"Every one bring your bible,
and read your daily bible read-
ings."

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No confident is C. LEAVENGOOD, DRUG-
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A VIGOROUS BODY
A sovereign remedy for sick headache,
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**Stop Night Coughing
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People who have persistent, annoy-
ing coughing spells at night, and
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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 re-
markable 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 be-
fore swallowing it, without follow-
ing with water. The prescription
has a double action. It not only
soothes and heals soreness and irri-
tation, 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 recom-
mended 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



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W. S. J. Brown at Brown Dry
Goods Company. It

All Gold Coffee at G. M.
Sharp's. 23t2

**The
BULL'S EYE**

Editor and General Manager
WILL ROGERS



If you want
the real truth about why I
signed up to write a lot of
pieces for these people, it's
because I love animals.
Have you ever studied that
picture of the 'Bull' care-
fully? . . . have you ever
seen such a kind-looking
animal? I thought this:—
certainly no one who cares
as much about dumb crea-
tures as they do would put
out anything but the best
smoking tobacco possible—
so I said all right, I'll write
your stuff. Honestly, the
money part of it didn't have
much to do with it. That
is, not very much.

Seriously, though, out
where I come from, unless
a male member of the
population has got that
'Bull' Durham tag hanging
from the shirt pocket, he's
liable to be arrested for in-
decent exposure. And, you
believe me, you can't sell
those western hard-boiled
eggs much and keep on sell-
ing them unless it's got class.

Will Rogers
P. S. I'm going to write some more pieces
that will appear in this paper. Keep look-
ing for them.

MORE OF EVERYTHING
for a lot less money.
That's the net of this
'Bull' Durham propo-
sition. 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**



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DURHAM**
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The American Tobacco Co.
INCORPORATED

**Big Shipment of Shoes
For Spring Wear**

We have just received one of the largest
and most complete stock of the very
latest in SPRING SHOES FOR
**Men, Women and
Children**

These shoes are not only of the latest and
most up to date designs, but they are durable
and priced in keeping with the present
day times.

Before you buy we invite you to call
and look them over?

We are also beginning to receive some
shipments of Spring Dry Goods.
Come in and see them.

Max Mellinger

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—2 cultivators, sulkey plow, and walking breaking plow. See S. F. Haynes. 1tp

FOR SALE—Cheapest place in Merkel, cash or credit. Would accept rental property in Abilene. Also 320 acres well improved land near Trent. Terms to suit. See owner H. D. Simpson. 29t4p

FOR SALE—Some Bargains in 30x3 1/2 used tires. Call at the OASIS Filling Station. 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—A few tons of good well matured Maize. See Bill Haynes at OASIS Filling Station. 1t

BERMUDA Onions and Cabbage plants. Best early varieties. 400, 1.00; 1000, \$2; 5000, \$8, postpaid. Prompt shipment and satisfaction guaranteed. TEXAS PLANT FARM, Mart, Tex. 1618

Half and half Cotton Seed. Pure, first year seed from originator in Georgia. Write for circular and price list. I guarantee 1,100 pounds seed cotton to make 500 pound bale. Address ED TAYLOR, Queen City, Texas. 1Apr

"I read about a man onct who was murdered wid a knife stickin' in him right under the garden gate." Mary Ann in Safety First Trent, February 6. 1t

I want a good, reliable man to go into business for himself in S. Taylor county selling Rawleigh's Good Health Products to farmers. A permanent, profitable and pleasant business all your own. Very little capital required. See me quick. E.B. Barnes. 30t2

Mr. J. R. Lamar reports that he recently sold the land in New Mexico which he purchased last year, and will not move with his family to that country.

Corn and maize for sale. See Sam Swann. tf

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 * Where you will feel at home
 * If only to spend the day in
 * Dallas, make our large lobby
 * and our spacious parlors
 * your resting place.
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 * In the center of the business
 * district.
 * CHAS. HODGES,
 * Proprietor.

FOR SALE—1 team of young mules, well matched and well broke or will trade for 1924 model Ford. See Bill Haynes at OASIS Filling Station. 1t

WANTED

WANTED—Some hands to do some grubbing. See Sam Butman for particulars. tf

WANTED—To trade 160 acres land near Brownfield, Texas, for something in or near Merkel. See me or phone 84. L. B. Scott at Merkel Motor Co. 1t

LOST

LOST—Pretty little pup, half collie and half Airdale. Supposed to have strayed from home. Would appreciate return of same or would like to know of his whereabouts. Call at the Merkel Mail Office. tf

LOST—A log chain about 25 feet long, put together with a patent lap link in the center. Lost between my home and Stith Finner notify E. L. Berry, route four. 29t2p

STRAYED OF STOLEN—Black and white holstein milk cow, dehorned, branded O on hip. Notify Mrs. L. P. Ligon, phone 218. 1t

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—50 acres of land within one mile of Merkel. See W. S. J. Brown at Brown Dry Goods Company. 1t

FOR RENT—Good five-room house in south part of town. See Boman at the Corner Garage 1tp

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. Ligon. tf

Mr. J. E. Richardson left first of the week for Oklahoma, where he went to attend a meeting of all managers for the Wm. P. Carey Lumber Company in Texas and Oklahoma. The Merkel Lumber Company of this city, of which Mr. Richardson is the manager, is one of the Carey Company's yards.

MEMBER
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LIBERTY

From the Baltimore Sun:
 There are many millions of people with many millions of ideas, wise and foolish; but a final analysis reveals only two schools of thought. One is rooted in the doctrine that favored mortals possess the right to say to other mortals "Thou shalt" and "Thou shalt not"; the other holds that all persons who assume the right thus to curb and drive their fellows should be hanged to the nearest telephone pole.

There is no such thing as partial liberty. A woman is virtuous or she is not; a man is honest or he is not; an egg is good or it is not. In these matters there are no degrees of excellence.

A people may impose restrictions upon itself without loss of liberty; but if restrictions of any nature are imposed without the consent of the people, the whole of liberty is gone.

If there is but little liberty in the world, it is because there is little actual belief in the righteousness of a state of liberty. The man who is buffeted by Fate believes in liberty because he feels the need of it; but give him political authority or the power that inheres in great wealth and nine times in ten he will develop a Caesar complex and predict the complete damnation of those who question his right to crack the whip.

The cry for liberty never is an honest cry. From the beginning of history men have struggled for liberty, and having achieved it have at once set about the business of enslaving other men. Let a slave be made free and his first desire is for a man Friday to polish his boots.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

It having pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to take from our midst our Brother J. S. Burns, of Merkel Lodge No. 355 I. O. O. F.

Be it resolved, by the officers and members of this lodge that in the death of Brother Burns, we have lost a dearly beloved friend, who in his life exemplified to the fullest extent the great principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.

To know him was a privilege, and those who were closely connected with him respect his memory. He was one in whom all the noblest qualities of manhood were combined.

As a father and husband few were his equal, and we, and the Order at large are losers by his demise, and will ever keep his memory fresh in our souls.

We tender to his sorrowing widow and family our most sincere sympathy in their great bereavement, and pray that our Heavenly Father may give them strength to bear the burden that He has seen fit to put upon them.

Be it further Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Lodge, and a copy sent to his wife, children, and the Merkel Mail. Committee:
 B. P. Middleton, G. W. Elliot, T. L. Wilson. 1t

KASCH COTTON SEED—Have some first year Kasch Cotton Seed to sell at \$1.50 per bushel. See D. D. Coats, Merkel, Route five. 1tpd

The longer you use it the better you like it. Try it. Motorgain Fordoyle lasts longer, makes motors run smoother. Get it at the OASIS Filling Station. tf

Many dollars were saved last Friday and Saturday by the people who took advantage of our "Specials." Brown Dry Goods Company. 1t

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

Corn and maize for sale. See Sam Swann. tf

SERVICE! QUALITY!

WE TAKE THIS METHOD OF CALLING YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT WE HANDLE AND KEEP IN STOCK A GOOD SUPPLY OF THAT

Good Gulf Gasoline and Supreme Auto Oils

AND OF URGING UPON YOU TO GIVE SAME A FAIR TRIAL. IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY USING THIS GAS AND OIL WE WILL SAY THAT Good Gulf Gasoline AND Supreme Auto Oil IS ABSOLUTELY BACKED UP BY OUR GUARANTEE; ALL OF WHICH MEANS THAT Good Gulf Gasoline AND Supreme Auto Oil ARE CLEAN AND POWERFUL, AND FREE FROM MIXTURE AND FOREIGN MATTER. ITS USE INSURES A SWEET RUNNING ENGINE AND MORE POWER THAN ANY OTHER PRODUCT ON THE MARKET. Supreme Auto Oil IS A SUMMER AND WINTER LUBRICANT. IT LEAVES LESS CARBON AND FLOWS FREELY AT ZERO.

THESE FEATURES HELP AVOID MANY TROUBLES.

WE ALSO HANDLE THE GOODRICH TIRES AND TUBES. AND ANTI-FREEZE FOR YOUR RADIATOR.

Woodrum Filling Station

WHERE YOU GET SERVICE WITHOUT WAITING

Card of Thanks

We take this means of expressing in a small way to our many friends and neighbors for the assistance and sympathy during the sickness, death and burial of our son, husband and father and brother, Carl V. Jaynes.

We want to especially thank Mr. Ford Smith and Mr. Alexander of Mt. Pleasant who were so faithful to us in the last hours of his life. Also Mr. Percy Jones of Merkel for his kindness, and Dr. Miller for his services rendered at the cemetery. 1t
 J. A. Jaynes, wife and children Mrs. Viola Jaynes and children.

LOOK FOLKS!!!

The Merkel Mattress Factory. Old mattresses made new, new mattresses made to order. We also handle second-hand furniture. If you want second-hand furniture, we have it. If you have it, we want it. We buy, trade and sell. Call and see us at old Kent street wagon yard building. Bud Mangham, proprietor. 29t2p

Len Sublett

Water well Driller, all work guaranteed first-class.

Merkel, Texas

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.

Let Me Do Your Quilting

I will do your quilting at \$1.00 per quilt. See Mrs. J. L. Tucker, Merkel. 1tpd

Card of Thanks

We take this method of extending our most sincere thanks and appreciation to the many neighbors and friends who during the prolonged illness and death of our beloved husband and father, Mr. J. W. Tally, rendered us aid and extended comforting words.

We appreciate every kindness and token of friendship of each and every one, and sincerely trust that the richest of blessings may be extended each one of you, is the prayer of Mrs. J. Wiley Tally and children. 1tp

When your windmill or pump is out of fix and needs repairing figure with me. Mack Cox. 23t3p

Blair Hotel Open Again

I am glad to announce to my friends and former patrons that I have again opened my hotel and dining room, and will appreciate your patronage in this line. Mrs. J. S. Blair, next door north of the Tabernacle. 1tp

Mr. W. U. Beene who first of the year moved to this city from the farm near Noodle, where he had resided for some years, has purchased the farm of Mr. McElroy in the Salt Branch community, and will soon move to same. We are glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Beene nearer our city, but trust that Mr. and Mrs. McElroy will continue to remain among us, for they, too, are mighty fine folks.

Attorney B. A. Garrett of Waco spent last week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS FIRE INSURANCE

ITS YOUR BUSINESS

You alone know how much of hard work, of sacrifice and of enthusiasm have gone into making it what it is today. You alone have the real vision of its future success.

Your alone can realize what it would mean to have to start all over again. Fire, accident, the force of nature, can wipe out in a few minutes the work of years. Insurance is your one unfailing protection. Have you enough insurance? Have you the right kind.

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 MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.

Chills, & Stomach Trouble

MR. N. A. SMITH, of Shaw, Miss., says he can't remember being without Thedford's Black-Draught liver medicine since he and Mrs. Smith began keeping house, many years ago. "When we have chills," says Mr. Smith, "Black-Draught is what we use and we find it just splendid. I had a bad case of stomach trouble. I couldn't eat enough and was very weak. Everything I ate hurt me, formed gas and I spit up my food. I would feel stupid or staggy. I didn't feel like doing any work. I knew what Black-Draught had done in colds and I began taking small

doses. I certainly got relief. It did me lots of good. "When I go to town, I look first to see how near out of Black-Draught we are, and then get more. We are a good way from the doctor and keep our home remedies and the main one is Black-Draught." In hundreds of thousands of homes, housekeepers keep Black-Draught on the shelf, handy for use when needed, as a household remedy to relieve constipation, biliousness, indigestion, and many other simple ailments. "A dose in time saves nine." A dose of Black-Draught costs only one cent. It may save you a big bill for medicine later on. Keep it on your shelf. Buy it at your store. Get a package today.

BLACK-DRAUGHT

A Purely Vegetable Liver Medicine

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Saturday February 7th
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The Greatest Minstrel show on the Road.

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PRESENTING
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Acknowledged by Press and Public to be The Greatest Novelty Musical Act on the Stage to-day

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THE GREATEST BOY ARTIST IN AMERICA

"HONEY BOY" GEORGE

A SINGER AND DANCER THAT HAS NO EQUAL. HE HOLDS HIS AUDIENCE SPELLBOUND WITH AMAZEMENT. ALL THE VERY LATEST NOVELTIES, ECCENTRICITIES, CLEVER COMEDY AND NEW SONGS COMBINED IN THIS BIG SHOW.

PLANTATION DELINEATIONS
 SOUTHERN NEGRO MELODIES
 OLD TIME HARMONIES

Read what the Newspapers in other Cities have to say about this Great Show. The Fort Worth Press says: Better than Al. G. Fields THE GREATEST FUN SHOW OF THE YEAR

Show Begins Promptly at 1 p. m.

ADMISSION

MATINEE— Children 15c Adults 50c
 NIGHT— Children 25c Adults 75c

BAPTIST WOMEN TO HAVE CONFERENCE AT TRENT

The Baptist W. M. W. Workers' quarterly conference will be held with the Trent Baptist Church Friday, February the 6th. The meeting will be called to order at 9:30 p.m. by the president, Mrs. J. P. Stinson. After a devotional and some special music by the Trent ladies the following program will be taken up: Roll call of societies, Business session of Executive Board, reading of minutes, report of officers, departments, leaders and standing committees viz: Mission, Education, Mission Study, Benevolent and Aid, White Cross Publicity and Personal Service; Discussion of reports; reports from county Workers' presidents, Mrs. J. E. Burman for Taylor county and Mrs. Will Mullins for Nolan county.

Noon recess, 12 to 1:30 o'clock. 1:30, song and prayer. Discussion of all apportionments for quarter. Items of interest from State W.M.W. Items of interest from district headquarters. Discussion of 1925 Baptist program by Mrs. Jeff Davis. Discussion of district work by Mrs. M. J. Booth.

It is earnestly requested that every member who can do so, attend this meeting. Especially important is it that every officer and committee chairman be present. Each lady is requested to bring her lunch.

Baptist Sunday School Notes

The Sunday School is the friend of the childhood; the inspiration of youth; the strength of middle life and the comfort of declining years.

The Sunday has God's day for its time, God's house for its place, God's book for its text and God's glory for its aim.

We had a good attendance last Sunday, the business mens class is meeting at the church and had a nice large class last Sunday, the old mens Bible class reached a high mark, in fact the entire Sunday School seemed pepped up and eager to get on the job for the Lord in the Sunday school work. Next Sunday morning the intermediate department will have charge of the opening service. If you are late you will miss something worth your while.

We had planned to take a Religious Census last Sunday, but were unable to do so. It is our aim to take it next Sunday, we need this census to properly carry on our Sunday school and must have it in order to have a standard school.

Bill Haynes, Supt.

In this paper will be found the advertisement of Mr. Bud Mangham, announcing the opening of a mattress factory and second hand furniture business. Mr. Mangham formerly lived in Merkel and many of the old time citizens are well acquainted with him, and we join them in welcoming him back to our city. Read his advertisement.

F E E D

A car of good heavy plains maize to arrive this week.

Figure your needs and save money by loading from the car.

Have got a few bushels of good heavy ear corn on hand also.

Good heavy red oats sacked.

SAM SWANN

IF IT'S AKIN TO AUTOMOBILE IT'S RELATED TO US.

You will find this store a sure and satisfactory source of supply for everything automobile. A complete line of all auto accessories and replacement parts for every make of automobile—and our prices will mean a big saving to you.

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ALL-STAR MINSTRELS TO APPEAR AT COZY FEB. 7

The Chesterfield all-star white Minstrels, America's real progressive minstrel favorites, will appear matinee and night, February 7th, at the Cozy Theatre.

They are acknowledged by press and public to be the best minstrel show on the road today. A blazing sunburst of mirth, melody and exclusive innovations. Read what the newspapers in other cities have to say about this show. Jack Gordon in the Fort Worth press says: "Honestly folks, I snickered more at those new Chesterfield Minstrels up at the Rialto than I did at the much touted Al. G. Fields show which played the auditorium a few weeks ago. . . . In Jim Swor the Chesterfield troupers have a cork comedian superior to any the Field show can boast of, and there is oodles of other talent besides."

Amy Boyd in the Fort Worth Record says: "The Chesterfield Minstrels company is a well balanced and entertaining group of black-face comedians and judging from the unanimous approval of the audience yesterday, few will want to miss this show."

This Minstrel affords to the people of Merkel and community one of the show treats of the season. You are invited to attend this great performance and enjoy yourself.

"Dis man, he verra, verra brave, he kicka de policeman in de entry." Zulieka in "Safety First", Trent, February 6. 1t

Messrs. N. A. Dowell Arch Rose, Ross Ferrier and Bill Moore left this week for a hunting trip in the Midland country.

Miss Lena Bond of Abilene is a guest of Miss Minnie Maude Lamar this week.

W. O. Boney, one of our splendid Real Estate and Insurance men made a business trip to Anson first of the week.

Seven O'clock Dinner

Mr. James Swann entertained a few friends at his home in the north part of Merkel last Friday with a seven o'clock dinner. A very appetizing chicken dinner was served, with covers laid for eight.

After enjoying the good dinner, pleasant hours were spent, with a contest and various games furnishing the main diversions of the evening. Misses Mamie Ellis and Willie Swann assisted the host in entertaining during the evening.

Misses Melba West, Ona Fae Rose, Mildred Matthews, Gladys Mayfield, and Messrs. Ray Garrett, Clyde Matthews, W. L. Harkrider, and the host were those enjoying this evening together.

Only two more days in which to pay your street tax at the \$3.00 rate. To pay now you save \$2.00. W. N. Hall, City Marshal.

Senior C. E. Program

Subject: S. C. As an Expression of Friendliness. (Phil 2:1-11) Leader, Brannic Bailey. Hymn, Prayer, Hymn. Leader's talk.

A Friendly Atmosphere, Venice Bell. C. E. as a Test of Friends, Mildred Smith, C. E. Deepening Friendship, Flora Frances Anderson. C. E. Friends around the world, Coma Patterson. C. E. Missionary Zeal, Bonnie Wayne Sanders. Socials and Friendship, Ninabelle Russell. The Friendly Lookout Committee, Roy Elliot. Our Friendly Unions, Audre Witcher. Friendly Prayermeetings, Mrs. Rogers. Old Friends in C. E., Melba West. Mizpah.

The longer you use it the better you like it. Try it. Motorgain Fordole lasts longer, makes motors run smoother. Get it at the OASIS Filling Station. 1t

Corn and maize for sale. See Sam Swann. 1t

"SPECIALS" Friday and Sat. Only

Blue Work Shirt

We are offering you this week an exceptionally good value in a full cut well made chambray work shirt. We will not sell over (2) two shirts to a customer. Friday and Saturday only.

59c

Ladies Silk Hose

Girls! now is the time to stock up on silk hosiery. Just look what we are giving you this week. Hose that will really give you service. We have them in the following colors; Gun Metal, Brown, Russian tan and Black.

Friday and Saturday Only **98c** pair

SCHOOL CHILDREN! Watch this Space Next Week.

Brown Dry Goods Company

WE SELL FOR LESS—BECAUSE WE SELL FOR CASH

MR. SIE HAMM AND MISS BLANCHE DURHAM MARRY

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Durham announce the marriage of their daughter, Blanche, to Mr. Sie Hamm, on Tuesday evening, January 27th, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, seven o'clock.

At the First Methodist church on last Tuesday evening at seven o'clock the Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the Methodist church, performed the ring ceremony that bound in wedlock Mr. Sie Hamm and Miss Blanche Durham, both of Merkel.

The bride and groom departed immediately after the ceremony for Abilene, where they remained until the next day.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hamm of this city, is an energetic young business man, and is trustworthy and of sterling character.

Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm will be at home to friends at the Lytton Howard place on Oak street, after February the first.

Just received car Peace Maker Flour. Try a sack. G. M. Sharp. 23t2

"A man who has to explain to his wife hasn't her well trained", Jerry Arnold in "Safety First", Trent, February 6. 1t

Mr. R. E. Williams of Marshal Missouri, was here last week for a visit with his sister-in-law, Mrs. H. C. Williams, and they left first of this week for a visit with other relatives in Fort Worth.

Miss Ruth Wells is now working with the Fulwiler Motor Company at Abilene, as a result of her business course at Draughon's College there.