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NEW MAYOR AD-DRESSES LUNCHEON

The regular meeting of the Merkel Luncheon Club on last Tuesday evening at Ed's Cafe, was one of the most interesting and best attended for several months, there being about fifty present.

The program, with Mr. R. O. Anderson as Toastmaster, was one of the very best and most constructive that has been carried out for some time. Rev. Chas. H. Little, new pastor of the Grace Presbyterian church, spoke the invocation.

Those present were glad to have as the next speaker, the new mayor of Merkel, Judge N. D. Cobb, who made a very interesting and appreciated talk. The new mayor stated that he and the new city administration solicited and would appreciate the cooperation and friendly advice and council of every organization and citizen. The new Mayor was also given the assurance of the hearty cooperation of the Luncheon Club in any and all his undertakings for the best interest of our city.

For the next speaker Judge Carlos D. Speck, County Judge, was to have appeared to give the members some facts concerning the long expected and contemplated building of the Bankhead Highway in this county, but on account the rain at that time he notified the toastmaster that he could not come. At this time Ex-Mayor Henry C. West called attention to the Trade Trip to Comper tonight in a few words and then very appropriately introduced the Rev. C. H. Little, new pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, who also made a very interesting talk, in which he convinced those present that besides his success as a Minister, he was also a progressive citizen and good booster for his home town.

Hon. E. S. Cummings, Representative from this district, as the next speaker, gave his hearers an explanation of the good and bad in the many bills as passed by the legislature. Judge Cummings' remarks were highly pleasing and appreciated by every one.

Our former splendid County Commissioner, Mr. W. H. Frazier, was called on to tell those present just how the good roads work was progressing in this precinct, and his statement showed that since January 1st, 48 miles of new road had been built and 35 miles of old road had been re-graded, making a total of more than 75 miles of road construction since January the first.

At this time Dr. M. Armstrong, who since the organization of the Luncheon Club, has been active among the leaders in securing the building of our good roads leading into Merkel, was called on to offer some plan for securing in our city more sidewalks and curbing. And to those present the Doctor presented a fine plan of getting this much needed work done. His idea was that by citizens along several blocks or the whole town go in together in the matter, they could make the cost of building sidewalks and curbing nearly half what it costs where each man makes his own contract for same. Dr. Armstrong's talk was to the point and well received.

The entertainment feature of the evening was music by the Merkel Orchestra, whistling by Miss Altman, accompanied at the piano by Miss Cornelia Atkinson, all of which was indeed appreciated by every one.

Mr. Brit Mayfield of Abilene visited his home folks here last week

TRADE TRIPPERS TO COMPERE TONITE

According to those in charge, the stage is all set for a fine program and visit to Comper by the Merkel Trade Trippers, tonight, Friday, May 1.

It is planned to all leave Merkel in a body at seven o'clock promptly, and since these trips are in the interest of the business firms of Merkel it is sincerely hoped that every one who can will be ready at the appointed time and make the trip.

The meeting at Comper will take place at the new Presbyterian church, one mile east of the Comper store, and everybody is cordially invited to be present.

SCHOOLS HERE TO CLOSE ON JUNE 1

The Graduation Exercises of the Merkel High School will be held on the evening of June 1st. The commencement sermon will be delivered on the evening of Sunday, May 31st. Merkel is again fortunate in securing two excellent speakers for the closing. Rev. E. Godbold, president of Howard Payne College of Brownwood, will deliver the graduation address on the evening of June 1st. Rev. Lewis N. Stuckey, pastor of St. Pauls Church, Abilene, will preach the sermon on the evening of May 31st. This will be a rare treat to the people of Merkel to have two such men of note to speak to them during their commencement season.

Even now, the other events for the closing days of school are taking shape, and dates are being set. The Senior play will be given May 14. Miss Collins' Voice Classes will give their program on the evening of May 22. Misses Gay and Tracy will give their programs on Tuesday and Thursday evenings of the last week of school.

The Grammar School will have their graduation exercises on the evening of May 29th. The sermon and address will be given as stated above. All of these programs are well under way, are being rapidly gotten into shape, and the public is expecting some good things during the closing days of school.

INVITES MERKEL TO C. OF C. MEET VIA BRECKENRIDGE

The Merkel Mail is in receipt of a letter from the Secretary of the Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce, asking this paper to announce that the delegates from Merkel to the annual meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which meets at Mineral Wells on next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, are invited and urged to come by the way of Breckenridge in going to that great meeting.

The letter states that the Bankhead Highway has been completed through Stephens and Palo Pinto counties, which will facilitate travel to the big event.

We regret to learn that Mr. J. O. Hamilton has been quite sick for some time, being confined to his bed for several weeks. He is one of our pioneer and best citizens, and we join many friends in the sincere hope that he will soon regain his former good health.

We have many customers tell us it surely pays to trade at a "Cash Store." Brown Dry Goods Company.

"COUNTRY COUSIN" COMING SENIOR PLAY

"The Country Cousin" is without doubt the best amateur play ever produced in Merkel. The play is by Booth Tarkington, playwright, is a four-act comedy with thirteen characters and takes about two and one-half hours of playing time. It is a new royalty play, and the fact that Booth Tarkington is the author is recommendation enough.

This play will be given at the Cozy Theatre on the evening of May 14th. Reserved seats for the play will be placed on sale at the Merkel Drug Company about May 7—one week before the play. Watch for the board. Reserved seats will be 75 cents, general admission will be 50 cents, prices to school children if ticket is bought at the school building will be 35 cents for general admission tickets.

Miss Tracy has charge of the play. Already the Seniors have been rehearsing for three weeks and have the play about memorized. This will give two weeks to put the play into good shape. From the progress made up to date, one can safely predict that the play will be up in better shape than most amateur plays. You must not fail to see it. The date is May 14. Reserved seats at the Merkel Drug Co.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEET AT CISCO

The district Convention of Christian Endeavor will hold its Spring Convention in Cisco, May 1, 2, and 3. Two hundred delegates from twelve west Texas counties are expected to take part in this meeting. Leading workers of the Christian Endeavor work will meet with the delegates and prominent speakers will be here to address and instruct them. R. F. Holloway, President of Randolph College, will address the Convention. Jack Huppertz of Dallas, State Field Secretary will be in charge of the convention, who will tell of the work in all sections of the state.

An elaborate program of entertainment has been prepared for the visitors. This program consists of a sunrise breakfast at Lake Cisco, a picnic at the lake on Saturday afternoon, a social on the opening night. Automobile ride over the city and over the paved highways traversing the oil fields near Cisco.

Special prizes have been offered to the Societies who register a 100 per cent first, the Society registering the most visitors, and the Society bringing the largest number of registered delegates.

Huie H. Tucker of Abilene, is District President, Edwin Martin, of Cisco, is President of the local society. Both Presidents and their committees are working hard on their programs and a great convention is looked forward to.

Home Talent Play To Be Given at Union Ridge

On next Friday evening, May 8th, there will be given a very fine and interesting home talent play at the Union Ridge School house, entitled "The Spinsters' Convention."

The play will be given for the purpose of raising money with which to buy a piano for the church, and it is hoped that every one who can will attend some. Admission prices will be 20 and 25 cents.

MR. BURGESS WILL GO TO CHILDRESS

It is with sincere regret that this paper announces to the people of Merkel and surrounding country that Superintendent R. A. Burgess, of the Merkel Schools for the past six years, was last week unanimously elected to the same position over the schools of Childress, Texas. Under the very efficient and able leadership of Mr. Burgess the Merkel Schools have grown and progressed from a school of five affiliated credits to one of the best in all this section of the country, having at this time 20 credits with the state department of education.

The attendance since the first year of Mr. Burgess' work has grown from 530 to more than 700 at the present time. When he began here there were 15 teachers, whereas today there is a total of 23. In the high school there were only 3 teachers and now there are five employed. The first year Mr. Burgess had charge of the school there were only eight graduates while this year there are forty in the graduating class.

Through the able and high class school work done by Mr. Burgess in this city, Merkel is known far and wide as one of the best school towns to be found in the state. And not only is he one of the best qualified and successful school Superintendents in the state, but let us say here he is one of the best citizens to be found anywhere. A real man, a good Christian gentleman, and we feel safe in saying that the greater majority of the citizenry will deeply regret that he is to soon leave us.

For his work in Childress, Mr. Burgess will have advantage of a handsome \$135,000 High School building, with 1,500 scholars, 51 teachers and 400 pupils in the High School department. While this is a nice promotion for Mr. Burgess, it is indeed a merited one. We also understand the position carries with it a substantial increase in salary over that paid by the Merkel School.

To the people of Childress, this paper extends congratulations in thus securing for your superintendent one of the most active, energetic, practical and successful school men to be found anywhere.

RURAL CARRIERS MEET NEXT MONTH

Rural carriers of West Texas will meet in convention in Sweetwater on May 30, according to announcement received by Postmaster M. B. Howard. Over 100 carriers and their wives are expected to be in attendance.

It is possible that a conference of postmasters from this section will also be held here at the same time, according to postmaster Howard.

Members of the convention committee from Clyde, Merkel and Hamlin were in Sweetwater Sunday completing arrangements for the convention.

Carriers from at least fifteen counties surrounding Nolan County will be included in the group that come here.

Various postal officials, including Postmaster Sparenberg of Austin will be in attendance.

The convention is an annual affair staged by the rural carriers on May 30, which is a holiday for them, requiring no deliveries of mail on that day.

Details in connection with the

I. O. O. F. PROGRAM HERE NEXT SUNDAY

On account of the rainy weather on last Sunday afternoon, the big Odd Fellow and Rebekah celebration to take place at the Methodist Church was postponed until next Sunday afternoon, at the same place and time—next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the Methodist church. The following program will be given:

Quartet, male voices.
Reading, Miss Sallie Mary Campbell.

Piano Selection, Miss Rennie Burns.

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

Closing song, Blessed be the Tie that Binds.

The public is cordially invited.

BIG TENT SHOW HERE NEXT WEEK

It is good news to the amusement going public of Merkel to learn that we are going to have a real sure enough tent show here all of next week.

The Nairn-Albietz Popular players, a company consisting of 25 Dramatic, musical and vaudeville artists will open a one week engagement here next Monday night, May 4th, under the auspices of the local Fire Boys who are to receive a very liberal per cent of every ticket that enters the show next week, and this comes at a time when the local fire boys will appreciate the support of every man, woman and child as they are trying hard to raise money to take the boys to the state convention of fire boys at Cisco the second week in May. They have been very lucky in getting this company at this time and while the above company is new to this territory they come to Merkel with some of the best recommendations from various cities that they have played near here. They are playing in Sweetwater all of this week and will arrive here next Sunday.

This company carries a good band and a feature orchestra under the direction of Eddie See, also vaudeville that would be a feature with any show. New plays will be presented each night next week, plays that have never been presented here by any other company in the past and as an inducement to get the ladies out on next Monday night to see what is in store next week each lady coming to the tent on Monday night will be admitted free on the front door when accompanied by one paid adult ticket. Popular prices will prevail during the engagement. Children 15c and Adults 35c. No doubt a capacity house will greet this company on next Monday night.

Mr. John Gibson of San Angelo was here last week attending to business.

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

have not been completed, but Postmaster Howard is at work on this meeting and it is thought that it will be held at the same time as the carriers' convention.—Sweetwater Reporter.

Messrs. O. J. Adcock and R. L. Adcock, very efficient and courteous carriers on routes one and five out of Merkel, were in Sweetwater last Sunday meeting with the program committee, of which they are members, and all arrangements were completed for the big meeting.

100 KANSAS CITY BOOSTERS COMING

Kansas City, Mo., April 28—One hundred of Kansas City's leading business men, manufacturers, wholesalers, bankers, grain and livestock dealers will leave here next Sunday night, May 3, on the thirty-fourth Annual Trade Excursion Trip, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The party will be headed by James McQueeney, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Tlbert I. Beach, of Kansas City and Will R. Hill, Chairman of the Trade Extension Committee, and will arrive in Merkel Thursday, May 7, at 7:45 a.m.

The Kansas City party is making a six day trip visiting fifty-two towns in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas for the purpose of cultivating the present friendly relations existing between Kansas City and the business men of the southwest, and creating new business contacts in the cities to be visited. The Kansas City business men are anxious to learn of the commercial and agricultural situation in this section and to find out how Kansas City can cooperate more extensively with the business men in improving present conditions.

Commenting on the trip, James McQueeney, President of the Chamber of Commerce, said "we are going out on the Thirty-fourth Annual Trade Extension Trip for the purpose of meeting our old friends and making new ones in a territory that certainly is considered as Kansas City's trade territory. The live stock and farm products in this section are marketed largely in Kansas City, and the manufacturers and jobbers in Kansas City in return sell immense quantities of merchandise in this territory. We want to promote a closer working arrangement with this territory and cooperate in any way that we can that will be to our mutual interests. We are looking forward with much pleasure to our visit because we know personally many of the business men in this section. They have visited Kansas City many times and our visit is to return their many calls."

The territory that is being covered by the trade extension trip this year is one that has shown a very remarkable growth in the last few years and while a few towns have been visited in recent years by Kansas City business men on similar trips, they may expect to find a very noticeable growth in many cities from advance information that has come to the Chamber of Commerce since the plans for the trip were made.

The Kansas City party will be accompanied by a 20-piece band and three entertainers, Harry Kessel and Bert Bender singers, and Tom Beckham, banjo player. At each stop a parade will be made and souvenirs distributed forty thousand sheep bells taken along for distribution to school children enroute and at practically every town arrangements have been made for the dismissal of the school during the time that the party is there.

Mr. L. L. Murray, local gin man, who was operated on at Abilene for appendicitis, is reported getting along nicely.

For the past six days either good rains or light showers have fallen in this section every day, until now farmers say a fairly good season is in the ground, which will enable them to plant cotton and feed and in most instances get their crops to a stand.

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Our complete service is always at the disposal of our Customers

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MERKEL, TEXAS

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A Circular Tour.
Mary had a little ring, 'twas given by Joe, and everywhere that Mary went that ring was sure to go. She took the ring with her one day, when she went out to tea, where she might show it to the girls, who numbered twenty-three. And when the girls all saw the ring they made a great ado, exclaiming with one voice: "Has it at last got round to you?"

SEND \$1.00 for 3 beautiful knit neckties; cost \$1 apiece anywhere. Money returned if not satisfied. American Legion, Abilene, Texas. 1t5

Miss Inez Sappinger left last Friday for her home at Cottonwood after a visit in the A. M. Jones home.

Why, Daddy, Why?

Daddy, if you know we're hungry,
Know that we are very poor,
It must break your heart in Heaven
Cause you never did insure!
Mamma wonders why you didn't
Save the dimes you threw away;
But you felt too strong and healthy
For insurance, people say.
You were taken without warning,
Leaving us to fight alone;
You'd have taken out insurance
Daddy, if you'd only known!
'Twasn't that you didn't love us,
I recall how dear you were;
But your little girl must suffer
'Cause you failed to save for her!
Mamma just can't make the living!
She is wearing out, she said!
I shall have to miss some schooling
For the sake of daily bread.
When she's gone, I guess they'll take me
To a place of Charity,
To be clothed and fed; but Daddy,
It can ne'er be home to me.
Mary's Daddy left Insurance,
And their home will still be theirs.
They're not hungry an', sometimes Mary
Gives me cast-off clothes she wears.
They don't have to take in sewing,
Mary's mamma doesn't cry,
For her Daddy left Insurance;
But you didn't Daddy--why?

"PROCRASTINATION IS THE THIEF OF TIME"
LET

PARKER SHARP
HAVE YOUR APPLICATION TODAY

WARREN NOTES

By Miss Vera Jones

The farmers are rejoicing over the nice rains which have fallen in the last week. They are going to start planting soon.

Miss Rose Ellington spent the day Sunday with Miss Ollie Hobbs. Warren School will end in another week. A bunch of young people from Warren went to Mulberry Sunday afternoon.

Miss Helen McCormick was the guest of Miss Vera Jones Sunday afternoon and night.

Miss Vela Jones was the guest of Miss Willie Newman Monday night.

Mr. Ransom Price and Miss Helen Price were the guests of Mr. Medford Jones and Miss Vera Jones Monday night.

Misses Ruth Chency and Agline Sumpter were the visitors of Miss Artie McCormick Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellington and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Ellington's daughter, Mrs. Kelso.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy are rejoicing over the arrival of an eleven pound baby girl.

SALT BRANCH NEWS

By Lois Jaynes

The farmers are gratefully rejoicing over the rains which have fallen the past week.

There is quite a lot of sickness in this community at this time.

The Salt Branch School will close Friday, May the first. There will be a program rendered. Everybody is invited.

Miss Helen Price was the guest of Misses Alice and Dena McClain Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickerson and family were visitors at Hill Side Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hester were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays Sunday.

Miss Bertha Price was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Price of Mulberry community on Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Higgins visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Janes on Tuesday of this week.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

We, your committee on Resolutions of Brother W. G. Perry beg to submit the following:

WHEREAS, The Great and Supreme Ruler of the universe has in His infinite wisdom removed from among us one of our worthy and esteemed brothers, W. G. Perry, and whereas the long and intimate relation held with him in the faithful discharge of his duties in this lodge makes it eminently benefiting that we record our appreciation of him; therefore,

Resolved, That the wisdom and ability which he has exercised in the aid of our organization by service, contributions, and counsel, will be held in grateful remembrance;

Resolved, That the sudden removal of such a life from among our midst leaves a vacancy and a shadow that will be deeply realized by all the members of this organization, and will prove a serious loss to the community and public.

Resolved, That with deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives of the deceased we express our hope that even so great a loss to us all may be over ruled for good by He who doeth all things well.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this lodge, a copy to be printed in the Merkel Mail and a copy forwarded to the bereaved family.

Blair Lodge I.O.O.F. No. 496 Blair, Texas, April 25, 1925.
J. R. Cavitt, Z. V. Moore, A. P. Sanford, Committee. 1t

See our Specials this week—
SURE. Brown Dry Goods Co. 1t

W. O. Boney represents the San Antonio Joint Stock and Land Bank. See him for 6c money. 1t

WITH THE CHURCHES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Special music at both services.

Senior and Junior Christian Endeavor at 7 p.m. All members of Endeavor Societies and those interested are urged to be present. The pastor will be present and speak on plans and methods of young peoples' work for the New Year.

Choir practice Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

BAPTIST CHURCH

"Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and His praise in the congregation of Saints," for the refreshing rain that has been falling the past few days.

Sunday week, May the 10th., is Mother's Day. A special program is being arranged for the day. Readings, special songs and talks by different individuals. More definite announcements to be made next week.

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. You're always welcome.

W. H. Albertson.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Preaching at eleven a.m. and at eight p.m.

Junior League at 4:00 p.m. Intermediate and Senior Leagues at six p.m.

A cordial welcome awaits one and all to each and all the above services. T. J. Rea, pastor.

Delphian Club

The Delphian Club met with Miss Tracy at her home on Oak street Wednesday afternoon. The study for the afternoon was "The modern drama." Mrs. Fred Groene was leader, and Mesdames A. R. Booth, C. H. Jones, O. R. Dye and S. D. Gamble took part in the discussion. The club will meet next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. A. R. Booth instead of Wednesday two weeks, as is usual.

In the social hour, Miss Tracy entertained her guests by having Miss Flora Frances Anderson and Miss Deshazo Simpson read. The readings were certainly enjoyed. A dainty refreshment plate of Osgood pie-a-la-mode, with coffee was served.

Special guests were Miss Elinor Harrison, Miss Vennie Heizer, and Mrs. E. M. McDonald.

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Loans, Cotton	2,482.50
Overdrafts	837.27
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	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	5,563.94
Circulation Acct.	5,860.00
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
Deposits	582,504.22
Total	\$582,504.22

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank

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

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Never Assessed a Shareholder



CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank our dear friends and neighbors for their kindness in the loss of our sweet baby. No better way can we manifest the life of Christ than by our love and kindness to each other, as he went about doing good so may we, and each of you be rewarded as he has promised. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bullock. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meeks. 1tp

We have many customers tell us it surely pays to trade at a "Cash Store." Brown Dry Goods Company. 1t

A Word to the Borrower

IF you are a borrower of this paper, don't you think it is an injustice to the man who is paying for it? He may be looking for it at this very moment. Make it a regular visitor to your home. The subscription price is an investment that will repay you well.

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We have secured the Exclusive sale of
Humming Bird Silk Hosiery
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We consider them the very best
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Every Pair Guaranteed
To give Satisfactory Wear
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This is a MICHELIN year

Preserbs according to "Old Rubber Ribs"



"Some are wise and some are otherwise"

Have you noticed the rapid increase in the number of motorists who use Michelin Tires? It's a wise age. Have you, too, learned to use Michelines? If not, give them a trial. They are now selling at the price of ordinary tires.

BONEY'S GARAGE

Marvin Boney, Prop. Phone 60
First Class Repairing

NUBIA NOTES
By Lloyd Pribble

Well the farmers of this community have what they have been wanting and praying for—a good rain. We have a good season already, but the prospects are good for some more of the same medicine.

Mrs. John Cozart, of McCauley has returned home after a week's stay with her mother, Mrs. W. G. Perry.

The new telephone lines leading to Mulberry Canyon are nearing completion, and we believe that in a little while we will have almost perfect telephone service.

Mr. George Whisenhunt of Odessa, formerly of this community, has returned to assist his grandparents in making a crop this year.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Swift have returned from Hawley, where they were visiting Mrs. Swift's brother, Mr. Harmen Henslee.

"Pay Cash" for your Dry Good and note the saving. Brown Dry Goods Company.



REGAL COLLEY, my Registered Stallion No. 185391



Also my thoroughbred black mammoth Jack "Truett" will make the season at my barn. Terms \$10 when living colt is born.

Lee Baker

"HEBRON GOSSIP"
By Mayflower

The much wanted rain has at last come and we are very glad to see it. It looks as if we might have still more of it before it quits.

There will be preaching at the church Saturday night. All are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Petty Sunday.

Mr. J. O. Barbee of Stanton returned home Friday after an extended visit there with friends.

Mr. James Harris took dinner with Mr. Robert Davis Sunday.

Miss Ruby Skidmore and Miss Bessie Lou Pannell had dinner with Miss Annie Mae Harris on Sunday.

Every one be sure and come to the B. Y. P. U. Sunday night as the Juniors will render a very interesting playlet entitled "Mr. Can't and Mr. Can."

Miss Evelyn Pannell visited Miss Lillie Davis Sunday.

Mr. Willie Harris visited Mr. Skidmore of Union Ridge last Sunday.

Mr. A. J. Pannell was in Abilene Thursday in the interest of our school.

WILSONVILLE NEWS
By Price & Edward Patton

The health of this community is very good. The farmers' fever ran pretty high during the sandstorms, but we had a good rain every day since the sandstorm, uncoil Monday morning, and still looks like we might more.

Mr. J. W. Patton, wife and son Lonnie, Virgie, and Miss Gracie Wells went to Nugent Sunday evening and were caught out in the rain. Mr. J. J. Wells has an awful sore hand. He was sawing some wood last week and got his thumb in the saw.

Willie Wells was visiting Edward Lester Patton Sunday.

The party at Mr. Johnnie White's was rained out Saturday night.

Several of the young folks from here went to the play at Bethel Friday night.

Mr. T. J. White, J. D. Nelson, Gracie Suttle, J. D. Rinehardt were visiting J. W. Patton Monday.

J. J. Wells sawed up a nice lot of stove wood for J. W. Patton Monday.

Miss Gracie Wells and Miss Lillian Rinehardt visited the school at Wilsonville Tuesday afternoon.

Messrs. Pirl and Edward Patton made a business trip to Anson Saturday evening.

There is going to be a party at Johnnie White's Saturday night. Everybody come. Everybody was woud to see the rains on account of stock water.

WARREN NOTES
By Miss Rose Ellington

The farmers are all rejoicing over the fine rains which came last week and this week. Everybody will start planting as soon as the ground becomes dry.

Mr. and Mrs. Author McCoy are rejoicing over the arrival of a twelve pound baby girl which was born on the 23rd. Mother and baby are both doing fine.

Mr. Bob Hobbs happened to the bad luck of getting his foot hurt Friday afternoon while playing ball, but is doing nicely at present.

Messrs. Hall and Bob Hobbs and Jasper Hobbs were in the big wolf chase last Monday night and chased several wolves.

Warren school will close next Friday, May 8th.

Mr. Luther Hatfield, wife and baby of Hebron, visited G. E. Ellington and family Tuesday.

Miss Oneta Finch of Sand Bur Community spent the week with her sister, Mrs. Emmet Patterson of the community.

Miss Artie McCormick spent Tuesday with Codie Ellington.

Miss Vela Jones spent Monday night with Miss Willie Newman.

Mr. Howard Garner of Kale spent Saturday night with Jasper Hobbs.

Miss Willie Ellington spent Saturday night with Miss Ollie Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Copeland and family visited Mrs. Copeland's father and mother Saturday night and Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Woodard of Hodge.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kelso and Mrs. Ellington and daughters, Willie, Rose and Lorene, were visitors in Abilene Monday.

Miss Helen McCormick was the guest of Miss Vera Jones Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. Bill Harvell, Howard Garner spent Friday night with Hall and Bob Hobbs.

Miss Minnie Bass of Hawley is a visitor in the home of her sister, Mrs. Arthur McCoy this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kelso spent Sunday night with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones and family spent Friday with his brother, Mr. Walter Jones.

Vernon Power happened to the serious accident last week while helping to pen some horses, when one of them ran over him, knocking him down and pawing him on the head. At this writing he is doing nicely.

SALT BRANCH ITEMS
By Miss Wynona Patton

The farmers of this community have a smile on their faces. The Salt Branch school will be out May the first.

Bro. Lawrence P. Fitzgerald will fill his regular appointment next Second Sunday at the Baptist Church.

Salt Branch Baptist Sunday School meets at 10:00 Sunday morning. The B.Y.P.U. meets at 7:30. Group one will be on Sunday night.

Mr. C. F. Thornton of Columbus, Ohio, Mr. L. C. Patton and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thornton of Merkel, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Patton Thursday of last week.

Miss Celia Henry was the guest of Miss Fannie Thompson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Robertson were visitors at Mulberry Sunday.

Miss Fannie Thompson was the guest of Miss Ruba Patton Monday night.

Mr. F. C. Allen, Mr. Houston Robertson and Mr. Austin Robertson were visitors at Mulberry Sunday.

Miss Wynona Patton was the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thornton Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson and children were visitors at Mulberry Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Patton and children were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Patton of Merkel.

COMPERE ITEMS
By Miss Alma Stout

The farmers are rejoicing over the many good rains which fell the last two weeks. They will all start to planting their crops in a few days if the weather will permit.

A good many of the children missed school last week on account of the wet weather.

There was quite a crowd at Sunday School at Zion Chapel Sunday morning.

The singing at the Baptist church and at Zion Chapel were called off on account of the rain Sunday night.

Mr. Raymond Stout and E. C. Tarvin were visitors in Abilene Tuesday evening.

The Merkel Trade Trip will be at Compere next Friday night at the Presbyterian Church. Let's try to have a big crowd out. Everybody come and bring some one with you.

Mr. Childers has been quite sick for several days but is better at present.

Miss Evie Farmer spent Sunday night with Miss Zenobia Marshall.

Mr. Howard Tarvin from Abilene spent several days this week with home folks.

Miss Flora Adkins spent Thursday night with Miss Fae Wilson.

Mr. Ed Spurgin and family attended the singing at Noodle Sunday evening.

Mr. Clarence C. Day was a visitor in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Chester Lucas and Miss Zenobia Marshall have been attending the singing school at Noodle the past week.

Miss Mary Proctor spent Saturday and Sunday in Merkel with home folks.

Mr. Matt Randolph and Mr. John Schoolcraft spent Sunday night with Mr. Raymond Stout.

Mr. Clarence Yarbrough and Miss Lucile Maple were married in Anson a few days ago. They will make their home in Hodges.

Miss Jessie Mae Walls has moved to Abilene. We hope they enjoy their new home.

Mrs. Mae Blankenship, Mrs. Leota Sherrell and Miss Pearl Tarpley were visitors in Abilene Tuesday.

Mrs. Hurse, our intermediate teacher, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Myrtle Foster at Noodle.

MULBERRY NOTES
By Miss Hazel Thomas

The people, especially the farmers, are certainly glad of the rains which we've had. When the weather settles and the ground dries, there will be hundreds of acres of cotton and feed stuffs planted.

Fishing seems to be the order of the day. Several from this community have gone to the river while the land is too wet to plant.

Singing at this place Sunday was fine, although the rain on Saturday night kept a great many from coming. We were sorry the Haskell class did not get here. The ladies certainly did their part by preparing such a nice dinner.

We didn't have Sunday School last Sunday on account of singing Sunday. But we invite all who will to come again next Sunday and make up for last time. Our Sunday School is something we should not neglect.

Miss Florene Smart, of Lubbock, is visiting friends and relatives in our community this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walsh, Miss Florene Smart, and Mr. Gene Reagan motored to Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Our school closes Friday. We are sorry to see our teachers, Miss Varnhagan and Miss Pittman, leave. They will be greatly missed, especially in our Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Matthews of Rule, Texas, are here on a visit with their son, Mr. Dan Matthews and family.

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KALE KROAKINGS
By Bullfrog

On account of the rainy weather during the week most of the people of this community were obliged to stay at home, but every one enjoyed the mud. Hence we have very few happenings to report.

Mrs. Ira Irwin and family of Noodle spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Douglas.

Miss Phala Diltz of Merkel spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Dunn.

The Sunday School is planning to give a play soon. We are sure that it will be worth the money. I suppose the date will be announced later. The means are to be used to buy a new piano for the church.

The school children of this community are now wearing a frown—school will soon be out.

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Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the Farmers State Bank at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of April, 1925, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 30th day of April 1925.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$209,564.30
Loans, real estate	20,440.00
Overdrafts	484.31
Bonds and Stocks	10,440.00
Real Estate (banking house)	12,500.00
Other Real Estate	13,287.50
Furniture and Fixtures	5,430.60
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	206,158.69
Interest on Depositors' Gty. Fund	8,422.69
Asst. Depositors, Gty. Fund	25,533.32
Accept. and Bills of exchange	646.46
Other Resources	14,530.98
Total	\$588,558.10
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	5,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	15,423.04
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	
Individual Deposits sub. to check	488,554.08
Time Certificates of Deposit	15,811.67
Cashier's checks	1,706.31
Bills Payable and Rediecounts	NONE
Bonds Deposited	8,860.00
Other liabilities	000.00
Total	\$588,558.10

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, J. S. Swann as president, and W. L. Diltz Jr. as cashier of said bank each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
J. S. Swann, president.
W. L. Diltz Jr., cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of April, A.D. 1925. C. L. McLeod,
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The Merkel Mail

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Every once in a while we hear some person talking about how they can buy this and that article so much cheaper in neighboring towns than the same article can be bought from the local merchants. But to this paper the idea seems unreasonable. In fact, in the first place, the business men of Merkel can run their business at as small expense as can be done anywhere, and in the case of the larger town they can operate at a much less cost. They can buy their goods just as cheap as other merchants, hence where is the reason for them to sell goods higher than the business men of neighboring towns? We believe they are honest and certainly would not charge more for goods when to do so would mean the driving away of many customers, especially now since the advent of the automobile. Let's be fair with our home merchants and give them our business. Of course we expect them to be fair with us, and we believe they will be.

See our Specials this week—
SURE. Brown Dry Goods Co. It

Let every man, woman and child remember that on next Thursday morning at 7:45 we will have as visitors for a few minutes 100 Kansas City business men, who will arrive in Merkel at this time over the Texas & Pacific, to be present at the station when they arrive, and let's give them a royal welcome, such as will be fitting and characteristic of the people of the West. These business men will have many souvenirs and advertising novelties to give out to the children and adults as well.

Mrs. Pick Allen Entertains

On last Friday evening, April 24th, a few members of the Alethean class met at the home of Mrs. Pick Allen in a business and social meeting. The scripture was read by the class president, Mrs. Allen. Prayer by Mrs. E. N. Brown. A resolution was made that each member of the class make an effort to attend every social meeting unless hindered by sickness, so we can build up our class. We enjoyed a contest and after which the hostess served delicious ice cream. The place for our next meeting will be announced in the class. Each one expressed their desire that Mrs. Allen entertain again in the near future. Reporter.

Misses Faye Altman and Cornelia Atkinson, of Fort Worth, are here this week guests of Mr. and Mrs. Turner, the former being a niece of Mrs. Turner. These young ladies are very clever and talented artists in their respective callings, being known as the famous Star-Telegram Whistler and pianist. They have appeared on several occasions in this city this week, and on last night they gave a program at the Cozy Theatre.

We are glad to learn that Mr. L. L. Murray, who last week was operated on for Appendicitis, is now getting along nicely and is expected to soon be up and about.

Methodist Choir Entertained

The Choir of the Methodist church was highly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks last Tuesday evening. '42' was the chief diversion of the evening. However, a few contests were had and enjoyed. The whole evening was one of great pleasure and fun, and the members of the choir hope that Mr. and Mrs. Hicks will let them visit with them again soon.

A refreshment plate consisting of chicken sandwiches, potato chips, olives and iced tea was served. Those enjoying the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Hicks were: Misses Marie Williamson, Madge Pierce, Martha Bird, Lynnis Thompson, Willie Toombs, Ethel Wilson, Mossie Sears, Messrs. Wrenn Durham, Kenneth Pee, Cyrue Pee, Tom Allday, Castle Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, Mrs. E. P. Beene, Mrs. W. F. Golladay, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cox.

Buried Here

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bullock, of Abilene, was laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery here Monday afternoon, following funeral services conducted by Rev. W. H. Albertson.

The O. E. S. will meet Saturday, May 2, at three p.m. at the hall. Every member urged to be present. Important business. It

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Matthews of Rule, Texas, are here on a visit with their son, Mr. Dan Matthews and family.

Mr. E. Yates Brown has been among those of this city serving on the petit jury in District court this week.

We are informed that Mr. C. L. McLeod, efficient bookkeeper at the Farmers State Bank, has this week made considerable improvements about his home in south Merkel.

DO YOU REMEMBER Merkel 23 Years Ago?

No Truth in It

There is no foundation in the report that the location of the school house will be changed should the district be bonded. The report probably hatched out in the fertile imagination of some one who is opposed to the move. If the bond election carries, which we sincerely hope and believe it will do, the new building will be located on the present site. This is the best place for it and there has been no talk of locating it anywhere else. The idea is preposterous, for no person would care to have a school house located near their premises. Don't pay any attention to such a report as this, but rather discourage them. And do not fail to speak a good word for the bond election.

G. W. Jones reports a number of cases of the "Blues" in his neighborhood northeast of town, but he himself is very well satisfied believing that the rains will come in time. He says a wet winter following a dry summer has been known very few times in Texas, and he was prepared to take things as they came.

J. T. Warren's delivery horse took a spin around the town on Friday, finally bringing up at the rack in front of the store. No damage was done.

The First National Bank advertises its Capital stock as \$30,000, surplus \$5,000, and officers as follows: President, J. T. Warren; vice president, G. F. West; Cashier, Geo. S. Berry; Asst. Cashier, C. M. Coggin.

The following ad also appears Jos. H. Warnick, Banker. Capital \$15,000, surplus and profits, \$1,707.53. Wm. H. Dunning, Cashier. (Compare these figures with those in the ads of our banks of today in this paper)

F. M. Davis and family arrived Saturday from Cameron and have taken up residence in north Merkel. Mr. Davis is a drug man.

C. P. Warren has just received ten registered Herefords which he has taken to his ranch north of town. J. T. Warren has come into possession of one of them and C. M. Largent two of them. They are beauties, all of them, and will be valuable additions to the country. The day is not far distant when every herd in this country will be graded up to the highest notch.

The Mail acknowledges the receipt of a dollar from a former Merkel boy, Arthur Thornton, of Duke, Oklahoma. Arthur is fat and sassy and getting rich fast.

W. B. Alsbrook has been appointed road overseer of the town and will enter upon the discharge of his duties as soon as commissioned. This is a very important position and one which is calculated to result in much good for the town, and Mr. Alsbrook is evidently the right man in the right place.

A Hugging Society
A young lady of Merkel who takes a great interest in all religious work, has been studying up plans by which money can be raised for church purposes, and the plan of organizing "hugging

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Remember there will be a reduction during this Sale on all goods. We can sell you Gingham at 10c, 15c, 19c and 25c a yard. We also handle the Virginia Hart line of wash dresses and sell the \$2.75 dress for \$1.98. Our Crepe de Chine Dresses and Ladies' Hats will be closed out during this sale at Cost. Men's Suits in Palm Beach, Gaberdine, Blue Serges, priced \$12.95 to \$25.00.

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societies" has appealed to her as the very thing. The schedule of prices was taken from those adopted by a similar society at Belle Center, Ga., and is as follows:

Girls under fifteen years of age, fifteen cents for a hug of two minutes or ten cents for a short squeeze; under 20 years of age, fifty cents; 20 to 25, seventy-five cents; schoolmarm forty cents; other men's wives, \$1.00; old maids, three cents each and no time limit.

The Mail appreciates the young lady's knowledge of a good thing, and the "devil" said amen! with a fervor that jarred a galley of type to the floor. We are for anything that will aid in promoting the religious interests of the town. The motion is seconded and a secret ballot is proposed.

Mrs. Bill Fugat, formerly Miss Levie Tittle, is here for a brief visit with her mother, Mrs. M. E. Campbell.

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"I used to suffer," says Mr. Walter W. Macdonald, of 711 Fairview Ave., Edwardsville, Ill., "with indigestion, a tight feeling in my chest after meals—felt sluggish, lazy and dull and out of sorts. I would be very constipated.

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"After one or two doses of Black-Draught, my head clears up and I feel like new.

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- Bob Martin Grocery



B. Y. P. U. Has Social

On last Friday night at 7:30 the members of the Senior B. Y. P. U. enjoyed a "Kid" party in the basement of the Baptist Church. Those present were dressed like ten year old "kids" and various kid games were played such as "jacks," marbles, drop the handkerchief, marching around the levy, and needles eye.

After playing these games for about two hours, frozen suckers and all-day suckers were served to the following.

Rev. and Mrs. Albertson, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze, Misses Lola Dennis, Lucille

Guitar, Flanagan, Hearn, Nina Miller, Blair, Althea Boden, Weedon, Stella Wilson, Edith Baker, Mary Alice Johnson, Viola Howard, Fannie Belle Boaz, Flossie Campbell, Elsie Richie, Vera Matlock, and Messrs. Bill Haynes, Yates Brown, Gilbert Walton, Harold Miller, Andrew Jones, Fred Giles, Delbert Polly, Kenneth Watkins, Carlton Dennis, Floyd Dowell, Bill Teaff, Lewis Giles.

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**The Widow's
Son**

By WILLIS BRINDLEY

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BIG Matt Donovan backed his twelve-cylinder roadster into the street and straightened her up. Then, for no reason except that he wanted to, he glanced across the street and, sure enough, there was Mrs. Bailey, and beckoning to him. It was nine of a nice fall morning, a Saturday.

Big Matt was a master plumber with his own shop and all, fifty, but spry in spite of the great bulk of him. He lived alone in the big house that he and Mary had worked so hard for, and with Mary gone now two years and his daughter away in some village called Green Witch, or something like that, desecrating interiors of rich men's homes, it was plenty lonely. The colored woman who cooked his meals went home right after the dinner dishes were out of the way.

"What's wrong, Mrs. Bailey?" Matt Donovan's was a voice to shake the timbers in a hall, but he held in to a rumble in deference to the lady.

"It's the plumbing. The sink. I got a man and he was to have come yesterday and he didn't come, and last night the faucet wouldn't turn clear off, and the drain was clogged and the sink ran over, and I had to get up and mop. The man's here now, but, supposing he didn't know his business? So, I said, I'll just call to Mr. Donovan."

"Sure, sure," said Matt, and pushed by her into the house. "That lad of her's should be able to help his mother by now, but not him—the Little Lord Fauntleroy, with his belted jacket suit and his dancing lessons! If it weren't for that no-account boy—"

In the kitchen, Matt found Jim, a friend and fellow plumber.

"I'll be going now," he said to Mrs. Bailey, then hesitated. "You're all right now with the plumbing and I'll be getting to the shop."

"Yes, of course, and thank you very much, but—" and flushed, and she was pretty when she flushed, very pretty, and so young looking. "I had an appointment with the dentist, and I'm afraid that this has delayed me."

"Sure, sure," boomed Donovan. "Jump into the car and I'll drop you there in no time at all."

On the way Mrs. Bailey talked of her only son, lovingly and proudly, as a mother should.

It was late afternoon when, having bellowed a belligerent "Well!" into the receiver, he heard her voice, and he knew at once that she was crying. "Oh, please, Mr. Donovan. Could you come and help me? David hasn't come home."

"Sure, right away. Don't worry."

He clamped on his hat, banged out and into the roadster and pulled up before the Bailey house in half a jerk. Mrs. Bailey was on the step waiting, craning to see if her boy was coming, clasping and unclasping her pretty hands. She told him, all in a breath.

"The plumber wasn't done when I left, you know, and I didn't want to detain you, and I was late for the dentist, so I just went on and left David there, but he ought to have known that I'd be back. He's twelve, you know. And I got back shortly after noon, and he wasn't here, and I can't locate him anywhere, and I've telephoned and telephoned, and nobody has seen him and—"

Donovan wanted to sit down, put his arm around her and comfort her.

"Get into the car, Mrs. Bailey," he said, "and we'll be finding him in no time."

They went far in the car—to the dancing school, where David had not been, the teacher said; to the house of a little girl who had no telephone, and the little girl hadn't seen him; to a baseball game in a vacant lot; up and down many streets, inquiring for a small boy in a belted suit with a green cap. Finally home, to see if the boy had come in their absence.

A raucous blast outside brought them to the door, and they saw a small boy in belted suit with green cap jump from an ancient silver roadster and leap up the steps.

"Good-by, Jim," he yelled at the man, and then poured words at his mother and Donovan. "Gee, but I had a swell time. Jim—that's the plumber—let me go along with him all day. We were in some of the swellest homes, and the junk plumbing in them you'd never believe. We worked right through lunch and Jim gave me a sandwich, but just one, and that's all, and I'm awfully hungry. Did you see Jim's car? It's eight years old and he called her 'Asthma,' but she can go just the same. And I helped him all day and Jim says I'm a dandy helper and next summer when he gets his own shop he's going to hire me and pay me a dollar a day, and I can wipe a joint already. What do you think of that, mother? I can wipe a joint already, and next Saturday he's going to show me how to plug a pipe. Gee, but I had a swell time."

His mother held David Bailey to her.

"But David, your clothes—they're a sight, and look at your face and your hands."

Matt Donovan cleared his throat. He was hoarse when he spoke, but he spoke as speaks the head of the house.

"Get out of here at once," he said. "Get upstairs and wash your face and hands and put some iodine on that knuckle where the pipe wrench caught you. And don't hurry down too fast—I've got a matter of importance to talk to your mother about."

R. E. TEAFF PASSES AWAY

R. E. Teaff, age 60 years, died Sunday afternoon April 12, 1925, at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. L. Lewallen. Death came as a relief from many months of suffering, during which time everything known to skillful physicians was done for him, and loving hands ministered to his every want, to no avail. The end came peacefully, he having lapsed into a state of coma Saturday morning.

Funeral services were conducted at the Lewallen home at four o'clock Monday afternoon by Rev. J. W. Sharbutt, pastor of the Methodist church. "Uncle" J. Q. Thompson, who was Mr. Teaff's first school teacher, also made a talk at the services. Interment was at Lewallen cemetery. Active pallbearers were: F. M. Meyer, W. D. Wyatt, W. A. Crawford, E. G. Vick, J. F. Bowers and Jno. B. Gunn. Honorary pallbearers: Gray Little, E. E. McNeely, J. T. Jordan, W. L. Maedgen, N. C. Law, J. Q. Thompson, W. O. Maedgen, Jno. C. Cox, D. O. Finnell, C. W. Kennon, Dr. I. D. Ellis, J. H. Gunn and Eugene Cox of Troy; Dr. L. S. Payne, Eddy; D. Jones, Roswell, N. M.; Bud Sears, Menard; Geo. Ferrier, Ft. Sumner, N. M.; George Woodrum, D. O. Huddleston, W. O. Boney, George White, Chas. Jacobs, R. O. Anderson, Claud Comegys, A. V. Dye, Clyde Sears, Forrest Gaither, Ollie Dye and Emory McDonald of Merkel.

R. E. Teaff was born on the old Teaff homestead east of Troy on December 31, 1864. The major portion of his life was spent in this community, though he has made Merkel his home the past twenty years and amassed considerable property there. He has made his home here with his sister the past 11 months. Big-hearted, jovial and true to his friends, he had a large host of friends, as was attested by the large attendance at his funeral and the many beautiful floral offerings. Besides the sister

with whom he lived, another sister, Mrs. A. J. Lewallen of Coleman, and two brothers, B. F. Teaff of Troy and J. N. Teaff of Merkel, survive him. Out-of-town attendants at the funeral included: Messrs. and Mesdames Roland and Kirby Teaff and W. D. Gilliam of Waco; Will Stacy, Bob Cook, J. A. Cook and Nim Ham, Mesdames Alton Cook and Clara Teaff, of Temple; A. J. Coleman, wife and son, Albert, of Coleman; Rev. Chas. Clark, Cego; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Graham, Oglesby.—Troy Enterprise.

W. O. Boney represents the San Antonio Joint Stock and Land Bank. See him for 6% money.

For Sale—1925 model Truck, \$50.00 under list. Chas. H. Jones.

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Junior League Program

Subject: "Fruitless." Leader, Nell Durham. Song, "Take the Name of Jesus with you." Scripture: John 15:1-8, Imogene Middleton.

Sentence Prayers. Molly's plan, by Mary Grimes and Mildred Richardson. The Happiness Club, Lynn McSpadden.

Juniors, be on time, we want to make some special plans.

"Pay Cash" for your Dry Good and note the saving. Brown Dry Goods Company. It

Mrs. E. L. Turner has as her guest this week, Misses Faye Altman and Cornelia Atkinson of Fort Worth, Texas. Miss Altman is a niece of Mrs. Turner, and the two young ladies rendered a program at the Cozy Theatre Thursday evening.

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"I took Cardui for backache and a weakened, run-down condition, and it strengthened and helped me," says Mrs. Mattie Hurt, of Coldwater, Miss.

"Before the birth of my children, when weak and nauseated, I took Cardui. After the birth of my children, when just getting up to do my work, I took a couple of bottles of Cardui and it never failed to strengthen and help me when taking it."

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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

KASCH COTTON SEED—Have a few more bushels Kasch Cotton Seed for sale at \$1.00 per bushel. L. C. Patton. 1tp

FOR SALE—Four or five work mules, or horses. See Dr. M. Armstrong. 1tp

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FOR SALE—Wagon and team, new planter and a cultivator. See W. R. Hampton. 1tp

COTTON SEED—Have some good planting cotton seed at \$1 per bushel. A. M. Giles. 1t

FOR SALE—Ford Coupe in good condition. To right party will sell on terms. C.D. Hutchins. 1tp

FOR SALE—1925 model Truck \$50.00 under list. Chas. H. Jones. 1t

FOR SALE—One double row Cultivator and one double row planter. Also 200 bushels Kasch Cotton Seed. See A. B. Crans-ton. 1t2p

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

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

FOR SALE—Gin-run Kasch Cotton Seed for planting, at \$1.00 per bushel. W. A. Campbell. 1t3p

FOR SALE—Pedigreed Watson's Improved Acala Cotton Seed. See C. L. Tucker. tf

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SALESMAN WANTED—To represent us in this community. A good proposition for the right man. Address your communications to the Nolan County Local Mutual Aid Association, Box 405 Sweetwater, Texas. 1t

MISS LOYCE DRY HELPS TO EDIT DALLAS PAPER

Denton, Texas, April 30—Miss Loyce Dry, a Senior in the college of Industrial Arts, was a member of a group of six students in journalism who recently published a daily issue of the Dallas Times-Herald. The students accompanied reporters on their runs, wrote stories, and performed the various editorial duties assigned to them. Miss Dry has taken an active part during the past year in the publication of the Lass-O, college weekly newspaper, recently awarded first prize as the best college paper in Texas Intercollegiate Press circles.

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FORD ACQUIRES PROPERTY IN PARIS FRANCE

Edsel B. Ford, President of the Ford Motor Company, today confirmed the reports from Paris announcing that the company had acquired property and buildings in the establishment of an assembly plant at the French capital.

"Negotiations for the acquisition of the Paris property, which have been under way for some time, have just been concluded, Mr. Ford said. "We will at once begin making additions and necessary alterations to meet our assembly requirements."

"Production at the new plant probably will start about August 1 and will provide for the assembly of 150 cars and trucks a day according to our present plans."

The Paris property, which has an area of approximately 16 acres, is known as Oxylithe, a plant formerly devoted to the manufacture of oxylithic products, located on the banks of the Seine river and about five miles out from the heart of the city.

While the present factory buildings, with a floor space of 100,000 square feet, differ somewhat from the type standard with the Ford Motor Company, they are well constructed and will need but few alterations. Plans include the construction of an addition which will add 85,000 square feet of floor space in order to permit installation of equipment necessary to carry out the Ford system of progressive assembly. This equipment will include an assembly line more than 400 feet long.

Location of the plant on the Seine at the French capitol will permit all water shipments of manufactured automobile parts from this country in which Ford ships will participate when the company enters trans-Atlantic shipping a new departure expected during the coming summer. Ships carrying Ford Automobile parts will dock at Havre, where the cargo will be transhipped to barges for delivery to the Plant at Paris.

CITATION ON PUBLICATION

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

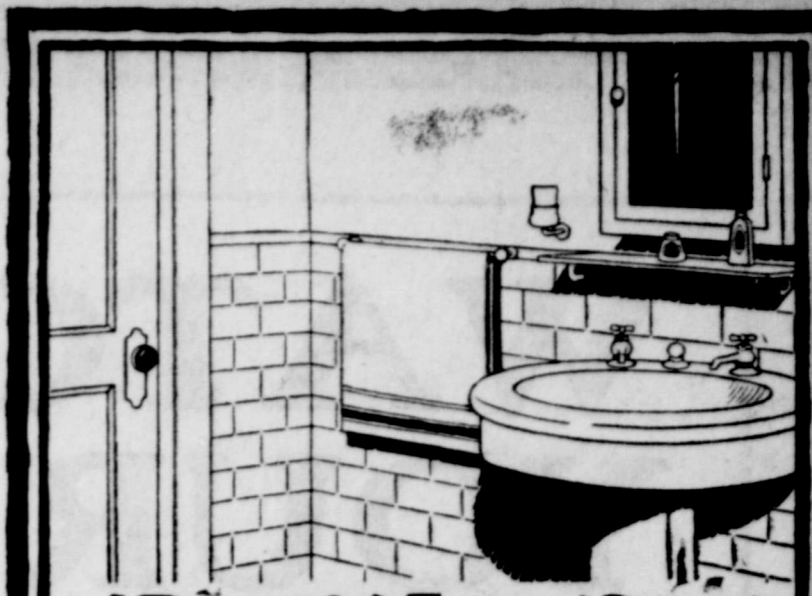
To all persons interested in the Estate of Mrs. Mary J. Hutcheson, deceased, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that W. D. Hutcheson and John W. Campbell, have filed in the County Court of Taylor County, an application for the probate of the last Will and Testament of said Mrs. Mary J. Hutcheson, deceased, filed 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,
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HONOR ROLL

The following pupils of the Merkel Public School have for the six weeks period ending April 17th been neither tardy nor absent, have made 90 per cent or more in deportment, have not made less than 75 per cent on any subject, and have made a general average of 90 per cent or more.

Low First (Miss Russell):

Aubra Lee Patton 92, Vernon Davis 92, J. C. Jones 92, Vivian Davis 92, Coherne Morrison 92, Thelma Matthews 90, Gordon Allison 90, Richard Elliott 92.

High First (Miss Dean): L. V. Moore 93, J. V. Patterson 92, Alice Russell 92, Guy Regan 91, Billie Gambill 91, Robert Higgins 90, Dennis Walker 90, Opal Buzbee 90.

Second Grade (Miss Pogue): Rogene Dye 93, La Verne Holden 93, Frances Adcock 92, Jim Chaney 92, Floyd Clark 92, Maxie Abbott 92, Hail Derstine 92.

Third Grade (Miss Harrison): Lloyd Robertson 90, Raymond Wilson 90, James McClure 90, Louise Rose 90, Sarah Sheppard 90, Iris Tipton 90.

Third Grade (Miss Coates): Fay Vantrees 93, Ibah Mae Tipton 93, Joyce Wheeler 92, Meyer Mellinger 92, L. T. Redding 91, Margaret Miller 91, Zella Belle Miller 90, Guin Tipton 90, Gordon Murray 90, H. C. Toombs 90.

Third Grade (Miss Martin): Opal Huskey 93, Lucille Campbell 94.

Fourth Grade (Mrs. Teaff): Ida Mae Derstine 95, Roy Abbott 94, Willie Evelyn Boaz 93, Burrell Chaney 93, Ross Ferrier 93, Mary Elizabeth Grimes 92, Dorothy Deutschman 90.

Fourth Grade (Miss Joiner): Lela Patterson 95, Ferrell Mashburn 94, Edna Mae Marshall 94, John Ligon 93, Ray Robbins 93, Isadore Mellinger 92, Juanita West 90.

Fifth Grade (Miss Ellis): Mattie Largent 93, Mary Ligon 92, Elsie Lasater 92, Fannie V. Jones 92, Alva Hayes 92, Lu-

cile Cole 91, Phala Diltz 91, Beth Hamm 91, Velma Lee Holden 91, Joel Darsey 90.

Fifth Grade (Miss Hearne): Vera Richie 92, Virgie Matlock 92, Louise Miller 91, Kathleen Mashburn 91, Dorothy Miller 90.

Sixth Grade (Miss Blair): Frances Frederickson 96, Florene Ligon 95, J. T. Darsey 94, Missie Dye 94, Fred Guitar 93, Maybelle Ligon 93, Jettie Howard 93, Hettie Howard 93, W. J. Derstine 92, Opal Foster 91, Harold Boney 90.

Sixth Grade (Miss Flanigan): Nadine Tippett 94, Clara Pilcher 94, Leora Parks 94, Marcella Pinkley 93, Barney Williams 92, Ruth Whatley 92, E. L. Turner 90.

Seventh Grade (Mrs. Jackson): R. E. Cole 95, Euna Lee Gilmore 93, Raymond Earthman 93, Irene Campbell 92, Fannie Belle Boaz 90.

Seventh Grade (Mrs. Sublett): Addie Faye Patterson 96, Nor-

ma Shannon 95, Ruskin Smith 92, Bernice Lasater 91.

Eighth Grade (Miss Weedon): Sterling Sheppard 96, Fred Yandell 95, Berdelle Adcock 95, Flora Frances Anderson 95, Sallie Mary Campbell 95, Gladys Deutschman 95, Mildred Hamm 94, Elizabeth Harkrider 93, Marie Brown 93, Tolbert Proctor 92, Victor Smith 91, Paul Causseaux 90, Roy Propst 90, Deshazo Simpson 90.

Ninth Grade (Miss Bird): Marie Pinkley 95, Tommie Durham 95, Hazel Coats 93, Aileen Childress 93, Claude Wills 93, Inice Brown 92, Clyde Mayfield 92, Christene Russell 91, Mildred Smith 90, Intha Bird 90.

Tenth Grade (Miss Pierce): Eva Maye Johnson 95, Lila Bird 94, Luther Pence 93, Mary Alice Johnson 93, Mary Derstine 92, Dean Murray 92, Edith Baker 91, Lola Dennis 91.

Eleventh Grade (Miss William): Pauline Pinkley 96, Mel-

ba West 95, Lucille Guitar 94, Mary Butman 93, Doris Durham 93, Effie Grayson 93, Clyde Matthews 93, James Swann 93, W. L. Harkrider 91, James Harris 91, Velma Holloway 91, Mildred Matthews 90, Hazel Rainbolt 90, Perry Shannon 90, Gladys Breeden 90.

Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Program of The Stith Baptist Church

For Sunday, May 3rd, 1925. Subject: 'Lost Without Christ' Leader, Forest Bridges. 2. The condition of the lost person, by leader. 3. Why we are lost without Christ, by Leon McDonald. 4. Why we cannot find ourselves, By Marjorie Bradley. 5. An eternal loss by Ray Mundy Sword drill conducted by Leon McDonald.

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TAILOR PRICES RAISED

On account of advance of gasoline and chemicals we, the undersigned cleaners of Merkel are compelled to advance the price of Dry Cleaning to \$1.50 per suit or dress, etc., effective May first. L. J. Renfro, Alfred H. Ligon, Mrs. J. F. Hodo. 112

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Leader, Fred Giles. Introduction by Leader. 1st. part, Susie Belle Weedon. 2nd. part, Gilbert Walton. 3rd part, Delbert Polly. 4th part, Lucille Guitar. 5th part, Lewis Giles.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Derrington announce the birth of a baby boy at their home last week.

Misses Ruby, Evelyn and Mildred Hamm and Mrs. Sie Hamm were in Abilene last Saturday.

DISTRICT LEAGUE MEET WAS WELL ATTENDED

A large delegation of Merkel Leaguers, including Juniors, intermediates and seniors, accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Rea and some half dozen other chaperones, attended the district meeting of the Epworth League in the Abilene District which met at Anson last Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

A fairly good attendance and an extra fine program was carried out. And to the credit of the Merkel Leagues may it be stated that the success of the occasion was indeed due much to the splendid part they had on the program.

The Methodist people in Anson were in deed courteous and cared for and entertained the guests while in their city very nicely.

M. E. Missionary Society

The Methodist Womans Missionary Society met at the church Monday afternoon in regular meeting. A splendid program from the Missionary Voice had been arranged by the committee, and was as follows: Theme: "Stewardship" 1. Bible Lesson, Mrs. L. A. Watts; 2. Stewardship of life, Mrs. Clyde Sears; 3. Items from the Bulletin, Mrs. Sam Butman. 4. Report from the delgate, Mrs. Thos. Durham, who attended the annual meeting of the North West Texas conference at Memphis last week. A most inspiring report was given, and not only made the ladies glad that they belonged to such a worthy organization, but made them feel that the bit they had done had been very little, and that there were many fields of improvement for the local society. Twenty-two members were present, and two visitors, Mrs. C. M. Largent and Mrs. Bickley.

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