

THE MERKEL MAIL

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MAIL ORDER HOUSE WANTS AD. IN MAIL

SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO. OFFERS MORE THAN THE REGULAR RATE

This paper has received an offer from the Sears, Roebuck & Company, of Dallas, Texas, thru their Advertising Agent, for 2,208 inches of display advertising space over a period of twelve months, and has offered to pay 30 cents per column inch, the customary rate charged in most all other newspapers in other towns the size of Merkel, which is 5 cents per inch higher than the rate charged local advertisers. This contract would amount in dollars and cents to \$662.50. This is more than any local firm is paying or has ever paid the Merkel Mail in any twelve months. It's a lot of money for a country newspaper to turn down. However, this paper sincerely believes in and practices the policy of patronizing the Home Town Merchant. We believe the only way to maintain any town in the world is for its citizens and those of the surrounding country to patronize its merchants. We believe that unless there is something done to bring to a halt the great trend of the buyers toward the Mail Order houses and the big city, it will only be a matter of time until there will be no small towns of any importance. And when this happens, instead of values around a town like Merkel being what they are today, they will be about half as much.

Since it is our conviction that the people of this town and community can do as well or better by patronizing the merchants of this city, and by doing so not only receive as good or better merchandise for the money invested, but will help to maintain a good town, which will also be a help to them in marketing their crops and produce, and at the same time help furnish for their convenience good schools and churches and also keep the value of their lands up to and even above the present prices, we feel that we can hardly afford to accept the contract offered us by the big Mail Order House. And yet, when we think of the small amount of business given us by some and none by other merchants, and realize the fact that certainly the Sears, Roebuck & Company have good reason to believe that it will pay them to spend the sum of \$662.50 with the Merkel Mail or they would not offer us a higher rate for space, then it is that the further fact comes to us that if it will pay this great corporation to make this investment in advertising in the Merkel Mail, surely it should be a good investment for every business man in Merkel to use some space every week. But since we are for Merkel and every business firm in the city, and believe that it is right to patronize them, we have decided to hold this contract for a few days UNTIL we have HEARD FROM OUR LOCAL MERCHANTS in regard to the matter. We want to say, also, that if our local merchants will assure us of their patronage sufficient for us to make a decent living without taking any outside advertising that may be in competition with them, from any source, we will be glad to agree to turn all such advertising down.

If it will pay the big Mail order House to spend such sums

POULTRY BIG PART COMMUNITY FAIR

Uncle Bob Ellis, who for the past two years has been Superintendent of the Poultry Department at the Merkel Community Fair, will be in charge of this department again this year.

Mr. Ellis is a real "chicken enthusiast" himself, and reports that there is every indication that the poultry departments at the Community Fair is going to be one of the best and largest ever shown in Merkel. In fact he believes the exhibits to be displayed will be as good as the best. So, Mr. or Mrs. Poultry Raiser, make your arrangements to bring in your best fowls and compete for the prizes.

Mrs. R. L. Wood and daughter, Florence, who have been visiting in the home of their brother and uncle, J. Ben Campbell, for the past five weeks, have returned to their home at Honey Grove.

FARMERS URGED TO PREPARE EXHIBITS

Those in charge of the Merkel Community Fair are very anxious to make this the best Fair Merkel has ever had, and they are going to do their best to make it so. But they must have the hearty help and cooperation of the people of the entire town and community.

It is especially important that the farmers make arrangements to prepare and bring in his best exhibits of all kinds of farm produce. There is going to be some big premiums offered for both individual exhibits and Community Exhibits. The committee is especially anxious that every community get together and arrange an exhibit all their own. A nice Booth will be given each community and the one making the best exhibit will be given the premium.

It is also planned to take the exhibits from here right on to the Abilene Fair, and there call it the "Merkel Exhibit," with all the communities taking part also given credit for their exhibits. Let every man, woman and child in this section of the country become interested and let's make this the best fair we have ever had. It's your Fair, do your part.

in advertising in the small town paper, surely it will pay the merchant who is right here among the people to use advertising space in the home paper. We believe the home merchants can hold this trade which rightly belongs to them if they will only advertise consistently and meet all just and clean competition. The people have a right to buy their goods where they can get the best and most goods for the money. You do that don't you Mr. Merchant? We believe the people can do this by trading with home merchants. We believe that the home merchants can show them through proper advertising in the home paper that they can really save money. Now, Mr. Business Man, what do you say? Do you have the confidence in yourself and your business to the effect that you can meet the other fellow in your particular line. We would like for every business man in town to give us their honest opinion of this matter.

FAIR PLANS WERE MADE AT LUNCHEON

RURAL COMMUNITIES WILL COOPERATE WITH FAIR EXECUTIVES

The Luncheon Club meeting on last Tuesday evening was devoted principally to the completing of plans for the Merkel Community Fair. Mr. L. A. Arrington was the able and interesting Toastmaster, and he brought forth a fine program which was opened by a vocal duet by Misses Melba West and Boog Sears, with Miss Lucy Tracy at the piano.

Mr. H. C. West was the first speaker on the evening's program, and by his talk convinced his hearers of the importance of the town and surrounding country getting solidly behind the matter of making the Community Fair a success. He showed plainly the many benefits that would come to one and all.

Following Mr. West, County Agent J. R. Masterson delivered a most interesting talk on the value and importance of the Fair to the town of Merkel and to the farmer as well. His remarks were also well received and highly appreciated.

Next Mr. L. R. Thompson, President of the Club, spoke interestingly on the subject, "Hit The Line." He also urged that every business in the city could well afford to get behind the Community Fair and help make it a success.

The next item on the program was "What may be Expected from the Rural Communities," to which Messrs. Jess Higgins, of the Salt Branch community, and Mr. Ford Smith, of the Mt. Pleasant community, responded with pledges that their respective communities would do their part in making the Fair a success. Mr. Higgins asked that Mr. J. A. Jaynes, also of his community, be appointed to help him in getting up exhibits for the Salt Branch Booth, and this was readily done. It was also announced that the Chairman in all other communities were empowered to appoint any assistants they may need.

MERCHANT BOOTHS READY TO ASSIGN

The Mail has been asked by the Community Fair Committee on "Merchants and Business Men's Booths," to state that a plot of the Exhibit building showing all the booths for the Community Fair will be on display at the Hamm Drug Company on next Monday morning, and all merchants and business men desiring space for exhibiting their goods during the Fair may go there and make reservations.

They further stated that the first who come will be the first served, and every one will have an equal show to pick the space. Last year the merchants' booth displays were one of the finest and best attractions of the Fair, and proved to be well worth the money invested in same.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Partridge, accompanied by Mrs. F. J. Partridge and Bill Comegys, left first of the week for an outing and fishing trip to the San Saba River.

SOME FINE COTTON AND VERY GOOD FEED

CROPS ARE SPOTTED BUT BEAT LAST YEAR, IS PREDICTED

Throughout the Merkel country there are a lot of really very poor crops, some that will make only light yields in cotton and some that will make scarcely no feed at all—and yet there are a good number of mighty fine crops. The editor had the pleasure one day this week of a trip out over the country for some ten or twelve miles which gave him a first hand view of the situation.

At the invitation of Mr. A. J. Canon we accompanied him on a trip out to his fine farm located at Stith. And let us say here that Mr. Canon has one of the best farms consisting of 320 acres that can be found in all this country. On this farm there are 200 acres planted in cotton that, unless something happens to it, will easily make from a quarter to a half bale per acre according to those who have visited the same. Besides the fine cotton, there will be plenty of maize made to run the place another year. However, if there had been no feed made on the place at all, there is already in the barns, left over from the past several years, plenty of maize and oats for next year's use. In fact Mr. Canon says he never sells any feed, always keeping sufficient on hand for future use in case of a shortage or failure.

After our visit over this fine farm, we were invited down into the cellar where our eyes beheld many jars of canned fruit, preserves, etc., which Mr. Canon informed us was put up, some of it, eleven years ago. We are thankful to him for a nice half gallon jar of peaches which Mrs. Canon put up eleven years ago, which were very beautiful and fine.

Mr. Sam Mashburn, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Canon, and Mr. A. M. Williams are cultivating the farm this year, and a visit to same will convince any one that they are competent, capable and industrious farmers and are making a success of their business.

LOCAL GUARD UNIT BACK FROM CAMP

The local unit headquarters Battalion, 131st Field Artillery, numbering 45, with Lieutenants Emmette T. Grimes and Irvin L. Jackson in charge, arrived home last Saturday afternoon from a two weeks' training encampment at Camp Stanley, San Antonio.

The boys all returned feeling fat and fine and really glad that they made the trip. The boys had the pleasure and honor of winning the trophy offered for the neatest and best dressed regiment on field of maneuver. In fact their regiment won five of the trophy's offered, four going to Taylor county, three to the boys at Abilene and the other one to the Merkel boys.

Lieut. Grimes, in speaking of the local boys, declares there was not a finer or better qualified body of men in the entire camp.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

FARMERS APPOINT'D TO GATHER EXHIBITS

The following named farmers were appointed by Mr. L. R. Thompson, President of the Luncheon Club, to superintend the gathering of exhibits for the Community Fair to be held in Merkel Sept. 18 and 19.

W. L. Blair, W. A. Campbell, Jesse Higgins, J. A. Jaynes, W. C. Church, W. J. Bicknell, C. T. Beckham, Joe Winters, Ford Smith, D. J. Anderson, J. J. Russell, A. W. Ely, Geo. Whitaker and Walter Hammond.

These men are empowered to appoint others as assistants and their appointments will be confirmed by the Luncheon Club. They are expected to gather the best collection possible of agricultural exhibits in their respective communities and to arrange them for display in space reserved in the agricultural room of the fair. Premiums will be awarded to the communities making the best exhibit. The managers of the fair are counting on the finest and most varied display of agricultural products ever shown in Taylor county.

SCHOOL TO OPEN HERE SEPT. 7TH.

Everything is ready for the opening on September 7th of the Merkel Public School. The buildings have been put in order; the sewerage for the elementary school will be complete by the time school opens. We are expecting a great school year and want every child ready to be classified the first day.

Mid-term examinations will be given at the close of the first semester and credits allowed for work completed. Half credits will be given for first semester. The work of the second semester will be independent of first. It will not be necessary to continue a subject the second semester for a credit.

Seniors that present 16 accredited units at the close of term will be eligible for diplomas and will be allowed the honors of the commencement exercises.

Remember school opens Sept. 7th. There will be a faculty meeting at the office of Superintendent Saturday, Sept. 5 at ten o'clock.

J. A. Summerhill, Supt.

TIRE THIEVES CONTINUE TO STEAL AND ESCAPE

In last week's issue mention was made that automobile tire thieves were doing considerable dirty work in Merkel, and since that time they have continued and even increased their record.

On last Friday night eight casings were taken from cars in the owners' garages, as follows: Mr. J. L. Harris lost two, stolen from his car in the garage. Two were taken from Mr. Sid Criswell's car and four from Mr. T. M. Pribble's car. No clue has been found as to the possible identity of the thieves, but the citizenship is getting mighty wrathful of such dirty crimes. If these violations are not halted, the guilty parties, when found, are liable to reap the full extent of the law.

MERKEL BADGERS TO START TRAINING

LEAVE SATURDAY FOR 10 DAYS ENCAMPMENT AT LUEDERS

With the opening of school only a few more days ahead, the "Badgers," young and old, are thinking and planning another season of the he-man's game. Although Merkel was hit hard by the loss of so many of her stars, she is hopeful of again knocking the old dope bucket for the proverbial row.

Coach Jackson is back and at work lining up the boys for equipment, and expects to leave Saturday for Lueders for a week of intensive training preparatory to opening the season Sept. 11 or 12. And from the date his bunch leaves here until sundown of Thanksgiving evening you will probably not hear much except "Fight 'em, Badgers, Fight 'em," and that will itself just be an echo from the field of play because the boys WILL be in there fighting 'em.

The Badgers are not much to set up a howl like the "Coyotes," "Tigers," "Bear Cats," etc. but they are hard to whip. Their press agent is out of town but when there is a foot ball game coming on you will hear all the little boys from 7 to 70 talking about how those kids "poured it on 'em."

The town is supporting the team better than was ever known this year, and if some one says something about a park to play in don't get excited and run to the storm cellar—it is just one of those things which we think can't be realized and it just comes on any way. Why not have that park? Every little jerk-water place in the country has one, and Merkel is the biggest town its size in the world. Boost the park. It will help pay for the boys' equipment and will mean a year's schooling for some boys who could not buy their own equipment.

Among the boys planning on the pre-season training camp are: Polly, Captain and end; the Chaney twins at halves; Witcher and Wells, tackles; all of last year's squad, along with Toombs the death dealing end who spoiled so many of the opponent's plays last year, and Bob Mayfield, Joe Ben Ashby, Rogers, Joe Bray Cypert, Dye, Buster Haynes, Joe Bailey Toombs, Vancil McClain, Otis Jaynes, Walker, Pentree, McGehee, Giles Daniels, Wesley Davis, Ernest Spurgin, and among the probable ones are: Vance McClain's brother, Bryant, from Cross Roads, Walker from Salt Branch Johnson from Sandburr and on and on—too numerous to mention. There will be a nice bunch (Continued on back page)

* NEWSPAPER BARGAIN *
* DAYS ARE HERE NOW *

* For the next few days we *
* can send the Fort Worth *
* Star-Telegram for 3 months *
* for only \$1.90. The regular *
* price for this, one of the *
* best papers published in the *
* entire South, is \$2.50 for 3 *
* months. The new rate will *
* be quite a saving to those *
* taking advantage of same. *
* Or we will send you the *
* Star-Telegram for 3 months *
* and the Merkel Mail for one *
* year, to new subscribers *
* only, for \$3.00 for both. *
* THE MERKEL MAIL *

Merkel Community Fair, Fri. & Sat., Sept. 18-19

We Stand on Our Record

The things a bank stand for are best determined by its record in the past.

In inviting people to avail themselves of the service of this bank, we make no promises of conferring unusual privileges; but we do stand on our established policy of giving every one who comes to us the same courteous, efficient, service, and every assistance that sound banking practice will allow.

If you want assurance of the fair treatment you will receive here, ask those we have served.

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Banking Friendship that Encircles this Section

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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If you have nervousness, stomach trouble, despondency, shortness of breath, burning feet, constipation, brown or rough skin, tingling sensations, smothering spells, diarrhoea, loss of sleep, loss of weight, dizziness or swimming in head, general weakness with loss of energy; YOU MAY HAVE PELLAGRA. You do not have all these symptoms in the beginning. My free booklet, "The Story of Pellagra", will explain. My treatment differs from all others and is endorsed by a State Health Department, physicians, and hundreds who have taken the treatment. Over 2000 treatments sold in last 12 months. Diagnosis FREE. W. C. ROUNTREE, M.D., Texarkana, Texas. 21t3p

Mrs. Walter Reece and little daughter, of Waco, are guests in the home of Mrs. Frank Sears.

MR. AND MRS. MELLINGER RETURN FROM MARKET

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger and little son returned first of this week from a five weeks stay in New York where they personally selected and purchased the large and complete stock of fall and winter dry goods for the Max Mellinger dry goods store in this city.

They report having enjoyed their visit in the big metropolitan city, and also among friends.

Mrs. R. C. Campbell and daughter, Julia, of Paducah, and Mrs. T. V. Touchstone, of Chillicothe, were guests in the home of their mother, Mrs. Frank Sears, this week.

Mr. H. L. Propst and family returned first of the week from a trip to Plainview, where Mr. Propst has some valuable business property.

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you'll find no satisfaction in figuring up the amount of insurance you should have had. But there is a lot of satisfaction in knowing that your property as it stands today is fully covered by dependable fire insurance.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

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SEARCH AND SEIZURE LAW IS EXPLAINED SAYS COMMUNITY FAIR IMPORTANT

Austin, Aug. 25.—An officer armed with a capias or warrant of arrest in a felony case may enter a house and make the arrest without the necessity of procuring a search warrant, held the Attorney General's Department Tuesday evening in constructing the search and seizure law passed by the Thirty-ninth Legislature.

It is also held that an officer has not right to raise the hood and get the number of the engine of a motor car where he merely suspects the car has been stolen, but must obtain a search warrant.

The search and seizure law, the opinion holds, prohibits an officer from examining the contents of a vehicle which are not known to contain intoxicating liquor without a search warrant.

"If, however," continued the opinion, "an arrest is lawfully made, the property in the possession of the person arrested may be seized and examined without a search warrant."

"Evidence of the commission of the crime of murder obtained without a search warrant, but upon probable cause, is admissible on the trial of the accused, and the officer obtaining same is not subject to the provision of the search and seizure law, since no search warrant is required to be issued in such case," further held the opinion.

The opinion also held that a person unlawfully riding a train and having a pistol in his possession, if arrested for the offense of unlawfully carrying a pistol, may be arrested without a search warrant, but if the arrest is for unlawfully boarding the train the arrest must be made under a warrant of arrest under which the officer would have the incidental right to take possession of the pistol and to testify on the trial of the finding of the pistol on the person of the accused.

The opinion was written by Assistant Attorney General Ernest May to Joe W. Stode, county attorney of Montgomery county.—Star-Telegram.

UNCLE 97 YEARS OLD DIES AT COLORADO

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Wood returned Wednesday from Colorado, where they had been called to attend the bedside and death of an Uncle of Mr. Wood, Mr. Daniel McClaren, aged 97 years, whose death occurred Monday evening at about 9 o'clock. Funeral services took place the following day, conducted by the pastor of the Presbyterian church, of which church the deceased had been a member for many years.

Mr. McClaren is survived by his aged wife, who next October will be 104 years old, and his nephew, Mr. G. F. Wood. There being no sons or daughters to care for the aged wife left by the deceased, Mr. and Mrs. Wood brought her home with them that they might have the privilege and pleasure of caring for her the rest of her life.

Mrs. Clyde Reid has returned from Rector, Arkansas, where she spent three weeks at the bedside of her father, Y. H. Berry, who recently passed away. Mr. Berry formerly lived in this county and will be remembered by the older settlers of Taylor and Jones counties, who will regret to learn of his death.

J. W. Mayfield and family left this week for a visit to Dallas and Fort Worth.

Mrs. Sallie Harvey of Deport, Texas, is a pleasant visitor this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchins. Mrs. Harvey is a sister of Mr. Hutchins.

Among the visitors at the Merkel Luncheon Club meeting here Tuesday evening was Mr. J. R. Masterson, Taylor County Farm Demonstration Agent. Mr. Masterson stepped into the work in this county a little late to enable him to make the showing he would like to have and could have made had he been employed earlier, and yet he has accomplished much good as such in this county.

He is a capable, competent and industrious worker, as every one knows who has heard him talk and watched his work, and next year, if his services are to be had, he will be in position to really make a showing and be a help to the farmers of this section that will not only be a blessing to them in dollars and cents, but the work he will do in the "Boys and Girls Club Work" will be of great educational and inspirational value, which in time will mean better farmers and more learned and better citizens among those who are to take the places of the fathers and mothers of today.

Besides being an earnest and capable County Agent, Mr. Masterson also demonstrated in his speech to those present at the Luncheon Club that he had some excellent ideas in the matter of town building. In his remarks he showed by facts and figures that the time has come that if the average small town is to survive the onslaughts of the Mail Order Houses and the fast intrusion of the larger towns upon the small town's trade territory, the small town must be awake to its opportunities, and the merchant and business man must be more alert in his efforts to hold the business that justly belongs to him. Mr. Masterson showed plainly the benefits that they will derive from the holding in Merkel of the Community Fair, as it will be one of the best advertising mediums that they could invest in, along with that of the local newspaper.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call unto Himself the mother of our beloved class member, Mrs. L. B. Scott,

Therefore, be it resolved that we deplore her going, but we rejoice in the evidence she left that she lives again.

That we extend to Mrs. Scott these expressions of our sincere sympathy, and commend her to the good grace of Him who doeth all things best.

That a copy be offered to the Merkel Mail for publication, also that a copy be mailed to Mrs. Scott, and one for our class.

Mrs. Sam Swann, Mrs. M. D. Angus, Mrs. L. L. Huddleston, Committee. 1tp

WOMANLY AILS

Kentucky Lady Got Well After Taking Cardui.

"I got down in health—suffering from womanly troubles which caused me much pain and worry," says Mrs. Rhoda Canary, of R. F. D. 6, Owenboro, Ky.

"My stepmother had taken Cardui when she was in my same condition, so I got to inquiring around among my friends about it and found several women who were taking it at that time.

"They all told me how good it was, so I told my husband to get me a bottle to try. That night he came home with a bottle of Cardui.

"I had a . . . which left me in a very serious condition. I had been in bed eight weeks and was unable to move in bed without help.

"By the time I had taken half a bottle (of Cardui), my strength began to come back. I could sit up in bed.

"I finished up that bottle and by that time I was able to walk across the floor. I continued taking Cardui for several months and I got well."

At all drug stores. C-31

Take **CARDUI** THE WOMANLY TONIC

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has through FAT and LEAN years taken care of its Borrowers, its Depositors, and its Shareholders.

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Make this Bank your Headquarters when in town. Plenty of desk room, figuring tablets, chairs and other conveniences at your disposal.

Nothing is more to your interest than a strong Banking Connection with a Strong, Well Equipped Bank.

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DIRECTORS— J. T. Warren, Geo. F. West, L. R. Thompson, Sam Butman Sr., Booth Warren

Never Missed a Dividend Never Assessed a Shareholder



MISS EMMA HOUSTON WEDS PORT ARTHUR MAN

Announcements of the marriage in Fort Worth, on August 25, of Miss Emma Houston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Houston, of Abilene, who was formerly a teacher in the Merkel Public Schools, to Mr. Rowley McKaine, of Port Arthur, Texas.

We join many friends in extending congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

BLUE BUGS?

Feed MARTIN'S POULTRY TONE to your chickens and paint the hen house with MARTIN'S ROOST PAINT to kill and keep away insects. Guaranteed by Merkel Drug Company

Mr. Hugh R. Grayson returned last week from a short visit to Waco and Fort Worth. He was accompanied on this trip by his niece, Miss Effie Grayson, and her friend, Miss Fairy Orr.

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Come in today and see samples of Lacq-ed surfaces.

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No Fifth Sunday Singing

On account of the fact that there are several protracted meetings now in progress at various places throughout this community, it has been decided not to have any Fifth Sunday Singing in August. But we trust that every one will make their plans to be present the following Fifth Sunday and let's make the next meeting the best of all.

Houston Robertson, President
V. Garner, Secretary.

Note—The old locating committee has been retained and are expected to make selection of the place for the next meeting.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour.

Senior Christian Endeavor at 7 p.m. Choir practice Wednesday at 8 p.m. A hearty welcome to all.

Married Sunday

At the Baptist parsonage in this city on last Sunday morning Rev. Ira L. Parrack, the pastor, pronounced the words that bound in Holy Wedlock Mr. Phillip Hines, who resides nine miles north of Merkel, and Miss Nola Hines of Roby, Texas.



Evangelist Hameric, who is holding Nazerine Revival.

NAZERENE REVIVAL TO CLOSE SUNDAY NIGHT

The Nazarene revival that has been sweeping Merkel will continue up until Sunday night. Evangelist Hameric is a great preacher and makes friends with all denominations.

There has been seventeen prayed through in the old-fashioned way and twenty-one have been added to the church. Still greater results are expected before the meeting closes Sunday night. Come and be with us for the next few days and be blessed.

Miss Dixie Howard of Abilene was a guest of Mrs. Earl Baze and other friends in Merkel this week.

Mrs. J. S. Swann returned first of the week from an extended visit with her daughter at Tulia, Texas.

Mr. D. Caldwell of Cochran county was a guest this week of his cousin, Mr. S. A. Coats and family.

THE MERKEL FAIR By Ruba Beulah Patton

Editor's Note—The following poem was written by Miss Ruba Patton, 14 years of age, of the Salt Branch Community, and proves that interest is being aroused in the Merkel Community Fair through Free publicity in the Merkel Mail.)

Get to thinking just where you am,

And bring your jellies and your jams;

Bring your pickles and your cakes,

For some prizes we're going to take.

Bring your maize and your cane,

That you raised without any rain;

Bring your rooster and your hen

That you raised in a pen.

Bring your apples and your pears,

Bring everything to the Merkel Fair;

Bring your peaches in the can

Bring the children and the old man.

Be sure and bring your cotton stalk,

Then you can let them talk.

Some get mad and cry just because they didn't try

To bring anything to the Fair,

But believe me I'm going to be there.

SALT BRANCH ITEMS By Wynona Patton

Several people of this community attended the Baptist meeting at Stith last week.

Miss Dollie Bry of Stith was the guest of Misses Norma and Lillie D. Foster Sunday.

The singing Sunday afternoon at Salt Branch was a fine success.

We are glad that Mrs. Huston Robertson is again in our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler were visitors at Salt Branch Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty and two children Gladys and Austin returned Saturday from a visit on the Plains.

Mrs. B. P. Middleton, Miss Gladys Middleton and Mrs. N. R. Thornton of Merkel spent one afternoon last week with Mrs. S. O. Patton and daughters, Misses Ruba, Norma and Wynona Patton.

The rain we got Tuesday night was appreciated.

Dr. J. H. Estes, of Little Rock Arkansas, while enroute to his home after a trip through California and many other Western States, stopped over here Monday night for a short visit with his cousin, Mr. M. L. Estes, whom he had not met for the past 37 years.

SERVICE THAT IS COMPLETE

The man who owns an automobile is looking for service that is complete and satisfying. It means money and time saved to him. And that's the way we can serve you. Our filling station service is up to the minute. Our service is prompt, courteous and satisfying. Our Garage is well equipped in machinery and workmanship that is equal to the best and surpassed by none.

In Tires, Tubes and accessories we are always well stocked. We handle the well known Michelin and Standard four Tires and Tubes. And we are agents for Humble Gas and Oils. Also we have the famous MOBILOILS.

So, if it's service you are looking for, don't pass us up."

Boney's Garage and Filling Station

ABILENE TO ENTERTAIN CONFEDERATE "VETS."

Abilene is preparing to entertain in great fashion from September 30 to October 3 the State Reunion of the Confederate Veterans, and their sons and daughters. Plans are being worked out for a royal entertainment of the Old Soldiers, their sons and daughters, and some six or seven hundred are expected.

The first day of the reunion will be designated Sons' day. General J. C. Foster, of Houston Commander of the Veterans is expected to be present, he having notified the management that a special train will be run to Abilene for the occasion.

In Merkel there is an organization of the Sons of the Confederacy, and they should take it upon themselves to see that ways and convenience are made for every one of the "Old Heroes" of the South who reside in this city and section to be in attendance at this meeting.

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BANKS CLOSE SEPT. 7TH.

On account of Labor Day, Sept. 7th, the banks of Merkel will be closed for the day. Get your change on Saturday night before.

W. L. DILTZ, JR., Cashier
Farmers State Bank.

L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier
F. & M. National Bank.

Mrs. W. F. Fugat, of Rockwall, Texas, is here this week for a visit with her mother, Mrs. M. E. Campbell and friends.

Mr. S. G. Hass, of Breckenridge, is here this week for a visit with his father, Mr. J. N. Hass, a merchant at Comper.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jones had as their guests this week Prof. and Mrs. C. A. Gilley, of Alpine. Mr. Gilley is an instructor in Sul Ross College.

Mrs. L. B. Howard and children of Hamlin visited Mrs. Earl Lassiter and friends here the first part of the week.

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kel, Texas as second class mail.

Our good friend Joe Winter was in the city one day first of this week, along about when the sun seemed to be coming down the hottest, and when asked about his crop he seemed to have been in a rather pessimistic mood, for he answered "not much good." But a neighbor who happened to KNOW, tipped us off to the effect that Joe really had a fine crop of cotton. Joe says he feels that we can get by on the feed question, as he has a son on the Plains who has a field of as fine maize as can be grown anywhere, and the son has promised to let him have enough feed to run him another year. And Joe says he is going to take him up, provided he will pay the freight on the feed to Merkel. Joe must have been in a pessimistic mood.

Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes had as their guests this week, Dr. and Mrs. C. Zeno Holt, of Dalhart, Texas. During the war Dr. Grimes and Dr. Holt were closely associated and mutually became fast friends. Also Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. Holt were together for a time during the great conflict and they, too, became close friends, hence the recent visit of Dr. and Mrs. Holt but very often so that the speed of one or both cars explains the real reason for the smash.

Mr. C. C. Campbell and daughter, returned first of the week from a very pleasant visit with friends and relatives in Fort Worth.

SPEED USUALLY REASON

Sunday ought to be made a day of rest for a lot of over-worked speedometers.

That is a humorous statement of a very serious need. The Monday newspapers everywhere has become a motor casualty list. One is tempted to look down the columns not for whether automobile accidents occurred but whether one's friends were among the victims.

And this situation prevails largely because speedometers have been overworking. Despite all that has been said that at times it is safe for autoists to attain high speed, the facts are that it is not safe. Just where the dividing line between safety and danger lies is for others to determine, but high speed in the popular sense is nine times out of ten the cause of accidents.

A car huns off a bridge. It could not if the car were under control. One car is rammed by another. Even the victim car might have avoided the accident had its speed been lower. A child is run down. More often than not this tragedy might be averted if the automobile were going slower. In most instances speed, even speed within the law is responsible for the bloodshed and the property damage.

The lesson that the motorist needs to learn is moderation. The American lost his liquor because he did not know how to use it. He has lost other things and will lose more unless he learns the lesson of moderation. Under certain conditions the law permits speed up to 15 miles an hour. If the motorist elects to go beyond that speed, he must expect the consequences.

In investigating motor accidents, it is not unerringly found, but very often so that the speed of one or both cars explains the real reason for the smash.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff left Monday morning for a visit with friends and relatives at Midland, Fabens and El Paso.

MERKEL'S ARMY

The grandest army of the republic marches against the citadels of ignorance next week, 20,000,000 strong. Merkel regiments are mobilizing, with captains and lieutenants in command. Conscription is the rule. And as the army moves, so moves the city, state and nation with it. In all the annals of history no finer page has ever been written than that which records the triumphs of free public education in the United States of America.

One could describe this nationwide phenomenon in the language of statistics—so many children, so many schools, so much money, etc. But let us view it from another angle.

An army of children, privileged in this respect above all the children of earth, destined to grow into privileged men and women; citizens, not subjects; masters, not servants.

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An army of mature minds better able to cope with prejudices, class consciousness and hatreds. An army developed intellectually, dedicated to the making of a better today than yesterday, a better tomorrow than either.

An army whose knowledge and taste shall inevitably raise the standards of art, music, drama, and life in all their ramifications.

An army whose proud accomplishments in the past, and whose promise for the future lends glory to the wisdom and leadership of the nation's founders. An army whose continued well-being and happiness places an obligation upon each American to support the public school system to the limit.

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FORD ANNOUNCES IMPROVED BODY TYPES

Body changes and chassis refinements are more pronounced than any made since the adoption of the Model T. Chassis were announced here today by the Ford Motor Company. There will be no advance in price, it also was stated. Production at the Dallas Branch will start September 1st at which time all dealers will be sampled with the improved cars.

Outstanding features of the improvements in both open and enclosed types are lower, all-steel bodies on a lowered chassis, complete new design in most body types, a change from black to color in closed cars, larger, lower fenders, newly designed seats and larger, more powerful brakes.

Longer lines, effected through higher radiator and redesigned cowl and bodies are apparent in all the improved Ford cars, but are especially pronounced in the open types. Wide crown fenders hung close to the wheels contribute to the general effect of lowness and smartness.

While Runabout and Touring Cars remain in black, the closed bodies are furnished in harmonic color schemes, enhanced by nickel radiators. The Coupe and Tudor bodies are furnished in deep channel green while the Fordor is rich Windsor Maroon.

Greater comfort is provided for driver and passengers in both open and closed cars by larger compartments, more deeply cushioned seats and greater leg room.

Many new conveniences are also incorporated in the improved cars. In the Runabout, Touring, Coupe and Tudor, the gasoline tank is under the cowl and is filled through an ingeniously located filler cap completely hidden from sight by a cover similar in appearance to a cowl ventilator. One-piece windshield and narrow pillars in the Tudor and Coupe offer the driver greatly increased visibility and improved ventilation.

Driving comfort is materially increased by lower seats, scientifically improved back rests, and lower steering wheel. Brake and clutch pedals are wider and more conveniently spaced.

Four doors are now provided on the Touring Car and two on the Runabout, permitting the driver to take his place from the left side of the car. Curtains, held secure by rods, open with the doors.

Most important in the mechanical changes are the improved brakes. The transmission brake drum and band have been considerably increased in size which gives the foot brake softer and more positive action as well as longer life. The rear wheel brake drums are larger and the brake of self energizing type.

Cord tires are now standard equipment on all Ford cars.

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

KINDERGARTEN WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 7TH.

At my home, on Sept. 7th, I will open my Primary School, and will appreciate any patronage accorded me by the people of Merkel and surrounding communities. If you have a child you expect to send during the coming school year, I would appreciate your starting it at the beginning. Thanking you for all past patronage, I am
Most Respectfully,
Mrs. W. A. McSPADDEN.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to all of you who so kindly assisted us with your acts of kindness during the sickness and death of our loving wife and mother. You have indeed proved yourself friends and may God bless each of you.
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Mrs. J. W. Dowdy and family,
E. A. Birchitt and family. 1tp

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WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO.

Mrs. T. R. Lassiter returned Tuesday night from a visit with her brother at Winters and daughter at Abilene.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting.

You are hereby commanded to summon Clarence Allison by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest county where a newspaper is published to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County Texas, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in the city of Abilene, on the 1st Monday in September, A. D. 1925, the same being the 7th day of September A. D. 1925, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 3rd day of August, A. D. 1925, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 5866, Wherein Mrs. Blanche Allison is Plaintiff, and Clarence Allison is Defendant, said suit being a suit for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment, said petition alleging the marriage of plaintiff and defendant and various acts of cruel treatment on part of defendant and prays for decree of divorce.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

WITNESS, J. K. Fuller, Clerk of the District Court of Taylor County.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 3rd day of August A. D. 1925.

J. K. FULLER, Clerk,
District Court, Taylor County.
By Belle Wellborn, Deputy. 7ta

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The Gins mentioned in spaces below are well equipped and offer to the farmers of this territory the greatest of opportunity to Gin the present crop of cotton. They want you to come to them with your cotton and have it ginned. They have spent thousands of dollars in preparing their plants to care for your crop and are in the best physical condition they have ever been.

They always give the best of service and being equipped as above stated are this year prepared to give even better service. Merkel is a cotton market second to none in this section of the country and here you will find a ready market at the best market price. For these reasons we feel safe in asking each and every one of you to come to us with your cotton to have it ginned. A welcome awaits you; Real Service awaits you; a stable cotton market awaits you. Come!

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4th. You do not have to sell the cotton when it is ginned. If you want to hold it let us hold it for you in a dry clean place out of the weather.

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NOODLE CASH GROCERY TO GIVE AWAY GUITAR

The Noodle Cash Grocery will give away a Mandolin-Guitar on Saturday, August 29, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. All customers holding tickets for this instrument are invited to be at Noodle at that time. The person holding the number corresponding with the number under seal gets the instrument. Noodle Cash Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Jones, of California, were guests first of the week of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jones, the former being a brother of Mr. Jones of this city. They were enroute to Callahan County where Mr. Jones has a farm.

Mrs. John Tate and daughter, Miss Flossie, and Miss Jones, of Comanche, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner this week.

Mrs. W. A. McSpadden returned first of the week from Austin, where she has spent the summer taking special work at the State University. For several years Mrs. McSpadden has conducted a kindergarten school in this city and her work has been very efficient and satisfactory. And from what we can learn she will have one of the largest classes the coming term she has ever had. Parents will make no mistake in sending their children to her splendid school.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter and children returned last week from a visit with relatives at Albany and Throckmorton.

Mrs. J. W. Brown and daughter, Nell, of Pecos, are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Ferguson this week.

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EPWORTH LEAGUES HAVE PROGRAM SUNDAY NIGHT

Next Sunday evening, at the Methodist Church the Junior and Intermediate Leagues will have charge of the service, and the following program will be given.

Hymn; Devotional. Processional, Juniors. Reading, "The League at Work" by Margaret Turner. "Mother Goose Missionary Rhymes" by Holt Vaughn, Clarence Rea, Truett Patterson and Raymond Gambill.

Dialogue, Billie Bernice Gambill and Glenna Rea. Reading "The World's Bible," by Ruby Faye Golliday. Play, "Not Exempt"—A Tithing Demonstration, Characters: Board members, Burrell Chaney, Jim Chaney and Billie Lloyd Smith.

Mr. Thomas Clubb, Lynn McSpadden. Mr. Poor Relation, Holt Vaughn. Mrs. Carrie Dresswell, Mary Elizabeth Grimes. Mrs. John Poorman, Mildred Richardson. Miss Matilda Poorman, Glenna Rea. Mr. Spare cash, Minter King. Miss Eileen Newshop, Imogene Middleton. Mrs. I'm Indebted, Opal Huskey. Mrs. Constant Knitter, Marie Stanford. Bro. Gaslow, E. L. Turner. Widow of India, Nell Durham. Chinese working girl, Mattie Lou Largent. Mohammedan woman, Eleanor Mae Hamilton. Lady Li Hung Chang, Nell Hughes.

Duet, Ruby Faye Golliday and Elizabeth Harkrider.

Reading, "The Grumble Bee," Imogene Middleton.

Negro Quartette, Intermediate boys.

Play—"When the Spirit of Missions Came," Intermediate Girls.

"Wen Shun Motion Song," by Junior Girls.

Pantomime, "Rock of Ages," by Dorothy Daniels.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School at 10 a.m. with classes for all.

It is hoped that all our workers will be back in their places Sunday so we can get in shape to enlist and organize the new people coming to town for the school year. We extend a cordial invitation to all Baptists who are coming to town to come and work with us and help us keep the spiritual atmosphere in Merkel that is needed to make it a good school town. Also we urge all Baptists that have lived here for some time, but have not moved their membership here, to come and help us make this church the church that the Lord would have it be. It is not as easy to help make a church what it ought to be as it is to sit back and find fault, but it is a lot nobler and will please the Lord more. Come help us we need you and the Lord needs you. He needs you in Merkel or He would move you to some other place. You will learn to appreciate the faithful workers more if you will come and work with them and pray with them over the tasks and responsibilities of these stressful days.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Morning subject "Workers and Shirkers." Evening subject "Judgement beginning at the House of God."

All B.Y.P.U.'s meet in main auditorium at 7 p.m. for opening exercises directed Sunday by the Intermediates, then they go to their rooms for their different programs and back in the auditorium for reports and joint service that blends with the evening preaching service.

Ladies meeting Tuesday 4 p.m. Prayer-meeting Wednesday at 8 p.m. Choir practice and orchestra rehearsal following the prayer-meeting.

The pastor wants to see every member possible in the service Sunday at both morning and evening hours. We invite all who will to come to these services. Visitors and strangers in our town and those without a church home here are especially invited. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

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GOOD MOTHER PASSES TO ETERNAL REWARD

After a lingering illness of many months, Mrs. Juliette Pribble, aged 76 years, four months and 18 days, wife of Mr. T. M. Pribble, died Monday, August 24 at the family residence in this city.

Deceased was the mother of seven children, four of whom preceded her in death, while 2 were present to witness her sad departure, as follows: Mr. E. A. Birchett, of Throckmorton; and Mrs. J. W. Dowdy of Trent. Another daughter, Mrs. Q. L. Tolar, residing in Arizona, could not be reached and was therefore not present for the funeral.

Besides the husband, three children, several brothers and sisters and step-sons survive to mourn her demise.

Deceased became a Christian early in life and remained true and steadfast in the faith until called by her Maker to that Heavenly Reward where suffering and sorrow is unknown and where life is everlasting.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Church of Christ, with Elder W. G. Cypert officiating, burial following immediately afterward in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Rhoda Merrick, a sister of Big Spring, Mr. C. C. Beezely of Abilene, brother; and Mr. E. A. Birchett of Throckmorton, a son, were here to attend the funeral services.

This paper extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved husband and other relatives in the loss of one so near and dear to them.

Miss Agnes Tyner of Midland was here the past week for a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Summerhill.

Revival Closes at Blair

We are informed that the pastor, Rev. R. E. L. Stutts, assisted by Rev. Elmer D. Landreth, pastor of the Oak street Methodist church at Abilene, recently closed one of the best and most successful revivals ever before held by the Methodist people at Blair.

There were 42 additions and nine additions to the church, three by Baptism and six by letter. We are also informed that plans are under way for the erection of a new home for the Methodist people at Blair.

Mrs. J. W. Mitchell and daughter, Miss Servilla, of Houston, are guests this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Boyce. Mrs. Mitchell is a sister to Mrs. Boyce.

Party Honoring Miss Carter Of Sweetwater

Miss Annie Laura Smith entertained with a forty-two party in the Costephens home on Locust Street, honoring Miss Thelma Lee Carter of Sweetwater, who is visiting Miss Eva Mae Johnson.

Helen Booth and Bob Mayfield received the prize for winning high score while Ermalee Rea and Comer Patterson received the booby prize.

Iced watermelon was served to the following guests: Misses Emma Toombs, Iris Garrett, Intha Bird, Ermalee Rea, Opal Patterson, Helen Booth and Eva Mae Johnson and Messrs. Charlie Largent, Clyde Mayfield, Spencer Bird, Comer Patterson, Bob Mayfield and the Honoree, Miss Thelma Lee Carter.

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HEADLIGHT Testing Station

We have been appointed by the County Commissioners and are under bond to test headlights for automobiles and trucks. The state law says you cannot operate your car after September 1st unless your lights have been tested and you have a receipt for same. Come in as soon as possible and let us test your lights. Remember we carry all kinds of auto parts and accessories and do nothing but first class automobile work.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

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HOME FOR SALE—Home in Merkel for sale, nicely located and priced reasonable for cash. For particulars call at the Merkel Mail office. 1t

FOR SALE Trade or Lease—farm on South Plains. If interested see Dan Reidenbach, Merkel, Texas. 1tp

FOR SALE—By owner, 160 acres land 4 1/2 miles of town on state highway, \$32.50 per acre, terms. G. D. Anderson, Friona, Texas. 28t4

FOR SALE—One 3 1/4 inch Weber Wagon for \$125. Also one McCormick row binder at \$75. See W. W. Outlaw, route four, Merkel, Texas. 1tc

FOR SALE—Stationery for individuals, 200 sheets of paper and 100 envelopes to match with your name and address printed in blue ink, or monogram, on both paper and envelopes for \$2.00. Colors: white, pearl gray, royal blue, pink and yellow. It has individuality when it's printed. See samples at THE MERKEL MAIL OFFICE. 1t

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two-room furnished apartment, close in with water and bath. Would rent sleeping room. Inquire at City Furniture Co. 1t

FOR RENT—Three room house close in. See E. B. Barnes. 1t

WANTED

MAN WANTED—The Merkel Farm Bureau Cotton Association wants a man for weigher at the platform for the fall season. All applications must be in writing to the secretary, Mr. Austin Robertson, not later than August 29 at noon. Address, Mr. Austin Robertson, Merkel, Texas, Route One. 1t

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Bundle of man's clothes consisting of grey trousers and belt. It has been reported to me that this bundle was found by parties residing north of town, and will appreciate your returning it to Grimes-Smith Drug Store. 1tp

Messrs. T. L. Grimes and Robert Hicks, with their families returned last week from their extended vacation and trip to points in South Texas. They report a most pleasant trip.

Messrs. W. C. and G. B. Neill and R. L. McLean, all of the Canyon Community, were in the city yesterday and report light rains out that way. They also report crops about as good as last year.

Mrs. Sam Phillips of Deport, Texas, is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis this week.

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