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Merkel Community Fair Opens This Morning

SOME FACTS OF CITY'S GROWTH

We have with us always the several different elements, and it is well that such is the case. For instance, the over optimist, and the conservative optimist; the over pessimist and the conservative pessimist. But facts tell the truth of just what is going on, and to really show the world just what Merkel is and has done in the way of progress during the last few years we make mention of a few FACTS about what has been done, and leave it up to you to judge for yourself as to whether the town is actually going forward, standing still or going backward. We, however, declare to the world that she is steadily going forward and in a substantial and lasting manner.

Among the achievements we mention the building of a handsome new Presbyterian church costing about \$15,000; a lovely new Baptist church costing \$30,000; the enlargement of the main auditorium and addition of some eight Sunday school rooms to the Methodist church at a cost of \$7,500; also new pews and piano amounting to some \$1,500 have lately been installed in this church. Many new and handsome residences have lately been erected costing several thousands of dollars each, such as the homes of J. T. Warren, Booth Warren, Roy Adams, Dee Grimes, L. B. Scott, Chas. Jacobs, J. T. Dennis, J. E. Costephens, Mrs. Alsobrook, Mrs. B. Jenkins, A. V. Dye, Len Sublett, G. J. Jones and others.

And the town has voted bonds and installed a new sewer system costing \$55,000, a new High School costing \$40,000, a number of nice business houses and filling stations are also among the many improvements.

And the town, through the Luncheon Club, has spent over \$12,000 for tractors and graders for building roads, and the business and professional men of Merkel have put up over \$4,000 of this sum. Our county commissioner, Mr. P. A. Diltz, for Taylor County, and Mr. Rainwater, for Jones county have worked hand in hand with the road committee selected by the Luncheon Club in their effort to build the many miles of good graded roads that have been put up through their efforts, which is now being enjoyed by the farmers of this section.

These men after careful study have brought their vision of the good roads leading to Merkel to the attention of the Luncheon Club and the citizens in general, all of whom have cooperated nicely, and today we can boast of some 200 miles of good graded roads.

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* 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 *

ABILENE COMING TO MERKEL FAIR

Preparations for the good-will trip to Merkel on Friday, September 18, "Abilene Day," are being made this week by Abilene boosters, and a large delegation is expected to attend the Merkel Fair Friday afternoon.

A. D. Linton, chairman of the committee in charge of these good-will tours, expressed satisfaction at the result of the Baird trip last week and issued a call to citizens to cooperate in putting over this one as well.

The business men who signed to furnish automobiles for the Callahan Fair trip also signed at the same time to furnish their cars for this trip. The boosters will leave from the Federal Lawn at one o'clock Friday, with the Mesa Drum Corps and the McMurry College Band.—Abilene Daily Reporter.

BIG ATTENDANCE LUNCHEON CLUB

In the absence of Mr. L. R. Thompson, president, Mr. H. C. West, vice-president, assumed charge at the regular meeting on last Tuesday evening at Ed's Cafe, with Dr. R. I. Grimes as Toastmaster of the evening.

The meeting opened with a highly appreciated solo, by Miss Mona Margaret Jones, with Miss Melba West at the piano. The evening's program consisted in making final and complete arrangements for holding the Community Fair, hearing committee reports, etc., all of which reported plans completed and in readiness.

The attendance at this meeting was one of the largest for many months, and every one seemed eager to carry on the good work that has and is being accomplished by the club.

WILL HELP US GET COTTON PICKERS

With cotton opening at a very rapid rate, farmers found themselves first of this week really in need of pickers very badly, and many are on the look out for pickers in other parts of the state. Local bankers are also coming to the aid of the farmers in an effort to get an adequate supply of pickers into the country. On Wednesday morning of this week, Mr. R. O. Anderson, of the Farmers State Bank, in a telephone call to the United States Farm Labor Bureau, at Fort Worth, was assured by Mr. C. W. Woodman, Assistant Manager in that office, that a man would be sent to Merkel next week who would take active charge of the matter of helping the farmers secure the pickers needed.

Weston West came in Wednesday from South Texas, where for several months he has been connected with the Municipal Engineering Company of Dallas. Weston and his sister, Miss Melba will leave Sunday for Trinity University, where they will enter school for the next term.

DORA ROAD NOW ABOUT COMPLETE

Some weeks ago some of our special road committeemen appointed by the Luncheon Club, decided that much of the trade of the Dora Community which for many years rightfully belonged to Merkel, but which for the last few years had strayed away, could be brought back to our city by making a decent road out of the big, high hill located just this side of that rich and prosperous community, and consulting among themselves, brought the matter before the Luncheon Club with the result that the business interests of Merkel and the County of Taylor, through Mr. Phillip A. Diltz, the very able and energetic Commissioner, put up the sum of \$500.00 each and employed Mr. W. H. Frazier, former capable Commissioner, to superintend the making of a good road up this hill.

And according to the report of a committee of five business and professional men who visited the work Tuesday morning, Mr. Frazier and his crew of men will make a road up this hill that may be pulled in high by almost any automobile. And not only that, but they have made a good road of much otherwise bad road for a mile this side, which connects up with a good road all the way to Merkel.

According to those who know something about road work, this job is going to be one of the best ever built in the state for the money. In fact many said openly that it would take ten thousand dollars to put the road in as good condition as it will be when finished by Mr. Frazier and his men, and for only \$1,000.

One reason why it is so good and cost so little is because there is no GRAFT connected with the job, as there is alleged to be in much of the highway work over the state. It pays to have an honest, capable man in charge of such work as is found in Mr. W. H. Frazier.

MOSLAH TEMPLE SPECIAL TRAIN TO VISIT MERKEL

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 15—Moslah Temple special train enroute from Fort Worth to Abilene will visit Merkel Friday morning, Sept. 25, for a short stop, during which the uniformed bodies of Moslah Temple which include the band, patrol, drum corps and chanters will give a concert during the stay.

There are over 150 Nobles including the members of the uniformed bodies and are in charge of Potentate John F. Lyons. The trip is being made a two day affair this year in order to visit over 19 cities west of Fort Worth's trade territory.

ELECT NEW FIRE CHIEF

At the regular meeting of the Local Fire Department on Monday night of this week, Mr. W. L. Burns was elected Chief of the Fire Department and Roscoe Sharp was elected Secretary. Mr. Burns takes the place of Mr. A. V. Dye, resigned, and Mr. Sharp takes the place of Mr. John West, resigned. These men are very capable and will make good in their respective places.

Mr. Doyle Garrett left Monday for Waco where he will enter Baylor University for the coming session.

SPECIAL PRIZE ON MAIZE AND POULTRY

Mr. Masterson, the County Agent, advises us that \$300.00 will be given away at the Abilene Fair as special premiums on Maize and Poultry, as follows:

A \$100 gold piece to any man, woman, boy or girl who enters the best 10 heads of Maize. Another \$100 gold piece to any boy or girl club member who enters the best ten heads of Maize. Three prizes of \$50, \$30 and \$20 will be given to the boy and girl club members who enter the best breeding pen of chickens, that is four females and one male. No entry fees will be required of the boys and girls who enter poultry. And it costs nothing for anybody to enter Maize. All entries should be made before Monday at 12 o'clock of September 21.

BIG DAY AT THE PRESBYTERIANS

Next Sunday is to be the big Sunday at the Presbyterian church, designated as homecoming day. We are expecting all Presbyterians and friends of the Presbyterian church to be with us on next Sunday and to attend the Dedicatory service to be held at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

At the 11 o'clock hour Dr. Geo. W. Fender, National Mission's Executive for the Synod of Texas, will preach. The principal event of the day will be the Dedicatory service in the afternoon. Dr. Surface, pastor of Central Presbyterian church of Abilene will have charge of this service, and preach the Dedicatory sermon. Dr. Fender will fill the pulpit again at the evening hour.

We are expecting a special invitation to the general public to be with us at as many of these services as possible.

We urge that all members of the church make special effort to be present and let us make this a great day in the history of our church. Let us show our faith in God and our loyalty to the church by attending its services.

Sunday School will open at 10 o'clock promptly. Let us make this a rally day for the Sunday school, with all officers, teachers and pupils on time and in their places.

Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:45 p.m.

MRS. J. S. BURNS PASSES AWAY THURSDAY 12:30

As this paper goes to press this Thursday afternoon, we are grieved to learn of the death at 12:30 today, of Mrs. J. S. Burns, 72 years of age, one of this city's pioneer and most respected citizens.

We are informed that the funeral will take place today at the cemetery, conducted by Elder W. G. Cypert, at 2:00 o'clock. In our next issue we hope to give a more extended mention of the life of this good mother.

Rev. Fred S. Rogers of Lamesa, was here shaking hands with friends on his way home from attending Presbytery at Avoca.

WILL PLAY BRADSHAW HERE SAT.

Although the defeat by Bradshaw last Saturday has no bearing whatever on their chances for the District Interscholastic Championship in Class B, the "Badgers" will enter the game with Bradshaw tomorrow at 4 o'clock at the High School gridiron with revenge in their hearts and a very close and thrilling battle is predicted for the Community Fair visitors and general public.

The local eleven have gone through a week of hard practice since the last game and with the alleged over confidence taken out of them are ready to enter the fight. Merkel has a fairly heavy team, the line averaging around 157 pounds and the backfield about 155. Coach Jackson says he has not decided fully as to the starting line-up but will probably open the game with some new men. Clesby Patterson of last year's Badger team will probably have a backfield position in tomorrow's game.

Neither of the games with the Bradshaw team nor the Cisco game will have any bearing whatever on the chances of M. H. S. winning the Interscholastic District B Championship, win or lose, and the fact that the Badgers are meeting strong competition at the opening of the season is calculated to give them some experience and practice that will place them in excellent form for the interscholastic tilts, which begin on October 2 at Colorado.

In view of the fact that Saturday is the second day of the Merkel Community Fair is believed that a very large crowd will witness the game and much pep will be displayed. Get your "rooting clothes on" and let's go out and support the "Badgers" tomorrow at four o'clock at the High School gridiron.

CAR FINE JERSEYS SHIPPED TO COUNTY

The County Agent, Mr. J. R. Masterson, shipped to Taylor County this week a car load of registered Jersey cattle to be distributed to the various club members of this section during the week at the Abilene Fair.

Several of these animals will go to parties near Merkel. Mr. John S. Hughes will receive one of the finest Jersey Bulls that was ever shipped to West Texas. Mr. Masterson informs us that this bull's mother has produced more than seven gallons of milk in a day and that his father sold last year for \$2,000.00.

A full story of the cattle will be in next week's issue of the Mail. The entire herd will be on exhibit at the Abilene Fair. Be sure and see them.

HORN COMMUNITY HAS AN EXHIBIT AT FAIR

Mr. A. M. Daniel of the Horn community, over in Jones county, came over Monday and arranged to bring a fine community exhibit to the Community Fair. He says they have fine crops out there and that they will make a fine showing at the Fair. Today they are busy arranging that exhibit.

FINEST FARM PRODUCT COMING TO FAIR

The Merkel Fair doubtless will be one of the most creditable exhibits ever shown at a West Texas town. Entries are being exhibited as far as Dora on the Southwest to twenty miles north across the Jones County line. Already some of the finest specimens of farm produce that were ever displayed at a fair have been delivered to the agricultural hall. The men from the various communities, as the paper goes to press, are driving nails constructing booths for the display of the products.

The ladies are also deftly and artistically designing the patterns of the displays. When the agricultural hall is completed a miniature Dallas Fair will be at Merkel. The people of Merkel have never before felt the keen appreciation of her rural citizenship that impels her esteem now, although Merkel has always contended that the farmers of her trade territory are the most deserving rural folk in Texas. The County Agent, who is superintending the agricultural department and who has judged at several fairs this season, states that if the farm produce which has already been entered continues to pour in, the Merkel exhibit will be one of the outstanding shows of West Texas.

Besides the agricultural entries there will be exhibited some rare relics. See the violin that was made 173 years ago. Observe the German canteen bag. And look at the numerous other quaint things that people have handed down to their children through centuries.

The Women's Department will be a rare study to those who appreciate beautiful hand work. Think of the patience of those mothers who worked for months to create those lovely dress wears, covers and curtains.

The Merchants will show the most modern styles of smart dresses and garments. See them. We are proud of our town and of the rural people who are so enthusiastically entering into the spirit of the occasion. The Merkel fair is unquestionable evidence that the town and the rural people in this territory represent one vast democratic family.

IMPLEMENT ROW IS NEW FAIR FEATURE

Talk about our Fair, well such Fairs as Texas State Fair at Dallas, and the All-West Texas Fair at Abilene haven't much on us in some respects, for we have our different parts, features etc., and among which will prove quite interesting to fair visitors is the "Implement Row" which has been established by some of our progressive Hardware firms.

WILL HAVE AUTOMOBILE ROW, TOO, AT THE FAIR

And there is to be found an "Automobile Row," which has been nicely arranged along by the side of the Cozy Theatre, where admirers of beautiful automobiles may inspect and look over the new models and popular makes. It all goes to help make the fair a greater and better Fair.

Messrs. L. B. Scott and Earl Baze were in Dallas this week, attending a meeting of the Ford Dealers of the state.

We Stand on Our Record

The things a bank stands 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.

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Junior League Program

John the disciple of love and Johns of other times.
Leader, Lynn McSpadden.
Song, Instrumental music.
Scripture: John 13:13, Dahlia Watkins.

1 John 4:18-19, Christene Rister. Prayer.

John the Disciple of Love, Thelma Leach.

John the Disciple of aintaoa John Wesley, Opal Huskey.
Apple Seed John, Nadine Tippet.

The Juniors are doing fine work now. Last Sunday new officers were elected as follows: President, Lynn McSpadden. Secretary, Jim Chaney. Treasurer, Opal Huskey. Pianist, Nadine Tippet. Various committees were appointed, among which was a poster committee. Now Juniors watch for good posters.

Miss Alice Summerhill, daughter of Supt. and Mrs. J. A. Summerhill, left first of the week for Abilene where she will attend Simmons University this year.

Floyd T. Grayson of Floyd county is here for a visit with relatives and friends. Mr. Floyd Grayson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson and is visiting E. H. Grayson, S. L. Grayson and families and C. W. Seago and family of the Shiloh community. He reports good crops in his section of the state. Mr. E. H. Grayson of the Shiloh community was also in and reported that about two weeks ago he was almost completely hailed out. The hail damaged a very narrow strip in his community, however.

J. C. Mason returned last week from a business trip to Fort Worth and Dallas.

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Women of Solomon Islands Fade Early

In their youth, the women of the Solomon Islands are slender and graceful. However, they are like certain flowers, they blossom early and very soon fade. They marry sometimes before they are in their teens and become prematurely old from the drudgery of the day's labor—bringing up babies, tending gardens, making mats and pottery. Their dress consists of a fringe of hemp-fiber; or, where the white man's influence has penetrated, of a skirt of calico, called "lava-lava." The figures on the imported cloth occasionally suggest new designs for ornaments or pottery made by a native artist, who adapts them to his own best needs. By the help of a sling thrown over her shoulder, a young mother from the island of Malatta carries with ease her sturdy, healthy babies, one on each hip. Though unclothed, they wear necklaces and anklets. Children are usually carried in this fashion until they are three or older, despite their weight. Like the men, a woman prepares for the delights of smoking in some chance hour of rest by tucking her clay pipe and perhaps her tobacco and match-box into the pocket formed by her tight armband.

When Greeley Proved He Was No Minister

Most people know Girard college, if they know it at all, for its stringent rule that no clergyman shall ever enter its gate. Whenever the institution is open a guard stands at that entrance, and his one question is, "Are you a preacher?" Long ago Horace Greeley, with his usual white tie and angelic smile, stood at that gate. "You can't come in here!" exclaimed the guard. "Why not?" queried Greeley humbly. "Because you are a clergyman." "The h— I am!" blurted out Greeley. "Excuse me, sir," stammered the guard, "come right in." It was not prejudice against clergymen that caused Stephen Girard to make that law, but rather his desire that the boys should not be confused by denominational controversies, and that on their entrance into active life they may adopt such religious tenets as their matured reason may enable them to prefer.—Carl Hohliday in American Mutual Magazine.

T. R.'s Three Speeches

Sir William Reach Thomas, English war correspondent, in his book, "A Traveler in News," tells the following anecdote about Colonel Roosevelt, whom he met in the United States: "Whether or no he possessed a great brain may be debated, but I never met a man who had so much control over his mental processes. A friend told me that he had heard him address a crowd in the open air on a windy day. Only those toward whom he turned could catch what he said; so he spoke three speeches—one to those on the left, one to the center, one to the right. The three speeches were different and were given in alternate sentences; but he managed the triple feat without confusion, without pausing for a word or thought.

Old Army Punishment

The expression "running the gantlet" meaning to suffer ill treatment at many hands, is derived from a form of military punishment once in vogue, in which the culprit, stripped to the waist, was obliged to run repeatedly between two lines of soldiers facing inward, each one of whom struck at him with a short stick or switch. The custom is said to have originated in the "Thirty Years' War," (1618-1648) and to have been adopted by the European armies as a mode of punishment. The word "gantlet" does not derive from the iron glove, but from the Swedish word gatlopp, meaning "a running down a lane."—Exchange.

Variation in Story

Leon Bloy, to whose memory a monument has been erected in France, was a deep student of ingratitude. One day a lady asked him if the children of this era were usually ingrate. "Yes, madame. Allow me to tell you a story. There was a young villager who wanted to leave the parental roof, and who pestered his father into dividing up the family live stock and giving him his share—" "I know that story," interrupted the lady. "It is the parable of the Prodigal Son. Subsequently he returned, repentant, to his father's home!" "No, madame," said Bloy. "In my story it is the pigs that return."

First Egyptian King

According to Greek authors, as well as according to the Egyptian list of kings, the first king who ruled over the Nile valley was Menes, called Mena in Egyptian. His family came from Teni, a spot in middle Egypt, which formed a certain religious center of the kingdom down to a late period. Menes was the founder of the so-called first dynasty of Egypt (4400-4133 B. C.) Tradition represents him as the builder of the great city of Memphis.

Explaining the Boosters

"One thing I can't understand," remarked Jones to his neighbor, Smith, as they walked home one evening, "is what has happened to all the boosters that used to infest this town." Smith laughed. "That's easy to explain," he replied. "It's like this. All the boosters who haven't sold their real estate have bought some."

Gold Beating Done as It Was Centuries Ago

For 30 centuries gold leaf has been made in one way and the yellow metal that is used on store windows and office doors is identical with that which gilded the throne of Pharaoh.

Small crumbs of gold placed between layers of parchment, called gold-beaters' skins, were beaten interminably with mallets. As the gold spread under the blows it was cut, put between more skins and laboriously beaten again for days and weeks until one grain of the precious metal, weighing about one five-hundredth of an ounce, became an almost impalpable sheet of 40 square inches. The cost of this labor greatly outweighed the cost of the gold, says the New York Herald-Tribune.

Electro-chemistry has now entered the field and a new process recently invented promises to make gold leaf far less expensive. Upon a ribbon of thin silver a film of gold is electrically deposited from a solution of gold and potassium cyanide. The silver ribbon, with the gold on its upper side, is then laid upon a celluloid band and immersed in a bath of nitric acid. This eats away the silver, which is later recovered, and leaves the gold leaf on the celluloid band. There it is washed in alcohol and the warm air from electric fans blows the gold leaf from the celluloid and slides it between protecting leaves of paper.

Dilemma the Result of Higher Education

A visitor to Farmer Hayseed's farm was greatly astonished to see the poor old fellow hobbling around on a pair of crutches. Having tendered his regrets at seeing him thus, the visitor inquired as to how the accident happened. "Well," replied old Hayseed, "it's like this, I sent my boys to college and had one trained as a lawyer and the other as a doctor." Here he shifted his crutch. "You should be very proud of them," answered the stranger, wondering what this information might have to do with the farmer's disabled leg. "I don't know about that," said the aged agriculturist; "it looks as though it was a-goin' to break up the family. I got run into by a motor, and one of 'em wants to cure me and the other wants me to go lame so that he can sue the car owner for damages."

Britain's Constitution

The constitution of Great Britain, many of whose principles form the foundations of about every free constitution in the world, is an accumulation of statutes, customs and decisions. The Magna Charta, granted in 1215 by King John, may be regarded as a starting point. Other salient features are the Petition of Rights and the Declaration of Rights, the Habeas Corpus act, the Act of Settlement, the franchise laws, the practices and customs respecting the responsibility of government. The sovereign would accept or decline gifts of small value or of no political significance, according to his own wish or judgment; but a gift of very considerable value would not be accepted without the advice and consent of the ministry.

Great Early Teacher

Zoroaster was one of the great teachers of the East and founder of what might be called the national religion of the Perso-Iranian people, that is, speaking generally, the Persians. When he lived and taught is not exactly known, but it is held that it was between the years 1000 B. C. and 600 B. C. He taught a dualism of power, one good and the other evil. Light represented the former and darkness the latter. As corruption grew up the sun became worshiped as the great source of light and, therefore, of all good.

Vassar's Bootjacks

On one occasion a building foreman who had annoyed Mr. Vassar with too many needless questions asked what was to be done with a certain pile of hickory boards. "Oh, that lumber is to be cut into bootjacks," replied the irritated founder. Whereupon the carpenter did saw out bootjacks by the hundreds. They were distributed throughout the dormitory and, when finally the first class came to Vassar, each girl found a bootjack in her room.—Charles A. Seiden telling of the founding of Vassar, in the Ladies' Home Journal.

Latin America

France, Spain, Italy and Portugal are known as Latin countries, because they were influenced by the Roman civilization and language more than the other countries of Europe. They speak what are known as the Romance languages. Since South and Central America were settled chiefly by the Spanish and Portuguese, they are called Latin America. Rumania, the French part of Belgium and the Italian and French parts of Switzerland were also affected by ancient Rome in the same manner as the other countries named.—Exchange.

Hard to Answer

Two commuters were discussing life in general. "I've been commuting three years," said one, "and I've never yet missed the train I intended to take." The other commuter admitted this was quite a record, but as an afterthought he inquired: "What in the world do you tell your wife when you miss the train she intended for you to take?"

STRENGTH

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BIG GUESSING CONTEST

At their joint booth at the Community Fair, the Crown Hardware Company and the Woodrum Filling Station will give away two nice premiums to the person guessing closest to the number of beans in a quart jar. One premium for the first guess will be \$10.00 and the second best will be \$5.00. See their quarter page advertisement in this paper. 1tp

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

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* **More People Ride on** *
* **GOODYEAR TIRES** *
* **More Miles Less Trouble** *
* **MERKEL GARAGE** *
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Mr. L. R. Thompson returned Wednesday night from a business trip to Oklahoma City, and while there visited his daughter, Miss Lynn, who is attending a state teachers college. He reports a very pleasant visit, finding Miss Lynn in good health and entering upon her college work with vim and determination to secure her degree this term.

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TOM HALE DIES IN ABILENE SANITARIUM

Mr. Tom Hale, well known and respected citizen of Merkel, died in an Abilene Sanitarium Wednesday afternoon, following an operation for appendicitis.

He was carried to the sanitarium some two weeks ago, but soon rallied and was able to come home for a few days only, as physicians advised that it was only a matter of time until an operation would be necessary, and a few days ago he again entered the sanitarium and underwent the operation, with the result that death overtook him.

We are informed that his remains will be shipped to Hood county, his old home, for interment. Besides a true and loving wife and baby boy, deceased leaves a number of other relatives to mourn his departure.

For a number of years he had been engaged in the cotton business in Merkel, and had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances with whom this paper joins in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved wife and baby and other loved ones.

We hope to have a more extended and detailed mention of the deceased in our next issue.

MERKEL IS DEFEATED BY BRADSHAW SAT.

The Merkel High School "Badgers" suffered defeat bravely and fighting in their first game of the season at Bradshaw last Saturday by a team composed largely of ex-college players, when their opponents succeeded in scoring three points by a place kick.

On the start the local eleven on the offensive was making easy gains, but the Bradshaw team tightened up and a stiff battle ensued in which several costly fumbles and errors kept the ball in Merkel's territory a great part of the time. Merkel could have easily made a field goal in the first part of the game but held out for a touchdown. The Bradshaw team was composed of much older players and was heavier than the local team. It is believed the local boys were a little over confident and were slipped up on.

A close game is expected tomorrow between two teams on the local High School ground.

The ladies of the Parent-Teachers Association will hold a market in the down town section of the city on Saturday during the Fair. It will pay you to buy from them.

Friday is Merkel Community Fair and Salt Branch sure is going to be there.

Make MIMS Corner Your Meeting Place

WHEN IN ABILENE

It's the best known place in Abilene and all Cars and Buses stop here.

Mims

The Store of Individuality
"On Mims Corner"

STORE CLOSED SATURDAY

We hereby give notice to our friends and customers, that on account of Jewish Holiday our store will be closed all day Saturday, September 19.

We will open again on Monday morning following. Max Mellinger, Dry Goods.

STATIONERY SPECIAL

200 sheets of paper and 100 envelopes to match with your name and address or monogram printed to order in blue ink for \$2.00. You may have your choice of folder or straight sheet in white, pearl gray, royal blue, pink or light yellow. You can't beat this for a stationery bargain. Makes appropriate gifts. Also have \$1.15 box. THE MERKEL MAIL.

HEBRON GOSSIP

By Mayflower

There was a pretty good rain fell Thursday night, which kept the roads quite muddy for a time.

The party at Miss Ruby Hartline's was enjoyed by all present Saturday night.

Miss Bessie Lou Pannell was the guest of Miss Winnie Bayless Sunday.

Mr John Horton spent Saturday night with Mr. William Pannell.

Miss Winnie Bayless spent the night with Miss Alma Davis Saturday.

Miss Lillie Davis spent Sunday with Miss Evelyn Pannell.

Mr William Pannell and Ger-aid Garner attended the foot-

ball game at Bradshaw Saturday.

Mr. A. J. Pannell was in Abilene Tuesday.

Dr. Miller is having one of his rent houses remodeled.

Mr. John Horton and William Pannell took dinner with Mr. Riley Hodges Sunday.

Mr. D. M. Miller who resides twenty miles north, over in Jones county, but who for years has done his trading in Merkel, was here one day this week and in speaking of crop conditions said "I have the best crop I ever raised in my life." He has good corn, cotton, maize and cane. His maize he thinks will make from a ton to two tons per acre. His cotton from one fourth to a bale per acre.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

Misses Effie Grayson and Violet Brown went to Abilene Tuesday where they entered Simmons University for the coming term.

SALT BRANCH ITEMS

By Miss Wynona Patton

Most of the farmers are picking cotton now.

Sunday School was attended by a large crowd Sunday, Bro. Fitzgerald was with us Sunday.

Mr. S. O. Patton has improved very much at this writing.

Mrs. Wilma Robertson was the guest of Miss Grace Beene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler were visitors at Mrs. Patton's Sunday evening.

Mrs. Wilma Robertson and Mrs. Ada Higgins were visitors at Mrs. Patton's Sunday.

Little Miss Nollie Jaynes was the guest of Miss Fannie Mae Reeves Sunday.

Little Truett Thompson was very badly hurt Sunday when a mule kicked him.

The Salt Branch Baptist church met in conference Saturday and called pastor and elected Sunday school officers.

The farmers appreciated the rain last week very much.

Len Sublett

Water well Driller,
all work guaranteed
first-class.

Merkel, Texas

POULTRY INSECTS can be killed and kept away by painting hen houses with MARTIN'S ROOST PAINT and feeding MARTIN'S POULTRY TONE to your chickens. Guaranteed by Hamm Drug Company

NOTICE

If you want a well drilled, windmill or pump repaired, or anything in the well or pipe line. See—

TOM COATS
Or Phone No. 2.

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Kentucky Man Finds Relief from Dizzy Attacks.

"I suffered with severe bilious attacks that came on two or three times each month," says Mr. J. P. Nevins, of Lawrenceburg, Ky.

"I would have dizziness and couldn't work. I would take pills until I was worn-out with them. I didn't seem to get relief. After taking the pills my bowels would act a couple or three times, then I would be very constipated."

"A neighbor told me of Black-Draught and I began its use. I never have found so much relief as it gave me. I would not be without it for anything."

"It seemed to cleanse my whole system and made me feel like new. I would take a few doses—get rid of the bile and have my usual clear head, feel full of 'pep' and could do twice the work."

Made from pure, medicinal roots and herbs, Black-Draught is nature's own remedy for such symptoms as the above, when due to a torpid liver.

Sold everywhere; 25c. C-32a

Theford's **BLACK-DRAUGHT** LIVER MEDICINE



Congratulations To

MERKEL, in her two days Fair---that shows the right spirit and a live town.

We welcome everyone of you Merkel people to visit Abilene and the west Texas Fair---next week

a "glorious Grand time of amusement and fun for all of you both young and old !!

And don't forget Tuesday--"School Day" every public school child will be admitted Free of Charge, so don't miss it.

And Wednesday "Abilene Day" we will all be there---come and enjoy Thrills of the Big Auto Race that you will not forget!! Frank Lockheart, DePalma, and "Red" Shafer will furnish you entertainment in the Auto Race Driving second-to-none !!

Make our store your headquarters, use our phone and store your baggage with us.

Mingus--Price Co.

Shoes, Clothiers & Men's Furnishers.
Abilene, Texas.

Jones Dry Goods

We extend to one and all a most hearty welcome to come and visit with us during the fair, We have for your inspection, a splendid stock of dry goods, ladies and childrens ready-to-wear. Men's and Boys clothing, shirts, hats, and, work clothing.

A Few Extra Specials For Friday And Saturday

Men's Noxall overalls, a fair quality 240 weight blue denim full made. Special for Fair Days- \$1.25

Red Seal and Kalburine 32in. fast colored gingham 25c yd.

Red Seal and Quality 27in. gingham fast colored gingham 19c yd.

One lot 32in. gingham a knock-out, our price 15c

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The Merkel Mail

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TELEPHONE No. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Merkel, Texas as second class mail.

The entire community is due the management of the local armory a vote of thanks for the use of the Armory building during the Community Fair.

If you have the land, it would be a fine investment to sew a little wheat for winter pasturage. Better try it.

Talk about going away from your home town to buy goods—One of our local dry goods firms we are told, just this week sold more than \$60.00 worth of merchandise to a family living right in the city limits of one of our neighboring larger towns.

GET RID OF THAT BACKACHE

Merkel people point the way. The constant aching of a bad back. The weariness, the tired feeling; Headaches, dizziness, nervous, Distressing urinary disorders—Are often signs of failing kidney And too serious to be neg-

lected. Get rid of these troubles! Use Doan's Pills—a stimulant diuretic to the kidneys. Hosts of people recommend Doan's. This is a Merkel case. You can verify it.

J. W. Moore, retd. gin owner, Runnels St., says: "Heavy lifting weakened my kidneys and the secretions were painful and passed too often. Some days my back was so weak and sore I could hardly stand and a steady, dull ache worried me both day and night. When I stooped, a sharp pain stabbed through my back. Doan's Pills from the Merkel Drug Co. stopped the misery in my back and fixed up my kidneys."

60s, at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

It's the merchant who consistently and persistently goes after the business these days that is accorded his share of the trade. Of course conditions may be such that he can wag along and really do a nice business by just accepting and being content with that which comes his way.

From the Big City

We are taking this method through the Merkel Mail to ask for the Fifth Sunday singing, so come to Blair on the next 5th Sunday and let's have a big day in a big town. Sing and eat all day long and the next time no other place wants this singing or can't handle it bring it to Blair. She will always take it. I can rustle a jackrabbit, a loaf of bread and a barrel of pickles any time and that will feed a big

Baptist Announcements

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

We have a consecrated and efficient group of workers in our Sunday School led by Mr. Will Haynes as Superintendent. Come find a place in one of the classes and you will help and be helped.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Morning subject "The Darkest Sin in Merkel." Evening subject, "The Faith of Noah." The morning theme was announced once before but we had a visiting minister at the service it was to be used in so we are announcing it again.

The evening theme is one of a series that the pastor expects to use on Faith. Last Sunday evening the pastor spoke on "True or Saving Faith." Now for some weeks we will study the faith of one or another of the great Bible characters.

All B. Y. P. U.'s at 6:30 p.m. Training classes and council meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Ladies Missionary Society meets Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Prayermeeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Choir and orchestra rehearsal following prayermeeting.

Come work and worship with us, we need you and you need the help that comes to one in the Master's service. There is a place in one of the churches of Merkel for every Christian worker in Merkel. Are you filling your place? If you are not filling a place, will it go unfilled, or will some faithful Christian carry a double load?

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Mrs. Mertie Breeding of Beeville, Texas, is here this week a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boney.

crowd. So hoorah for Blair. Come on boys and bring the Merkel Mail man. Yours for a big day at Blair. Tom Spears.

The Merkel Community Fair Is Your Fair
Come, visit Merkel during the fair. You will be welcome everywhere, and at no place will you find a more cordial greeting than we extend to you. Make our store your headquarters while in the city, and take a look at our complete stock of furniture and oil stoves. We will be glad to fill your wants for anything in the hour-furnishing line, and are sure we can please you in both quality and price.
J. T. Darsey & Co.
Furniture and Oil Stoves
phone 196
Merkel, Texas.

Senior B.Y.P.U. Program
Subject: "The Duty of Jesus and our Personal Religion."
Leader, Autry Porter. Introduction by leader.
Part 1, Lewis Giles.
Part 2, Flossy Campbell.
Part 3, Delbert Polly.
Part 4, Edith Baker.
Part 5, Stella Wilson.
Part 6, Byers Petty.
Part 7, Mrs. Bill Haynes.
An interesting program for every one. Come.

THREE NEW BUILDINGS FOR THE ABILENE FAIR

Abilene, Sept. 17.—Plans are maturing this week for opening the West Texas Fair here on Monday September 21. It runs one week. No expense has been spared to make it the largest and best exhibition ever promoted here. Three new buildings have been erected and the grandstand enlarged at a cost of \$40,000.

The high points of the program include a historical pageant, with all of the educational institutions of Abilene participating, on Monday, September 21. An estimate indicates an attendance of 25,000 school children on Public School Day, September 22. There will be two football games on that day; Abilene High will play San Angelo High, and Winters High will play Anson High.

Friday and Friday, automobile racing days, will see three of the world's fastest drivers on the local track with many others. There are none faster or more renowned than De Palma, Lockhart and Shafer. Friday is also Shrine Day. All the Nobles of West Texas are invited, and will be served with a barbecue on the grounds.

National Guardsmen will participate will be staged. Some of the boys who went "over the top" over there will take part, in order to show just how it was done. The Red Hussar Band will furnish music for the week. The regular grandstand program includes the big Hippodrome acts available.

The Agricultural show, the Manufacturers' exhibit, the Livestock exhibit, the Dog Show, and the Womens Departments are all overflowing, and thus promise to be the best ever seen in this section of the state.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

WAGONS ARE HERE
We have just received a car of John Deere Wagons. We have them in steel wheel trucks, wood wheel trucks and also the regular farm wagons. We would like to give you our prices, and show you what we have.
Our stock is complete on Wagon Sheets, Tents, Cotton Sacks, Cotton Scales and knee pads.
Also remember we have our general line of Hardware which is complete at all times.
Your Trade Appreciated
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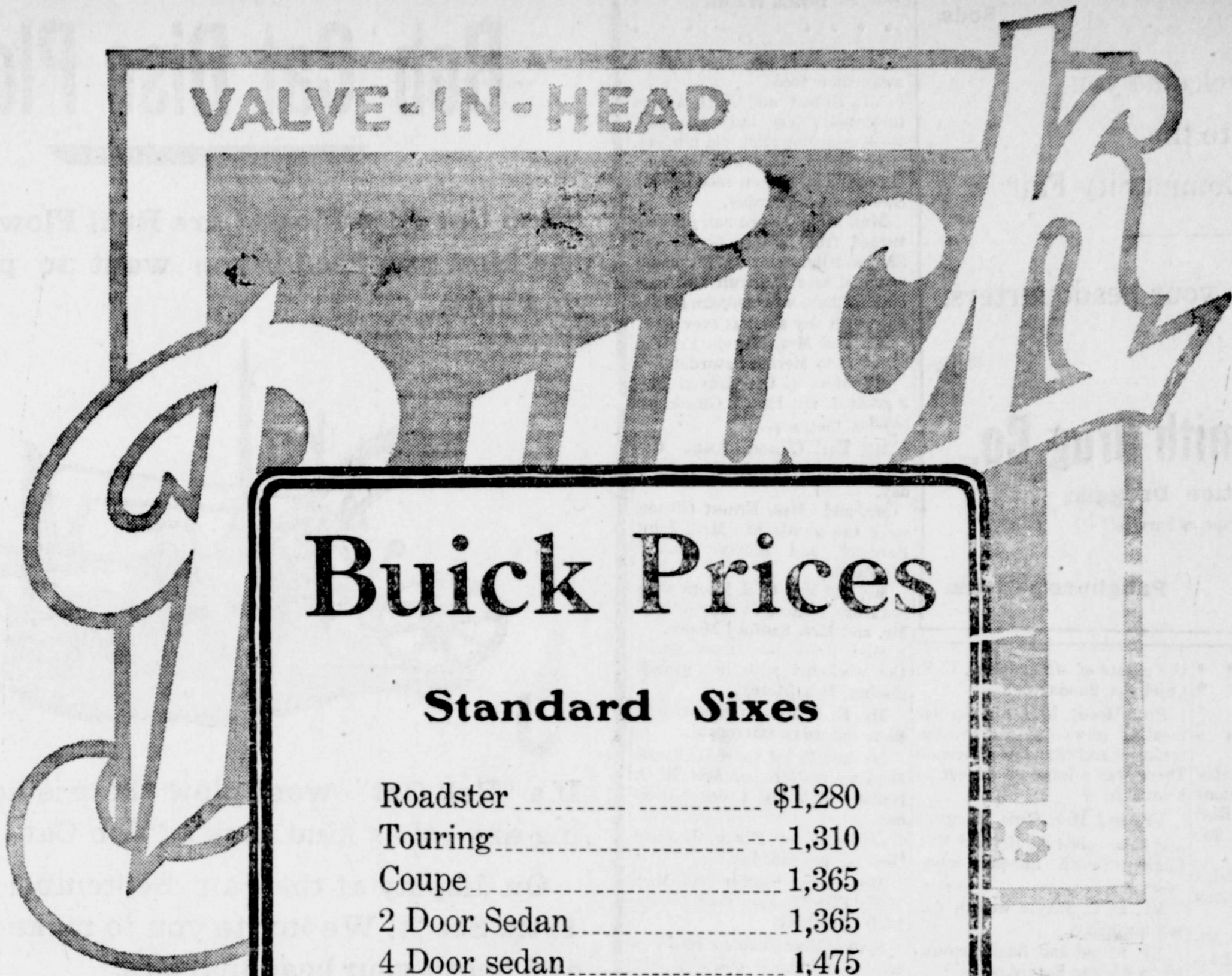
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A Kandy Kitchen And A Cafe
We have purchased the Perry Cafe, two doors East of our old location, and have moved our Kandy Kitchen in with the cafe. We will continue the cafe and kandy kitchen in the one building, and will strive to give the best of service.

George's Kandy Kitchen And Cafe
On Front Street Next to Corner Garage

Expert Repairing
The way we repair shoes, it is really more of a re-made rather than a repaired shoe. Naturally the service a re-made shoe gives is almost equal to a new shoe.
Goodyear Shoe Shop
176 Cypress-Opposite Gambill's Abilene, Texas

Puett's Drug Store
157 Pine St. Abilene, Texas
Everybody in and around Merkel is invited to come and headquarter at Puett's Drug Store during the Fair Sept. 21 to 26. Come and see us.
We appreciate your visits,
Puett's Drug Store

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Buick Prices

Standard Sixes

Roadster.....	\$1,280
Touring.....	1,310
Coupe.....	1,365
2 Door Sedan.....	1,365
4 Door sedan.....	1,475

Master Sixes

Roadster.....	\$1,425
Touring.....	1,475
2 Door Sedan.....	1,585
4 Door Sedan.....	1,695
4 Pass. Coupe.....	2,010
7 Pass. Sedan.....	2,230
5 Pass. Brougham.....	2,155
Sport Roadster.....	1,690
Sport Touring.....	1,725
Sport Coupe.....	1,980

These are at Abilene Prices.

When better automobiles are built, Buick will build them

For ten years this institution has been selling and servicing Buick Automobiles, but, we can truthfully say that the 1926 models far excel in value any automobile ever sold since the industry began--- A large display of Buicks will be at the West Texas Fair in Abilene all next week--inspect the car--compare the price--you will wonder how it can be done for so little money--thousands up to now, never thought they could afford a Buick are now buying at these new low prices--Easy Terms--Monthly Payments--three, six and nine months--or straight seven months--four and eight months--Either plan carries a lower rate of interest than any other automobile dealer can offer you--See us right away

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Authorized Buick sales and service

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Cigars

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We welcome you
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Merkel Community Fair

Make our store your headquarters,
while in town.

Grimes-Smith Drug Co.

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"The Home of Service"

School Supplies

Pangburn's Cream

DORA ITEMS

The farmers are busy putting away their feed.

Mr. Ernest and Earl Gibson have been very busy the past week repairing their old binders.

Mr. John Bardwell, Ernest Gibson and father motored to Sweetwater Saturday.

Mrs. M. E. Moore has just returned from a trip to Mexico. She is delighted with the country, and says the fruit and vegetables there will compare favorably with any she has ever seen.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Frazier motored to Merkel Saturday.

Mr. Moss of the Canyon was a guest of Mr. Ernest Gibson on Sunday morning.

Mr. Earl Gibson spent the evening with Mr. Matlock Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gibson were the guests of Mr. John Bardwell and family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Moore were Saturday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Moore.

Miss Katherine Moore spent the week-end with her grandmother, Mrs. Storey.

Mr. E. L. Frazier motored to Blair Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Richie of Dora visited Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Holland of Valley Creek Thursday.

Little Sidney Moore, Jr., has been on the sick list.

Mrs. Varie Frazier and Miss Mary Ellen Frazier motored to Blair Thursday.

Sidney Moore made a business trip to Windgate one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Frazier spent the night with her mother Mrs. Turner, of Nubia community, Friday night.

Mr. Earl Gibson went to Dora Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Frazier were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wise of the Canyon on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Frazier of the Canyon were the guests of Mr. E. L. Frazier and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coats and Mrs. Willie Evans of Sweetwater were the guests of Mr. E. L. Frazier and family Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Frazier were guests of Mr. and Mrs.

the guests of Mr and Mrs. C. S. Childress Sunday.

Bro. Moody held his regular monthly service at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon. There was a large crowd out to hear him.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bumpass and baby called on Mr. and Mrs. Charley Sherill Sunday afternoon.

Mr. E. C. Tarvin was in Anson Saturday.

Mr. Allred and family motored to Abilene Saturday.

Mr. Clarence Foster, wife and baby visited his mother a while Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horten have as their guests this week some old friends from East Texas.

Mr. Arthur Cranston returned recently from El Paso where he visited for several days.

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

It is expected a large crowd from here will attend the Community Fair Friday and Saturday at Merkel.

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

COMPERE NOTES

By Miss Alma Stout

The meeting closed Sunday night with several conversions and some reclamations. Rev. Hameric returned to his home in Hamlin Sunday night.

We have had a few big rains lately. The farmers are all busy picking cotton.

Miss Alice Allred, Charlie Allred, Jasper Hobbs and Matt Randolph visited at Mrs. Stout's a while Sunday.

Miss Bernice Hanson spent Saturday night with Miss Floy McKinney.

Mr. Edd Spurgin returned recently from a two weeks visit at Seagraves.

Miss Grace Wilson who has been visiting relatives here returned to her home in McKinney last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Howard and children spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin.

Mrs. Ola Spurgin and family visited at Mrs. Allred's a while Sunday afternoon.

Miss Fannie Mae McKinney spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Bernice Hanson.

Rev. Hameric and family were



How do you look TODAY?

Look at the suit you have on. It was full of style when you bought it. But how about it today? Do the shoulders break or pull? Has the front lost its shape? Is it a credit to your appearance?

Our clothes hold their shape. It's put there to stay in every ADLER COL LEGIAN Suit.

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When men buy good clothes they want to know what goes into them. We'll tell you here.

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Prices \$27.50 and up
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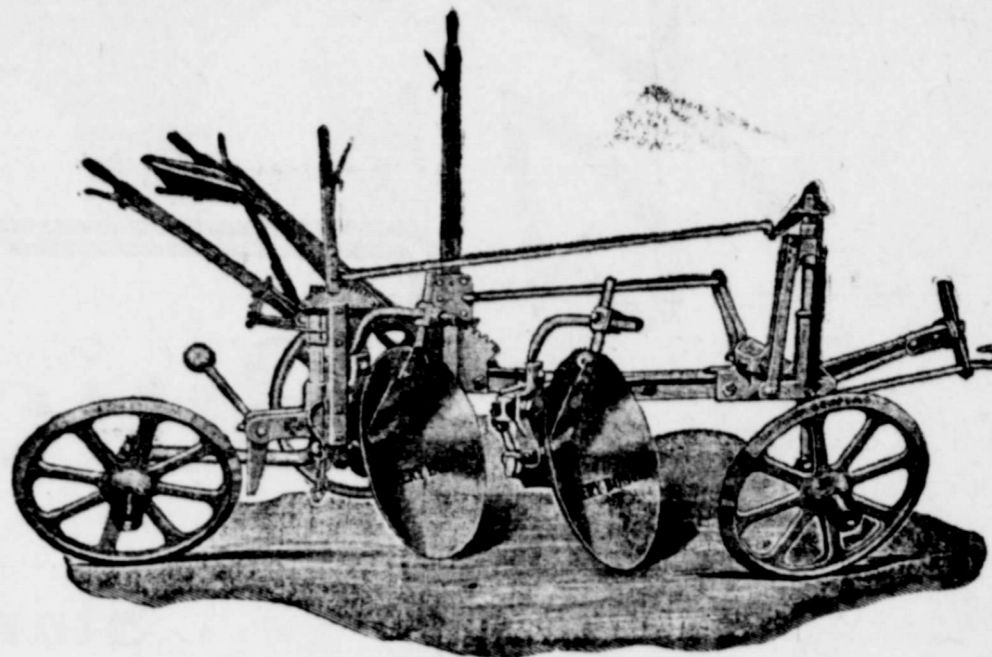
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If a "Bob Cat" wont plow there is no use trying any other kind. Ask a "Bob Cat" owner.

On display at the Fair September 18th and 19th. See it! We invite you to make our store and booth your headquarters.

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CATCH THE CHILDREN AT PLAY

Children grow up quickly. Today they are youngsters playing about the house—tomorrow they will be young men and young women. Their daily pranks will soon be only memories. You can keep these memories alive with pictures.

Special discount during Community Fair. RODDEN STUDIO Merkel, Texas.

WHY PAY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN A HOME

Why pay rent when you can own your own home, by paying one third to one fourth of your crop on the home and soon own it. See me and arrange for a trip to the Plains. L. D. Matlock. 1844pd

STOP THAT ITCHING

If you suffer from any form of skin diseases such as Itch, Eczema, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Poison Oak, Ring Worm, Old Sores or Sores on Children. We will sell you a Jar of BLUE STAR REMEDY on a guarantee. It will not stain your clothing and has a pleasant odor. For sale by MERKEL DRUG CO

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At the style show in Abilene put on by the Grissom Department Store at the Majestic theatre last Tuesday and Wednesday, Miss Boog Sears was selected as one of the models to display the handsome ready-to-wear for women handled by this firm. Miss Boog was very beautiful and very gracefully displayed the costumes at her disposal. Miss Sears has rare charm and grace and we feel sure the Grissom firm was well pleased with her manner in displaying the lovely garments.

We regret to learn that Mrs. J. S. Bickly has been quite sick this week.

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Serving meals daily.

Phone your order in not later than 9: o'clock, A. M. for special Sunday dinner.



Try our Repair Service for Satisfaction.

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THE HAMM DRUG COMPANY

ANNOUNCES

Mrs. W. P. Harper, Cara-Nome Beauty Specialist for the week, beginning

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Free Facials. Massages and appointments at residence or at the drug store.

Sold only by

THE HAMM DRUG COMPANY The Rexall Store

Legally Registered Pharmacist

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THE OLD FOLKS

Somewhere they are sitting—thinking. Resting in some quiet place, off the main road of life—waiting. Thinking of the good old days—thinking of you—wondering what you are doing. Waiting to hear from you. Wondering how you look now. Wishing they could see you. Have they a good portrait of you? But when was it taken? Not recently. Imagine them, with trembling hands, opening a big flat package and taking out a splendid likeness of you!

It's such a little trouble, and it would mean so much to them. **SPECIAL DISCOUNT NOW.**

RODDEN STUDIO, Merkel, Texas

JUNIOR CLASS NOTES

By Foster Watts

On Tuesday afternoon of this week at a called meeting of the Junior Class the following officers were elected: Mabin Rogers, President; Tommie Durham, Secretary and Treasurer; Flora Frances Anderson, Inice Brown and Pauline Chinn, Social Committee; Clyde Mayfield, Helen Booth and Delphine Moore, Program Committee; Foster Watts, Class Reporter.

Much pep and enthusiasm was shown throughout the meeting. The year 1925-26 promises to be a great one for the Juniors.

Mrs. Clifford Rose came in last week from California, on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick.

Miss Boog Sears has entered McMurry College at Abilene for the coming school term.

Miss Johnnie Sears will attend Simmons University at Abilene this term.

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt has entered McMurry College at Abilene for this school term.

Misses Mildred Matthews and Maurine Tipton left this week for Denton to enter the College of Industrial Arts for this term.

Heads State Fair Swine Breeders



A. L. WARD

A. L. Ward, swine husbandman at A. & M. College, will be in charge of the swine division at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25. Mr. Ward declares that the keenest interest has been manifested by breeders all over the state, and that he expects the most creditable showing at the 1925 State Fair that Texas has ever known.

RACES AND RODEO TO BE FEATURES AT STATE FAIR

Horse Events First Seven Days—Rodeo to Follow Second Week Before the Race Track Grand Stand

A seven day running race meeting, followed by a real "old West" rodeo, are to be features of the 1925 State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25 next, according to announcement.

The race meeting will start with the opening day of this year's Fair, on Saturday, Oct. 10. There will be a program of six events each day, except on Sunday, Oct. 11, up to and including the following Saturday, Oct. 17.

On Sunday, Oct. 18, the first offering of the rodeo will be given, and there will be similar offerings each afternoon thereafter throughout the second week of the Fair.

Dr. A. E. Flowers, who has been recognized in connection with State Fair racing for many years, will have charge of the speed department, and has announced that all indications are for a most successful meeting, with many of the best runners in the country expected to participate for the liberal purses offered.

The State Fair rodeo will offer to newcomers in Texas, an opportunity to witness the pastimes of older days in the border country, and assurances are given that some of the brightest stars of the rope and saddle will be seen in action, including not a few of those who went to England last year, and appeared before crowned heads in the great Wembley stadium.

STATE FAIR FIREWORKS TO SHOW ANCIENT ROME

"Rome Under Nero" is the title of the big, spectacular fireworks exhibition to be staged before the race track grand stand, each night of the 1925 State Fair of Texas, Oct. 10-25 next, according to announcement. A great special setting will depict the glories of the old Roman capital at the time the tyrant Nero, ruled, and the basis of the pyrotechnics, of course, will be the historic burning of the "city of the seven hills," while the despotic Caesar daddled upon his gilded throne. The spectacle, it is declared, has been given the sanction of preachers and teachers in many sections of the country, because of its close attention to history with regard to actual happenings, costuming and all other details.

ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACE FOR STATE FAIR PATRONS

Twenty acres of additional automobile parking space will be provided within the State Fair grounds for the 1925 State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25.

With the building of the new Fair Park auditorium, some part of the parking facility within the Gaston Park section of the Fair grounds was taken away, but automobiles will still be parked within that enclosure.

The new parking area has been provided by removing the outer fence about the race track at the east turn. The sixty-foot width of space thus afforded, will accommodate 5,000 cars, it is estimated, as it will extend all the way from the paddock to the main gate entering upon the track, on the east side near the racing barns.

LIVE STOCK JUDGES FOR 1925 STATE FAIR

John A. Lee, Westerville, Ohio; W. H. Standish, Lyons, O., and W. T. Watson, Lincoln, Kans., have accepted appointment as live stock judges at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25. They will judge Jerseys, Holsteins and jacks and males respectively.

BIG Cash Prizes

To be given away Saturday, September 19, at the Merkel Community Fair, by

The Crown Hardware Company and Woodrum Filling Station, at their booth, at 4:30 p. m.

TO THE MAN OR WOMAN GUESSING THE CLOSEST TO THE NUMBER OF BEANS IN A QUART JAR, WE WILL GIVE AS FIRST PRIZE—

\$10.00 IN CASH

AND TO THE NEXT CLOSEST GUESS WE WILL GIVE AS SECOND PRIZE \$5.00 IN CASH.

COME TO OUR BOOTH AND REGISTER DURING THE FAIR AND BE IN THE BUILDING AT OUR BOOTH AT FOUR O'CLOCK SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH. YOU MUST BE THERE IN PERSON TO WIN EITHER OF THESE PRIZES.

THESE TWO FIRMS RENDER THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE LINES THAT IS UNEXCELLED. GIVE US A TRIAL.

WE JOIN OUR CITY IN EXTENDING A BIG WELCOME TO ALL COMMUNITY FAIR VISITORS.

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.

FOR SALE—\$130.00 Scholarship in Tyler Commercial College

at an attractive discount. We guarantee it. If you are planning to attend a commercial college we can save you money, and there is none better than Tyler Commercial College. Apply to Jack Durham at Merkel Mail office.

COZY THEATRE

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, Sept. 18 & 19

William Fox Presents **TOM MIX and TONY the Wonder Horse**

—in— **"THE DEADWOOD COACH"**

From Clarence E. Mulford's Novel, "The Orphan."

—Also—

E. W. Hammons Presents **WALTER HIERS in "TENDER FEET"**



—WITH— **RICARDO CORTEZ GRETA NISSEN WALLACE BERRY RAYMOND HATTON**

A Paramount Picture

ADOLPH ZUKOR and JESSE L. LASKEY Present

IN THE NAME OF LOVE

MONDAY and TUESDAY, Sept. 21 and 22

Adolph Zukor and Jesse L. Laskey Present

—With— **"IN THE NAME OF LOVE"**

—With—

RICARDO CORTEZ GERTRUDE NISSEN WALLACE BERRY and RAYMOND HATTON

From the play, "The Lady of Lyons" by Bulwer Lytton A Paramount Picture

—Also—

One Reel Comedy and International News

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, Sept. 23-24

William Fox Presents

—With— **"THE PAINTED LADY"**

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—With—

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—Also—

Educational Comedy—"NEVER FEAR"

Don't Forget the Big Picture "THE TEN COMMANDMENTS" Will be shown at the COZY soon.

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Style, Quality, Value!

The display of New Fall Suits for Men and Young Men splendidly combines Style, Value and All-Around Excellence at the moderate price of--

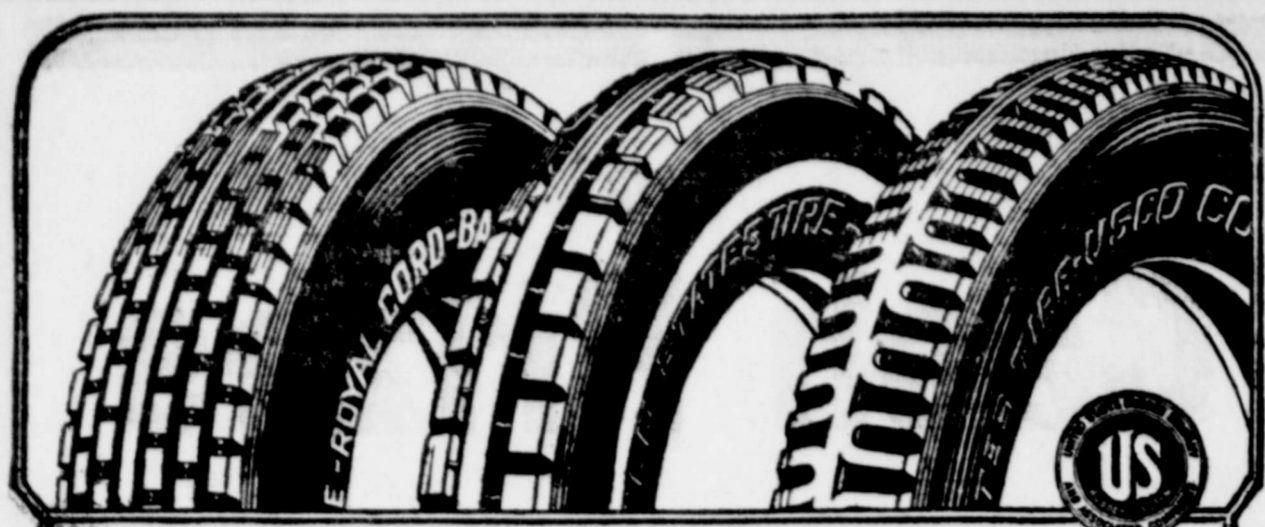
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GOLAN NEWS

Health of the Community is very good at present.

Most every one has begun to pick cotton. The cotton around Golan is pretty good.

Rev. T. M. White preached here Sunday. The Baptist church of this place called him back for another year.

Several young people of this community attended the baptizing at Shiloh Sunday afternoon.

Menville Hill was the guest of Ethel Thomas Sunday.

Murle Dean visited Pearl West Sunday.

There was a large crowd at Sunday school Sunday, but Superintendent Val Byrom urges them to come earlier next Sunday. Let's be on time strictly at ten o'clock. We will keep up the interest of the Sunday school by being on time.

Mrs. M. F. Thornton made an interesting talk on the "Interest

of the Sunday School," after Sunday School was over. Every one enjoyed it very much. Wesley Northcutt took dinner with A. I. Hill Sunday.

Mr. W. C. Hill and family were the guests of Mr. W. M. West and family Sunday.

Grace Cane and Vera Jones took dinner with Jimmie Cox on Sunday.

A large crowd enjoyed a good singing Sunday night at the home of W. T. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jeffrey and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Williams and babies were the guests of their uncle George Byrom Sunday.

Myrtle Thomas visited Audra Hudspeth Sunday.

On account of the rain last Thursday night we did not have prayer meeting at Mr. Dan Northcutt's home.

Mary Northcutt and Elsie Hill visited Minnie West Sunday.

Finnis Sexton of Sylvester made his regular call at P. W. Lawlis' Saturday night and Sunday.

Wallace Hill of this community is in school at McMurry College this term. He is the only one of the "old gang" that is back, but our spirits are there even if we are not in school. We are all hoping we will win that game with Daniel Baker Friday.

Several from this community are planning to attend the Community Fair at Merkel Friday and Saturday.

Some of the young people were over at the skating rink at Sylvester Saturday night. It is quite an amusement for every one that goes over there.

Johnnie Hill is in school at Anson this fall. We are all hoping he has much success in his work and a lovely time while there.

Rollie Hill has returned from San Angelo to gather his crop.

Old City of Wales Buried Under Sand

We are accustomed to buried cities of the East, and even in the forests of Africa one is not surprised to hear that ancient ruins have been buried in the jungle. But to find a buried city in Wales seems something of an anomaly.

Yet on the borders of Swansea bay, in the heart of a great sandhill, lies the buried city of Kenfig. There is today a village close by called Ton Kenfig. It is behind the sandhills in which the buried city lies, and from which the broken wall of a ruined tower projects to this day.

In the days of the Conqueror Kenfig was a walled city, a great commercial center, and filled with armed men. But an insidious foe—the blown sand—was always liable to break down its best defences. Year by year, bit by bit, it gained the victory, till by the time Queen Elizabeth began her reign there was little to be seen of the city except a dun and a ruined tower.

For ages tradition had it that the town was submerged by sand in a great storm, as Pompeii was overwhelmed by volcanic dust, but the chronicles of Margam abbey, which have recently been examined, make it plain that the sand encroachment lasted for many years, and that the process of burying this Welsh city was a slow one.—London Times

Tyros Made by Great Painters

Magnificent and incomparable as was the workmanship of the old masters, as found chiefly in the churches and picture galleries of the Continent, when it came down to detail, things both ludicrous and anomalous were apt to appear. A picture is to be seen dealing with the crucifixion in which a confessor holds out a cross to the dying thief. A painting by a Dutch artist, representing the sacrifice of Isaac, is to be seen in which Abraham stands over his son holding a blender-buss! In the National gallery, too, may be found an old-master painting, in which a saint holds a very modern-looking pair of horn-rimmed spectacles. Painters of extremely advanced views seem to delight in this sort of thing. Not long ago a picture of "The Deluge" was exhibited in London, by a student of the Slade school, in which Noah and his sons wore derby hats.—London Mail

The Man Who Counts

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and short coming; who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.—Theodore Roosevelt

Wrong or Right

There is an old judge of the Supreme court in New York who recently in private conversation was heard to vigorously defend one of his friends who had fallen by the wayside. He was challenged for defending a man who had been proved to be wrong.

"That was only one failure," said the old judge. "Consider the fine things about him—"

"But," objected one of the critics, "I don't see how you can stand up for this fellow even if he is a friend. He certainly was wrong."

"Any man will stand up for you when you are right," replied the old judge. "But it takes a friend to stand up for you when you are wrong."

And there was silence.—Delticator.

Birth of Rocking Chair

Rocking chairs are commonly referred to as an American institution purely. They had their greatest development, of course, during the Nineteenth century, when they passed through the stage of makeshift rockers cut flat on top with the bottom in the form of an arc, to those which constituted an integral part of the chair, and from these to those monstrosities of furniture called patent rockers. That was the beginning of their decadence, says the Boston Transcript. Rocking chairs are made now, but they are simple in construction, and the elaborate arrangements of springs and bases are known no more.

Had Learned Something

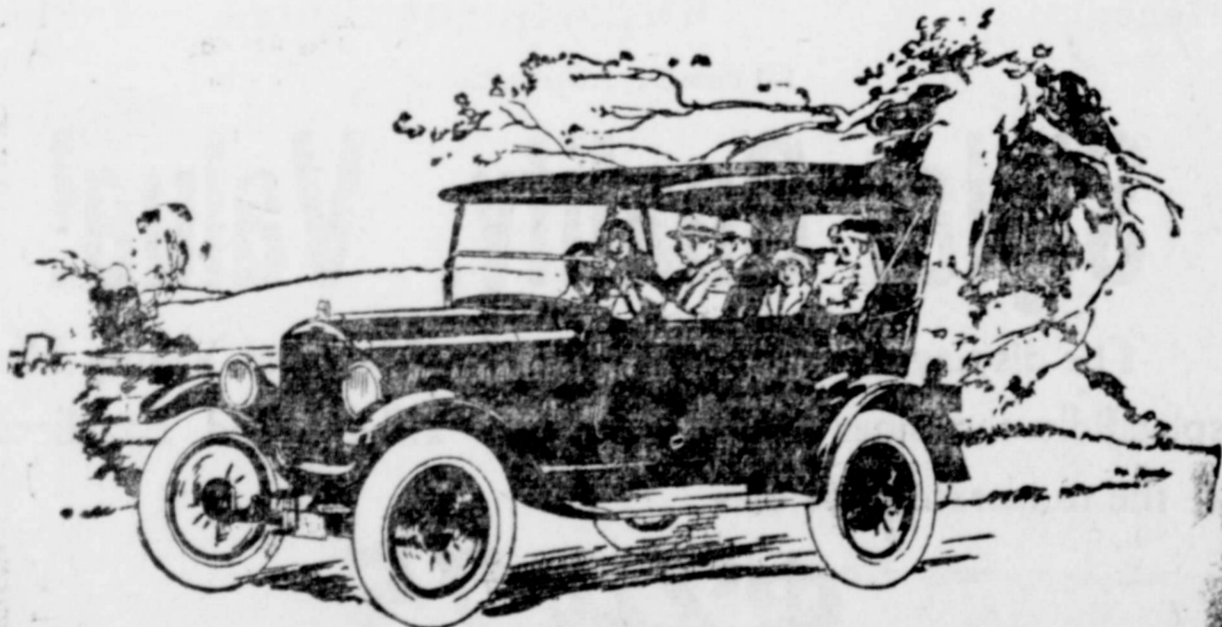
A woman called at a studio for a sitting. The photographer made two negatives and promised proofs for the following day.

The next day her husband called for the proofs, but the photographer showed him only one. The husband said: "My understanding was that there were to be two proofs."

"I did make two sittings of your wife," replied the photographer, "but in one she held her lips apart and showed the end of her tongue."

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SHILOH HAPPENINGS
By Mrs. C. W. Seago

Every one is rejoicing over the grader reaching our community as we are certainly in need of some good roads.

Had good attendance at Sunday School and prayermeeting on last Sunday

Mrs. Bradberry visited her sister Mrs. Burkett Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rutledge spent Saturday night with Mrs. B. L. James.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Grayson spent the past week visiting relatives and friends here.

Mrs. J. D. Womack is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Compton, at Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovel Rutledge, Mrs. B. L. James and daughter Florence, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grayson were the guests of the writer and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Conder, Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson of Merkel attended the baptizing at Shiloh Sunday evening.

Messrs Bert James and Noble Womack were Abilene visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Eula and Annie James visited ye scribe Tuesday.

Little Wardell Grayson is on the sick list this week.

Miss Lottie Woshburn, who has been real sick is improving.

Miss Vera Watts left Tuesday for Austin where she will attend school.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill James, Mr. and Mrs. Bert James, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rutledge visited Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge for a while Sunday evening.

Rev. McGinnis of Trent was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hays Wheatley Sunday.

There will be preaching next Fourth Saturday at 11 a.m. and at 8 p.m. On Sunday afternoon at 4 by Rev. McGinnis.

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DESPOTIC ACTION CHANGED HISTORY

When King Forbade Cromwell to Leave England.

A fascinating speculation concerning both American and British history is aroused by memories associated with May day. For it was on that date, 287 years ago, that Charles I of England forcibly prevented a certain trio of English Puritans from following those of their fellows who had already migrated to North America. The significance of the incident is seen in the identity of the three men. They were Arthur Haslerig, John Hampden and Oliver Cromwell.

The Stuart mind was a law unto itself, and we cannot venture to interpret the inner motives which caused that misguided king to insist upon keeping those troublemakers of his realm at home, instead of letting them go to the colonies, perhaps to forget their grievances in the strenuous work of building up new communities, or perhaps to get scalped by the Indians. Possibly he thought it safer to have them where he could keep his eye upon them. He could scarcely have feared that they would foment rebellion among the mere handful of colonists when settled on these shores. Anyway, he did it; and tremendous were the consequences, an editorial in the Washington Post comments.

For it requires no stretch of the imagination to suppose that with those men out of England, there would have been no civil war; or, at any rate, none so serious as to upset the throne. We cannot envision Nasby and Marston Moor without the general of the Ironsides. It is certain that the Puritan protest against royal absolutism would have been made, and it might have been effective, but it would have been made through less strenuous and inexorable means. There would probably have been no scaffold in Whitehall, and no protectorate, and the Stuart dynasty might have been maintained even down to our own time.

No less interesting is speculation upon the effect upon America of the coming hither of those great Puritan leaders. Cromwell would almost certainly have become a dominant figure in the politics of New England. And a continuance of undisturbed Stuart sovereignty would have meant a different policy toward the colonies than the varying policies pursued by the Commonwealth, the Restoration, and the reign of William and Anne. Whatever had happened we may feel sure that we should not now be commemorating the sesqui-centenary of the beginning of our Revolution. The break might have come earlier, or later, or not at all; but it certainly would not have come just when it did and for the same causes and in the same manner.

On the whole, despite the tragedies which it entailed, that act of Charles I, in keeping Cromwell and his companions in England was probably for the best for both England and America—we might say for all concerned, save for Charles himself. To him, it was the bitterest irony of fate.

Remarkable Experience

Experience with lightning is described by a Rand (South African) pioneer in a letter to a Johannesburg paper. He says, "Some years ago I was riding a bicycle in the country and was caught in a thunderstorm; in making a Kaffir hut for shelter I was struck by lightning. The flash caught me in the back of the neck, and made a hole there; it then ran all over my body, took one shoe clean off, and burned my clothes to ribbons. The flesh was peeled off my body, and I was unconscious for a long time. The doctor said I could not live through the night, as my injuries were so severe. The drums of my ears are broken, so I am still very deaf, but after careful nursing and six months in bed I got better, and grew a new skin, which I find quite as comfortable as the old one."

Glacier May Yield Dead

Reports from Geneva, Switzerland, are that alpinists are watching the glacier Des Bossons closely this year in the expectation of finding the remains of six men who perished there in September, 1870. One was an American, H. Randall of Chicago, and it is regarded as possible that his body may be among the others which it is hoped will be given up by the "river of ice." Statisticians show that the glaciers usually give up their dead within from ten to thirty years, but one case is recorded of a glacier's retaining bodies more than forty years. The hopes of recovering the bodies of the party that met death fifty-five years ago are based upon the recent discovery of an ax belonging to a local guide who met death at that time.

Popular Ailment

A ten-year-old boy developed a rash and was sent to the doctor. The doctor said the malady was not serious or infectious and placed no restrictions on diet or exercise, but advised staying out of school, thinking, apparently, that the boy's appearance might occasion false alarm among teachers and pupils.

Much of the "enforced" vacation was spent on a new bicycle. While on an errand to the grocery one afternoon the "victim" met a schoolmate who inquired as to his absence from school. On hearing the facts, he began to look envious and ejaculated: "Gee, how'd you get it? I wish I had it, too."

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WARREN NOTES

By Rose Ellington

Most of the farmers have begun to pick cotton this week. Cotton is opening slowly.

Health of this community is very good at present.

Messrs Hall and Bob Hobbs sold their trap and teams and plow tools to Mr. Hollis McCoy and will move Grandma and Miss Ella to Merkel to live. We are sure sorry to lose them from our community but are glad to welcome Mr. Hollis McCoy and wife into our community and feel that they will find a warm welcome.

Miss Ollie Hobbs started in Merkel High School on the opening day of school.

Mr. Neil Jones and wife and baby spent last week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones and her sister, Mrs. Arthur McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and family spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington and family.

Messrs. James and Brook Patterson with their families visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Newman Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Therman McCoy made a flying trip to Abilene Saturday-Grandma Hobbs' brother and

family from Dallas visited her last week for a few days.

Miss Rose Ellington had the pleasure of spending the night Saturday with Miss Irene Hatfield of Horn, from where they went to Abilene Sunday to see Mrs. Eno Eubank, who underwent a serious operation last Friday. She is doing very well now but has been very bad.

Little Buster McCoy who underwent an operation at the Alexander Sanitarium some time ago is doing nicely and will soon return home. He is now visiting his brother, Floyd McCoy of Merkel.

Mr. Arthur McCoy is on the sick list this week.

Mr. W. M. Jones while putting out poison for the worms early Sunday morning, got enough in some way to make him real sick but is some better at this time.

Quite a number of Warren people attended B.Y.P.U. and Epworth League and preaching Sunday night at Stith, where Bro. Moody preached an excellent sermon.

Miss Ollie Hobbs spent the day last Sunday with Miss Minnie Ethel Canon.

Mrs. Sam Phillips who has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis, returned this week to her home at Deport, Texas.



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Mrs. Della Sterling from Garfield, N. M., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Allen Patton of the Stith community.

Both Swift and Sure Was Vigilante Justice

The Montana Vigilantes, who delivered that territory of such notorious gangs as Henry Plummer's in the '60s, were nothing if not methodical in their self-appointed task. Besides Plummer's band of road agents and murderers, to which a total of 102 deaths alone is credited, the population of the gold fields numbered many fugitives from justice from all parts of the country.

In many places the lawless element was totally superior in force to the honest citizen group, which was driven to the establishment of a Vigilance committee to protect lives and property. Outnumbered as they were, the Vigilantes worked in secret and as mysteriously as possible; their principal tools were the mask and the rope. Some time during the night a white card always exactly seven by nine inches and bearing the numerals 3-7-77 in black ink, was pinned on the tent or tacked on the door of the desperado who had been sentenced to be banished at a secret meeting of the Vigilance committee.

The men who received such a notice knew whence it came and that it meant, "Pack up and leave within 24 hours or swing on the second night." If he had the least glimmer of sense he also knew the warning was no bluff.

The Vigilantes held no public trials, but if sometimes a mistake was made and the victim appealed for a review of the facts through certain channels, he was certain of a second hearing. In such a case a midnight tribunal was held which reconsidered and sometimes reversed the sentence. More often it reaffirmed the banishment with a second placard, against which there was no appeal. If the warning was disregarded, the lawless one found himself the center of a very interesting and determined crowd on the second night and he did not live to see the next sunrise.

The Vigilantes constituted themselves judges, jury and executioners all in one, and their trials were certainly short. Whenever a highwayman or murderer was caught, the leader of the Vigilante band would say:

"All in favor of hanging this man step to the right of the road; those who are for letting him go step to the left."—J. R. Johnson in Adventure Magazine.

Positive Identification

C. S. Collins, superintendent of the identification bureau of Scotland Yard, who has made nearly 500,000 finger prints of criminals and suspects, retired recently after 30 years' service in the London police department. From the finger prints on file in Mr. Collins' department some 200,000 identifications have been made, according to authorities, without a single mistake. "I would stake my life on the probability that there never will be finger prints alike, even if the world goes on indefinitely," Mr. Collins said recently, in speaking of his work. During the next generation, he asserted, finger prints would be much more generally used everywhere, not only in the identification of criminals, but as a matter of record in births, and numerous other directions.

Having Their Fling

It was last year in a strict boarding school, and my roommate and I had always been on our good behavior, writes a correspondent of the Chicago Tribune. We realized we had missed a lot of the fun the other girls had enjoyed, even though they had paid for it by being up before the faculty many times.

One night we decided we'd be daring and slip down, after midnight, to the rarely occupied guest room and sleep in the four-poster bed in there. The corridors were dark and the stairs creaked, but we tiptoed along until we had almost reached the guest room. Just then we heard the watchman coming down the corridor. We popped into the guest room and onto the bed.

A series of screams aroused every one. We had sat upon a visiting missionary from Africa.

A Surprise

Amateur theatrical stuff had been indulged in by certain members of the group out for a day's outing. One of these stunts included the placing of black wax on one or two of the front teeth, which left an appearance of toothlessness.

One young man, tiring of the wax, tried to remove it and found he could not. He asked a young woman of the party whether she knew how to get the wax off.

"Sure," she said, boldly. "That's easy." And forthwith she grasped the wax firmly between thumb and forefinger and pulled.

Imagine her amazement a moment later when she held in her hand the full upper set of false teeth belonging to the young man.—Indianapolis News.

Ominous

"I've been studying a good deal about resigning my office!" declared Constable Sam T. Slackputter, the guardian of the peace and dignity of Petunia. "It's getting too ominous." "Too—what?" returned Mayor Numbers.

"Ominous—or dangerous, if you like that better. You know the new shooting gallery that opened up last week? Well, I've seen no less than eight women, all told, practicing shooting there. It may mean euthin', and it may not; but—"
—Kansas City Times

YOUR PORTRAIT—

What do you say when someone asks you for your portrait. "Sorry—but I haven't a recent one." Or—"Haven't had one made in ten years, and I would not want to give you one of those."

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FOR SALE—One farm wagon complete for cotton, \$60.00. One small windmill complete without tower, \$20.00. Two shoats, \$6.00 each. See S. L. Grayson at Grayson Tourist Camp. 1tp

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FOR SALE—160 acres good Plains land located within 10 miles of Friona, Parmer County. Price \$22.50 per acre, \$1,920.00 cash, balance due one to five years at six per cent interest. See us for cheap farm and ranch lands. M. A. Crum, Friona, Texas. 18t2p

FOR TRADE—Dodge car on good team and wagon. See me at once. T.W. Collins, Merkel 1tp

FOR RENT

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

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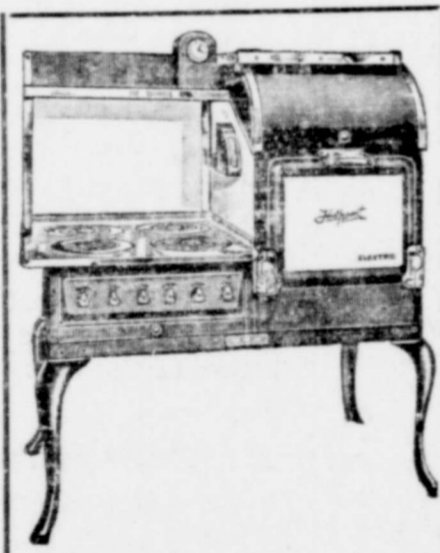
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During both days of the Fair we will make a reduction in all casings in stock of

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EVERYBODY'S GARAGE

The Mims Dry Goods Company of Abilene calls the attention of the readers of this paper to their advertisement in this paper on page three in the upper right hand corner. 1tp

Rev. C. W. Foote, former pastor of the Methodist church here but now of Paducah, was here Wednesday night, guest of his many friends.

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Misses Sears Entertain

A party of much interest was one given by Misses Boog and Johnnie Sears at the home of the latter on last Monday evening. The first entertainment features of the evening was a trip to the Cozy Theatre, where the guests enjoyed a splendid picture. After the show the guests returned to the home of Miss Johnnie Sears where unique contests and games furnished fun for the remainder of the evening.

The Misses Sears are very delightful hostesses as was evidenced by each guest as they expressed their pleasure of the evening. Delicious refreshments were served the following: Misses Gladys Mayfield, Mildred Matthews, Mona Margaret Jones, Althea Boden, Maurine Hearne, Lola Dennis, Maurine Tipton, Dorris Durham and the hostesses, Misses Johnnie and Boog Sears. Messrs Ed McCrary, Cleo Calloway, Carlton Dennis, Maben Rogers, Merrill Collins, Kenneth Watkins, Wrenn Durham, Clyde Matthews and Marvin Mayfield.

Missionary Society Notes

The Womans Missionary Society had their regular meeting on last Monday afternoon at four o'clock. Those present enjoyed a splendid lesson from the mission study book on China. Next Monday there will be another lesson from this book. We urge every one who is taking this book to be present next Monday and enjoy this lesson as well as learn something that will be profitable. We hope there will be a large crowd present at the next meeting. Supt. of Publicity.

Car of Apples Coming

On or about September 21 to 25, we will have in Merkel a car load of fine Arkansas apples. You know what these apples are. Come and get what you want before they are all gone. R. H. Dean and John S. Hughes. 18t2p

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Miss Mona Margaret Jones Entertains

A very pleasant party was enjoyed by a number of the young people on last Friday evening when Miss Mona Margaret Jones entertained honoring the girls and boys who are going away to college. Interesting games and contests together with delightful piano music furnished entertainment for the evening. Lovely refreshments were served to the following guests who declare Miss Jones a charming hostess.

Misses Lucille Guitar, Hazel Lee Rainbolt, Evelyn Curb, Gladys Mayfield, Melba West, Mildred Matthews, Boog Sears, Alice Summerhill, Johnnie Sears, Dorris Durham, Lola Dennis, Mona Margaret Jones. Messrs. Jack West, Cleo Calloway, Maben Rogers, Wrenn Durham, Carlton Dennis, Kenneth Watkins, Edward McCrary.

Box Supper

The Sunday School of Blair announces that they will have a box supper at the Blair Baptist church on Saturday night, September 26, for the purpose of raising funds to pay for the piano. Everybody invited to come and bring boxes.

Mrs. Willie Hamblet Addington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamblet of Merkel, has accepted a position with the Fletcher Dry Goods Company of Abilene, a new firm from Georgetown, and will have charge of the Ready-to-wear and Millinery Department. Mrs. Addington was for several years Field Secretary for Reynolds Presbyterian Orphanage of Albany, now of Dallas, and was also connected with a large department store of Dallas for a time.

Mrs. W. D. Stalls, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. L. L. Murray, returned to her home at Deport this week.

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The many friends of Dr. W. V. Cranford are delighted to learn that he is now able to be up and about his professional duties, after several weeks serious illness.

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SENIOR NOTES
By Stell Ledger

On September 7, 1925, school opened with an enrollment of 220 in High School. 44 of which are Seniors. The new faculty is getting along fine and is getting more hard boiled every day. We (the student body) are praying for the Demerit system to start and from the way the teachers talk our prayers will be answered immediately if not sooner.

The Senior class organized last Monday afternoon and the following officers were elected: Sponsor, Miss Bird, President, Lewis Giles, Vice president, Hallie Pike, Secretary, Eva Mae Johnson, Class Reporter, Stell Ledger, Class Colors, Old Rose and Lavender, Class flower, Cape Jasmine, Class motto, "We are Crossing the Sea, but the ocean is before us."

Last Saturday, September 12, the ball boys played Bradshaw at Bradshaw. The "Badgers" came out with the little end of the score, the score being 3 to 0 in favor of Bradshaw. We have a chance to get revenge which will be Saturday afternoon, September 19, so come out all you business men and get behind the team because we need you to help win. We want a big crowd so everybody come. The game last Saturday was worth two dollars if we didn't win, but this one is worth two and a half.

The "Pep Squad" has been organized and every one is taking interest in all the songs and yells. The leaders are Opal Patterson and Helen Booth.

Can You Feature It

1. Buster Haynes acting sensible.
2. Mr. Summerhill remembering anything.
3. L. T. Toombs with his hair combed and a chew of gum behind his ear.
4. Cleo McGehee with a clean shirt on.
5. Helen Booth making Bob Mayfield swear off chewing tobacco.
6. Miss Durham asking if Enoch Wiley is present.
7. Miss Sudderth smiling.

JUNIOR CLASS NOTES
By Foster Watts

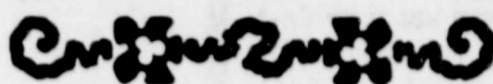
On Tuesday afternoon of this week at a called meeting of the Junior Class the following officers were elected: Mabin Rogers, President; Tommie Durham, Secretary and Treasurer; Flora Frances Anderson, Inice Brown and Pauline Chinn, Social Committee; Clyde Mayfield, Helen Booth and Delphine Moore, Program Committee; Foster Watts, Class Reporter.

Much pep and enthusiasm was shown throughout the meeting. The year 1925-26 promises to be a great one for the Juniors.

Wilkes Holden of Big Spring is here for a few weeks visit with his mother. Wilkes says crops around Big Spring are very fine.

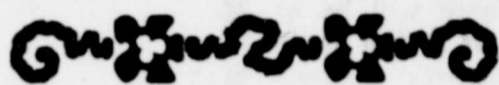
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ed roads. On the Noodle road the Merkel people joined hands with the Noodle people in making a fine road to that community, spending some \$450.00 on a fill at Bitter creek, where Commissioner Rainwater had built at a cost of over \$1,700 a steel bridge, making a total of about \$2,900 spent on the Noodle road.

The road committee above mentioned, seeing the opportunity of reaching out and bringing into our trade territory new and additional territory, accompanied by Commissioner Diltz, went out to the Southwest corner of the county to what is known as the Dora hill, and after making a thorough inspection of conditions agreed to go fifty-fifty and spend \$1,000 on making this rocky, bad hill a good road—one that when finished can be pulled in high by most automobiles. Not only is this hill being cut down and put in fine condition, but the Dora road has been greatly improved, shortened, sharp curves taken out, etc., which will make a fine road for the divide and Canyon people to make their way to Merkel to do their trading and marketing.

Practically all the fine road construction of the 250 miles built has been under the supervision of Mr. W. H. Frazier, one of the ablest and best road men in the state, with the assistance of such experienced men as Cox Morton, Shouse and others.

The roads that have been built will not only bring much business to Merkel, but will be a great saving to the farmer and stockman of this section, and a money saving investment to many others. For example, one local oil dealer who sells wholesale, states that it has meant a saving to him alone of \$75.00 per month, and when one figures the saving to all people served by the good roads it will mean thousands of dollars each month, let alone in a year.

Baby Girl Passes Away

Friday, September 4th, the death angel entered the home of Mr and Mrs. Emmitt Womack and took from them their loving little baby girl, Lorine Womack. She was 17 months and 5 days old when she was called to her sweet resting place.

Funeral services were held at the Noodle Baptist church at 5 o'clock p.m. by Rev. Campbell and as the sun was setting she was lowered sweetly to rest in the Merkel Cemetery. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved mother and father. All who loved her and knew her will miss her here on earth, but we can soon meet her over there in that heavenly home where there will be no parting again be written by one who loved her.

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MATLOCK SELLS 1000 ACRES PLAINS LAND

Mr. L. D. Matlock, who deals in real estate, reports to this paper that he has recently closed the sale of 1,000 acres of Plains lands to parties living at Blackwell, Texas.

To Sons of Confederacy

The Sons of Confederacy are summoned to be present at the Armory Monday evening at 4:00 o'clock. Important business, fail not. J. C. Mason, Commander.

Messrs. Carvel Tucker, Kenneth Watkins, Clyde Matthews, Byron Curb, Merrill Collins and Wrenn Durham left Thursday for Austin where they will enter the State University for the coming long session.

Celebrates 90th Birthday

The 90th birthday of M. S. (Grandpa) Wyman was celebrated on Thursday, September 10, at his home in West Merkel. Five of the ten living children were present. The names of the five present are: Tom Wyman of Roscoe, Mrs. B. A. Cox of Abilene, Mrs. Lou Looney, Mrs. H. M. Mayfield and Mrs. Geo. West, all of Merkel. Also seven grandchildren: Mrs. Harold DeMoss of Houston, Mrs. Narville Green and Miss Elsielee Cox, of Abilene and Mrs. Booth Warren, Maryanna, Virgil and Bob Mayfield and two great grand children. Dinner was served and several nice presents were given Mr. Wyman.

Mr. Ray Garrett has entered Simmons University at Abilene for this term of school.

LET'S MEET AT THE FAIR

By Johnnie Milton

On both days of the Merkel Fair, me and my friends will be there.

Let's take an exhibit of our feed and cotton, and make it a Fair that won't be forgotten.

Take along an exhibit of our farm produce and never, never say, "Oh, what's the use."

Because it's our duty to our friends, let us say, to be at the Fair on the first and second day.

So I'll meet you, my friends, at the Merkel Mail. Come along early and we'll all meet there.

The ladies of the Parent-Teachers Association will hold a market in the down town section of the city on Saturday during the Fair. It will pay you to buy from them.

Parent Teachers Meeting

The Mail is asked to announce that there will be a meeting of the Parent Teachers Association next Wednesday afternoon at the High School Auditorium at 4 o'clock p.m.

All school parents and teachers are urged and expected to be present and help start the work of this organization off in an earnest and successful manner.

Mrs. W. A. Thornton has just received a telegram from McKinney announcing the death of her niece, Mrs. Gertrude Belcher. Mrs. Belcher is well known in Mulberry Canyon and also in Merkel, as she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stanley that once lived at Nubia, but now make their home in McKinney, Texas.

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