

THE BIG W. T. C. OF C. MEET MAY 4-6TH

The seventh Annual Meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will convene in Mineral Wells on May 4, 5 and 6. The program is now said to be complete and all plans for holding this, perhaps the greatest convention of its kind ever held in the whole United States, are now about perfected.

It is expected that the attendance may reach the 30,000 or even 40,000 mark, and the city of Mineral Wells and the officials of the West Texas organization are leaving nothing undone that will in any way help to make the same a success. So, if you are going to attend this great meeting you had better make your arrangements NOW.

Of course the meeting is free and open to everybody who desires to attend, but in order to provide that high class entertainment wanted by the fine citizenship of West Texas, the management has agreed to make a registration fee of \$2.50 per person, which will entitle those registering to all the fine attractions and entertainment, including the final big banquet, pageant, balls, etc. which when attended will prove to be worth many times their cost. So if you are going it will pay you to send in your reservations. Don't wait until you get there, for if you do you will likely be too late for these accommodations.

More than 40 towns have already selected their matrons and maids of honor to be known as Madam and Miss Merkel, according to the town represented, who will take part in the great pageant of "Historical Progress" as will be given the honorees. The names and a photograph of these ladies are asked to be sent in at once.

Thirty-five bands have already entered the band contest, which insures fine music and much friendly rivalry among the towns so represented.

MRS. SARAH DEUTSCHMAN PASSES TO HER REWARD

After an illness lasting for more than a month, the death angel entered the home of F. Deutschman, in the Noodle community, and took from that home the soul of the aged and beloved mother and wife, Mrs. Sarah E. Deutschman. It was at exactly four p.m. when the life of this good woman was ended so far as this world is concerned and her soul took its place in that home not made with hands and where sorrow and pain is unknown.

Deceased was born in Lavaca county on September 24, 1858, being at the time of her death 66 years old. She was married to F. Deutschman December 27, 1878, and to this union five children were born, three of whom survive with the aged husband to mourn her departure. The children surviving, all of whom were present, are C. L. Deutschman, Mrs. O. R. Bird and B. F. Deutschman, all citizens of Merkel.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. R. H. Williams, of Abilene, a Baptist minister, of which church deceased had been a faithful member for more than 35 years, on Sunday afternoon at the family residence, with burial following in the Shiloh cemetery.

Mrs. Deutschman, with her husband, had been citizens of this community for more than twenty years, and was held in high esteem by all with whom she was acquainted, and in her departure the community suffers a great loss, and her family

MERKELITES WEARING SEERSUCKES CLOTHES ENCOUNTER NORTHER

Messrs. J. C. Mason and Lee Harrell left this city last Monday when the thermometer was around the one hundred mark, for a trip to the Panhandle Plains, and naturally they were clothed in light wearing apparel, such as seersuckers, when they left for the great plains country, where they went to look at some of the fine lands in that section. However, a telegram to the Mail from them on Thursday morning states that they are in the town of Channing, four hundred miles from home, clad in seersuckers, with the thermometer standing at 35 degrees.

While this paper sympathizes with the gentlemen, we do so hesitatingly, for the reason that they are both Texas reared and should have remembered that time old adage that "when making a trip in the great Lone Star State, be sure to always take with you a fan, an umbrella, and both summer and winter wearing apparel."

TO COMPERE ON NEXT TRADE TRIP

The trade trip last Friday night to Cross Roads was well attended by both the people of that thriving community as well as the business and professional interests of Merkel, and was pronounced by every one attending as a success in every way.

The next trade trip will be to Compere on Friday night, May 1, and it is hoped that every one who can from this city will take advantage of the opportunity to go. The people of the Compere community assure us a great crowd from that community will be present. The meeting will be at the New Compere Presbyterian church, a short distance east of the store.

I. O. O. F. CELEBRATION

The I. O. O. F. and Rebekah Lodges of Merkel will celebrate the anniversary of the orders by rendering a good program Sunday afternoon, April 26, at 3:00 o'clock at the First Methodist Church.

The program will be as follows: Reading, Miss Sallie Mary Campbell.

Piano selection, Miss Rennis Burns.

Anniversary Address, Hon. Jas. P. Stinson of Abilene.

Closing song, Blessed be the Tie that Binds.

Visitors are welcome. Come.

Mrs. Thos. Durham of Merkel and Mrs. McRee, of Trent, returned Wednesday night from Memphis, Texas, where they had been as delegates from their respective local Woman's Missionary Societies to the Annual Conference of the Northwest Texas Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. They report a most pleasant trip, a very fine meeting with possibly the largest attendance ever before recorded at a similar meeting.

We appreciated a call one day this week from Mr. W. C. Perry, one of the pioneer and excellent citizens who resides on Elm, some fifteen miles south of here. Mr. Perry has our thanks for the renewal of his subscription to the Mail for another year.

a loving mother and faithful companion.

This paper joins the entire community in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved loved ones and friends.

NEW MINISTER IN CHARGE WORK HERE

We are very much pleased to announce the arrival and to welcome to our city Rev. Chas. H. Little, who comes to us from Houston, Texas, to take up his labors as pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Little comes to us highly recommended by the citizens of Houston as being an able minister and a man whose citizenship is to be desired by any city. We are indeed glad to welcome this good man with the full assurance that his pleasing personality and genial smile together with the spirit in which he comes to us, is sure to win for him the favor and appreciation that he deserves from our people. The Presbyterians are to be congratulated on being able to secure such a man as their leader and are sure that they will enter into a new era of progress and growth under his leadership.

Besides his labors as a minister, Rev. Little does not lose sight of the moral and civic interests of the community in which he lives, and is always ready and willing to lend a helping hand for any cause that may be for the improvement or betterment of the community.

Mrs. Little and daughter have not arrived yet, but we learn that they are soon to join their husband and father. We wish for this good family a pleasant and profitable life in our midst and hope that they shall be numbered with us for many happy years.

LATHAM BUYS THE CITY CAFE

We are informed that a deal was consummated Thursday of this week whereby Mr. Fred Latham purchased from Messrs. Thompson and Newberry the City Cafe, located in the Gaither building on Main street.

Mr. Latham is an experienced and capable cafe man, having been engaged in the business in this city at different times in the past, and his former friends and patrons, as well as those of the former proprietors may well expect first class service under his management in the future. Read his announcement in this paper.

MRS. B. F. POLLY SUCCUMBS AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Virginia Greathouse Polly, wife of B. F. Polly, of this city, after a lingering illness quietly passed to her reward at the family residence on last Saturday, April 18.

Deceased was born February 21st, 1877, was converted and joined the Baptist church at the age of 12 years, and later in 1900 became a member of the Christian church, in which she remained a true and faithful member until the time of her death.

She was married to B. F. Polly in 1898 at Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Polly had lived in Merkel since last August and during that time had made many close friends, with whom this paper joins in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved.

Funeral services were held at the family residence Sunday afternoon, conducted by Elder O. J. Adecock, assisted by Rev. W. H. Albertson, with burial immediately thereafter in Rose Hill cemetery.

The Merkel Mail is \$2.00 per year outside of Merkel Territory.

CHURCH WOMEN IN PROTEST PARDONING

At their fifteenth Annual session of the Woman's Missionary Society, Northwest Texas Conference of the Methodist Church South, which closed at Memphis, Texas, last Tuesday, the following resolution was unanimously passed at the close of the meeting, in which those in attendance voiced their protest at the pardoning record of Texas' first woman governor:

"Whereas, our Governor is pardoning the criminals of the State at the rate of four a day, and, whereas, we women of the social service committee feel that these law-breakers constitute a menace to our citizenship, thereby making the effects of our laws null and void, we, the women of Northwestern Texas Conference, protest against this abuse of the pardoning power, and as law-abiding citizens request that guilty persons suffer the penalty meted out to them by a judge and jury."

MR. ANDERSON IS NEXT TOASTMASTER

On next Tuesday evening at seven-thirty, at Ed's Cafe, the Merkel Luncheon Club will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting, and at which time Mr. R. O. Anderson will be the Toastmaster of the evening. He was to have been the Toastmaster at the meeting two weeks ago, but was called out of town. Mr. Anderson is highly capable of bringing forth a very interesting program, one that will have for its purpose the betterment and upbuilding of the entire city and while there has already been some fifty tickets sold to the next meeting there should be twice that number.

If you, Mr. Business of Professional man, or citizen of Merkel, have not as yet made reservations, do it now, today, and get in the band wagon to help make this the best little town in all West Texas. It can be done if only the citizenship will pull together, and do it through a commercial organization.

MR. W. G. PERRY DIES WITH HEART FAILURE

On Monday morning, April 20, the friends and relatives of Mr. W. G. Perry were shocked to learn of his sudden death from heart failure. He, with his son, Mr. M. E. Perry, and two neighbors, were returning home from a neighbor's house in their car when death struck him. Every thing was done for him but in vain.

Mr. William Green Perry was born in Forsyth county, Georgia, on the 28th of October, 1851. On the 22nd of December, 1872, he was married to Miss Nancy M. McAfee. To this union were born five children as follows: Mr. M. E. Perry, Mrs. John Cozart, Mrs. Roland Toombs, Mr. Jim Perry and Mrs. Hurley Toombs, all of whom are living except Mrs. Hurley Toombs.

In 1878 Mr. Perry with his family moved to Arkansas and came to Texas in 1897. He was converted in 1922 and in the summer of 1924 he was united to the Methodist church. He was at the time of his death 73 years and 5 months and 23 days old.

For his bereaved children and grandchildren and for his dear wife who has been his faithful companion for 51 years, we extend a heartfelt sympathy. Mr. Perry was a man that was loved and respected by all who knew

HIGH WINDS LEVEL OLD BRICK WALL

During the high winds which swept this country all day Wednesday, racing at times at a velocity of 40 miles an hour, the brick wall standing on the west side of the business block that was destroyed by fire some time ago was blown down. Brick were blown clear across the street, and during the morning several people had passed along the street, but fortunately at the time the wall went down no one happened to be in its path.

MELLINGER TO OPEN A NEW STOCK GOODS

Max Mellinger returned Wednesday night from the Eastern Markets where he had been to purchase a large and complete stock of dry goods, which he expects to open about the first of May in the building just this week vacated by A. C. Rose.

Mr. Rose, after conducting one of the most successful "quitting business sales" for ten days, moved the remainder of his stock to Abilene, where he will consolidate it with the stock he recently purchased from T. C. Campbell, which he will for the present conduct in the building formerly occupied by the Over Hardware on Pine street, until he gets possession of the building now occupied by the Woolworth Company, where he expects to be permanently located in the dry goods business.

Mr. Mellinger states that he has purchased a very large and complete stock of everything to be found in a first class dry goods store, and hopes to be open for business about the first of May, announcement of which will appear in this paper next week.

ABILENE DIST. EPWORTH LEAGUE MEET AT ANSON

The Abilene District Epworth League will meet in a Bible Rally at Anson Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week, where a very interesting and instructive program is planned to be carried out.

Many prominent and able speakers from over the district are to appear on the program, some of whom will be from Merkel. There will also be some special music by a quartet from the First Methodist church in this city. We are also informed that the Merkel Junior Epworth League will render a splendid program at the meeting. The Juniors in the local church are under the instruction of Mrs. T. J. Rea, and are doing fine work.

Superintendent R. A. Burgess attended the School Conference held in Abilene Wednesday and Thursday by the State Department of Education, which was also attended by State School Superintendent S. M. N. Marrs.

Mr. Homer Rainbolt and wife of Amarillo, Texas, were here a short time last week. They were enroute to Marlin, Texas. They were accompanied by Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

A loving husband and father and will be greatly missed by all his neighbors and friends.

By A Friend.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist church conducted by the pastor, Rev. T. J. Rea, with burial immediately following at Rose Hill cemetery, which was in the hands of members of the local Odd Fellow Lodge, of which organization he has been a member in good standing for many years.

BIG GENERAL RAIN FALLS OVER STATE

Beginning at about 3:30 Thursday morning and continuing until about six o'clock, a fine rain estimated in and about Merkel at from one inch to two inches in some localities, covered the entire Merkel trade territory, breaking the most severe and prolonged drouth this country had experienced since the memorable days of 1917-18. The down pour followed one of the most severe sand storms through out the entire day Wednesday when a 40 mile gale blew all day from the south.

In Merkel the rain fall is estimated at a little better than one inch, and will be of great benefit to farmers in aiding them to start their crops.

One and Half Inches at Stith

In the Stith community, Mr. Bradley, merchant, and others in the city this morning from that community, reported at least an inch and a half there, which will enable the farmers to begin planting.

Heavier in Noodle Country

In the Noodle country, Mr. Lee Williams reports, the fall was much heavier all over that section, possibly two inches or more falling. From Mr. J. E. Boaz, who owns a fine ranch along the Clear Fork, we learn that the fall in that section was also much heavier. In fact in that part of the country and the Noodle country two good rains had fallen previously to this, and many farmers had already started their planting, and with this still heavier precipitation that community will begin to make progress toward a fine crop such as they usually raise.

Reports also came from the Canyon community to the effect that the rain there amounted to around an inch and a half, showing that the greater part if not all the Merkel territory has been blessed with a good season, and with the coming soon of more rain there is every reason to believe that this section will stand a fine opportunity of raising a bumper crop.

Good Rain at Nubia

According to Lloyd Pribble, who resides fourteen miles south of Merkel and who was in the city Thursday morning, a fine rain fell in his community early that morning. He states that more than an inch fell there. He also stated that the precipitation was heavy all the way to Merkel.

Fish Fry Last Friday

A very merry crowd of young people enjoyed a fish fry and picnic supper at a pretty place near Mulberry school house last Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox were the chaperones. During the day Mr. Cox, Loring Hamblet and Carlton Dennis went to the river and caught about twenty-five pounds of fish. Besides the abundance of fish, there were sandwiches, deviled eggs, pickles, bread, potato chips, olives, soda pop and cakes.

Those going on this outing were: Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm, Mrs. R. A. Burgess, Misses Marie Williamson, Madge Pierce, Julia Martin, Martha Bird, Lennis Thompson, Willie Toombs, Rosa Laney, Opal Bradley, and Messrs. Carlton Dennis, Castle Ellis, Wrenn Durham, Kenneth pee, Tom Allday, Edward McCrary, Cyrus Pee, Kenneth Watkins, Marvin Mayfield and Loring Hamblet.

Mrs. L. A. Arrington and baby are in Midland this week visiting Mrs. Arrington's parents.

Condensed Statement FARMERS STATE BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business
April 6th, 1925

RESOURCES	
Loans & Discounts.....	\$289,004.50
Banking House.....	12,500.00
Furniture & Fixtures.....	5,430.00
Stocks and Bonds.....	1,590.00
Liberty Bonds Held in Trust.....	8,850.00
Overdrafts.....	484.31
Other Resources.....	14,530.66
Other Real Estate.....	13,287.50
Due from State Cty. Fund.....	34,075.98
Cash & Exchange.....	205,805.15
Total.....	\$685,558.10

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	20,423.84
Borrowed Money.....	NONE
Deposits.....	515,135.06
Total.....	\$685,558.10

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Just Man to Man

By ARTHUR B. HERBERT

MANY a time had they walked these familiar blocks together, taking the short cut home through the silent factory district, but this would probably be the last. True, a wedding need not end their friendship, need not break up the old companionship, but Big Tim Fallon somehow felt that this would be the last time for him and Joe Carroll; tomorrow Joe was to marry Kitty Donlon.

Suddenly from a darkened lumberyard gateway a revolver muzzle confronted them, behind it a masked face. Before Tom had time to comply with the demand, Joe's fist shot out and knocked the gun from the fellow's hand. Instantaneously a huge fist whipped up and Joe fell to the pavement. With a leap Tom was upon the fellow, crowding him against the brick wall.

When Tom Fallon opened his eyes it was to find himself in a drug store, his injuries being dressed by an ambulance surgeon. It was to learn that Joe Carroll was past medical help, his life crushed out by the great paws that had closed about his throat.

Bitterly Fallon reproached himself for that fatal weakening, condemned himself for the months of physical neglect that had softened him and caused him to fall his friend at the critical moment. Bitterly he accused himself of being responsible for Joe's death; and in the simple-minded loyalty that was an inherent part of him took it upon himself as a duty to see that his pal was avenged.

As a first step he must condition himself, must train so that he would never again find himself helpless before the strength and skill of another. That is how Tim O'Connell, trainer and fight manager, discovered the best welterweight he had ever managed.

And, being Irish, O'Connell wagged his head over the quiet little miss who sat near Fallon's corner at each of his fights. But even wise old Tim O'Connell did not know how Fallon's loyal determination to avenge his friend, how their mutual love for the smiling Joe had turned the deep affection Kitty had always felt for Tom Fallon into a love deeper even than that she had held for his successful rival.

Tim O'Connell pondered some of these things as he led his man down the crowded aisle to the ring where he was to meet "One-Two" Romano in the semi-final of a feature bill. The toughest they had tackled so far was Romano, a powerful rushing bull.

As Tom Fallon's eyes sought and found the little figure near the ring-side, a happy smile momentarily lighted his eyes. Then once more he was the emotionless fighting machine, bent only on the business of the evening—winning his fight and improving himself by the winning.

Emotionless he remained through the introductions, the referee's instructions, and as the bell sounded to open the first round. Cool and prepared he met the bull rush, guarding, feinting, guarding, and giving away before his opponent's great strength. Through the first round and the second Fallon played for time.

With the third and fourth Fallon changed tactics and let the onrushing shaggy head have all he could put behind his punches. But Romano only shook his huge head, glared and bored in afresh. As the fifth opened Fallon knew that he was weakening; for the first time in his fighting career he felt the chill of impending defeat—the chill of helplessness that had swept over him that night now more than a year ago.

With a rush Romano was upon him, his right fist lifting Fallon from his feet, against the ropes and then to the canvas.

"One—two—three—four—five—six—seven—eight," counted the referee. With nine Fallon pulled himself up, to clinch and then back out of the way. Again the great black bull rushed.

"S-s-s-o." It was almost a hiss, and his right fist crashed through the guard and landed on Fallon's jaw.

"And s-s-s-o." The black eyes were alight with triumph, but those terrifying syllables shot with rejuvenating force into Fallon's dazed brain. Instinctively he threw himself backward, landing in the ropes.

In that second recognition leaped into his eye; in Romano he saw the masked killer. And in the same second a sixth sense warned Romano and completed the recognition. His dark eyes narrowed, the eyes of a killer now as he charged in furiously to deliver a blow, fair or foul, that would not only beat down but that would kill.

Swinging back on the ropes, he bounded into the ring, meeting rush with rush and blow with blow. While the fans howled and cheered, they stood face to face, hammering away, all science forgotten, self-preservation uppermost, just man to man with man's first weapons. The light in the narrowed eyes of the killer flickered, turned from hate to fear.

Viciously he swung low for the foul blow that would paralyze and probably kill—but at the same time his guard lowered. Crack! and Crack! again; Fallon hit through the opening. Before the fans could howl their disapproval or the referee interfere One-Two Romano fell to the canvas.

Stepping to the ropes, Fallon made himself heard above the pandemonium, and what he said brought the police to the ring in a rush. Then he smiled toward a seat near the ring-side—and Kitty Donlon smiled back happily, for in that smile she read that Tom Fallon could now speak.

COMPERE ITEMS

By Miss Alma Stout

The health of the community is very good at this writing. The school is progressing very nicely. The teachers and pupils are getting up a program for the last of school. The school will be out the 22nd of May.

There was quite a crowd at Zion Chappel Sunday morning at Sunday School. Also a large crowd at the Baptist Church Sunday evening, Bro. Albertson of Merkel being at the Baptist church in the evening.

A bunch of the Compere people went to Stith Saturday night to see the play.

There was Christian Endeavor at Zion Chappel Sunday night and B. Y. P. U. at the Baptist church.

Mrs. Esther Bland and family from Merkel were visiting Mrs. C. C. Rister Sunday.

Mr. Matt Randolph spent Saturday night with Mr. Raymond Stout.

Mrs. Willie Mae Foster was very sick the first of the week but is better at the present.

Mr. Willie Childress has rented the store at Compere and is running it at present.

Mr. Raymond Stout spent Sunday night with Mr. Matt Randolph.

The Presbyterians will dedicate the new church either the third or fourth Sunday of next month. It will be an all day affair with dinner on the ground. The date will be announced later.

Bro. Albertson will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church next Sunday. Every one come and hear his sermon. Miss Bernice Hanson spent Tuesday night with Misses Alma and Lorene Stout.

There will be a play put on at the Compere tabernacle Friday night by the Stith school. An admission fee of 15 and 25 cents will be charged.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Will Childress to our community.

Do not wait until it is too late to get in on our "Specials." Remember Friday and Saturday only. Brown Dry Goods Co. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Winter and two little sons are here this week from O'Donnell for a visit among friends and relatives.

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Cafe Announcement

TO MY FRIENDS, FORMER PATRONS AND THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL, I TAKE PLEASURE IN ANNOUNCING THAT I HAVE THIS WEEK PURCHASED FROM MESSRS THOMPSON & NEWBERRY THE CITY CAFE, LOCATED IN THE GAITHER BUILDING, AND HAVE THE ACTIVE MANAGEMENT OF SAME.

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RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand.....	\$317,768.16
Loans, Cotton.....	2,482.50
Overdrafts.....	887.27
Other Bonds and Warrants.....	17,074.94
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank.....	1,960.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.....	360.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	7,500.00
Five per cent Red. Fund.....	312.50
Cash, Sight Exchange and U. S. Bonds.....	310,662.79
Total.....	\$658,948.16

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	16,000.00
Undivided Profits.....	5,563.94
Circulation Acct.....	5,860.00
BORROWED MONEY.....	NONE
Deposits.....	582,534.22
Total.....	\$658,948.16

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SHILOH HAPPENINGS

By Mrs. C. W. Seago

Lots of the farmers are busy fishing as they have no farm work to do until it rains.

Had a large attendance at Sunday School and preaching Sunday morning and night.

Bro. Humphries preached his farewell sermon Sunday morning he having quit preaching on account of failing health.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Naron, Mr. N. J. Maynard visited Mrs. Maude Watson and family Sunday.

Mr. J. D. Wommack and family visited Mr. Bud Brown and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert James, ye scribe and family spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Lovel Rutledge.

Mrs. B. L. James and children and Mrs. Alice Lewis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill James.

Mr. Tom Winter and family visited Gordon Howell and family Sunday.

Miss Bessie James is visiting her sister, Mrs. Alice Beal, in East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Winter took dinner with Mr and Mrs. Watts Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill James.

Mrs. Phoebe Greene is visiting her son at Lamesa, Mr. Joe Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter visited Miss Maude Greene Sunday.

Bro. Humphries spent Saturday night with E. H. Grayson and family.

Mrs. Alice Lewis leaves Wednesday night for her home near Brownwood.

We are informed that Mr. Riley Walling, who has been in the Alexander Sanitarium for some time, is not doing so well. Hope he will soon be able to be at home.

Bro. Sullivan will preach at Shiloh next Sunday morning and night. On the first Sunday in May, Bro. Fitzgerald of Abilene will be here. Bro. Grover Tiner will preach on Mother's day. Everybody come and hear him for he always brings a good message.

Bro. Poke the county missionary will preach on the third Sunday. Don't forget Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10:30. Mr. and Mrs. Mansion James spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cox of the Golan community.

Some few from here attended the party at Robert Dunn's Saturday night. All reported a nice time.

SALT BRANCH NEWS

By Lois Jaynes

The farmers are still at work and hoping for more rain.

The Salt Branch school is progressing nicely this month.

We are very glad to know that Mrs. Dickerson is improving at present.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Foster and family, Mr. J. A. Jaynes and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Higgins and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jaynes enjoyed a nice fishing trip to the Clear Fork Friday evening and spent the night and caught one 12-pounder (?).

Trades day at Merkel Saturday was well represented from this community.

Mr. G. M. Janes is spending this week with his daughter, Mrs. West, of Cross Roads.

Mrs. Ida Higgins and children are visiting her parents at Sweetwater this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Hicks of Sweetwater visited her parents here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Matten Ely visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hester Sunday afternoon.

Lois and Eugene Janes visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Higgins Tuesday night.

The ladies have prayermeeting at the church every Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

There will be only two more weeks of school but several have already quit on account of an epidemic of whooping cough and mumps in the community.

Sunday School was pretty good with an attendance of about 70 Sunday. Quite a few went to Abilene to the Taylor County Musical League Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hayes visited Mrs. Hayes' sister at Abilene Sunday afternoon.

I will be away for a few days and there will not be vegetables at my home on Monday, the 27th of April. S. K. Eckerd. 1t

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MULBERRY NOTES

By Miss Hazel Thomas

The farmers are anxious for the good rain which we need so much, although some few are planting.

Sunday School was well attended Sunday. We are glad of so many visitors and new members. We are proud of our superintendent, Mr. Sam Redding. He is always present and puts lots of interest in anything he undertakes.

Rev. Pope delivered an interesting sermon to a large audience Sunday afternoon.

We cordially invite the surrounding communities to the all-day singing at Mulberry school house Sunday, April the 26th. The ladies are asked to bring well filled baskets. We expect a large crowd and some good singing at this time.

No news of interest from our community this week, as the writer, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh also Mrs. C. E. Thomas visited the plains country last week. We visited with several old residents from Jones and Taylor counties, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Billingsley, who moved from Taylor County some four years ago.

Mr. J. L. McLean of the Canyon community was a pleasant visitor at the Merkel Mail office one day this week.

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WHITE CHURCH NEWS
By Mrs. Dillard R. Snow

Following one of the worst sand storms this section has ever known we were tremendously blessed with one of the best rains on Thursday night. If the weather fairs enough by Monday there will be hundreds of acres of feed and cotton planted here next week, as practically every one was waiting on moisture to begin their planting.

Sunday Walter Vernon O'Kelly of McMurray College conducted the services at our church Bro. Stutts being unable to preach for some time on account of ill health.

At an early hour Sunday morning fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the entire barn, feed, harness, etc., at the home of Mr. Frazier Demere. The loss is estimated at several hundred dollars besides the extra work and cost of replacing same.

There is some whooping cough in our community at present.

W. R. Burrus and wife of Cuthbert were at Merkel Tuesday to attend the funeral of Uncle Bill Perry. Messrs. Burrus and Perry were reared in the same locality and came to Texas from Arkansas together nearly thirty years ago.

Mrs. Hellums from Comanche has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coomer spent Saturday at Abilene visiting Mr. Arthur Sears who has been suffering from erysipelas.

Miss Viola Snow is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. H. H. Spears, near Truby on the Hawley route.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Demere spent Sunday, also Wednesday, in Abilene.

Mrs. Suggart of Leuders, formerly Miss Ada Berry of White Church, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Berry.

Nathan Riggins spent Saturday night in Sweetwater.

Fred Brown spent last week visiting his mother, Mrs. Amanda Brown. He with his family will leave in a few days to make their home in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell Farmer are over from Sweetwater visiting relatives.

Mr. Mose Brown and wife were here from Abilene Sunday visiting.

Mrs. Hartman's daughter from Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with her.

Messrs. Mm. and Willard Snow with their families, also Mrs. Riggins, spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lydia Payne at Trent.

Mrs. Sam Phillips and family of Tolan spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown.

Austin Bird and family of Big Spring are visiting Fred Bird and family before going on to Wichita Falls to visit other relatives.

In a baseball game here last Friday afternoon White Church was defeated by I.X.L.

Our school is going strong under the supervision of Misses Rister and Dryden, and there is quite a discussion of making every effort to secure their services again next year. We have two more weeks after this until the close of school. Quite a bit of practice is going to make the play worth coming to see, and we hope to have a synopsis of same in next week's issue of the Merkel Mail.

Dillard Snow, one of the trustees of our school attended the educational conference at Abilene Wednesday. He was accompanied by his father, Mm. Snow.

NOODLE NEWS
By Special Correspondent

Noodle would like to be counted among the progressive communities, so beg space in your paper to report happenings.

Some of our farmers have feed growing. Some cotton has been planted. All land is in excellent condition and we patiently await the rain that will surely come.

Services were held at the Baptist and Christian churches Sunday morning and evening. Nice audiences being in attendance. Rev. Campbell, pastor of the Baptist church here, delivered quite an interesting and instructive address Sunday evening.

Prof. and Mrs. Deavers and baby were in Merkel Saturday.

Friday afternoon of last week Miss Linnie Harrison happened to the misfortune of sticking a needle in her hand. She was hurried to a doctor for medical aid, and at last reports was doing fine.

The singing school conducted by Mr. Smith of Abilene is doing nicely. Much interest is being shown. School is being held in the Christian Church.

Mrs. C. B. Compton, wife of our junior blacksmith, came home the last of the week after quite a stay in Abilene.

W. B. Howard and little boys were in Merkel a short time Saturday afternoon.

Miss Mary Kate Campbell, one of our teachers, spent last week end with home folks in Merkel.

Quite a number of our people attended the funeral of Mrs. Deutschman, who passed away at the family home near here Saturday afternoon, burial being at Shiloh cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. E. G. Oliver has returned from a visit to relatives near Sweetwater.

Tom Jenkins and C. T. Derrick have returned from a short stay in O'Donnel.

W. B. Howard, W. B. Jr. and Weldon, attended the Sunday School convention held in Buffalo Gap Sunday.

Mrs. W. J. Bicknell was in Noodle Monday afternoon.

Professor and Mrs. Deavers and baby were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roundtree.

Misses Dula Harrison and Jennie Harris of Horn called on Mrs. Goode Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving visited near Merkel Sunday.

G. C. Cunningham and family have been sick several days. Mr. Cunningham was able to drive to Noodle Tuesday. We know of no other illness in our community.

B. N. Wheeler was in Noodle Tuesday.

Huey Vick and Dell Eoff came over to Noodle to play ball Tuesday afternoon, but no one came to play them.

C. R. L. Click was in Noodle Tuesday.

Perhaps we shall have more news next week. "Bobs."

NUBIA NOTES
By Lloyd Pribble

The people of this community heartily enjoyed the inch rain which fell here early Thursday morning. Nubia is beginning to look like God's country again.

Mrs. V. L. Swift left Sunday for Hawley, where she will visit relatives.

A great improvement is taking place in the telephone system of this community, as the workmen are progressing rapidly on the new line from town to the Sante Fe railroad. We expect and hope this to help our telephone service immensely.

We, the people of the Nubia community, and friends of the deceased W. G. Perry, greatly regret to hear of his sudden death Monday morning, and we give our sympathy to his relatives. Mr. Perry has been a resident of Mulberry Canyon for the past twenty-seven years, and was loved by all who knew him.

"GOLAN ECHOES"
By Johnnie Hill

Golan is still on the map and going 100 per cent strong. It has been some time since you have heard from us so we are glad to get back in the game.

Health in this section of the country is splendid. At present prospects look good for another crop year and the "Goose hangs high," Golan being one of the few surrounding communities that was visited by a good rain.

Rev Tom White, pastor of the Baptist church, was here Sunday to fill his regular appointment and was attended by a good congregation.

The Golan school won quite a bit of distinction at the Jones County Interscholastic Meet at Anson. Miss Mary Lue Brown captured first place in Senior Declamation and Miss Elsie Hill second place in Junior Declamation. Ye correspondent won first place in Senior Essay writing and Miss Eldora Hill first place in Sub-Junior Spelling. Miss Brown will compete for higher honors at the District Meet in Abilene, April 27.

Mrs. D. A. Hill of Childress is visiting relatives in this community.

Misses Vera Lawlis and Betty Byrom were home for the weekend from McMurry College.

The singing at Mr. Jim Cox's was well attended Sunday night. All had a good time.

In the recent trustee election H. Thompson were elected to hold here, Mr. J. Kemp and Mr. take the places of Mr. A. S. Lawlis and Mr. R. Thompson. A trustee has a great deal of responsibility and I am sure Messrs Kemp and Thompson will assume this responsibility with the best intentions for the upbuilding of the Golan School.

"HEBRON GOSSIP"
By Mayflower

Well, we are still looking for rain and it looks like our wishes might come true as there are some large looking clouds around and the weather seems favorable for rain.

This community was well represented at the big Trades Day in Merkel Saturday. All seemed to have a good time and some were fortunate enough to get some of the prizes which were given away.

Mr. William Pannell and Mr. Odes Horton went to Stanton Saturday and returned Sunday afternoon. They reported that they enjoyed their trip fine and that Stanton is as much in need of rain as is Merkel. They visited with friends while there.

The Union Ridge Baseball boys went to Blair Friday with the intention of playing ball, but were disappointed as the Blair boys had gone to White Church to play and the Union Ridge boys returned to the school house where they played an interesting game with the outsiders, the outsiders winning the game.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Carey are the proud parents of a fine boy, born on April 13th.

Mrs. Clyde Shouse and Mrs. Bayless visited Mrs. A. J. Pannell Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. William Pannell spent Friday night with Mr. Odes Horton of Noodle.

Miss Blanche Carey of Union Ridge spent the night with Miss Winnie Bayless Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Davis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunn of Union Ridge gave the young people a party Saturday night which was very much enjoyed.

There was a singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barnett Sunday night which was given to the young people by their daughter, Miss Lois.

Here's hoping it will rain soon for as you know "april showers make May flowers" and we can not imagine May without any flowers. Mayflower.

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MULBERRY NEWS
By Miss Clara Wortham

The farmers are sure wanting a good rain bad.

Miss Ethel Lee Waldon was the guest of Miss Willie May Redding Sunday afternoon.

Misses Hazel Carter, Mary Estol and Clara Wortham were the guests of Miss Sallie Childress Sunday afternoon.

Miss Nettie Redding was the guest of Miss Ethel Bird Tuesday night.

The singing Wednesday night was fine. Had a good crowd, but would like everybody to come and take part every Wednesday night.

Sunday School is improving. Bro. Pope preaches every third Sunday.

Mr. Frank Terry and family of Comper visited Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wortham Sunday.

Mr. Aaron Horton and family motored to Abilene Sunday.

Mr. Fred Horton and Earl Wortham went to preaching at Stith Sunday night.

Mr. Taylor Davis and wife had quite a lot of company Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Clent Allen and son motored over to Mulberry for preaching Sunday evening.

The timber on the creek is sure green but grass is not putting out very much.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wortham and daughters visited Mrs. Emily Mattingly and children at Noodle last week. Also both families visited Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hodges of Hebron to inspect their new house they have just lately finished.

The new graded work down on the creek road is finished which the people are awfully glad to have and thank the grader and commissioner for their work.

WILSONVILLE NEWS
By Price & Edward Patton

The farmers of this community are very busy putting up their land after the nice little rains.

Mr. J. W. Patton and family were visiting R. L. Tarpley and family in Warren community last Sunday.

Messrs. Pirl and Edward Patton were visiting Pirl's brother L. C. Patton, in Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wells are the proud parents of a new girl at their home.

Mrs. Rinehart visited her son in Noodle this week.

Mrs. Thelma Nelson visited Miss Gracie Wells Tuesday.

There is a bunch from this community got a big fishing trip planned for Saturday and Saturday night on the river. We wish them good luck.

Mrs. J. M. Varner of Stith was visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Wells, Sunday.

Our school at Wilsonville will be out in three more weeks. We are happy that we soon get our Sunday School reorganized again at Wilsonville.

UNION RIDGE ITEMS

Health of this community is very good at present with the exception of Mrs. L. C. Dubree, who is sick at present.

The farmers are still waiting for a rain which is hoped will come soon.

Bro. Ledger, our pastor, will fill the pulpit at Union Ridge Sunday and Sunday night. Every one come and bring some one with you. Come for Sunday School also at 10:00 o'clock.

A number of young people enjoyed a party at Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunn's Saturday night, and singing Sunday night at the home of H. C. Barnett.

The Sunday School is getting up a play which they plan to give in the near future.

Mr. Walter Dubree visited at Stanton Saturday and Sunday.

On Thursday evening of last week a chowder was given at the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark for Mrs. N. W. Blackwell, whose home burned some time ago.

Mr. Largent is having a four room bungalow built on the place where Mr. Blackwell lived.

Misses Mary Davis and Eva Horton spent Saturday night with Miss Pearl Skidmore.

Mr. Charlie West and wife, Mr. Coats and wife, Miss Hazel Leslie of Merkel and Mr. Oscar McMurry and family visited Mr. J. H. Clark and family Sunday.

Mr. Bernard Clark has been absent from school for some time on account of risings on his neck.

Mr. T. F. Compton and family of Merkel visited in the home of Selma Russell Sunday.

Mr. Ben Dauglas spent Saturday night in Abilene.

Mr. O. R. Carey and wife are the proud parents of a ten pound boy.

SALT BRANCH ITEMS
By Miss Wynona Patton

The farmers of this community are still hoping for rain.

Mrs. W. E. Petty called at the home of Mrs. S. O. Patton Friday afternoon.

Miss Wynona Patton was the guest of Misses Ruth, Pauline and Marie Pinckley.

Mr. W. A. Baker while here visiting his father and mother purchased a home in Merkel. Mr. Barker will return to Memphis, Tennessee to make arrangements to move to his home in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Hicks have been visiting their parents of this community and city.

Mr. S. O. Patton and family were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barker and E. H. Thompson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Mason Barker has been suffering from an abscessed tooth the last week.

Miss Wynona Patton was a visitor of Merkel High School last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jaynes Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Will Hopson

were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Beene Sunday.

The Salt Branch Baptist Sunday School is progressing nicely, and also the B. Y. P. U.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hester were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Pinckley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays and Mr. Stone and wife were visitors at Abilene Sunday.

Miss Marjorie Glasco was the guest of Miss Wynona Patton Tuesday.

WARREN NOTES
By Rosa Ellington & Vera Jones

The weather is still dry and the farmers are most of them getting a rest.

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Hawkins report the birth of a twelve pound baby girl on the 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hobbs and family were the guests of Grandma and Ella Hobbs Sunday.

Miss Azline Sumpter was the guest of Cordie Ellington Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Kelso and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick Sunday afternoon.

Miss Rose Ellington was the guest of Miss Ollie Hobbs last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson are visiting his mother, Mrs. Patterson of Merkel.

Misses Helen McCormick, Vera Jones were the guests of Miss Willie Newman Saturday night.

Miss Ollie Hobbs was the guest of Misses Rose and Willie Ellington Sunday.

Mrs. Stella Dobbs and Misses Aline and Nora Thompson were the guests of Mrs. Garner of Kale Sunday.

Mr. Joe Higgins was plowing Monday and couldn't attend school.

Miss Flossie Copeland visited Miss Willie Newman Sunday.

Mr. Elmer Criswell and Misses Aline and Nora Thompson attended church at Stith Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Jones are visitors in the home of their son, Mr. Noel Jones, of Anson, Monday.

Misses Iddie and Sillie Jones, Cordie Ellington, Azilee Sumpter, Lottie Gressett were the visitors of Miss Ruth Chancey Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. Robert Sumpter, R. V. Jones, T. B. Hobbs, Claude Ellington were visitors of Mr. Therman and Buster McCoy Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gressett Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Criswell were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gressett Sunday afternoon.

Little Miss Lila Lee Baker spent Saturday and Saturday night with Mrs. C. T. McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Jones spent Sunday evening with Mr. Jones' brother, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones.

Mrs. A. F. Criswell spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Arthur McCoy.

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Rain, Rain, thanks for the
bountiful and glorious rain of
Thursday morning, and may it
continue at intervals as needed.

It was an awful day experienc-
ed by the citizenship of West
Texas Wednesday of this week,
when the entire country was
swept by a terrific sand storm.
But a grand and glorious rain
followed the next morning, and
Thursday there was one beauti-
ful and lovely day, all of which
causes the West Texan to forget
such days as was experienced
Wednesday.

We regret to learn that Mr.
L. L. Murray, manager for the
South Side Gin, has been quite
sick this week, and that his con-
dition on Thursday morning was
still unchanged.

Birthday Supper

Friday evening Mrs. Thos.
Durham entertained for her
daughter, Miss Dorris, in honor
of her seventeenth birthday,
with a supper. At six-thirty a
plate supper consisting of sand-
wiches, salad, potato chips,
olives, pickles, deviled eggs, iced
tea, and ice cream and cakes
was served to Misses Melba
West, Ona Fae Rose, Sallie
Brown, Mildred Matthe w.s,
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ing to come and help us, and en-
joy these good things with us.
Forget that you have a Sunday
headache next Sunday and come
and be one of us at the eleven
o'clock hour.

We will have with us as a
special feature, a noted soloist,
who will whistle for us the gos-
pel in song. You will miss a
treat if you fail to be on hand.

There will be no service Sun-
day night. We will go and hear
the new Presbyterian pastor.

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and all. T. J. Rea, pastor

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Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
Preaching services at 11:00
a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The pastor, Rev. Chas. H. Lit-
tle, will speak at both morning
and evening service.

Subject for morning service:
"Reflectors of God."

Subject for evening service:
"Justification by Faith."

A cordial invitation is extend-
ed to the public to worship with
us at these services.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dowell re-
turned first of the week from a
trip to Denton, where they visit-
ed their daughter, Miss Allyne
Riley, who is attending the
North Texas state Teachers Col-
lege. They report Miss Allyne
getting along nicely and making
splendid progress in her work
there.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.
All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 7 p.m.

The services Sunday morning
will be in the interest of Home
and Foreign Missions and Be-
nevolence. The pastor will preach
on "Paying our Debts." Five In-
termediate girls will sing an il-
lustrated Japanese song that will
be worth your while to hear.

The services last Sunday were
well attended let's make it even
better next Sunday.

Somebody has made the fol-
lowing remark concerning at-
tendance upon church services:
"Don't stay away from church
because of company, bring them
with you."

"Don't stay away because the
church is not perfect—how lone-
some you would feel in a per-
fect church."

"Don't stay away because the
preacher isn't attractive. He is
but a messenger boy; the mes-
sage is the main thing."

"Don't become angry and act
childish and remain away from
the house of God because you
have had your feelings hurt. Be
a real Christian, do your stunt,
and don't grunt."

The subject Sunday night will
be "The Big Hunt." If you are
interested in hunting you will
enjoy this service.

"Set your affections on things
above, not on things on the
earth." W. H. Albertson.

Senior B.Y.P.U. Program

Missionary Meeting, April 26.
Leader, Flossie Campbell.
Introduction by leader.
1st part, Floyd Dowell.
2nd part, Miss Hooper.
3rd part, Miss Harrison.
4th part, Mrs. Smith.
5th part, Carleton Dennis.
6th part, Miss Hearn.
7th part, Ray Garrett.

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Missionary Society

The Womans Missionary Soci-
ety of the Methodist Church met
Monday afternoon at the church
in a Bible Study lesson, conduct-
ed by Mrs. L. R. Thompson. Only
ten members were present as the
weather for the afternoon was
bad. Next Monday a program
from the Missionary Voice will
be given. Mesdames M. Arm-
strong and R. I. Grimes are pre-
paring the program to be given.
Also a report will be heard from
the delegate, Mrs. Thos. Dur-
ham, who attended the North
West Texas Missionary Confer-
ence at Memphis, Texas. A very
inspiring meeting is expected on
Next Monday.

Weekly Prayermeeting

Will meet with Mrs. Toby
Adams at 3:30 o'clock. Leader,
Mrs. Adams. Prayer by Mrs.
Nannie Causseaux. Song 100.
Questions asked by Mrs. Fannie
King. Song No. 75. Prayer, Mrs.
Chas. West. Business minutes,
Mrs. Mack Buzbee. Prayer, Mrs.
G. W. Elliott. Song 175. Closing
with sentence prayers.

Will Sing at Compere

Our good friend and splendid
citizen, Mr. Will Spurgin, of the
Compere community, asks the
Mail to announce that on next
Sunday evening, April 25th, Mr.
Lee Eason, popular and well
known singer of this community
will sing at the Compere Presby-
terian church. A cordial invita-
tion is extended to one and all to
come out and hear some good
singing.

BRAVERY!

If you are found singing a sum-
mer-sweet song
In the gloom of a wintry day;
If your eyes find the gold in the
cloudlands which throng
The dusk of some twilight
gray;

The pluck of your song and your
courage and cheer
Will help all the others who're
traveling near!

It's easy to laugh when there's
many a jest,
To smile when there's glad-
ness around!

It's easy to labor with energy—
zest,
Where all things successful
abound!

But when the garb's shabby, yet
regally worn,
And feet step out bravely, thru
weary and torn;

When, hoarse with heart sor-
row, he sings what he can;
We take off our hats to that
man! —Ian Drag.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stuart
and Mrs. T. H. Christopher of
Lamesa were called to Abilene
last Saturday on account of the
illness of Miss Lois Christopher
at that place. They have also
been visiting Mrs. Len Sublett
and Mrs. Earl Thornton here.

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sudden and unexpected death of
our beloved husband and father,
Mr. W. G. Perry. May the bless-
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SENIOR NOTES

Commencement must be near; some of the students have commenced to study.

Birds of a feather flunk together.

Visitor: "What courses are you finishing in?"

Clesby: "In a course of time I suppose."

Hiawatha

By the shores of Cuticura, By the shining Pluto Water, Lived the Cro-phy-lactic chiclet, Danderine, fair Buick's daughter She was loved by Instant Postum Son of Sunkist and Victrola, Heir apparent of the Mazda Of the tribe of Coco Cola.

Dora thinks a corkscrew is a key to a revolving door.

First student: "I wonder how old Miss Bird is."

Second student: "Quite old, I imagine. They say she used to teach Shakespeare."

No, Andrew, a satire is not a precious stone.

Famous Sayings

Nero: "Keep the home fires burning."

Columbus: "I don't know where I'm going but I'm on my way."

Methuselah: "The first five hundred years are the hardest."

Noah: "It Floats."

Solomon: "Ignorance is bliss."

Use the following words in sentences (English 10): pencil, Sonata, viaduct, inventor, nonsense.

1. If I won't wear suspenders my pencil (pents'll) come off.

2. Your sonata be a senior in college by this time.

3. He threw a rock at me, that's viaduct.

4. The mother dived into the water and inventor six kids after her."

5. I ain't seen her nonsense she got married.

We would Like to Know

If the man Melba saw is still "fuller" brush?

If Ona Fae found out what the cow was chewing.

Why Gladys Mayfield thought a Moose was a young dear?

School teachers think that S.O.S. means Same Old Suit.

He: "There goes a whole train load of tobacco."

She: "Oh, that's one of those chew, chew trains."

Policeman: "Hey, you! What's the matter?"

Miss Pierce in traffic jam: "Well, you see I've just had my car washed, and I can't do a thing with it."

Isobel: "There are lots of men who don't want to get married."

Clyde: "How do you know?"

Isobel: "I've asked them."

He: "Do you like candy, young lady?"

Dorris (eagerly): "Oh, yes Sir."

He: "Thanks. I am gathering statistics for Whitmans."

Ona Fae Rose (struggling with letter): "Thank you so much for the cris...—gosh, how do you spell chrysanthemum? Why can't the boobs send roses?"

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank each one who helped in the least way in the last illness and death of our loved one. May He who does all things well, spare you this cup, but should it come may we be the help and comfort to you that you have been to us. B. F. Polley, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Polley and children.

Mr. Noel Grubbs of Breckenridge, Texas, was a week-end guest of Miss Edna Watts.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NOTES

Mr. Burgess has announced to us that he is going to provide a reception committee to receive those who decide they just have to have a drink of water after the bell rings. Also those who get here before 8:30 each morning. He also suggests that the pupils stay out of the Mulberry trees when the mulberries get ripe because the janitor wants the mulberries to make pies with and the limbs of the trees are likely to be broken if too much weight is put upon them.

J. E.: "Come on out and play Fred, I've fed my goat mother's big sponge and now I'm going to give him a drink."

Lillian: "Make a sentence with mustach in it."

Ethel: "I mustach (must dash) around the corner and get a loaf of bread."

Dorothy: "Do you stir your tea with your right hand or left hand?"

Mrs. Jackson: "My right hand"

Dorothy: "That is funny, I always stir mine with a spoon."

Visitor: "Is this school room always this noisy?"

Mrs. Jackson: "No, only when the pupils are here."

Mrs Jackson (in history class) "Frances, in what battle did Sherman get killed?"

Frances: "His last I suppose."

Marza: "Oh, Doctor, my head is killing me. What would you advise me to do?"

Doctor: "Cut it off. You won't lose much."

Mrs. Jackson: "Telford, what is the presidents cabinet?"

Telford: "Where the president it keeps his food."

Mrs. Jackson: "Lela, what is the proper adjective of Greece?"

Lela: "I don't know unless it

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is greasy."

Telford: "Tracy, I know one thing they'll never put tax on."

Tracy: "What?"

Telford: "Chairs. If they do people will raise up and howl sure enough."

Mrs. Sublett (in Geography class): "Ruskin, is the world round?"

Ruskin: "No mam."

Mrs. Sublett: "Well is it flat?"

Ruskin: "No mam."

Mrs. Sublett: "Well, if it isn't round and it isn't flat, then what is it?"

Ruskin: "It seems mighty crooked to me. Joe has been owing me a nickle for 3 months."

On last Friday, April 10, Miss Blair's sixth graders, who have been working hard and making excellent grades, went for an Easter egg hunt after four o'clock. Besides the pupils and Miss Blair, there were a few visitors among whom were Miss Dota Garoutte, our excellent room mothers Mrs. Ligon, Mrs. Boney, Mrs. Derstine and Misses Eunice Bird and Viola Howard, and also Mr. Ira Howard. We decided to go to the shady pasture near Mr. Ollie Sanders' in southeast Merkel. When we arrived Mesdames Derstine, Ligon and Boney had already hid the eggs. We then hunted them. Weldon Coats won the prize by finding 28 eggs. We were then served all th eice cream we could eat. After eating ice cream a game of base ball was enjoyed by the boys. All the pupils expressed their hope of getting to go on another outing soon.

EGGS—CREAM—EGGS

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Mr. J. M. Baxter left Monday for Fort Worth on business.

LAUNDRY SERVICE

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Mr. and Mrs. Nat Anderson and baby daughter of Sweetwater are here this week visiting relatives.

Miss Gyrle Howard of Abilene was a guest of Miss Alva Wheeler last week end.

ICE NOTICE

We are now delivering ice regularly every day, and will appreciate your phoning your orders in as early in the morning as possible. Ask the driver for a window card. Phone 203. MERKEL ICE COMPANY. 17t2

Mrs. A. M. Jones left last Saturday morning for Mineral Wells to be at the bed side of her sick mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Elli Click spent Monday in Merkel. Elli is owner of one of the best farms in this county. He has about 30 acres planted in feed besides considerable acreage in cotton.

Mr. Marvin Boney returned Wednesday from Dallas, where he had been under the care of an eye specialist. We with Mr. Boney's many friends are glad to learn that he returned feeling that he has secured successful and permanent treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Coats and Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hale returned first of the week from a fishing trip to the Concho, where they had excellent luck at landing the finney tribe.

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OPTIMISM VS. PESSIMISM

We knew a chap, a few years ago, who often boasted that he had never been sick. A man who knew considerable about the ways of life and the vagaries of the human mind made a bet that he could send this man home sick by mood by simply working on his imagination. The test was carefully planned and carried out.

Everyone the "boaster" met during the morning made mention of how badly he looked. At first he simply laughed and said he never felt better in his life. But by ten o'clock he was seen gazing into a mirror to find out what was wrong. By eleven o'clock his mind had been worked upon so that he found himself admitting that he wasn't feeling very well, and when he went home to lunch he did not return—the first time he had missed being on the job for 17 years. This isn't a fairy tale. It is a fact, and it only goes to show just how susceptible we are to mind influence over the body.

Never let the "hard times" germ get under your crust. It never spells anything but trouble.

The major constellation may not shine any brighter over Taylor county than over her neighbor, but we have a lot to be thankful for just the same. What if crops are not so good this year. We are enough better off than many other districts and are due for a bumper crop next year, which should make up for several year years. Just keep plugging for Merkel.

Keep Merkel money circulating at home, promote local prosperity by patronizing home trade. Don't let offers of credit, bargain sales and other lures from the big city influence you to spend your money there. The value of Home buying should be evident to every local citizen. The keeping of Merkel money in Merkel should require no urging or argument. Just remember that a rolling dollar will never roll back your way if you start it rolling out of town.

Flattering inducements held out by other trading points is nothing but a bait to pull your dollars their way. They could have no possible interest in the advancement and civic success of Merkel. Don't let them fool you.

Wake up. Get this one resolution deeply rooted in your thought and keep it there: "I am going to spend all I can in Merkel. I am going to support every booster on this page and get the habit of doing all I can to promote home industry."

The habit of sending of spending your money in some other city is a bad habit. You are throwing obstacles in the pathway of your own and your neighbor's hope.

LET US FIGURE

With you on your next bill of Groceries. Our stock is fresh and clean, our prices are right, we believe honest goods can be handed out to honest people by honest methods. Next week we will have installed a display refrigerator counter and will keep a full line of fresh vegetables.

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Editor and General Manager WILL ROGERS



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Those Two Boys Chauncey and Will

I JUST saw a nice write up and Chauncey Dewey's picture in all the papers where he told of his first watch which was an Elgin. Said he kept it for years and somebody stole it on a New York Central train.

Now the moral of his story as I could gather it is don't have an Elgin Watch, somebody will steal it. So my story is carry 'Bull' Durham, they may borrow it, but nobody will steal it.

Now after looking at this I don't know whether it is an ad for Elgin Watches, Chauncey Dewey, The Folles or 'Bull' Durham.

Well, they are all good.

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

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Mr. Mason Pee and wife of Lawn, Texas, were here last week end visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Alma Patterson, who attends McMurry College, Abilene, spent the past week end with her parent, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson.

Mr. Jack Anderson who attends North Texas A. & M. at Arlington is here this week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

Mr. Chas. F. Thornton, of Columbus, Ohio, is here this week for a visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thornton.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Click spent Saturday evening and Sunday at Stith the guests of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelso.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS—To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, to cause to be published, once a week, for ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county, which has been continuously and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year; the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS To all persons interested in the Estate of Mrs. Mary J. Hutcheson, deceased, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that W. D. Hutcheson and John W. Campbell, have filed in the County Court of Taylor County, an application for the probate of the last Will and Testament of said Mrs. Mary J. Hutcheson, deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in June A. D. 1925, the same being the 15th day of June 1925, at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said Court on the first day thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, this the 20th day of April, 1925.

W. E. Beasley, Clerk, County Court, Taylor County, Texas. 24t2 By Bessie Briggs, Deputy.

Mrs. D. C. Groover of Kansas City, Missouri, is here for a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. P. Sandifer and also Mrs. S. W. Johnson.

DREADFUL PAINS

This Lady Suffered Severely, Took Cardui, and Got Well.

Mrs. George S. Hunter, of Columbus, Ga., writes: "I suffered with dreadful pains in my sides during . . . My side hurt so bad it nearly killed me. I had to go to bed and stay sometimes two weeks at a time. I could not work and I just dragged around the house. "I got very thin—I went from 126 pounds down to less than 100. My mother had long been a user of Cardui and she knew what a good medicine it was for this trouble, so she told me to get some and take it. I sent to the store after it and before I had taken the first bottle I began to improve. "My sides hurt less and I began to improve in health. . . The Cardui acted as a fine tonic and I do not feel like the same person. I am so much better. I am well now. "I have gained 10 pounds and am still gaining. My sides do not trouble me at all. "I wish every suffering woman knew about Cardui." At all drug stores.



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Phelan Takes a Chance

By BAYARD SHARPE

BOB PHELAN eased up on the accelerator and applied the brake—something about the license number on the rear of the car ahead of him holding his eyes. The number read: 986909.

As state motor vehicle inspector, Bob knew exactly what was wrong with the license number. So far the state had not issued number plates over seven hundred thousand. A close scrutiny showed that the number should have read; six hundred and eight thousand, nine hundred and eighty-six. The number plate was upside down.

"Must think we're all dumb'bells!" Bob grinned, pressing the throttle and bringing the radiator of his car parallel with that of the other.

"Class to that baby—believes in grabbin' good ones while he's at it! Dalpin-Six!"

He glanced casually at the driver of the Dalpin, and unconsciously his hands tightened on the steering wheel. "D—n!" Bob cursed emphatically under his breath. "Fenny Thomas—shoot his grandmother an' steal her false teeth—an' me steppin' out tonight? Fat chance of gittin' him!"

Fenny Thomas had long been suspected as the leader of an organized band of automobile thieves; so far authorities had failed to get the goods on him.

"Lordy," Bob breathed. "Send me a motor cop or something!"

The driver of the Dalpin eased up on the throttle; Bob did likewise, following and keeping his front wheels just to the rear of the Dalpin's big nickled bumper.

Bob's position as motor vehicle inspector called for the wearing of no uniform; he was an officer of the state, sworn to make arrests wherever he found infractions against the state motor vehicle laws.

As they sped along he began to wonder if the slowdown, or whatever it was was going to be, would make him miss his date with the girl—but, if he could only get the Dalpin into a traffic jam, any way to get his hands on Thomas—he'd show 'em that Steve Brodie wasn't the only bird that could take a chance.

Suddenly, the driver of the Dalpin signaled for a left turn—Bob's lips became a straight line; he gripped the steering wheel—deliberately driving his car into the Dalpin.

"Crash—Bang!"

The right front wheel of Bob's car, hooked in the bumper of the Dalpin, struck the button in the center of the street and collapsed. The tire blew out with a roar. The Dalpin came to a skidding stop, its driver snorting: "What the—"

"My fault, Old Man." Sniffling, Bob shouted to make himself heard above the noise of the traffic. "Sleep at the switch; didn't get your signal till too late—no brakes! Didn't hurt you none."

The scowl on Fenny's face, just relaxed. "Back up so's I can get on my way."

"Cramp your wheels, an' back close to the curb!" Bob shouted toward the driver of the Dalpin. Tugging at the steering wheel, Thomas dropped into reverse gear; as he did so Bob climbed on the running board. Thomas brought the gear shift into neutral.

"Sorry it happened, Old Man." Bob smiled apologetically. "Here's a ten-spot to fix your bumper!" He extended the bill.

Grinning, Thomas took the money. "Hard luck for you!"

"Yeah!" Bob sobered. "Gotta date, too—three-block walk is gonna make me late—could—I ride a couple of blocks down the street with you?"

Thomas peered into Bob's lean face. He saw nothing to excite his suspicion.

"Get in!"

Smiling, Bob opened the door and climbed into the seat beside him.

"Grr-reeck!"

The gear lever went into second and with the click, as it snapped back into high, Thomas brought his hand back to the steering wheel. Then—Thomas felt something jab him in the ribs and he heard Bob's voice rasping in his ear:

"Keep your hands on the wheel an' your eyes on the road an' drive for Central station—an' hit the bumps easy if you don't want this gat to do some evacuatin'!"

Cursing and trembling, Thomas obeyed, not even trusting a glance at the something, covered by Bob's coat tail, that dug into his ribs; in fact he did not even remonstrate when Bob relieved him of his own shining weapon, and he was still trembling as he led the way into the station; but as he stepped to the desk, he faced Bob, sneering:

"Y're a wise Dick awright, but if you'd 'a' took that gat outa my ribs, and give me a chance—I'd 'a' sure give you the guff!"

"Yeah!" Bob grinned, thrusting out his fist and almost touching the nose of the sneering crook with the stubbed end of a crippled index finger. "Maybe you think I didn't take a chance, this little old stub, with your imagination—did the trick—my gat was home on the dresser!"

Something Fierce The Fight Promoter—They tell me your new middleweight is a tiger in the ring.

The Manager—Say, he's so savage I won't let him look in the mirror for fear he'll scare himself to death.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

KASCH COTTON SEED—For Sale at \$1.00 per bushel. See A. W. Hunter, Merkel, Route No. Five. 17t2p

FOR SALE—Or trade, a good second hand windmill tower, tank and tower, Eclipse mill, all in good condition. See Roy Adams at the post office. 24t3

FOR SALE—A good milk cow, fresh. See J. H. Stephenson, Merkel, route three. 1tp

FOR SALE—Good milk cow, 5 years old, young calf, price \$50. J. G. Alexander, Merkel, Route One. 1tpd

FOR SALE—Pedigreed Watson's Improved Acala Cotton Seed. See C. L. Tucker. 1t

MAIZE—Have some good headed Maize for sale. J. A. Bland, Merkel, Route five. 1tp

FOR SALE—16 full blood English White Leghorn Pullets, all laying, also one rooster. For prices see Dowell the top man on Front street. 1t

FOR SALE—White Leghorn, Rhode Island Red and Barred Rock Baby Chicks each Tuesday. Higgins Hatchery. 1t

FOR SALE—Second-hand Lawn Mower. See Robert Hicks. 1t

FOR SALE—Good three-year old Jersey cow, will be fresh soon. See Clarence B. Williams, Merkel, Route two, on Lee Williams place. 1t

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—2 light house keeping rooms, close in on south side. See Mrs. S. A. Huskey. 1tp

FOUND

FOUND—Casing and rim on road from Merkel to mountain pass. Owner can get same by paying for this ad. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. Leland L. Williams of Abilene visited in the W.L. Diltz Jr. home last Sunday.

LOST

LOST—A bunch of keys. Finder please return to L. R. Thompson at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. 1t

LOST—A horse collar, No. 18, marked B. Been, used only a few weeks, black face, red top. Finder please leave at Hamilton and Case Grocery and receive reward and oblige. J. L. Baker. 1tp

LOST—30x3 1/2 Niagara Cord casing on rim on Merkel-Hamlin road, Tuesday. Finder please return to Merkel Mail or notify Mrs. G. L. Reeves. 1t

Dr. L. B. Pemberton of Midland, Texas, visited in the L. A. Arrington home a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Simpson announce the birth of a baby daughter on Thursday of last week.

Miss Murphy Thomas spent last Tuesday the guest of her sister, Mrs. Dewey Brown at Tuscola.

Mrs. Jack Durham left Monday morning for Dallas, where she will visit her mother for several weeks.

Messrs. Guy Darsey, John Sears, Delma Compton, Bob McDonald left Sunday morning for Devil's River for a week's fishing trip.

Miss Grace Lee Cranston, of McMurry College, Abilene, was at home last week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cranston.

Mr. Wayman Rose of Sweetwater, who is attending school at North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington, was here Saturday for a short time visiting friends.

FOR PLUMBING

That is as good as the BEST See JONES And Ben Jones DAVIS Ira Davis

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

TO THE MEMORY OF GEO. REEVES.

WHEREAS, it was the will of the Almighty and most merciful God, that our dearly beloved brother and fellow officer, George Reeves, passed into the Great Beyond on March 24, 1925, and

WHEREAS, his untimely fall has cast a gloom of sorrow and sadness over this entire country, because it was in discharge of his official duties as an officer of the law that he met his death, and

WHEREAS, his fearless and courageous life and actions as an officer admonishes us that we could well afford to emulate his example, because he was a good and fearless Constable, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this West Texas Sheriff's Association extend its heartfelt sympathy to the widow and children of the late George Reeves, and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be given the family of the deceased, a copy be printed in the Merkel Mail, a copy be printed in the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram, and a copy be spread upon the minutes of this association.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Yarbrough, Sheriff of Nolan County; Dick Panley, Sheriff Coleman county; Bert Hise, Sheriff Brown county, committee. It

JONES-HUFFMAN

On Saturday morning, April 18, Miss Ruth Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones of this city, became the bride of Mr. Murry Huffman of Dallas.

Only a few close friends of the bride and groom were present to witness the beautiful ceremony. Immediately after the friends had assembled, Miss Grace Horton of Rising Star, Texas, accompanied by Miss Mabel Hale of Tullia, Texas, sang "Because."

Then to the soft strains of "Lohengrins Wedding March," played by Miss Horton, the bride and groom entered the beautifully decorated living room and stood under the lovely arch of ferns. Following them were Miss Mary Cleo Booth, maid of honor to the bride, and Mr. Murray Doyle of Dallas, best man to the groom. Rev. Fred S. Rogers of Lamesa, Texas, read the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony which joined the couple in marriage.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left for Dallas, where they will make their home. The bride was lovely in a powder blue ensemble suit with accessories to match. She is one of the most charming and popular girls of this city and a host of friends wish her future happiness.

The groom is a prominent young business man of Dallas, admired and respected by his many friends there.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Arrington, Mrs. A. R. Booth and daughters, and family of the bride. Out of town guests were Mrs. J. E. Davis of Nevada, Texas, grandmother of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Jones of Trent, Miss Sybil Evans of Dallas, Miss Dixie Howard of Abilene, Rev. and Mrs. Fred S. Rogers of Lamesa, Miss Grace Horton of Rising Star, Miss Mabel Hale of Tullia, Miss Mary Cleo Booth and Mr. Murry Doyle of Dallas.

Miss Audra Porter of Simmons College visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Porter last week-end.

Mrs. S. W. Johnson visited her daughter at Abilene last Tuesday.

Messrs. W. L. Diltz Jr., Bill Sheppard, John West, Booth Warren, Earl Lassiter went to Jim Ned Tuesday fishing.

Mr. Dick Coleman of Winters, Texas, was here last week end visiting friends.

BIG SALE FOR MEN ONLY

Only Men wear shirts but ladies are not barred from attending this sale and selecting good looking shirts and saving money for their husbands and sons. For three days you can buy genuine English Broadcloth Shirts in powder blue, tan and white at the low price of - \$1.85

We will also have on sale a big assortment of Madres Shirts in neat patterns of fast colors.

In our Piece Goods Department our Friday Saturday and Monday Special is
\$1.25 preshrunk Linen at 79c
\$1.00 preshrunk Linen at 69c

All Millinery at Half Price and Less

Big Cut-Price Shoe Sale Closes
Saturday Night

Bragg Dry Goods Co.

THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of extending our sincere thanks and appreciation to the friends and neighbors who were so kind to us during the late illness and death of our beloved wife and mother, Mrs. Sarah E. Deutschman.

May the Lord's richest blessings rest upon each of you, is our sincere prayer. F. Deutschman, C. L. Deutschman, Mrs. O. R. Bird and B. F. Deutschman.

CREAM—EGGS—CREAM

We are paying 35c for Cream. Test it every day, and will pay you the highest price possible for Eggs. We need them; our price will get them. McDONALD & COLLUM. tf

Mr. Willie Brown came in Tuesday from Waco and Marlin. At Marlin, Texas, Mr. Brown had a slight operation, having his tonsils removed.



CAPS—our hobby
At BROWN'S

Mrs. George Coker and little son, Billie George, of Dallas returned to their home Friday after a visit of several weeks in the home of Mrs. Coker's parents, Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb.

Pure bred Johnson strain white leghorn eggs, 35c for setting of 15. W. F. Hamblett. It

Philathea Class Meeting

Misses Lynn Thompson and Willie Toombs were hostesses to the Philathea Class of the Methodist Sunday School at Miss Thompson's home last Thursday afternoon during the hours between four and six o'clock. A business and social meeting was combined. The business meeting was presided over by Mrs. Sie Hamm, president of the class.

Very interesting games gave diversion for the afternoon. In a dress making contest Miss Roberta Gay won. In a prune contest Miss Marie Williamson won. Useful prizes were awarded each winner.

Brick cream in colors of blue and white, the class colors, was served with delicious angel food cake. Those enjoying this affair were: Mrs. L. A. Watts, teacher of the class, Misses Roberta Gay, Marie Williamson, Lillian Cole, Martha Bird, Lillian Watts, Christene Collins, Sallie Curb,

Minnie Coats, Alzada Pogue, Willie Toombs, Lynn Thompson, Mary Burkes Blair, Julia Martin, Mrs. Sie Hamm.

ICE NOTICE

We are now delivering ice regularly every day, and will appreciate your phoning your orders in as early in the morning as possible. Ask the driver for a window card. Phone 203. MERKEL ICE COMPANY. 17t2

Will be ready to cull Cotton Seed April 21st. Culling days will be Tuesdays and Fridays of each week. Jesse Higgins. 17t2p

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

COTTON SEED CULLED. Have your cotton seed culled—We have our culler in operation and can give you good clean work. South Side Gin, by L. L. Murray. tf

* DO YOU REMEMBER *
* Merkel 23 Years Ago? *

The successful termination of the election for incorporation should be a source of congratulation to every loyal citizen of Merkel. It paves the way for greater things and will, if we use legitimate means, result in incalculable good to the town. Now it lies with the trustees elected to hasten the preliminary work incidental to the ordering of the election to bond the district. This work cannot be attended to too quickly, as thirty days' notice of the election is necessary before it can be held, and it will perhaps require another thirty days to place the bonds, should the election carry to the best advantage. This will give a scant four months in which to plan and erect the building before another school year begins. In the meantime let every friend of incorporation be alert and vigilant and see to it that the people are thoroughly in touch with the good work of hastening the enterprise.

Miss Mattie Comegys returned from Alvord last week where she has been visiting the past month. Miss Nora Crim accompanied her and will spend several weeks here as her guest.

The Sheppard addition was completed last week and is now on the market at prices ranging from \$20 to \$50 each. They ought to go like hot cakes at these prices.

The Grimm building is being pushed to completion and will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks.

The Mail is requested to announce T. H. Christopher as a candidate for Public Weigher at Merkel, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

J. J. Patterson returned from Scurry county yesterday, where he drove his cattle to pasture two weeks ago.

Mrs. W. H. Dickson was painfully hurt one day this week by being knocked down and run over by "old Pat." She is not seriously hurt, however, and will be out in a few days.

T. F. Compton and B. J. Riney are in attendance upon the I.O.O.F. Grand Lodge convention in San Antonio.

Come and see our new mouldings, latest styles. W. P. Brown and Company.

W. C. Calvert visited his aunt in Dallas a few days ago.

The four inch snow which fell Thursday of last week had not melted on the mountains and in the lowlands south of town by Saturday evening. One and two foot drifts were common and the fall was much heavier in this section than in town.

H. L. Propst of Trent was around renewing his allegiance to the Mail and Dallas News this week.

FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

A crook in your chimney is a sure sign that you are going to move.

To see a paper hanger hang paper over a flue indicates an impending loss.

It is worse luck to look in a dark closet with a lighted match than to see the moon over your left shoulder.

When the wind moans it is extremely bad luck to burn trash near the house.

If you smell gas or gasoline and look for it with a lighted match it is probable that you are to start on a long journey.

If you have a pile of rubbish in your cellar it indicates that a crowd of people are coming to your house.

Beware of flipping cigarette stubs on the awning downstairs and storing hot ashes in wooden boxes or barrels in the cellar on the back porch.

A quart of gasoline will cause an automobile to move three miles. A similar amount in household cleaning may cause three auto fire trucks and an ambulance to run a similar distance.

A child who plays with matches will gain experience—if it lives.

A. V. Dye, Fire Marshal.

Fast Color Gingham

This is the same quality gingham we put on "Special" a few weeks ago. We have re-bought as so many of our customers have told us they failed to get in on this big "Special"

Friday and Saturday Only

13 1/2 the yard

Blue Work Shirts

An Exceptionally Good Value

They will not last but a few hours at this price.

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59c each

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