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# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## MERKEL 5 Y'RS. AGO ALSO 5 YRS. HENCE

As was stated in our last week's issue, Mr. Chas. H. Jones was the excellent toastmaster at the Luncheon held at Ed's Cafe on last Tuesday evening. Yes, Charlie always takes an interest in and takes part in every move that is put forward for the town's best interest. And upon this occasion he brought forth a very fine program.

The topic of the evening was "Our Old Home Town," what has been accomplished during the past five years and what may be accomplished during the next five years. The president of the Luncheon Club, Mr. L. R. Thompson, being out of the city, Mr. Jones carried out the program and conducted the business session also. Ex-Mayor H. C. West was also a speaker on the program, but on account of being ill was not able to attend.

Among those making interesting and appreciated talks during the evening were: Hon. F. S. Cummings, Col. J. A. Buford, Rev. W. H. Albertson and possibly others whose names we failed to remember. Each speaker talked of the numerous improvements in this city during the last five years, and all depicted many great and glorious accomplishments that could and as they stated, believed would be accomplished during the next five years.

Those present were favored by solos by Mr. Delma Compton, Miss Mona Margaret Jones, a reading by Miss Lucy Tracy, all of which were received with great pleasure and delight by every one present.

The new Superintendent-elect of the Merkel schools, Mr. J. A. Summerhill, was present and was introduced to the club. His remarks were highly interesting and convinced all present that he will not only prove to be a capable school superintendent, but a live-wire and progressive citizen as well. It was indeed a fine meeting of the Luncheon Club.

## FORMER NOODLE BOY DROWNED AT POTOSI

The entire community was shocked on Saturday evening to hear of the death of Harry Boyd who was drowned in a lake at Potosi, where the family now lives.

Harry Boyd was born at Weatherford, Texas in Parker county, February 28, 1911, but spent most of his life at Noodle, where he was loved by all who knew him. He leaves a father and mother, four brothers and three sisters to mourn his departure. He was not a strong boy, was sick a greater part of his life, but his suffering is ended. But oh how hard to give up one so young, but God knows best, even though we can not see these things as they are. He walked off in perfect health and was carried back cold in death. As I looked on his little face, lying so peacefully, I wondered why it had to be so, but it is all for a purpose. God never makes a mistake, but how mother will miss his helpful hands around the home; he was such a good boy to help his mother.

Harvie was a good boy, always in his Sunday School class on Sunday morning and would always meet you with a smiling face. We shall miss his smiles, but today he is smiling around the throne of God.

Written by one who loved him

We solicit a part of your trade Phone 27. A. R. Booth.

## 17 CLEMENCY ACTS GRANTED BY "MA" IN TWO DAYS

Austin, Texas, June 2.—Pardon proclamations poured out of the Governor's office Tuesday and there was a steady stream of pardon seekers into the executive's sanctum. Four full and three conditional pardons were granted and one restoration of citizenship allowed. All day long the Governor's office was crowded with visitors.

The visitors included some prominent men of Texas and there were others who plainly showed that they earned a livelihood by the hardest toil.

During the first two days of June the Governor has granted a total of seventeen pardons, of which four are full and thirteen conditional.

## T. & P. PUTS ON A WEEK-END EXCURSION

The Texas and Pacific Railway company during the month of June will run week-end excursions into Fort Worth and Dallas at the low rate of one fare plus ten cents. In other words the fare to Fort Worth one way is \$6.38 regularly, so by adding just ten cents we have the excursion rate of \$6.48 for round trip. One may leave Merkel over this road on each Saturday morning Sunshine Special and spend the balance of Saturday and all day Sunday and Sunday night in either Ft. Worth or Dallas, and leave those cities for return not later than Monday morning.

This will indeed make it interesting to the many baseball fans of this section to attend the big league games this summer. Or it will prove quite a saving and convenience for those having business in either city, to make a week-end trip.

We also call attention of our readers to the advertisements in the Mail each week from the T. & P. which is another proof that advertising pays even the big corporations, and should be a real incentive to the local merchant that he should use same extensively.

## LAW FORBIDS DUMPING TRASH ON HIGHWAY

It has been called to the attention of the Mail that some unthoughtful citizens have lately been guilty of hauling off and dumping trash and refuse on the highway and in private pastures etc. We are asked to remind the public that to do this in strict violation of the state laws, and any one found guilty of the offense would suffer a heavy fine. So you had better secure the consent of owners of land before you do this, and as for making a dump ground out of the highway, better leave that off entirely.

E. Yates Brown left first of the week for Fort Worth where he will attend the department of music at the Baptist Theological Seminary. Mr. Brown is the very able Choir Director at the First Baptist church, and will be greatly missed by this church during his absence, but will no doubt return more able to render greater service.

Mr. J. A. Cook of Dora was in Merkel Monday and informed the Mail that Dora will be ready to receive the trade trippers tonight. He said that a large crowd of people of that community will be present and that they were planning to serve ice cold lemonade and cake. We are very grateful to Mr. Cook for his subscription to the Mail.

## Plans Set For Dora Trade Trip

### GREATEST YEAR MERKEL SCHOOLS

The closing exercises of the Merkel High School for the year 1924-25 were held Monday evening, June 1 at the Methodist Church when the commencement exercises were held. Professor Godbold, of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, delivered an excellent and most timely address to the thirty-seven members of the graduating class. Two songs by the class, with Miss Roberta Gay accompanying, were very fine. Superintendent Roger A. Burgess awarded the diplomas.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached last Sunday evening at the Methodist Church by Rev. Lewis N. Stuckey of St. Paul's Methodist church, Abilene. Others on the program Sunday evening were: Invocation, Rev. W. H. Albertson; Solo, Miss Christine Collins; Quartet, Messrs. Yates Brown, W. J. Largent, Cyrus Pee, and Tom Allday.

This year's work closes the best year that Merkel has seen in her schools. And it is with regret that Superintendent Burgess will not be with Merkel and her schools again this year. Mr. Burgess has been connected with the Merkel schools for the past twelve years, eight of which he has been superintendent. During his connection, the standard of Merkel schools has been raised to A-1, having full credits and affiliation with the best colleges and universities. Mr. Burgess is a very capable and earnest working school man. He goes to Childress this coming year. Mr. J. A. Somerhill of Leonard, Texas, has accepted the superintendency of the Merkel schools for the next year.

## TRENT SCHOOLS CLOSED LAST FRIDAY, MAY 29TH.

Last Friday night marked the close of the Trent Public school, with Mr. R. H. McAdams as Superintendent.

We are informed that this has been a very successful term of school, and speaks much for the Superintendent and his faculty. Mr. McAdams, we learn, has been elected as Superintendent of the Royston schools for the next school year, to which place he will soon move with his family.

## PARDONING RECORDS OF FERGUSON, NEFF AND 'MA'

According to a news item in Tuesday's Star-Telegram, there was issued during the term and part of another of Jas. E. Ferguson, before he was impeached, clemency to about 3,000 convicts. During Neff's four years clemency was granted seventeen. And up to this date "Ma" has pardoned a total of 461 convicts.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Terrill, father and mother of Mrs. R. I. Grimes, after a visit of several months with the latter, left this week for their home in Xenia, Ohio. For several months Mr. Terrill has been in very bad health, but is many friends are glad to know that upon his departure he had practically regained his former good health. They are mighty fine folks, and while here made many lasting friends who bid them welcome to return at any time.

### TO LEAVE HERE AT 5:30 PROMPTLY

Promptly at 5:30 this afternoon, it is planned for the business men, professional men and citizens of Merkel to leave on a Trade Trip to Dora, that splendid, thriving agricultural and livestock community located on the divide, twenty-five miles southwest in Nolan county. And already promises and assurances are sufficient to warrant the attendance upon this trip to be the largest ever before making a similar trip. Yes, many business firms will have representatives in attendance that have not heretofore been represented.

Merkel's excellent orchestra will make the trip and furnish the splendid music for the occasion, which with the following other items on the program to be rendered, will be sufficient to assure the Doraites that the city of Merkel and the business and professional interests of same, desire and solicit their trade and patronage, along with every other community throughout her trade territory.

Mr. J. A. Cook, one of the well-to-do citizens of the Dora community was in the city one day this week and informed the Merkel Mail that we could assure the Merkel folks of a fine reception and large attendance upon the part of the citizens of his community. He also stated that some refreshments would be in waiting for us when we arrived. And in this connection let us announce that it is hoped that every one from Merkel who can will take along a few extra sandwiches, a few more than necessary for their own consumption, and let the Merkel people and the Dora folks spread lunch together and really have a big social hour before the rendering of the program.

Remember another thing folk let all who intend to go on the trip meet in the down town section not later than five-thirty, and all make the trip together. It is expected that the party will arrive in Dora at about 7:00 o'clock. The following is the program as has been handed us by the program committee:

### PROGRAM

1. Music by Orchestra.
2. Welcome address, Citizen of Dora.
3. Song.
4. Opening address, Mr. L. R. Thompson.
5. Reading, Tommie Durham.
6. Solo, Delma Compton.
7. Talk, Mr. H. C. West.
8. Solo, Paul West.
9. Talk, W. H. Albertson.
10. Duet, Delma Compton and Paul West.
11. Reading, Miss Lucy Tracy.
12. Quartette or Duet.

### MASONIC LODGE NOTICE

Saturday night, June 6, is regular meeting night for Merkel Lodge No. 710, and election of officers, paying of dues and other business is to be attended to. All members urged to be present.

Henry R. Hicks, Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Acuff and Mr. and Mrs. Eekerd returned from an extended trip to San Antonio Corpus Christi and the Rio Grande valley.

## GOVERNOR GIVES DIPLOMA AT CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Austin, Texas, May 30.—Governor Miriam A. Ferguson delivered the diplomas to the graduating class of St. Mary's Academy Friday afternoon during the exercises in the auditorium of that institution. She also briefly addressed the graduates. A number of young women from different places in South Texas received their diplomas. St. Mary's is conducted by the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

The Right Rev. Christopher E. Byrne, bishop of Galveston, and the Very Rev. Mgr. J. M. Kirwin, also of Galveston, were here for the graduating exercises.

## NEW EXHIBIT BUILDING ABILENE FAIR

Abilene, Texas, June 4.—With the awarding of the contract for a new \$25,000 exhibit building at the fair park, the West Texas Fair Association is setting in motion a \$40,000 improvement program looking forward to a record-breaking attendance at the All-West Texas exhibition in the fall, and for the annual speed classic of West Texas, the Fourth of July races. The fair improvement program includes remodeling textile building and the agricultural building, new automobile entrances and the installation of coin turnstiles to care for the crowds.

For the July 4th event which draws each year West Texas' largest holiday crowds, the enlargement features additional grandstand room for more than 2000 people. The Independence Day races are held under the sanction of the A.A.A., the Abilene meet being one of the outstanding automobile gatherings of the entire state.

For this year there will be special feature handicap events and the purses of \$4000 are the largest yet offered on the Abilene course. Fair Association officials stated that the increasing popularity of the Abilene automobile races, together with the speediest dirt track in Texas, and larger purses, were attracting more and more the premier speed kings of the country. There is a strong possibility that the 1925 events will see some of the most glamorous names of race history marked on the Independence Day Program, with a session of real thrills for speed fans. Time trials are scheduled for the preceding day, and the contest will be swift and snappy from the word "go".

Another attraction to Abilene for the Fourth of July celebration is the Bathing Girl Revue which is to be staged at Lytle Beach, Abilene's pleasure lake, following the races. Elaborate plans are being made for a distinctive show, with attractive prizes offered the beauties, and possible selection of "Miss Abilene" to the Atlantic City festival. Bath houses are being moved back to make room for the promenade and the huge crowds expected to witness the revue.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst and children left first of the week in their new Dodge Sedan for an extended trip to the Plains and New Mexico. They will visit Plainview first, where Mr. Propst owns some very choice and valuable city business property.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes are now happily domiciled in their new and beautiful home in the Southwest part of the city.

## MAKES \$6,720 ON PLAINS LANDS

About two months ago, possibly a little longer, Mr. A. J. Canon, City Alderman and most excellent citizen, learned that there was beginning to be a little talk through the papers that there would likely be some railroad building through certain parts of the great South Plains, and, having been a westerner for many years, naturally knew that a man could not go far wrong in making investments in land in the west, and more especially where there was likelihood of a railroad building thru the country. So Mr. Canon proceeded to the Plains, and out a short distance from the town of Silverton he found a 640 acre tract of land that he could buy for \$22.00 per acre. He made the trade. Recently he sold the land, two months later, at \$32.50 per acre, making a clean profit of \$10.00 per acre or total of \$6,720 dollars.

Just good judgement and faith in West Texas land. The editor of this paper having been in the newspaper game in the West for more than 25 years, has seen many such transactions, and yet in every community one will find those who will tell you that land is as high as it will ever be. The top has never been reached anywhere in the West. It's a wise man who buys for himself a piece of West Texas land.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL HAS GRADUATING EXERCISES

The graduation exercises of the Grammar School were held last Friday evening at the Methodist church. The following program was rendered:

1. Invocation, Rev. W. H. Albertson.
2. Song, "Texas Our Texas."
3. Salutatory, Norma Shanon.
4. Address, Rev. C. H. Little, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, Merkel.
5. Presentation of Diplomas.
6. Valedictory, Addie Fae Patterson.
7. Song, "Water Lillies."
8. Benediction, Rev. T. J. Rea.

## ATTENDS McMURRAY GRADUATION EXERCISES

Mr. L. R. Thompson, one of the trustees of McMurry College attended the graduating exercises held in the college auditorium Thursday morning. The address was delivered by Mr. W. B. Hamilton, President of the Texhoma Oil Corporation, of Wichita Falls. Mr. Hamilton has his Masters Degree from the University of Texas and the thoughts he presented in his address were gleaned largely from his own experiences as a practical business man, who put Christianity first in his life.

After a luncheon with Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of the college as host, Mr. Thompson was invited to accompany several of the business men of Abilene who desired to show Mr. Hamilton the city of Abilene in a drive over the city. Mr. Thompson states that he himself was very much astonished at the great and rapid growth of Abilene during the past six years which has been accomplished through the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations of the city.

Mr. E. L. Turner has been busy for some time making additions in and about his home which when completed will add much to the appearance and comfort of same.

# Public Hearted

This bank has at all times stood by its depositors through thick and thin.

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### "OUTSIDE" ADVERTISING

The Merkel Mail does believe in patronizing home merchants and home industry of all kinds. We practice it. The bills we pay each month about town will bear us out in this—that is we pay them when we have received sufficient business to enable us to do so. We are just like every other business man—we MUST have patronage in our line if we are enabled to meet our actual running and living expenses. And when we say we believe in patronizing home industry we do not mean that it is only the farmer that sends away to Mail Order houses for we find business men right here in Merkel who do not patronize other business men engaged in different lines, but either go to nearby towns or send away to the Mail Order house for that particular line of goods. Now the thing we are driving at is that they owe it to other business men in this town to give them their patronage in their particular line. And this paper claims to be entitled to cooperation and patronage from the business interests of this city on a basis of value received for every dollar spent, for every week the paper is devoted to the things that will help to bring business to our city. We give many columns of space toward that end every week in the year. We always boost every man and never cast a reflection on any. And yet we are told of one man who made the remark that "The Merkel Mail should not accept advertising from merchants outside of Merkel." Well, The Merkel Mail is bound by oath to accept any and all legitimate advertising or stand to have its mailing privileges taken away from it by the government. And to this person we say also, that not until such business men as you got it into their head that advertisements in the Mail were not especially necessary, and decided to cut your advertising account, did we cater in the least to any advertising outside of Merkel. And we would say to this merchant that if you had gone ahead with your advertising with us as you had in the past we would have been amply able to pay promptly for that bill of goods we purchased from you, and you would not be so afraid of competition. If you do not think advertisements in The Merkel Mail pay you good returns, why do you object so seriously to advertisements placed in the Mail by out-of-town competitors. And another thing we want to ask you: would you refuse to sell a bill of goods to a man from another town, especially if your home merchants would not patronize you. We can say one thing that we doubt if you can say, and that is we have never gone outside of Merkel to buy a dime's worth of goods in your line, and we could easily make contract for hundreds of dollars worth of "outside" advertising in your line if we would take it in exchange for merchandise.

Miss Ouida Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, who has spent the school year as a student in the West Texas State Teachers' College at Canyon, returned home first of the week, and is spending the week-end with her sister Miss Mary Kate, teacher in the Noodle schools. We might also add that Miss Mary Kate Campbell has been elected teacher for the next year in the Canyon public schools, according to a bulletin sent out from that city. Miss Campbell is one of our most excellent young lady teachers and her friends are no doubt glad to learn of her election to a position in this splendid school.

Miss Lynn Thompson left this week for Tarkio, Missouri, where she will spend the summer with her grandmother, Mrs. Sue Thompson, and other relatives. Miss Thompson plans to return to her home here about October first. Her many friends wish for her a pleasant visit in the northern state.

### WITH THE CHURCHES

#### BAPTIST CHURCH

The services last Sunday morning were well attended. Next Monday evening at 8:15 we will have a meeting of the officers and teachers of the Sunday School. Lunch will be served. Mr. Emmet Landers of Abilene will deliver a special address on the work of the Sunday school teacher. We are expecting a one hundred per cent attendance. Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 7:30. You are cordially invited to be in any or all of these services.

#### METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. At the morning service we wish to give special emphasis to congregational singing. The time has come, it seems to me, for us to reform our church singing by getting back to the old way of everybody singing in the song service to help fill the church building with a mighty volume of sacred melody.

We want you to be in that service and help us to sing these old gospel hymns. Let us make Sunday "Go to Church Sunday" and everybody be in their place. "Just think". If you make it a practice to look for something good in everyone with whom you come in contact, you will be surprised at the good things others will see in you. "To your tents, O Israel." T. J. Rea, pastor

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Senior and Junior Christian Endeavor at 7 p.m. Choir practice Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Regular monthly communion service Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour. If you enjoy singing don't miss the evening service. We will spend twenty minutes singing the old gospel hymns. Come out and help us "raise the roof." Special music by the choir at all services.

Let us make Sunday a rally day for the entire membership. If you respect the church, prove it to your family and your neighbor by attending.

All officers and teachers of the intermediate, junior and primary departments of the Sunday school are requested to meet Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the children for rehearsal of program to be given on June 14th.

On next Wednesday evening at a general church night service will be held. Supper will be served in the basement of the church, followed by an interesting program and social hour.

We extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend all the above services.

Chas. H. Little, pastor.

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### THE POET'S CORNER

Editor's Note—The following poem was written by Miss Ruba Patton of the Salt Branch Community, who is only fourteen years of age.)

#### MERKEL

Merkel is a little town  
Built upon the choicest ground  
Merkel's citizens all do right,  
And they kneel in prayer at night.  
And pray for grace and love  
To be sent down from above.  
Merkel's prices are always low  
That is what makes Merkel grow.  
Merkel is the place to bring  
All your eggs, butter and everything.  
At Merkel you can tell  
That is the place that you can sell,  
Merkel is very up-to-date,  
Merkel's deliverymen are never late

Merkel's merchants are always on time,  
And they never leave anyone behind.

Merkel school teachers all do right,  
And the school children never fight.

So all who to Merkel come  
There be sure to make your home.

Come and get your Tanks,  
Tubs, Milk Pans and Coolers and all other tin work from Wm. O'Briant. Cheaper than any place else, price is not the object I want to sell you. 5t4

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## Kwik-Way Valve Facing Machine and Kwik-way

Reseating Tools, due to their extreme accuracy, will true up the valves and valve seats in the motor, so that they will be better than when they were new, and will get more mileage from your gasoline. Most shops use grinding compound, which does not true up a warped or worn valve, or a worn valve seat and this means that you are paying out your money for results that you are not getting.

We will be pleased to show you this new equipment and talk it over with you.

**HAND & RIDDLE GARAGE**  
Front Street Merkel

### CONDENSED AUSTIN NEWS

The State Board of Control has awarded contracts for the purchase of approximately \$300,000 worth of groceries to supply eleemosynary institutions until next Sept. 1.

Public printers are urged to rush the printing of the revised requisition forms for school officials, to indicate the number of free textbooks needed for the session of 1925-26.

Frank Wilkes and Herbert Batchan, convicted in Orange of the murder of Joe Prejean, Feb. 14, 1925, and each given the death penalty, have filed appeals in the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Established forty years ago by the literary societies of the University of Texas under the name of the University of Texas Literary Magazine, the Longhorn Magazine continues today as the official literary publication of the school.

A "lunatics special" is a prospect on the Katy time cards when 100 insane patients are to be transferred from San Antonio to Austin for incarceration in the auxiliary insane hospital in this city, just opened.

Specific advices have been received by the State Board of Control that the Federal authorities will soon be prepared to open negotiations in Washington for the purchase of the American Legion Memorial Sanatorium at Kerrville.

Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson has remitted a fine of \$100 and costs assessed against Webster O. Lee and reduced the fine of \$96 and costs to \$10 given Joe Hornbeck in convictions in the County Court of Roberts County on charges of killing a wild deer out of season.

The members of the State Board of Nursing Examiners have been appointed by Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson. They are Sister Stella Leacy, St. Vincent's Sanitarium, Sherman, three years; Miss Lois Mims, Fort Worth, two years, and Miss Mary Grigsby, Waco, three years.

The Texas Department of Agriculture has been assailed as "obsolete" and its Commissioner, George B. Terrell, was arraigned by E. D. Cowan, Commissioner of the Markets and Warehouse Department, for protesting to items vetoed from his budget by Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson.

R. D. Jackson, executive secretary of the League of Texas Municipalities

### MANY SCHOOL CHILDREN WIN HONOR CERTIFICATES

The following pupils of the Merkel Public Schools have been neither tardy nor absent during the entire school year of 1924-25 and have been awarded "Honor Certificates."

Don Swafford, Florence J. Ligon, Ailene Childress, Jim Chabey, Frances Fredrickson, Lee Criswell, La Verne Holden, Miss Dye, Tommie Durham, Harry Boaz, Lester Patterson, Dorothy Higgins, Joyce Wheeler, Jim Smith, Opal Patterson, Mah Mae Tipton, Bernice Lasater, Christine Russell, Howard Albertson, Addie Frye Patterson, Claude Wills, Burrell Chaney, Selma Lee Russell, A. J. Tucker, Ross Forrier, Raymond Earthman, Juanita Beene, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Tracy Campbell, Mary Derstine, Dorothy Deutschman, Mary Ellen Ashby, Eva Mae Johnson, S. G. Russell, Fannie Belle Boaz, Anna Lou Russell, Eris Ash, Marza Chaney, W. L. Hankrider, Joe Darsey, Dorothy Daniels, Clyde Matthews, Bill Hamm, James Swann, D. O. Huddleston, Flora Frances Anderson, Mary Butman, Louise Booth, Gladys Deutschman, Lucille Guitar, Beth Hamm, Iris Garrett, Effie Grayson, Fannie V. Jones, Mildred Hamm, Stella Wilson, Mary Ligon, Deshazo Simpson, Ola Smith, Paul Causseaux, Nadine Tippet, W. P. Jones, George Woods, Sterling Sheppard, Fred Guitar, Victor Smith, Maybelle Ligon, Fred Vandell.

Miss Madge Pierce, history teacher in the Merkel high school, left Tuesday night for her home at Alvin, Texas.

New crop Alfalfa—Choice—Have new Johnson grass as soon as hay matures enough to be safe feed. Swafford, phone 44. It

Mr. James Swann left Tuesday for Sul Ross Normal, Alpine, where he will attend school, studying art.

# "HARDWARE"

We have a few Two Row Cultivators left that we are making prices on that will make you wake up. We trade for your single row cultivators too if you have more than you need. We Deliver and put 'em up, if you are not over 40 miles from Merkel. Merkel's trade territory reaches 40 miles east, west, north, and south from the Liberty Hardware building and we want our part of the business.

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Robert Hicks

LET ANY OF US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT

Mrs. W. J. Bicknell received a message on Monday stating that her half-brother died at Royal, Alabama, on May 14th.

Our (2) two "Specials" this week are real 'Hummers.' Brown Dry Goods Company.

Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Avery are here for a visit with W. I. Avery and family.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

New crop Alfalfa—Choice—Have new Johnson grass as soon as hay matures enough to be safe feed. Swafford, phone 44. 1t

Mr. Adrian Rea Left Tuesday evening of this week for Ft. Worth where he has a job with Swift & Co.

Mrs. Maury H. Huffman of Dallas is here visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jones.

### WARREN NEWS

By Miss Rose Ellington

The farmers are all very busy planting. The health of this community is very good at the present.

The Warren school was out last Friday. Those who enjoyed a picnic on the Warren Lake were Misses Lottie Gressett, Helen and Artie McCormick, Willie Newman, Lena Mae and Ruth Chancey, Alizene Sumpter, Willie, Rose and Cordie Ellington, Lottie and Villin McCoy, Flora Tarper and Messrs. T. B. and Gaston Hobbs, Oddis and Wilburn Thompson, Hodge and Baxton Anthony, Charlie T. McCormicy, Claud Ellington, Buster McCoy, and teachers Misses Lena and Lilla Bradley.

Mrs. N. E. Horn of Noodle is the guest of her niece, Mrs. Ellington, for the week-end.

Mrs. Flinch and daughter, Onita, spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Emmett Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy spent Saturday night with her mother, Mrs. Bass, of Hawley.

Miss Helen McCormick spent Saturday night with Misses Vela and Vera Jones.

Miss Viola Howard of Merkel spent last week-end with Mrs. Homer Foster.

Lorene Ellington spent Friday and Friday night with Violet Jones.

Miss Ollie Hobbs spent Thursday night with Miss Lena Mae Wilson.

Several from Warren attended the play at Stith last night and tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Stout.

Several from Warren attended the dedication sermon at Compere Sunday.

Miss Katie Rister returned home Saturday afternoon after spending the last four months of school with her uncle, Mr. Jim Pittman.

Mrs. McCoy spent Sunday with Mrs. Sumpter.

### COMPERE ITEMS

We had another good rain at Compere Sunday night. The farmers are all nearly through planting their crops.

There was a large crowd at the Presbyterian Church Sunday to hear the dedication services by Rev. Fred S. Rogers. There was also a fine dinner at 12 and singing and preaching by Rev. Little in the afternoon. Rev. Dowell preached at 7:45 in the evening. We appreciate the fine singing by the Merkel choir.

There was a large crowd out to the singing Sunday night at the Baptist Church.

Every one enjoyed the musical at Mr. Lee Stanley's last Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and family from Warren spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Stout.

Compere school was out last Friday. The school children gave a program Thursday night. There was a large crowd and everyone enjoyed the program.

Friday morning the teachers surprised the pupils by treating them to "Eskimo Pies." Mr. Clarence C. Day, Principal, returned to Abilene. Mrs. Evelyn Hurse returned to Commerce, her former home, and Miss Mary Proctor is at home in Merkel.

Every one enjoyed the party at Mrs. Eva Adkins' Saturday night.

A crowd of the Compere folks attended the musical recital at Stith Friday night. Miss Ina Mae Childers from Compere won second prize in the contest.

Mrs. Busbee, who has been quite sick for the last few days is better at this writing.

Misses Willie and Rose Ellington and Mrs. Pearl Allred called on Misses Alma and Lorene Stout Sunday afternoon.

There was a large crowd at the play at Compere Friday night, put on by the Truby people.

Mr. Matt Randolph from Hawley was a visitor at Mrs. Stout's Sunday evening.

There will be a musical at Mr. T. K. Marshall's Saturday night. Everybody come.

Mr. E. C. Tarvin and Mr. Charlie Allred were visitors in Anson Saturday.

Miss Bernice Hanson spent Friday night with Miss Ina Mae Childers.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Milliken from Abilene attended the school program last Thursday night.

Mrs. Stout spent Wednesday evening with Mrs. C. Foster.

Some of the Compere folks attended the program at Stith Monday night.

Remember the all-day singing at Compere next Sunday.

Miss Hazel Bell is spending some time visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Hendricks, at El Paso.

Miss Jessie Sutphen is at home for the summer months with her mother, Mrs. Sutphen. Miss Sutphen has been teaching in the Electra schools this year.

Mr. R. A. Burgess has just returned from a business trip to Denton, Texas.

Mr. A. J. Tucker left Wednesday morning of this week for Ft. Worth where he has gotten a job for the summer.

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kel, Texas as second class mail.

Can it be denied that one reason why churchmen of today have such little weight with the outside world is that they are too willing and easy to make compromises with the world and worldly things? With some it is "get-by, be popular, and say little."

An editorial writer remarks, "One of the main things in the education of the youth of the land today is to educate them to be THINKERS." Very true. Then they will be more capable of being leaders themselves, or at least follow the right leader. One of the reasons there is so much strife and discension in the land today is that the people are too prone to just follow a leader whether he is right or wrong, and do so without thinking for themselves.

The Merkel Public School has made a fine record this year, with thirty-seven boys and girls in the graduating class. However, in this class there is only thirteen boys. The fact that there is almost two girls to every boy in the class should bear forceably upon the minds of the parents of today. They should study the matter thoroughly, and see that in the future years to come that this condition is a little more equally divided. Such a wide difference is not only unfair to the boys, but equally so to the girls of the country. Yes, we should be just

as anxious to educate our boys as our girls.

Concerning all this talk about the boys and girls of this day and age being wilder and more immoral than were the generation which went before them, who on earth is to blame but the parents, the fathers and mothers of today? Surely the parents will at least claim to yet be in control of the homes of the land. They are yet in control of the state and nation from a governmental standpoint. If the boys and girls of today are not what they should be from a moral standpoint the main cause is in the home. And when you hear some person pleading for some church or society to save their boy or girl, you can most generally put it down that this person is just a plain weak-kneed, weak-backed, sissy, hypocrite, and acknowledges that he or she is not capable of exercising that parental control and discipline needed to rear bright, clean-hearted and clean living children. However, most men and women want their own boys and girls to come up to be good, honest, decent folks, regardless of the fact that they (the parents) some of them, are leading that hypocritical double life. And when they are doing this they need not get it into their heads that the boys and girls will not find it out. For in such cases there is always some one who knows, and sooner or later the boys and girls will find it out. So if parents want them to grow up right they must first live right before them.

Mr. and Mrs. Underwood of Texarkana, Texas, are here for a visit with Mrs. Underwood's father, Mr. F. J. Smith. Mrs. Underwood will be remembered as Miss Josie Smith.

Mrs. L. B. Scott and brother, Mr. Edward McCrary, returned recently from Arlington where they visited their mother.

**THE CHURCH AND CIRCUS**

You read about the Northern preacher who adopted movie tactics to get a crowd into his church.

He tried newspaper advertising, written in approved church style, without getting very good results. His deacons stopped advertising funds, whereupon the minister went down into his own pockets to pay for ads in the local newspapers. He changed his style of ad-writing, adopting the tactics of the movies—playing up the sensational, making a direct appeal to the emotions. Results were immediate. His empty pews filled up and overflowed. Today his church is crowded to the doors at each service.

Fine, you say. To be sure. It is always nice to have a church full of people to preach to.

But is it them in the church to attract crowds bent on appeasing curiosity? Is it Christian to put on a monkey-show in the pulpit in order to get a crowd? Should the preacher adopt circus sideshow methods to fill his pews? Is he justified in appealing to the baser human instincts in order to corral enough human beings to lecture them on the higher human emotions?

Doubtless every church in the land could be filled each Sunday if the church would compromise with the world. If the church would abolish every fundamental tenet and practice that does not appeal to every human being, we would soon hear no complaint about a falling off in church attendance. But we would also find ourselves without churches in course of time. If it had been the practice of the church down through the ages to compromise with the devil, the church would have disappeared long ago. The fact that it has refused to compromise, that it has gone on fighting the battles of the Word for centuries in the face of worldly indifferences and opposition, is

the outstanding reason for the church's power and influence today. It could have accepted a dumb meaningless outward show of mummery and mockery for religion, and prospered materially, but it would have lost its influence over and the respect of the world long ago.

When the church finds it necessary to employ worldly tactics to accomplish spiritual ends; when it reaches the point where it must appeal to man's natural thirst for material things in order to arouse his thirst for higher and nobler things; when it must descend to the practice of installing a ballyhoo artist at the main entrance and employing the paraphernalia of the sideshow in the pulpit to attract and hold a crowd, then the church will have to acknowledge that it is losing its grip and must get back to a closer connection with God before it can hope to prevail against the lusts of the flesh and machinations of the devil.

If, in fine, the church finds itself unable to fill the spiritual needs of the people with spiritual things, then it is time for the church to get back to fundamentals.

The religion of Jesus Christ doesn't change. It is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. The fundamentals of faith are the same today as when first pronounced. The church follows, or is supposed to follow, a changeless Christ. Its mission is unchanged and unchanging—to lead men to God. "I am the Way, the Truth and the Light," said the Founder of the Faith. Nothing of that weak-kneed, futile "when you are in Rome do as Rome does" compromising. Not a gospel to fit the world, but a world to which the gospel must be fitted. The so-called intolerance of the church is its strongest armor against the assaults of the world.

"Mankind has changed, conditions have changed; the church must change too in order to meet these changed conditions," the opportunist avers. "The church must meet the world half way; it must fight the devil with the devil's own weapons; it must get rid of outworn doctrines and practices and make its appeal to mankind as mankind exists, not as it existed two thousand years ago."

Is that the way Christ looked at it? Did He shape His sails to catch every gust of wind of belief and unbelief? Did He say, "Here is such and such a condition of society; here is such and such a belief and practice. If I succeed I must build the structure of my faith and practices to fit these conditions. Man will not listen to me if I will not in turn listen to man. I must compromise with him. I must appeal to his senses in order to reach his soul." Christ did not do that; Mohammed did. Which is the greater? Christ upset ancient prejudices and purified the temple. He did not compromise with the world.

The building erected by Christ was perfect. It lacked nothing. If man shall add here a gable, there a spire, yonder a cornice, to please the modern ideas of perfectibility, what sort of structure would it be? It is the spirit of compromise that the church must combat.

Of course, these comments refer to fundamentals of faith. The physical equipment and machinery of the church must keep pace with modern times. The machinery by which the church carries on its work must be adequate; the physical plant must be in keeping with the demands of the times; but in the fundamentals of religion there is no need for change. That Perfect Plan was laid down two thousand years ago, and it is as good today as it was then.—Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott are now occupying their pretty bungalow home on Oak street.

Miss Willie Swann, who has been at Snyder for the past few months, is at home for a vacation.

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Tuesday afternoon the Gleaners class of the Methodist church was entertained in the home of Mrs. A. A. McGehee, with Mrs. McGehee and Mrs. Ira Huss hostesses. The business session was held first, in which all matters of business were disposed of.

Then in the social hour that followed a very pleasant time was spent, Games and contests were the chief diversion, and in the "Cracker Contest," Mrs. Ross Ferrier won, and was awarded a prize. In the "Flower Contest," Mrs. Jack Durham was winner and received a pretty prize.

Dainty refreshment plates of ice cream with individual cakes with the letters "G. C." on the icing, and roses as plate favors were served. to: Mesdames Case, Vaughn, Morton, Hayes, Guitar, Tipton, Toombs, Sears, Patterson, Ferrier, Hicks, Latham, Durham, Hutcheson, Hunter, Huss and McGehee. Visitors were Mesdames Jack Durham and Jerome Hutcheson.

Miss Annie Laurie Smith is at home for a few weeks with her father, Mr. F. J. Smith. Miss Smith taught in the Electra schools this year.

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## Her Part in "Wedding Belles"

By VERICK SHALLMAR

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"WHAT on earth are you putting these in for?" exclaimed Rose Turner as Lila carefully arranged certain garments upon the rack of her wardrobe trunk. The garments were those of a widow, a very Parisian, smart little widow to be sure, but Lila, to her friend's knowledge, had never been married.

"Got an idea. Ever have one?" laughed Lila. "I didn't have any vacation last year so I've got a whole month this year. And if all goes well I'm never coming back to this moth-balled old town where I've lived all my life. I'm going to get a transfer."

"Oh, a job in California?" smiled Rose.

"No, unless you call a husband a job," confessed Lila. "Look here, Rose, we just go around and round in the same circle. If we do meet anybody worth while from outside, we don't get a second look. Oh, we're young enough and pretty enough!"

"Thanks!"

"Keep the tip! Who does get the to-be-continued looks? The young widow, of course. Unknown, mysterious, camouflaged widow! Look at that little Mrs. Andrews, and Mrs. Harlowe, with the baby face and the full-grown past!"

Rose caught the idea. "Yes, and that flashy little lavender widow from New Orleans last winter. Remember?"

"Certainly. I didn't play the part of that clinging-vine young Widow Pellow in 'Wedding Belles' for the Shriners last month for nothing."

Rose recalled her roommate's dainty figure enhanced by misty floating veils and crisp black frills. "You were the hit of the whole show," she acknowledged.

"I always could wear black," Lila said, glancing in the mirror at the delicate inky line of her brows.

"Rose, every man's a sob artist at heart," Lila went on. "A helpless little widow, heart-broken, lonesome, reaching out for something—"

"Someone," corrected Rose.

"Gets their immediate attention," continued Lila. "She's a contrast from all this athletic, trouser-wearing, hey-give-me-a-light stuff that most young girls pull nowadays."

"All millionaires in favor of young widows say 'aye,'" Rose sang out.

"Ah, the eyes have it!"

"Nobody knows me at the San Clemente," said Lila, "and widows don't need expensive chaperons. I've saved money to last a month. Rose, I'm as desperate as Jesse James. I won't fail!"

"Lila," Rose said, "I hear millions paging you!"

And so did Lila herself when she sped away on the Sunny California Limited the next day—millions of doubts!

Mrs. Amboy-Meredith, the apparently wealthy society matron with the bourgeois habit of introducing clever people to smart people, in reality a paid chaperon hired by the shrewd San Clemente management, made a mental note as the stylish and lovely Mrs. Lila Pellow-Pitt registered, taking a modest but pleasantly situated single-room suite.

Lila was lovely, she was mysterious and she had a shy smile.

Half of her vacation fled by on gilded wings and Lila more than realized her ambition to meet new and eligible men. She gathered proposals as other women gathered sea shells, and yet she considered her plan had failed.

And then gay handsome headstrong Dick Brenden appeared and Lila realized how little money can count for. Not that Dick didn't have any. He had enough, but Lila knew she would have loved him had he been a bell-hop.

Two more weeks. Then a certain night upon the beach, a golden moon gilding the sands, distant music, whispering waters and the magical music of pounding pulses and leaping hearts, the magic that depends upon neither moonlight nor music nor the glamour of gold, the magic of youth and love.

"I—I can't marry you, Dick," Lila heard herself saying very low. "I—I've deceived you. I'm not what I pretended to be, a widow." Richard grew visibly pale and gulped.

"You—you mean you're—you're married?" he asked.

"No, no," cried Lila. "I'm only—"

"I don't care who you are or what you are. I love you," Dick said.

"I'm only a typist," Lila rushed to explain. "I've never been married in my life. My name's only Lila Pitt. Every man seemed so crazy about widows that I thought—You are, Dick!"

"I'd be crazy about you, Lila, if you were a widow for the third time, you—you pretender!"

"I got the idea from a part, Mrs. Pellow, I played in—"

"Wedding Belles!" I know, Lila, I wrote the blamed thing. To find out if widows were the peach of every man's eye. Then vice versa there might be a chance for widowers!"

"Oh, Dick!"

"Sorry, dear, but I pretended, too. I've two wonderful kiddies with my sister. Guess that let's me out!"

"Dick Brenden, if you don't marry me soon the hotel'll let me out. My money's melted away!"

"And the kiddies, dear?"

"Dick, I'd love you if you had a dozen. I'm so happy I could be—"

"Don't, Lila! Never be a widow again, please!"

### Miss Collins Hostess To Glee and Choral Club Members

Miss Christine Collins was hostess to the Choral Club and Glee Club members at her home in North Merkel on last Thursday afternoon during the hours of four to six, entertaining with a musical tea.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent with Miss Collins. During these hours, interesting contests were had, and solos by Misses Mona Margaret Jones and Ruth Watts were appreciated. Also Miss Lynn Thompson favored the guests with a violin solo.

Miss Collins was assisted in entertaining and serving by Misses Iva Bragg, Lillian Watts, Annie Mae Swann, and Lynn Thompson.

Mr. Chas. H. Jones has improved his place with the placing of side walks and curbing.

### Misses West and Durham Entertain Senior Class

An affair that was complimentary to the Senior Class this year was the party given last Thursday evening by Misses Melba West and Dorris Durham at the home of Miss West.

The pretty lawn was the scene of the happy time that was spent. Here pillows, settees, chairs, and porch furniture were attractively arranged, and here many pleasant games were enjoyed. Later the guests were asked into the house where very enjoyable piano selections by Miss Ona Fae Rose, vocal numbers by Miss Mona Margaret Jones, and Readings by Miss Tommie Durham were heard with much interest.

A delicious refreshment of chicken salad sandwiches, and grape ice was served by Misses Inice Brown and Tommie Durham.

The guest list included: Jewel Burns, Mary Butman, Mamie Coats, Vada Cole, Byron and Evelyn Curb, Eulala Deavers, Ray Garrett, Fred Giles, Effie Grayson, Lucille Guitier, W. L. Harkrider, James Harris, Velma Holloway, Isabelle McAdams, Royce McDonald, Clyde Matthews, Mildred Matthews, Gladys Mayfield, Hazel Lee Rainbolt, Ermalee Lea, Adrian Rea, Ona Fae Rose, Perry Shannon, Melba West, C. R. Williams, Stella Wilson, Mona Margaret Jones, Dorris Durham, Inice Brown, Tommie Durham, Edward McCrary, Hubert Blair, of Belton.

Miss Allyne Riley and Imogene Hays are at home for a few days after returning to the Teachers' Normal at Denton where they have been attending school.

Miss Mossie Sears left Monday night for Chillicothe, Texas, after receiving a message that her brother-in-law, Mr. Virgil Touchstone, was operated on for appendicitis.

### Program for Teachers Meeting of First Baptist Church

Program for teachers meeting of Merkel First Baptist church at 8:15 p.m. Monday, June 8th. Song by intermediate quartet. Prayer.

Introductory remarks by Rev. Albertson.

The Sunday School teacher's responsibility by Emmitt Landers, Educational Director of First Baptist Church, Abilene. Reading by Miss Tracy.

Our Sunday School, its aim and plans, by Miss Valerie Dye. Violin solo by D. O. Huddleston.

Benediction.

The deacons of the church are expected to meet with us in this meeting. All church workers are invited. Lunch will be served in the basement of the church at 8:15 p.m. Bill Haynes, Supt.

Mrs. W. A. McSpadden left Tuesday for Austin, where she expects to study at the University of Texas this summer. Mrs. McSpadden is preparing herself more fully for the kindergarten and expression work.

### CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of extending our thanks and appreciation for every kindness and favor shown us by our friends and neighbors during the prolonged illness and death of our beloved wife and mother. We also extend our special thanks to Dr. Geo. L. Miller for his services and kind attention during her illness. May the Lord bless and care for each and all, is our prayer. H. D. Clark and children. Itc

Mr. Hubert Blair of Belton was here the first of the week for a brief visit with his sister, Miss Mary Burkes Blair, teacher in the schools.

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### Zion Chapel Presbyterian Church Announcements

Preaching services at the Zion Chapel Presbyterian church at Compere changed to the fourth Sunday in each month and will be Saturday night, Sunday at eleven and Sunday night. J. T. Bryant, pastor.

Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has a preaching service each second Sunday afternoon at 3:30. M. L. Moody, pastor. Union Sunday school at 10:30 each Sunday morning. C. E. Tarvin, Superintendent.

The brick building located on the corner of Lamar and Front streets is being rearranged and made into a drive-in filling station and garage, which when completed will be among the nicest in the city. The garage belongs to Mr. Chas. H. Jones and will be in charge of Mr. Mashburn.

### Missionary Society

The Methodist Ladies Missionary Society met Monday afternoon at the church in regular business session. Reports were heard from all officers present. The following program was had after business matters had been disposed of: Hymn, "Saviour More Than Life to Me." Prayer, Mrs. Butman. Bible lesson, Mrs. Graham; The Sisterhood of church women, by Mrs. Wood. Leaflet, "The Womanhood of Americas, Their Common Cause by Mrs. Burgess. Prayer, Mrs. L. A. Watts. Song by Mrs. Pee and Mrs. Vaughn.

A very interesting meeting was held, although only fifteen members were present. The next meeting will be the Bible study.

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**SHILOH HAPPENINGS**  
By Mrs. C. W. Seago

Farmers are very busy after another fine rain and crops are looking fine.

There were not many attended Sunday School Sunday morning on account of the Fifth Sunday singing at Compere and the convention at Horn.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. James spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Morgan near Trent.

Mrs. Elmer Pomroy spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Pheobe Greene.

Mrs. Tom Greene of Friona, Texas, who was operated on several weeks ago at Abilene is doing nicely and is able to be about again. Mr. Greene returned home Sunday night.

Mrs. E. H. Grayson left for Clyde Tuesday evening to visit her brother, Mr. Wesley Hardie.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Lovespent Sunday evening with the writer and family.

Mrs. J. D. Womack left Tuesday morning for Cisco where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Jewell Compton.

Our box supper brought \$63.60. We sure enjoyed the fine singing arranged by W. W. Wood of Abilene.

There will be Sunday school next Sunday. Every one come.

Mr. Burkett of Arkansas is visiting his son Mr. Birdie Burkett here.

There will be singing at Shiloh Sunday evening, June 14, everybody come and let's have a fine singing. We have our new books now and need some good singers with us.

Would like to see Shiloh get the next Fifth Sunday Singing. I believe Shiloh can do as good a part by it as any community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Giles, of Denison, are here this week the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Giles, Sr., as well as other relatives.

**COMPERE ITEMS**  
By Miss Alma Stout

The farmers are all very busy fighting weeds in this community.

There was no Sunday school at Baptist or Presbyterian churches Sunday on account of the all-day singing at Compere.

Every one enjoyed the party at Mr. Marshall's Saturday night.

Mrs. Tarvin spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. Stout.

Mr. Matt Randolph was a visitor at Mrs. Stout's Saturday night and Sunday.

A large crowd of the Compere folks went to Stith Tuesday night to see the play.

Miss Odessa Lucas spent Sunday evening with Miss Zenobia Marshall.

Miss Lorene Stout who got her arm broken Sunday is doing nicely now.

Mr. Horton has bought a new Ford car.

Mrs. T. B. Hobbs spent Sunday morning with Mrs. Stout.

Mr. Howard Tarvin and family from Abilene have been spending the last week with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allred visited Mrs. Stout's Sunday.

Miss Thelma Merritt who has been away from home teaching school is at home now.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Milliken from Abilene spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Clemmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Foster spent Sunday with Mr. Foster's mother.

Misses Willie and Rose Ellington and Mr. Odis Foster were visitors at Compere Sunday night.

Mrs. R. R. Spurgin was the guest of Mrs. Stout Monday evening.

Eld. W. G. Cypert returned first of the week from El Dorado, where he recently closed a very successful revival meeting.

**WARREN NOTES**  
By Miss Vera Jones

The farmers of this community are all busy planting and enjoying the fine weather.

Many people of this community went to Compere Sunday and reported a fine singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris visited Mrs. Harris' mother, Mrs. Janes, Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Lee Baker visited Mrs. C. T. McCormick last Tuesday evening.

Miss Vera Jones was the guest of Miss Helen McCormick Tuesday night.

Miss Ruth Chencey was the guest of Miss Artie McCormick Friday night.

Misses Vela Jones and Helen McCormick visited Mrs. Harris Friday evening.

Little Miss Eula Sumpter has been ill for the past few days, but is able to be about now.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones and family spent the night Friday with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones.

**SALT BRANCH ITEMS**  
By Miss Wynona Patton

The farmers of this community are all busy plowing. The crops are looking very pretty.

Mrs. W. D. Butler spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. C. C. Foster.

Misses Wynona and Norma Patton spent the week end with their grandmother, Mrs. W. A. Thornton.

Several people of this community were in Merkel Friday afternoon and enjoyed the music of the Mesa Shrine Club.

Misses Lillie D., Norma and Opal Foster and Ruba and Wynona Patton went kodaking last Monday afternoon.

Read our ad on the back of this paper. It will pay. Brown Dry Goods Co.

**NOODLE NEWS**

Since our last report, we had another very fine rain. There is an excellent season in the ground now, and we have hopes of reaping bountifully in the fall.

The farmers are very busy killing the weeds and finishing their planting.

An all-day singing with a basket dinner at the noon hour was enjoyed by quite a number of our people at Compere Sunday.

We had no preaching services at churches here Sunday. Sunday School at all the churches Sunday morning.

This is the last week of our school. Plays will be given Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The close of school was always a sad occasion for us. We so dislike to say goodbye to teachers and schoolmates.

J. S. Bird and Russell Herring have returned from South Texas, where they spent several days last week.

L. M. Howard of Hamlin spent Sunday with his son, W. B. Howard.

Prof. and Mrs. Deavers have as their guests this week, Mrs. Deavers' parents and sisters from Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Homer Howard and baby of Horn were in Noodle Monday.

Miss Flossie Carter was in Abilene Monday night.

Miss Mary Kate Campbell spent last week-end with parents at Merkel.

Relatives from the plains are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Goode.

Mrs. J. W. Harris and children of the Horn community visited her daughter, Mrs. Huey Vick, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Merrit, Jack Goode and Miss Ruby Reagan called on Miss Mary Kate Campbell Thursday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Irvin visited near Merkel Sunday.

Alton Bicknell was guest of Will Burt and Weldon Howard Sunday afternoon.

Miss Linnie Harrison of Horn was in Noodle Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Stevenson and baby were in Noodle Monday.

Some time ago the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Clark stepped on a thorn, breaking it off in her foot, and blood-poison developed a few days ago. On Tuesday morning the little one passed away. We have not learned when or where burial will take place. The bereaved parents have our sympathy.

Mrs. W. J. Bicknell was in Noodle late Sunday.

Prof. and Mrs. Deavers and guests went over to Abilene on Monday night.

Mrs. G. C. Ely was in Noodle Monday.

Uncle Zeke Harrison of Horn was in Noodle Tuesday morning of this week.

W. B. Howard was in Abilene Monday.

Mesdames T. E. Lee and Henry Pierce were in Noodle Monday afternoon.

W. B. Howard and little son, Roger, were in Hamlin Sunday.

Miss Ruby Reagan called on Miss Mary Kate Campbell Tuesday afternoon. "Bobs"

Mrs. F. Y. Gaither of Lamesa is a guest of her numerous friends here this week.

Mrs. Pat Jones of Sierra Blanca is here for a visit with her father and friends.

New crop Alfalfa—Choice—Have new Johnson Grass as soon as hay matures enough to be safe feed. Swafford, phone 44. It

Mayor and Mrs. N. D. Cobb and son, Newton, returned Tuesday after a month's trip to San Antonio, Corpus Christi and other South Texas points.

Mrs. Maude Rogers is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Jack Durham this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Service and two children of Crosbyton visited Mr. Service's sister, Mrs. Thos. Durham, Tuesday.

# Notice

**To our friends, customers and the Automobile Trade**

On June 3rd, tires and tubes advanced in price from 5 to 10 per cent. We have a large stock of Ford sizes on hand and for the next ten days are going to make you the old tire prices, which will be a saving of 40c to \$1.25 per tire.

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On every item you will find **Our Own Special Price**, that will be interesting and prove a saving to you. Every item in our store is right new, just from the Wholesale Centers, and our stock is now full and complete, so when in this city come in and make our store your headquarters, for you are always welcome.

We will join our fellow business men in the Trade Trip to Dora, and in fact we are always glad to participate in such trips to every community, and in turn we welcome the people from all the surrounding communities to come to Merkel to do their trading and while here to call on us.

# MAX MELLINGER

**"HEBRON GOSSIP"**  
By Mayflower

The planting season is about over and some are chopping cotton.

Many from this community went to Compere Sunday to the singing, where a fine dinner was spread at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere and daughter, Lenalee of the White Church community, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williamson called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Reece of Castle Peak Sunday.

Misses Lillie Davis and Evelyn Pannell were the guests of Misses Jewel and Pearl Skidmore Sunday evening.

Every one come to the B.Y.P.U. Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Well, as there isn't much news this week will quit hoping to have more next week.

There will be preaching Saturday night and Sunday and Sunday night. Every one invited to attend. "Mayflower."

Mr. J. L. Sheppard of Cisco was a visitor here Tuesday.

Miss Susie Belle Weedon, Spanish teacher, returned to her home at Brownwood Tuesday.

**This is a MICHELIN year**



"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 Micheliins? If not, give them a trial. They are now selling at the price of ordinary tires.

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That is as good as the BEST

See **JONES**  
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Lady, Also Nervous and Weak, Relieved by Cardui.

"I was ill and had to stay in bed under treatment for about two weeks without any improvement in my condition, which was serious," says Mrs. J. T. Abercrombie, R. F. D. 7, Brookville, Ind.  
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"I am such a believer in Cardui until when I get nervous and weak I take it. I took it before my children were born. It strengthened me and helped my nerves."  
"I took a cold and... my back felt so weak and I had such pulling pains. I took Cardui and didn't have any more trouble."  
"I fell and broke my arm. The fall shook me up and made me very nervous. I told them Cardui would help that, and it did."  
At all drug stores. C-35



### Will Preach at North Side

Eld. W. G. Cypert announces that on next Sunday at both the morning and evening hours he will preach at the North Side Church of Christ. He extends a cordial invitation to one and all to attend either or all of these services, and especially urges all church members to be present.

### CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of thanking our friends for their kindness in the death of our son and brother.

J. J. Boyd and family It

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

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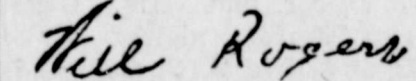
Editor and General Manager WILL ROGERS



Another "Bull" Durham advertisement by Will Rogers, Zigfield Folles and screen star, and leading American humorist. More coming. Watch for them.

### What Good Does It Do You to Know Something?

Advertisements in all Papers and Magazines are all trying to appeal to the intelligent. Now this one is for the great majority. Reliable authority, in fact it was the Draft Boards during the War, figured out that the intelligence of the average Adult of this Country was that of a 13 year old Child. (Now that is giving us the best of it because a 13 year old Child is about the smartest thing we have in this Country), but the 13 year old Child they referred to was one who had been raised on the milk of human Kindness (which is mostly Water) and weaned on a Hard Boiled Egg. You know the smarter the Man the more dissatisfied he is, so cheer up, let us be happy in our ignorance. What do we care how little we know if we get what we want? "Bull" Durham needs no Literacy Test, it is with minority in quality, and with the majority in usage.



P. S. This last sentence is all that saved the add.  
P. P. S. There will be another piece here two weeks from now. Look for it.

### SIXTY-FIVE YEARS AGO!

In 1860 a blend of tobacco was born—"Bull" Durham. On quality alone it has won recognition wherever tobacco is known. It still offers the public this—more flavor, more enjoyment and a lot more money left at the end of a week's smoking.

TWO BAGS for 15 cents  
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## Texas News

An issue of \$50,000 Bailey County court house bonds, bearing 6 per cent and maturing serially has been approved by the attorney general.

The board of trustees of the West Orange Independent School District announce that the school term will be extended to nine months.

Owing to the drouth the dewberry crop around Smithville will be an entire failure as well as the Irish potato crop.

The 1924-25 term of the Bastrop public schools will close on May 27.

A building spurt has been noted in Lufkin.

Fredericksburg, county seat of Gillespie County, has been given a credit of 15 per cent by the state fire insurance commission for low fire rate.

An issue of \$125,000 Childress Independent School District bonds bearing 5 1/2 per cent and maturing serially has been approved by the attorney general's department.

The work of spreading asphalt upon Titus County roads has started. Resurfacing of the roads started from the Talco community and will be extended to practically every road in the county.

Permission to discontinue passenger trains Nos. 42 and 43 between Greenville and Mineola and to substitute mixed trains has been granted the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad by the Texas railroad commission.

The DeWitt County farm bureau was reorganized Saturday at Cuero at a meeting of former members of the association called by the county agent. The farm bureau was organized several years ago, but had become inactive.

The state railroad commission has granted the application of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad company of Texas for authority to discontinue trains 42 and 43 daily between Mineola and Greenville and to substitute mixed train service.

The railroad commission has authorized a rate of 30 1/2 cents per 100 pounds on carload shipments of cement from common point territory to El Paso, rates to intermediate points not to be higher except to points on the Orient between San Angelo and Alpine.

The proposed plan to form a national council with manufacturers, jobbers and retailers represented, was approved at the executive session of the American Hardware Manufacturers' Association and the Southern Hardware Jobbers' Association at Dallas last week.

Crop prospects were never brighter around Center than at the present time. Conditions have been ideal for planting. Practically all the cotton land is planted, with about 50 per cent up to a good stand. Some of the corn has been worked the second time and is looking fine.

Shipments of wooden tanks, cisterns, vats, wooden bull wheels, arms, cants or pins, at rates fixed for lumber, from Burkburnett, Corsicana, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Ranger, San Antonio and Waco to other points in Texas, and of conductor staves, carloads or mixed with other items, at a rate of 3 1/2 cents higher than lumber, has just been authorized by the Texas railroad commission.

At a meeting of the Business Men's League at Burnet arrangements were made for the building of a road to the lead mine being developed in the northeastern portion of Burnet County on Beaver Creek. The development of this mine is attracting considerable interest.

The Tenth Court of Civil Appeals at Waco recently entered the final judgment and ordered the case of W. A. Robbins vs. Limestone County which involves the validity of the automobile tax, and in which the supreme court, on certified questions, held the law was valid. In line with the opinion of the supreme court, the appellate court reversed the judgment of the trial court and dissolved the injunction. The opinion was by Chief Justice Gallagher.

The department of agriculture has announced the lifting of the quarantine imposed upon Harris and Galveston Counties, Texas, September 27 last because of an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. No new infection has been discovered since last October, officials of the department explained, but the territory under suspicion has remained under quarantine for the last five and a half months in order that any dormant infection might be discovered and to prevent possible further spread of the disease. The lifting of the quarantine from Harris and Galveston Counties in effect releases the entire state.

Hearing was set by the state railway commission Monday for May 12 on application of the Dallas chamber of commerce for an order to require that the Southern Pacific lines and the S. A. and A. P. railway shall be treated as under the same management and control, in the application of single line rates between points on the S. A. and A. P. and on the Houston Tex. Central, Houston East and West T. S. Texas and New Orleans or western, Harrisburg and San A. railway.

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TOMATO PLANTS for sale at J. T. Skillern's home on south Ask street. 29t2p

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MAIZE FOR CASH—Headed maize \$40.00 per ton. Bundle Maize three cents. Cane 6 cents per bundle. See W. C. Mattingly, 2 1/2 miles east of Noodle. 5t2p

FOR SALE or TRADE—My home in Merkel, Will give extra bargain for Anson or near Anson property. Want to move to Anson. See me or write T. W. Collins, Box 428, Merkel. 5t2

### LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Key ring and keys, Saturday night. Thought to have been lost in Percy Jones Barber Shop. Return to Merkel Mail It

LOST—Man's Cameo Ring. Was probably lost two or three weeks ago. Reward for return to the Merkel Mail office. 1tp

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

WANTED—A correspondent in the Dora community to write the news of your community for the Merkel Mail. We send you the Merkel Mail and furnish stationery and postage free. No experience necessary. Write for stationery today.

### In Memory of Troy Stanley

There are memories that's amiss  
And there's memories that's a bliss,  
A blessing to our lives as we live on,

May we live our lives sublime,  
As did Troy all the time,  
Never weary of our tasks from morn till dawn,

In our Sunday School class there's sadness,  
He was always there with gladness,  
Ever ready that his part must well be done.

There's a link from our church choir,  
God in heaven called him higher  
To sing with the angels in the home he won.

God bless his parents' hearts,  
It was hard for them to part,  
With that noble, blessed boy  
That in his infancy they named Troy.

God bless his sisters and brothers

ers  
And, too, his father and his mother,  
May they all meet in that heavenly home,  
Without a single link missing around the throne.

His friends and loved ones miss him here,  
For he was a pal we loved so dear,

God help us all to meet him there,  
God helping us, this is our prayer.  
By Retta Pitts, Wylie, Texas.

Miss Roberta Gay left the first of the week for her home at Big Spring, Texas.

Read our ad on the back of this paper. It will pay. Brown Dry Goods Co. It

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ANSON, TEXAS

**MRS. MARY E. CLARK  
BURIED HERE MONDAY**

It was near sunset, the final close of a beautiful Sabbath day, that also brought to a final close the life of a good mother in this city, when on last Sunday evening, May 31, at about seven o'clock a summons came from on high to Mrs. Mary E. Clark to come up higher. For many months she had been in ill health and everything that medical skill and loving hands could do was administered to her, but alas, it was the Divine will of the maker and Saviour of all men that this good mother and faithful companion depart to that eternal home where pain and sorrow is known no more.

Decease was the wife of Mr. H. D. Clark, was born in Hot Springs, Arkansas, April 27, 1856, was married to H. D. Clark January 22, 1877, at Clarksville, Texas. To this union eight children were born, six girls and two boys, all living except one girl, who passed on several years ago.

At the age of sixteen Mrs. Clark professed religion and joined the Methodist church, South, in which faith she remained steadfast and faithful unto the end.

When the final summons came all the children of the deceased were present, who are as follows: Mrs. J. M. Brown, Abilene; Mrs. Mace Brown, Fort Worth; Mrs. W. S. Wilson, Lamesa; Mrs. E. E. Leslie, Mrs. J. T. Coats, J. H. Clark and B. F. Clark, all of Merkel. Besides these and the good husband, there are twenty-five grandchildren and two great grandchildren to mourn her demise.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church, attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends, conducted by Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the deceased, with burial immediately thereafter in Rose Hill Cemetery, Merkel.

Out of town relatives attending the funeral were: Mr. J. K. P. Jackson, Devol Oklahoma, a brother; Mrs. J. D. Alexander, of Kerns, Texas, a sister; W. M. Clark, of Clovis, N. M.; and Mr. and Mrs. Pool of Fort Worth.

Miss Marie Williamson left Tuesday for her home at Victoria. Miss Williamson has been the science teacher in the school for the past three years.

**The Blue Bird  
says**



No man's land. Any barber shop nowadays.  
American women spend 70 million dollars a year on cosmetics. What a few cents here and there will amount to!  
The girls are now going to rouge their ears. Well, that's about the only way they can make them red nowadays.  
Whipping posts are suggested for careless motorists. Why not sentence them to 30 days as pedestrians?  
Nowadays a young lady must pretend not to know anything. Some of 'em don't have to pretend.  
Most backsliders don't have far to slide.  
It's no sign just because a girl is engaged to a man that she has to marry him—he may back out.  
Many breweries are now making ice. But they are not cutting very much nowadays.  
Why adopt English as the universal language? Very few of us now speak it, anyway.  
One reason why lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place: It can't have to.

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Leader, Lola Hays.  
Song. Reading by Ruby Fae Golladay.  
Piano solo, Elizabeth Harkrider.  
1. Presentation by Joe Largent.  
2. The testimony of friends, by Elizabeth Harkrider.  
3. The testimony of the word, by Ruby Fae Golladay.  
4. The testimony written, by Dorothy Daniels.  
All intermediates be sure to come. We're always glad to have you.

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**Senior Epworth League**

Subject: "Where and How Should we Spend our Sabbath?"  
Leader, Hazel Lee Rainbolt.  
Song Service.  
Prayer.  
Scripture: Psalm 112:1-9, by Gladys Milliken.  
Special Music.  
1. Jesus' Attitude Toward the Sabbath, Floyd Dowell.  
2. How should Christians spend the Sabbath? Fannie Belle Boaz.  
Reading, Ermalee Rea.  
3. Is Sabbath Recreation Christian? Mildred Matthews.  
4. Recreation and the Sabbath, by Adrian Rea.  
Business; Benediction.  
Every one is invited to the Senior Epworth League. Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Come and bring some one with you. There's always a welcome for you.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

**FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING  
AT COMPERE VERY FINE**

The Fifth Sunday Singing at Compere was a great success and was attended by a large crowd.

The gathering was slow, but steadily the assemblage increased as the noon hour approached. Speaking of "eats," they were there good and plentiful. If anyone present failed to get enough it was their own fault.

The Compere citizenship is to be commended for their manner of hospitality. The afternoon session of singing was indeed a treat. Anybody who did not enjoy the occasion surely does not like good singing. Although the president, Mr. Houston Robertson, failed to arrive until afternoon, he was there strong in the finish. It is by his request that I am writing these lines, and he thanks all those present for

their cooperation in making this occasion a success.  
By An Attendant.

**MULBERRY NEWS  
By Hazel Thomas**

Health is good in our community this week. We all hope it continues so.

The farmers are very busy plowing and chopping cotton.

We didn't have Sunday school Sunday on account of so many people from our community attending the singing at Compere.

Jewel Thomas was the Sunday guest of Loyd Reagan.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walsh called on Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reagan Saturday night.  
Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Guin and family returned home Monday from Lubbock, where they have been visiting friends.

**FERGUSON FAMILY SHOWS  
TEAMWORK IN GOVERNING**

Austin, May 16.—A duality in governmental functions, probably unparalleled, has been developed by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, first woman governor of Texas, and her husband, former Governor James E. Ferguson. The present governor and the former governor apparently have divided the governorship between them, and are carrying out the campaign prediction of Mr. Ferguson that he would be "a first class hired man" to the governor.

While surface indications are that the governor that is, and the governor that was, have made the chief magistrate a family affair. Mr. Ferguson asserts that he has "not performed a single official act" since his wife became governor. Though this be true, he nevertheless is one of the busiest nonofficial personages in Texas.

His homely phrase "carrying in the water and toting in the wood," as Mr. Ferguson describes his activities, covers a multitude of duties. He greets most of the callers who come to the governor's office on ever conceivable mission from patronage to pardons, from trying to get a job with the state to trying to be rid of an enforced job; he plans the policies and adjusts the politics for the governor; he makes the speeches and dictates the official messages; he talks to the legislators and calls in the heads of departments. In fact he not only carries in the wood but he builds the fire and keeps it burning.

Recently there has come to the fore what is considered a singular manifestation of this "dual consularship" of the commonwealth. Having no official position, except husband of the governor, he is free to indulge in a wide range of activities. He has accepted the position of attorney for a south Texas railroad at a salary said by his friends to be several times that of the governor's. Mr. Ferguson is not a practicing attorney, but he has studied law.

A few days ago he was appointed by the lieutenant governor, a member of, and then chairman of the commission managing the state's iron industry. While the position carries no salary, the members are allowed \$5 a day for expenses.

While there is no legal bar against Mr. Ferguson advising and assisting Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, on the other hand there is no legal reason why Mrs. Ferguson cannot appoint her husband to almost any position within the power of the executive.

When affairs at the governor's office become extremely callers, talks to politicians and ship becomes even more apparent. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson divide the office, and the double-headed governorship goes on under full steam. In such times Mr. Ferguson occupies a small reception room leading to the governor's office proper, and here, generally sitting on a comfortable davenport, he receives callers, talks to politicians and legislators and plans policies for the governor who sits in the inner office. Mrs. Ferguson receives the women visitors, signs proclamations, bills, pardons, and a host of official papers, while her husband performs some of the vital duties in the other room.

This is a natural and proper function for a husband, Mr. Ferguson maintains. "President McKinley had his Mark Hanna. Wilson had his House, and Ma Ferguson has her 'Jim'," is the way he puts it.—Abilene Reporter.

Misses Loyce and Lorena Dry who received their degrees at C. I. A., Denton, this year, are at home with their mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry.

Misses Mamie Ellis and Minnie Coats left Tuesday night for Alpine, where they will attend the Sul Ross Normal this summer.

## Would You Believe it???

if we were to tell you that Statistics show that it costs 10 to 15 per cent more to do a "Credit Business" than to operate a "Cash Business." Why?? The Dry Goods Store that sells for "Cash" has

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We sell for cash, therefore we can pay for our goods and can buy them cheaper, for in paying cash we get a nice discount. We not only get a cash discount on our purchases but we can charge a smaller profit because we have no bad accounts to charge up against the running of our business. Then, too, running a credit business requires more capital than a cash business—and more capital means interest on the extra investment. "Now won't you agree with us—It pays to pay cash"

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## SEEZEM and SQUEEZEM

By OSCAR HITT

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