

FRIENDS ANNOUNCE THREE CANDIDATES

After numerous solicitations from their many friends in all walks of life, we are pleased to announce as candidates for Aldermen in the coming City Election, April 6th, the names of Messrs. W. H. Frazier, Booth Warren and R. O. Anderson.

That each of these gentlemen are amply qualified and highly capable of wisely performing the duties of the offices to which they have consented to become candidates, would be useless for us to state owing to the fact that they are well and favorably known by perhaps every voter within the confines of the city limits.

These men have been prominently identified with the city's progress and development for many years, in fact most of their lives have been spent among the people of the city, and naturally they are sincerely interested in the welfare of the city and its citizenship's best interest. They have each been successful in their private affairs, and their success and years of experience properly fits them for the important positions their friends are asking the voters to elect them.

We would also call special attention to the fact that those seeking the election of Mr. Anderson as an Alderman are desirous that he take the place of Mr. W. W. Campbell, one of our capable Aldermen who recently moved away from the city.

This paper would urge that the voters give careful consideration of the candidacy of these gentlemen, feeling that if elected there will be no cause for regret, but will have occasion for satisfaction before the end of their terms as a result of their able and conservative endeavors in the upbuilding of our city.

MR. AND MRS. BROWN GONE TO MARKET

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown left first of the week for the Eastern markets where they will personally select and purchase additional spring and summer dry goods for their firm, the Brown Dry Goods Company. They will likely return last of this week.

Leaves for Detroit, Mich.

L. B. Scott, local Ford dealer, left first of the week for Dallas where he joined the Texas Ford dealers in a trip to Detroit, Michigan, where they will attend a meeting of the Ford dealers from over the nation. The Texas delegation made the trip on a special train.

Mr. Chas. West one of our popular barbers, is back at his post of duty after a week's tussle with the "flu." He reports that Mrs. West, who was also quite sick for several days is also improving.

Messrs. Emmette Grimes, Sie Hamm, and S. D. Gamble, representatives of the three splendid drug stores in Merkel, were in attendance at the meeting of West Texas Druggists at Stamford this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Mims of Abilene spent last Sunday with the latter's parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnson, of this city.

Mr. John Sears and daughter, Miss Johnnie, attended the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth this week.

W. J. LARGENT ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE HEREFORD ASSOCIATION

According to the daily press dispatches, in the election of officers for the Texas Hereford Association, in Fort Worth this week, Mr. Willie Joe Largent, of this city, was elected vice-president of the organization.

C. M. Largent and Sons of Merkel are among those who breed and raise the world's very finest Hereford cattle, and the election of young Largent to this position is indeed a worthy and merited selection.

DR. DEAN TO SPEAK FOR BAPTISTS

Sunday will be a good day with the local Baptists. Dr. I. R. Dean of Kansas City will be the speaker at the morning and possibly at the evening service. Dr. Dean is a brother of Mrs. J. S. Swann; he is one of her three preacher brothers. While he is an evangelist and has held meetings from the far north in Canada to the extreme south in Florida, he is speaking now against evolution and modernism. He has seen first hand what it has done for churches and people in the north and he will bring a message that you want to hear.

We hope to have him at both hours but some of the Abilene people are trying to get him for the evening hour.

Let every Baptist in and about Merkel come and hear this man. The public generally is invited to hear him. Every one who comes will find a welcome.

REVIVAL AT TRENT STARTS MARCH 21

Rev. C. H. Ledger, the able and wide awake pastor of the Methodist church at Trent, announces that on Sunday, March 21st, he will begin a revival meeting in that city to last ten days or two weeks. In this revival he will be assisted by Rev. B. W. Dodson, pastor at Synder. Rev. Dodson is without doubt one of the most successful pastors in West Texas Methodism, and with the cooperation of the members of the church as well as the balance of the Christian people of that city, their coming revival will prove a success and of lasting good.

Will Be Buried Here Today

Mrs. Myrtice Addison, wife of F. D. Addison of Blair, who died at Valera, Texas, Wednesday, will be buried in Rose Hill Cemetery today at about two-thirty p.m., the funeral taking place at Blair at about one o'clock.

Misses Julia Martin and Madge Pearce, teachers in the Childress High School, were down recently for a visit with home folks and friends. For several years these young ladies were excellent teachers in the Merkel schools.

Mr. J. T. Warren, president of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, is among those attending the Fat Stock Show this week. He was accompanied by Mrs. Warren.

Judge W. W. Wheeler was among those attending the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth this week. He also transacted business in Dallas while away.

METHODIST REVIVAL BEGINS MARCH 21ST

The Rev. W. R. McCarter, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city, announces that on Sunday, March 21, he will begin a ten days or two weeks revival meeting, to be held in the church auditorium.

Rev. McCarter, who is recognized as one of the leading pastors and pulpit orators of the Northwest Texas Conference, will do the preaching himself, and will be assisted by Mrs. J. Samuel Rider as choir director and personal worker.

The pastor is expecting, and in fact has been assured the full cooperation of his church membership, and with the cooperation and assistance of the Christian people from the other denominations of the city, which he solicits and would be pleased to have, has great hopes of the meeting being one of the best and most successful that has been held in our city for some time.

He states that there will be two services each day, 10 o'clock in the morning and 7:30 in the evening. A cordial invitation and welcome is extended of the town and throughout the surrounding country.

Let all Merkel and community make preparations to lend whole-hearted cooperation toward making the meeting the success so badly needed in our community. In fact the whole town and community should lend their support toward making a success of any revival of Christianity in our community.

WILL ATTEND STATE MEET OF REBECCAS AT AUSTIN

Miss Dota Garoutte expected to leave Thursday night for Austin, where she will visit friends and relatives and attend the State Meeting of the I.O.O.F. and Rebecca Grand Lodges of Texas, which convenes there next Monday.

We also learn that Mrs. F. A. Polly expects to leave Saturday as a delegate from the local Rebecca Lodge.

Undergoes Operation

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Marvin Boney, who has been seriously ill for the past six weeks, and who underwent an operation at the Alexander Sanitarium in Abilene this week, is reported to be getting along nicely at this time.

Moves Back to Hamlin

We are informed that Mr. L. B. Howard has disposed of his Gents Furnishing and Tailor business here and left this week for Hamlin where he went to take the management of a big dry goods store in that city. Mr. Renfro again becomes owner and proprietor of the tailoring business which he formerly sold to Mr. Howard.

Mrs. Lou Looney left Wednesday for Cisco, Dallas and Houston, where she will visit relatives.

Mrs. M. S. Wiman expects to leave this week for an extended visit with friends and relatives in Abilene.

Mr. W. H. Hathaway is among the many new readers of the Mail. Thanks.

Supt. J. A. Summerhill and family visited friends and relatives in Midland last Sunday.

RURAL CARRIERS TO MEET HERE MAY 30

At the regular meeting of the Luncheon Club on last Tuesday evening, Mr. O. J. Adcock, one of the very efficient and accommodating rural carriers from the local post office was present and informed the club members that there was an opportunity for Merkel to entertain the next meeting of the Rural Letter Carriers Association for this congressional district, which meeting is to be held on May 30.

Mr. Adcock stated that there would be in attendance anywhere from 100 to 200 carriers, postmasters and clerks. He was given the hearty assurance by the Luncheon Club that the organization would assist the city of Merkel in welcoming the organization meeting here.

At the proper time the program and full details of the meeting will be published. This is indeed an honor to Merkel, and her citizens should make plans to royally welcome the visitors who will come from many counties around.

DR. C. A. POWELL TO BE HERE TONIGHT

Closing the week's study course for our local B.Y.P.U.'s, Dr. Powell will speak at 7:30 p.m. tonight, Friday. Dr. Powell is leading the College Heights church in a great way. They have just had one of the greatest meetings in the history of the church and Dr. Powell will bring a warm and mighty message. We trust that all of our people will hear him whether you have heard any other speaker of the week or not.

THOMPSON TO BE CASHIER OF PLAINS BANK

L. R. Thompson, for six years cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of this city, left his home in Abilene Wednesday for Kress, small plains town located between Plainview and Tulia, where he went to take up his duties as Cashier of the bank in that city.

Mr. Thompson is a competent and capable banker, a splendid citizen and worthy community leader, and will make that city a citizen of which they will be justly proud.

Trent Missionary Notes

The ladies missionary society of the M. E. Church met Monday afternoon at their usual time. This was our business meeting and we also had a leaflet on Japan. We enjoyed this very much. Don't forget our pie sale, Methodist ladies! Help us out all you can. Every Saturday afternoon in one of the stores. Let us hear from you.

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. tf

C. T. Derrick of the Noodle country returned last week from a visit to his old home in Collin county.

PLAYS AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM POSTPONED TO TUESDAY, MARCH 16th.

The evening's entertainment of one-act plays which was dated for last week by the Expression department, and postponed, is to be presented at the school auditorium on Tuesday evening, March 16, at eight o'clock.

The three one-act plays are very entertaining in plot, acting and costuming. The Girl's Dramatic Club will appreciate your attendance. Admission will be 25 cents.

LARGENT CATTLE ARE WINNERS

Cattle of this section, which took several prizes at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show at Fort Worth Monday continued to hold their own Tuesday when the Hereford stock of C. M. Largent & Sons, Merkel, captured two firsts and one sixth award. The Largent cattle had received two prizes up to Monday.

Prince Domino 3rd was first in Hereford bulls, calved between June 1 and Sept. 30, 1924; Superior 51st first among Hereford bulls calved after Jan. 1, 1925; and Capitol Mixer 8th ranked sixth in the entries of Hereford bulls calved between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31, 1924.

Largent & Sons have some of the finest Herefords in the country, and their herd is a credit to Taylor county and the entire state of Texas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION AT BAPTIST CHURCH

At three p.m. there will be a meeting at the Baptist church for the purpose of organizing a Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. convention for this association.

There will be visitors here from over two counties. Fifty churches will be represented by this organization.

Let the local people take notice and attend in great numbers. This meeting was called for by the action of the last Workers' Conference and is to meet a long felt need to enable our Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. workers to be mutually helpful to one another.

There will be an inspirational address by the best speaker the missionary can find for the occasion. Then the organization will be set up and officers will be elected for the balance of the associational year.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour.

Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p.m.

The Elders and Deacons will meet Sunday afternoon at 2:30 for the purpose of making the Ever Member canvas for the new year's budget. All officials are urged to be present. We earnestly ask the cooperation of every church member in carrying out our plans for the new church year.

Choir practice Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Chas. H. Little, pastor.

Mrs. Arthur Thornton, we are informed, is ill in a Temple Sanitarium where she went for special treatment.

Mr. E. H. Cordill, one of the good citizens and excellent farmers of route five, has our thanks for the renewal of his subscription to the Merkel Mail.

LUNCHEON CLUB HAS FINE MEETING

The regular meeting of the Luncheon Club held at Ed's Cafe on last Tuesday evening, was one of the best and most interesting that has been held for some time. The attendance was larger and the interest was greater. Every one was glad to welcome the president, Mr. H. C. West, back in the chair, he having been absent for some time on account of ill health.

Mr. J. L. Jackson, principal of the High School, acted in the capacity of Toastmaster for the evening's program, and ably presented one of the spiciest and best programs enjoyed for some time. His theme for discussion was "Measuring Merkel," and each speaker made interesting talks upon their respective subject assigned. Those making addresses were Mr. Chas. H. Jones, H. C. West, Rev. W. R. McCarter, Supt. Summerhill, and Mr. Jackson. The entertainment feature of the evening was a splendid musical reading by Miss Lucy Tracy, with Miss Yoakum at the piano.

BRUNK'S SHOW HERE ALL NEXT WEEK

Glenn Brunk and his popular company who organized their show in Texas three years ago, are coming to Merkel. In the words of Mr. Brunk they are "coming back home" after showing in cities all over the middle west and the Pacific coast. While their success in that country has been all they could ask for, Mr. Brunk says he can never forget the kindly reception at the hands of the theatre-goers in this section of Texas.

Their visits to Merkel in the past have been heralded with great delight and their decision to open in Merkel next Monday will more than likely bring out a capacity house for the opening night. In as much as ladies will be admitted free that night, if accompanied by a paid adult admission. Due preparations will be made to handle the crowd. In the event of cold weather, stoves have been provided and will be put into use, thus keeping the big tent warm and pleasant throughout the evening. Since the show appeals to the people of Merkel, they will start the week with one of their popular bills. In the past they have always maintained perfect cleanliness and strict procedure in their work.

They will open next Monday night with "Johnnie's In Town," said to be a great show in capable hands. The show is coming under the auspices of the Cemetery Association, and a part of the proceeds will go to the association.

McFARLAND BUYS INTEREST OF PARTNER IN

A deal was consummated this week whereby Mr. F. C. McFarland purchased the interest of his partner, Mr. John Sedberry, in the Corner Garage, we learn.

Mr. McFarland will continue the business as heretofore, and invites his friends and customers to call on him when in need of anything in his line. Read his announcement in this paper.

We are very glad to have the renewal of Mr. H. A. Deavers' subscription to the Merkel Mail.

This Bank is for its Friends

to enjoy: to come to when they like, for banking business, for financial counsel, to meet friends or committees, or just for a period of rest during the day's shopping.

Its modern equipment is for your convenience.

Its abundant facilities meet all banking needs.

Its ample resources and sound policies assure your profit and protection.

Its homey, cordial atmosphere makes every association with the bank one of pleasantness.

YOUR ACCOUNT IS INVITED

FARMERS STATE BANK

MERKEL

TEXAS

'Where Banking is a Pleasure'

Playing Cards Known Since Earliest Ages

Doctor Le Cour, delving in Carthaginian ruins, says the ancients had a play similar to our card game. They used small tablets on which were painted figures. There is also mention in one of St. Augustine's works of cards that are used for gambling. Still the playing cards we now use were invented in the Fourteenth century by a French painter named Jacques Gringonneur. It is said that he invented them to amuse the mad King Charles VI of France. The kings were David, Alexander, Caesar and Charles; the queens were Argine, Esther, Judith and Pallas; the four knights, now called knaves and vulgarly "jacks," were Ogier the Dane, Lancelot, La Hire and Hector de Garland, knights of old romance. The Cardmakers' company was incorporated in 1629, and as early as the reign of James I cards were taxed. Probably the first game played in England was called "trump." All the most important historical events have been at one time or another depicted on playing cards, and some of the packs are very rare and valuable.—Pierre Van Paassen, in the Atlanta Constitution.

Blood Analysis Helps Doctor in Diagnosis

The doctor who used to feel his patient's pulse or gaze into a gaping mouth to determine the cause of illness nowadays takes a drop of blood to analyze. The guilt for much of human suffering has been traced to the germs, tiny but deadly, which force their entrance into the human body, and which can only be detected by such analysis.

"Blood tests provide us with clues to an ever-growing number of ailments," said a doctor to the writer.

"It is being found, for instance, that eye complaints are often due to the absorption of germs which have affected other parts of the body, such as the tonsils. We can often detect them by testing the blood.

"Many cases of illness are due to something taken in from without—usually microscopic germs. More and more of these germs are becoming known to us every day. There is reason to believe that the origins of other diseases which are still unknown may be found in the same cause."

High-Sounding Names

It seems to be the practice for leading towns or cities to adopt titles in self-praise. The old Venetians used to say, "See Venice and die," and Rome has always styled itself the Eternal city. Boston calls itself—the American, not the English town—the Hub of the Universe, whilst London has not shrunk from calling itself the Metropolis of the World. It is a moot point whether Brighton or Scarborough was first in the field with the subtitle "Queen of Watering Places," but it is certain that both use it and believe in its truth. Edinburgh styles itself the Modern Athens, and Glasgow boasts that it is the second city of the empire. Seville says that he who has not seen Seville has seen no marvel. Manchester calls itself Cottonopolis, and Liverpool the Gateway of the West.

Italy Guard's Antiques

In Italy one of the most serious crimes is the stealing or unauthorized excavation of antiquities. The government claims as its property all objects of artistic or archeological interest over 100 years old, and permits for their exportation are obtained only rarely and with difficulty.

Rights to excavate or even to study while excavations are proceeding are rarely granted to foreign students. The other day some archeological pickpockets who removed some ancient vases and marbles from tombs that were being excavated near Comacchio were convicted in court. The leader was sentenced to seven years in prison—a punishment rare in Italy for any crime less than murder.

Food of Butterflies

Butterflies feed on the nectar of flowers and the sap of trees and plants. The various flowers, etc., vary with those found in a locality. All adult bees feed on saccharine juices, particularly the nectar of flowers. It is the habit of bees to devote their searching to a single sort of flower as long as it serves their purpose, each individual visiting blossom after blossom of that kind, instead of searching flowers indiscriminately. This varies with the locality.

Pugnacious Crayfish

Crayfish are so pugnacious that if two of them are put in the same crate or open pen one will kill the other, or, like the farmer's dog, die barking at the hole. That is why, when the University of Washington shipped a dozen rare specimens from its aquarium in Seattle to the fish pool in New York, the shippers wound up each crayfish in yards of wet cheesecloth. The consignment came through whole and healthy.—Youth's Companion.

Worms in Soil

The best treatment for the worms in the soil, which are not likely to be doing any harm, is watering several times with lime water, as recommended recently. Different kinds of worms are found in soil in which there is decaying vegetable matter, but they are harmless. Castor oil is not likely to do your plants any good, and we should not advise using it.—Montreal Family Herald.



Miss Tillie Tutt

This is only one of Miss Tillie Tutt's funny costumes. She is appearing with Brunk's Show here all next week.

CROSS ROADS ITEMS

Hollis Hammond has been sick but is now able to be back at school.

Mr. and Mrs. Brover Blair and children spent last Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moore and children.

Miss Mabel Payne, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. C. West, has returned to her home in Oklahoma.

Miss Ruth Fuqua has been sick with the "flu". She was not able to teach school but one day last week.

Mr. R. F. England visited Mrs. Walter Hammond a while one night last week. Mr. Dee Teaff has been on the sick list but is some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Crow of Mt. Pleasant, were visitors in Mr. D. P. Moore's home one evening last week.

Mrs. Houston Bryant visited Mrs. Will Lantham one night last week.

Gordon dark spent last Tuesday night with Ray King.

The Tye W. M. U. will meet with Mrs. J. J. McCartney on March 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bigham visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King visited Mr. and Mrs. Clint Stewart last Sunday.

Miss Ruth Fuqua visited Miss Eva Lee Bigham last Sunday. Bro. Sibley will begin a meeting at Tye the 21st of March.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lantham visited her brother, Mr. Houston Bryant, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Donel Payne attended church at Cross Roads

DIVERSIFY

The difference between SAFE farming and UNSAFE farming is the difference between SUCCESS and FAILURE

- SAFETY -

Should be the first consideration of every banking institution. This bank is opposed to the one crop idea as a matter of safety for itself and the territory that it serves.

THE OLD RELIABLE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

MERKEL

TEXAS

'SINCE 1904'

last Saturday night.

Mrs. Lizzie Bigham of this community has moved to Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King and children of near Merkel, attended church at Cross Roads last Saturday night and Sunday school in the afternoon.

Mr. Buford Bryant was a visitor in Mr. M. G. King's home last Saturday night.

Mr. Sam Patton was in Merkel one day last week shopping.

The little shower last week was appreciated by the farmers who have small grain, as it is getting dry. A good rain just now would be of great benefit to the small grain.

Millard King was out taking the school census last week.

Audria Ely has been sick with pneumonia but is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bigham visited Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ely for a while Friday night.

Harold King was a visitor in the W. F. Joiner home one Saturday night not long ago.

Millard King and family visited Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Isom near Caps last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. England and children, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Newton and little son visited Mr. and Mrs. Dee Teaff a while last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Manton Ely and little son have been visiting relatives near Lamesa and Lorenza, but have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moore and children visited relatives in the Canyon Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Bryant visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fulton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. West visited Mr. and Mrs. John Payne Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ely and son Hershel, visited M. G. King for a while Wednesday night.

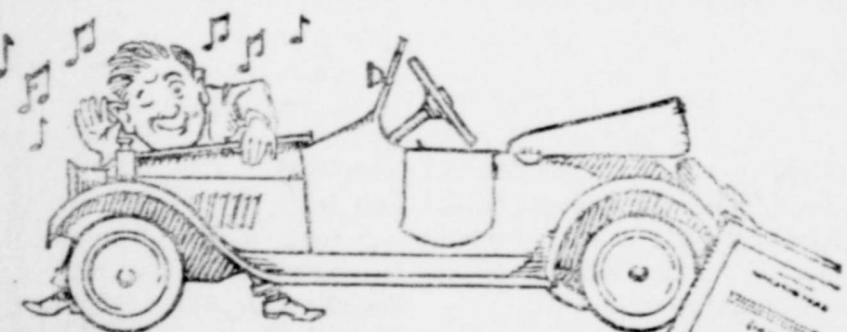
The Advertised Article

is one in which the merchant himself has implicit faith—else he would not advertise it. You are safe in patronizing the merchants whose ads appear in this paper because their goods are up-to-date and never shopworn.

—MOTHER—

"I will not forget you on Mothers' Day, May 9th. I will send you a nice box of Mothers' Day Candy." Call in and place your order now for Mothers' Day Candy. Hamm Drug Co. if

For Sale—Five 31x4.40 used casings and tubes and four wheels and five rims. Will fit Ford, Chevrolet or Overland. If Merkel Auto Paint Shop.



Tuning Her Up!

NOW for the motoring season! Tune last year's car up to the highest pitch. Away to the open road—and Spring!

Lubrication is most important. If you want every ounce of power in your engine—every bit of needless friction eliminated—the least amount of carbon deposit—

You should use Gargoyle Mobiloil

Drive around. We'll drain and refill your crankcase with the correct grade. Service free—you pay only for the oil.

Buy a 15-gallon drum

Then—with a supply in your Home Garage—you can replenish your supply with Gargoyle Mobiloil as needed—you'll be free from carbon and other worries. We can supply you with a season's supply of Gargoyle Mobiloil in convenient containers.



EVERYBODY'S GARAGE
PHONE 72
FRONT STREET

HAVE YOUR CLOTHES CLEANED REGULARLY

After all, a man never reaches the point where he can afford to neglect his clothes. Appearance always counts—if not for you, then against you. That is why men who have "arrived" patronize the dry cleaner regularly.

What a satisfaction to slip into a suit your dry cleaner has just returned! Nap restored, gloss removed, spots and stains desolved away, fabric freshened, there's a Park Avenue look to the entire suit. Good appearance is what your dry cleaner has for sale.

So if you want to look better, feel better, be better—call us to day. The new life our work will put into your clothing will put new life into you. Patronize the dry cleaner and you're making an investment in success!

Cash Tailor Shop
Expert Dry Cleaners





It Will Come
Out Looking
Like a New
Car

Spring is near and it is time to have the car painted. An inspection of some of the finished work will assure you before hour that it will come out looking like NEW and

Our process gives a neat and lasting finish because we remove all the dirt and grease first. And we give quick service too. Get our prices.

We wash and polish cars, also
Merkel Auto Paint Shop
Roy Coats & J. S. Mills, Props.
Across Street from Post Office

HEBRON NEWS
By Brown Eyes

SALT BRANCH ITEMS

The health of this community isn't so good at this writing. Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Harris are on the sick list this week.

Tommie Harris spent Sunday with Jessie Davis.

Mr. Raymond Brown and Miss Bernice Merritt of Comper spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Bayless.

There wasn't so many out at church Saturday night on account of so much sickness.

There was a meeting at the church Sunday evening and ordained Deacons for the Hebron Baptist church. There was a good crowd considering the fact that there is so much sickness.

Mr. Truman Carey spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. Oliver Carey.

Miss Winnie Bayless spent Sunday with Miss Alma Davis.

The farmers are very busy plowing their soil.

Misses Ruth and Pauline Pinkley of A. C. C. visited their parents this week-end.

Miss Lois Jaynes visited her brother, Mr. Floyd Jaynes, Friday night and Saturday.

Mr. Bernard and Willie Hays, spent Saturday night with Mr. Luther and Joe Higgins.

Mrs. J. A. Jaynes spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Odessa Childers.

Mr. Raymond Higgins spent Saturday night with Mr. Paxton Hays.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris and children visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jaynes Sunday.

Animals and Insects

Prepare for Winter

Ants, bees, wasps, flies and many other insects protect themselves during the winter by securing food supplies and constructing retreats.

The wonderful work done by ants, bees, wasps, spiders, butterflies and worms has been studied by many naturalists and researches have been charmingly described by Lubbock, Fabre, Maeterlinck and other able writers. The underground apartments and terraced homes of the ants, their domestic life, social organization and thoughtfulness, are among the great wonders of nature.

These extraordinarily intelligent insects not only store away an abundance of food for winter, but also they provide aphides to be milked and they cultivate fungi gardens and manufacture many food substances while passing the winter months underground.

Genius, individuality and temperament in animals enable them to solve all the problems of winter which they may at any time encounter. These vary in individuals of the same species. Among any group of young animals or birds or insects you may notice individuals varying in fear, timidity, curiosity, suspicion, sociability, aggressiveness and initiative. Hardly two will be found with similar characters and temperaments. They differ as widely as the members of a single human family. The strong and fearless members of any species give the leadership and develop the customs which enable them to meet the conditions of winter.

Birds and Mankind

of Long Association

The association between certain birds and man is immensely ancient, says the London Times. As with sheep and oxen and horses, and even more with the dog, the attempt to assign a date to the origin of our farmyard birds is foiled by the mists of antiquity.

The scanty company of farmyard species has been recruited in very different ages. The turkey could not join us until we discovered America, and probably far the oldest is the rock-pigeon. When man learned how to grow grain, the dove found a new attraction in his company.

When man became a builder in stone, he built also for the swallows and doves. The swallow finds a home today in the cowsheds that mimic his ancient caves, while the house-pigeon, like the house-martin, clings to the outside of man's mimic rock faces and builds its nests on his triumphal arches and against his cathedrals.

Gregorian Calendar

The present calendar was adopted in the Sixteenth century, the Julian or old Roman calendar having become greatly erroneous. Luigi Lilius Ghiraldi, frequently called Aloysius Lilius, a physician, of Verone, projected a plan for amending the Julian calendar, which, after his death was presented by his brother to Pope Gregory XIII. To carry it into execution, the Pope assembled a number of prelates and learned men. In 1577 the proposed change was adopted by all the Catholic princes, and in 1582 Gregory issued a brief abolishing the Julian calendar in all Catholic countries, and introducing in its stead the one now in use, under the name of the Gregorian or reformed calendar, or the "new style," as the other was now called the "old style." The Gregorian calendar was not adopted in England until 1752.

Men of Great Strength

It is difficult to compare strong men. Each has his own special tests, at which he is superior to the rest. A recent newspaper article stated that unquestionably the strongest man of modern times was Louis Cyr of Canada, who was considerably stronger than Sandow. Breitbart, who died in October, 1925, is said to have come nearer emulating Sandow than any of the latter's many imitators. Certain strong men excelled Sandow in specific feats. For instance, Arthur Saxon was the best lifter of weights ever produced. Steinbach, Inch, Ashton, Travis, Rolandow and Lurich each had some unusual performance to his credit.

Forces That Control

The tone of society is the result, not so much of the deliberate attempt of the members of it to influence each other, as of the unconscious action and reaction of their characters. Nor can anyone easily measure how great his own contribution has been to the good or evil spirit that prevails around him, or how, by casual deeds or actions, or even looks, he may have influenced the lives of others. We do not carry on our warfare at our own charges, but the whole weight of the evil that is in our society is dragging us down, and the whole force of the good that is in it is helping us up.—Edward Caird.

Lace-Making Old Art

Lace-making, embroidery and fine needlework in general are credited to the Greeks, and its antiquity goes back to mythology almost. Minerva is said to have originated the art of pictorial needlework. Many books on lace-making and embroidery have been traced back to the Middle Ages. The Greeks are thought to have brought it from Egypt, and the Chaldeans, whose civilization was earlier than that of the Egyptians, had developed it to a fine degree also. France gave it wide popularity after the Christian era.

Lawn Mowers

JUST RECEIVED. SAMPLES ON DISPLAY

WATER HOSE, all kinds and lengths

Refrigerators

They Tell us, We HAVE THE QUALITY and PRICE combined

Ice Cream Freezers

"FROST KING" the kind that saves the ice bill and freezes the cream in short time, equipped with cedar bucket.

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BOTH NEW AND SECOND HAND

Our stock was never more complete in all lines.

Liberty Hardware Co.

"IF IT'S HARDWARE, WE HAVE IT"

**Service That s
Complete**

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

In tires, tubes and accessories, we are always well stocked. We handle

U.S. Tires, Fisk Tires and Seiberling Cord Tires

A good line to select from

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

**Magnolia Filling
Station**

C. H. JONES
MANAGER

Word of Grecian Origin

The word "Ichthys" is Greek, and means fish. It was frequently used as a symbol of Christ by the early Christians, because its letters form the initials of Christ's name and titles as the Son of God, and Savior. The word is found on ancient seals, rings, lamps and tombs, and came into general use in the Fourth century. It is said that Aptatus, bishop of Miliesia, was the first to construct the acrostic from which the symbol derived. Baptismal fonts were often ornamented with the figure of a fish, several of which may be found in French cathedrals at the present day. Augustine says that "ichthys" is the mystical name of Christ, "because he descended alive into the depths of this mortal life, into the abyss of waters." The Africanus speaks of Christ as "the great fish taken by the fishhook of God, and whose flesh nourishes the whole world."—Exchange.

**COZY
Theatre**

FRIDAY and SATURDAY
March 12 and 13

Universal Presents
HOOT GIBSON
—in—
"THE ARIZONA ROMEO"
With Universal Comedy—
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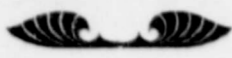
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ANNOUNCEMENT



I have purchased Mr. John Sedberry's interest in the Corner Garage and now own and control the entire business.

I will appreciate your automobile trade, and either Mr. Chas. Higgins or myself will look after your repairs, guaranteeing same to be done right.

All parties who are indebted to the firm are urged to come in and settle up at once so that the old business can be settled up.

Corner Garage

F. C. MCFARLAND, PROP.

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"I was afraid to eat because I always had stomach trouble afterward. Since taking Adlerika I can eat and feel fine." (Signed) Mrs. A. Howard. ONE spoonful Adlerika removes GAS and often

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IN ADVANCE

TELEPHONE No. 61

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

In the death this week of Col. C. W. Merchant, Abilene and West Texas loses one of the truly pioneers and builders of the great Empire of the West.

Conditions in the Merkel country are perhaps the best experienced here for many years. The farmers will soon have their plowing all done and the land in first class shape for planting. All that is needed now is for a little rain at the right time to bring the crops and start them off nicely.

Republican political leaders in Texas hasten to make the statement that "if Texas Democrats nominate 'Ma' they will elect a Governor in this state in November." They need not worry. "Ma" won't be nominated. And if the Democratic Primary could be held today there would not be any second primary as the Hon. Dan Moody would receive more votes than all his opponents combined, "Ma" included.

To allow one's hate and prejudice for an individual to interfere with performing a duty that will redound to the good of the majority of the citizenship is mighty bad policy. In other words to down or get even with one or a few individuals is all wrong, when to do so will hamper the progress and prove a detriment to the masses at large. Hate and prejudice have proven the down fall of nations and the same means ruin for the individual as well.

Some folks, even business men get awfully mad when the local paper accidentally overlooks to make mention of some item of news concerning them or their family, say when a youngster gets married, graduates or when the death angel enters the confines of their home. And we admit that it is right that the paper should give proper mention of same. And most papers do. But it hurts a newspaper man's feelings to have a fellow get so mad about such an oversight when the said business man seldom or ever uses the columns of the paper for advertising purposes or otherwise patronizes the same, especially since the paper must depend upon advertising alone for a livelihood. Otherwise it would be compelled to go out of business, and then there would be no paper to make mention of the said news item.

Renew your subscription to the Merkel Mail before it expires

WHO IS THE GRAFTER?

It is an easy matter, it seems, for just any one to put over their pet advertising idea, some good, some fair and some pure and adulterated graft of the rankest kind. Now, this paper believes that every firm or person has the right to advertise in any manner they may see fit, and there are many plans that may be used, in fact most any kind of advertising is better than none. However, some of it is very, very poor considering the price and results. And we believe that newspaper advertising, when the cost and results are figured and considered, will prove by far the most effective and much the cheapest. Then, when the local business man patronizes the newspaper he not only helps to maintain an institution in his midst that fights every week in the year to help promote the best interests of the town as a whole, commercially, spiritually, socially and otherwise. The paper always boosts for every business concern and the individual as well. A newspaper is about the only business that gives away absolutely free as much of its "stock in trade" as it sells. Another thing, folks, when you spend your money advertising in the home town paper every dollar of it comes back to you and other business men. In the case of the Merkel Mail there are three families connected with it, who buy their groceries, dry goods, furniture, hardware, gasoline, tires, and general needs in the home town. When you patronize the Mail you not only use the best and most effective manner of reaching your customers, but help to make your home paper a better paper. If you have wondered why the Merkel Mail does not put out a semi-weekly or daily paper, or have special news features, pictures, comic pages, etc., here is the answer: Our business will not justify it. The paper will progress just as rapidly as the town does.

Some times the editor goes out to put over a little special advertising page, such as is often done all over the country, and we find it very hard to interest the business men, and some have even intimated that the same was just a plain case of graft. And then we swear off ever trying it again, but along comes a stranger who never spends a dime in the city and buys a page from the paper at the regular price, and then goes out and sells it to the business men at just about twice our regular rates, and seems to have little trouble doing it.

Uncle Geo. Cox, accompanied by Mrs. Talley, Mrs. N. D. Cobb, Mrs. Jack Durham and Buddy Cobb, left Tuesday morning for Fort Worth and Dallas where they will visit friends and relatives and attend the Fat Stock Show. Mrs. Talley will remain for a more extended visit.

Where to use this non-warping wallboard



In addition to new construction, Sheetrock is in great demand for lining attics, fruit cellars and garages; for dividing large rooms into smaller ones; for fireproofing around furnaces; for repairing old walls and ceilings.

Sheetrock is easy to erect—takes any decoration. Ask us for a sample and prices.

Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.

SHEETROCK
THE Fireproof WALLBOARD

BURTON-LINGO CO.

Lynch Davidson candidate for Governor for the last three years is already 'hollering' like a whipped pup. He admits Dan's announcement as a candidate for Governor has hurt his cause. It looks as if the millionaire lumber king occupies third place in the race to begin with. When Lynch saw he could not be elected two years ago, he jumped into the Ferguson band wagon.

Read our ad in this paper quoting prices on pillow cases and sheets. J. T. Dennis. 1tp

Just received a new shipment of Ladies Spring Hats. Patton's Variety Store, kent street. 1tp

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

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All Next Week in Big Tent Theatre

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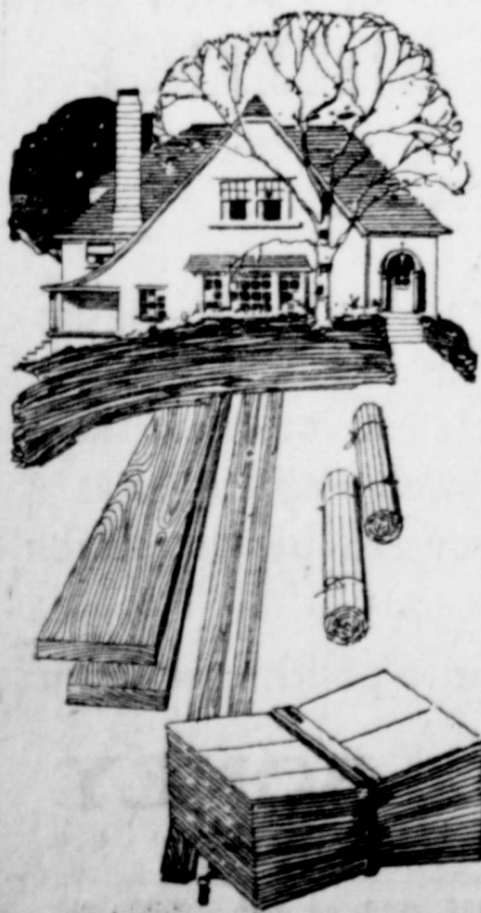
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You'll laugh. You'll Scream, You'll Giggle. A Show for the family.
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"Johnie's In Town"

One Lady FREE Monday Night with one adult paid tickst.

Doors Open 7:30 Show starts at 8:00
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Alabastine, Carey Blue Ribbon Paints, Linseed Oil, Valspar, Window Glass, Hardware, Screene Wire, Cement and Lime. Infact everything to complete a home.

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Established In 1881

Phone 62

Merkel, Texas

SERVICE AND QUALITY

Are the two greatest essentials desired and expected by the Automobile Trade of the times.

When you trade with us, are assured both of these essentials.

And the fact that we sell for **CASH ONLY**

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First Class mechanics and courteous treatment extended everyone having business with us.

BONEY'S FILLING STATION

THE TELEPHONE SEMI-CENTENNIAL

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company, while operating its own long lines system, does not actually operate and maintain the telephone service of the nation. Local conditions are different in the various sections of the country, and in the early building of the telephone business it was found that to render the best possible service local telephone companies should handle the telephone business of their particular communities. Hence the national telephone system is composed of a group of associated operating companies, such as the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, controlled by the parent company, yet autonomous in operation. These associated companies are linked by the long-distance lines of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, thus creating a combined and national system of communication.

That the telephone company is a national institution is shown by the fact that Bell System securities are owned by almost one million people, representing every state in the nation. About one-sixth of the employees of the company are stockholders, and in addition over 150,000 employees are buying stock under a special employee stock purchasing plan.

In March, 1876, there were two crude telephone instruments and by 1890 there were 211,503. There are now over 16,300,000 telephones in use in the United States, or one for every seven people. With but 6.35 per cent of the world's population, the United States has 63 per cent of the world's telephones. An army of workers is necessary for the operation and maintenance of so vast a system. Over 300,000 employees serve to answer the nation's telephone needs. Despite severe storms and other unavoidable acts of nature, an unbroken, nation-wide, conversational link is maintained by these workers whose labors reflect the spirit of service which is the ideal of the telephone company. First considered and used as a commercial asset, the telephone is now a national necessity, in town and country alike.

The mechanical features of the telephone have so changed in fifty years of progress that

the intricate system of 1926 has little resemblance to the early systems except in principle. The telephone instrument itself has developed from a crude, awkward appearing box into a neat, compact instrument, sensitive to the slightest sound. In all communities where the number of telephones installed is so great as to make an overhead system of wires impossible, underground wires are used, and so fine has the manufacture of wire and cable become that there are as many as 22,400 wires in each of the larger cables. The overhead wires of the long-distance lines are gradually being replaced by cable, the Chicago-New York cable being opened in 1925.

The central office of 1926 bears slight resemblance to the noisy offices pictured in early telephone history. Trained operators, seated at the multiple switchboard, note the flashing signal lights, and the work of making the desired connection is immediately done.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Last Tuesday morning the Seniors entertained in chapel with a radio program. The program was broadcast from station S-E-N-I-O-R in their Merkel High School Studio. Mr. Weldon Wells very skillfully tuned in and the program came in fine with very little static. The first number on the program was a song by the Senior quartette. The rest of the program was as follows: Reading by Lola Dennis. Harmonica solo, Dean Murray. Reading, by Lewis Giles. Saxophone solo, Eva Maye Johnson. Solo, Lewis Giles. Ukelele solo, Stell Ledger. Piano Solo, Juanita Beene. Several telegrams were received requesting that different selections be played. Station S-E-N-I-O-R signed off at 9:05.

Bro. Little made an interesting talk in chapel Wednesday morning.

—M.H.S.—
Miscellaneous
LOST—One date. Finder please return to Lewis Giles before

A Good Car Deserves Good Accessories

and good accessories are far more satisfying than those which are merely made to sell rather than render service. And speaking of Accessories—There is not a more complete line in Merkel than you'll find here. Our big Accessory Department has been built up on quality merchandise at fair prices, backed by a service that is unexcelled.

We are featuring the newest and the best in accessories for all cars. Bring your car around and let us show you through the line.

WEST COMPANY

THE MARK OF THE HOUSE FOR THE MARK
DEPENDABLE AUTO NECESSITIES

7:30 Wednesday evening and receive reward.

—M.H.S.—
Prizes were awarded to the following Merkelites who attended the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth: Messrs. A. J. Tucker, Charlie Largent, Joe Ben Ashby and Miss Mellie Gilbreath.

—M.H.S.—
Miss Eva Mae Johnson spent the week-end in Breckenridge with her parents.

—M.H.S.—
Mr. Delbert Polley spent a few hours in Trent, "all a mistake."

—M.H.S.—
Miss Kathleen Sudderth spent the week-end in Abilene with friends.

—M.H.S.—
Miss Bird: "Weldon, when did you change your name to Joseph?"

Weldon: "I haven't changed my name yet. You have to go to law to do that don't you?"

Miss Bird: "I don't know; I never did change mine."

—M.H.S.—
Miss Sudderth: "President Garfield was killed in July and died in September."

—M.H.S.—
A cat doesn't have anything on a man Mr. Summerhill knew in Colorado. According to Mr. Summerhill this man was found drunk and dead in an alley early one morning. He was cared for by friends and one year later he was found dead in an orchard.

—M.H.S.—
Blistered mouths and "cricks in the neck" are the injuries reported by those who have been to Fort Worth.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

KILL BLUE BUGS
AND ALL OTHER INSECTS AND KEEP THEM AWAY BY PAINTING THE INSIDE OF THE HEN HOUSE WITH **MARTIN'S ROOST PAINT** Feed Bug infested Chickens with **MARTIN'S POULTRY TONE** Guaranteed by Merkel Drug Co.

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At 6, 6½ and 7 per cent interest payable once a year. Terms 5, 10, 20 or 33 years, the best contract ever offered the borrower. NO RED TAPE. See me if you want a loan. V. E. MUIR, Abilene, Texas. 1Jan27

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Two Per Cent Reduction In Tax Effective Now

We Will Absorb Immediately on all Ford Cars the Two Per Cent Reduction in Tax Which Normally Does Not Become Effective Until Midnight March Twenty-Eighth. This Means That You Can Have Immediate Delivery of a New Ford Car and Take Advantage of the Two Per Cent Tax Reduction.

MERKEL MOTOR CO.



Today, March 10, 1926 The Telephone is Fifty Years Old

To-day, 290,000 Bell System employees all over the United States are wearing the emblem pictured above in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the telephone. Over 6,500 men and women telephone employees are displaying this pin in Texas

The first telephone conversation was held on March 10, 1876. Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor, spoke the first words heard over the telephone to his assistant, Thomas Watson.

The telephone transmitter used by Dr. Bell in 1876

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY





Sure-fit cap

Made-to-Measure Fit In a Ready-to-Wear Cap!

TIGHTEN or loosen if you like, when you like. Takes two seconds either way, with Sure-Fit's compact little concealed buckle and strap.

Feels like a custom-made cap. Looks like one. Wears like one. Custom-made in everything but price!

Yes — you can see the newest of new Sure-Fits now! **HERE!**

BRAGG DRY GOODS CO.

Ladies and childrens Spring Hats at Patton's Variety Store. Is your subscription about to expire to the Mail. Look at label on this paper and see.



When VEGETABLES are best!

RIGHT out of the garden of course! Decide right now while the urge of spring is in your system to utilize a part of your back yard or neighboring vacant lot for a "kitchen" garden. A space 25 feet square will produce wonderfully if the crops are planned right. And the seeds must be vigorous, clean and true to type so that every one does its full share. Northrup, King & Co.'s seeds have been popular with gardeners for forty-one years.

All standard size vegetable packets 5¢ No Better Seeds at Any Price

At Local Dealers



NORTHRUP, KING & Co.'s SEEDS

METHODIST CHURCH

The attendance at Sunday School and church services were better last Sunday than the Sunday before. We hope to see greater improvement next Sunday.

It is the privilege of all our people to enter upon the duties of the Holy Sabbath with a serious purpose, to assist others and improve in service. Is there a place in the community where the environment is more favorable to worship than that found in the Sunday School and the services of the church? It is different from all other places and should be so. We have a special place for you, your own place, and unless you are there to occupy it, it will be vacant.

We begin our revival meeting March 21, Sunday week. We believe that the time for the meeting is most favorable and the need of a gracious revival is great. We hope that all our people will make suitable plans for the meeting as well as personal preparation for service.

Baptist Sunday School Notes

It is hoped that every loving christian will be in the Sunday School of their choice next Sunday, March 14th, and especially do we hope and expect those who attend the Baptist Sunday school to be present. The Sunday school needs you; you need the Sunday school.

The Sunday school aims to help build strong christians, and lead the lost to the Saviour. You are in one of the two classes. Our school is graded; there is a place for everybody. Come and study with us about God and his dealings with man. Bill Haynes, Supt. Baptist S. S., Merkel, Tex.

As long s they last, will sell 7 bars of White Naptha Laundry Soap for 25c. Patton's Variety Store. 1tp

Idlewise Club

Mrs. Roy Largent entertained the members of the Idlewise Club in a very prettily planned all-day hospitality Tuesday at her home north of Merkel. Hyacinths and peach blossoms were in artistic arrangements in the entertaining rooms. Guests arriving at ten o'clock were welcomed into the living room where music and pleasant conversation were enjoyed. At the noon hour guests were invited into the dining room where they found their places at a beautifully appointed table by means of dainty place cards. A delicious two course luncheon was served.

In the afternoon several games of bridge were enjoyed. At the conclusion of the games, the hostess served a delightful refreshment of fruit ice and angel food cake. Dainty Tallies, plate favors and baskets of Easter candies emphasized the Easter motif and added further beauty to this unusually pretty party.

Guests were: Mesdames Warren Smith, Emmett Grimes, Earl Baze, Bill Haynes; Misses Christine Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Ruby Hamm, Mary Cleo Booth, Luck Tracy and Evelyn Hamm.

Junior B.Y.P.U. Program

For March 14th.
1. Intro., J. D. Ashby.
2. Stephen, D. O. Huddleston.
3. Stephen is stoned to death. Margaret Miller.

GOLD BOND SAVING STAMPS

Yes, we give 'em don't fail to ask for them when you trade with us. And when you come to think about it they are worth quite a bit to every one who secures them in making their purchases.

We want you to ask for them. and just to remind you, we will say that we handle—

"That Good Gulf Gas and Oils"
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We also furnish Free Road Service, Free Air, Water, Ect. and courteous and appreciated service for all our customers.

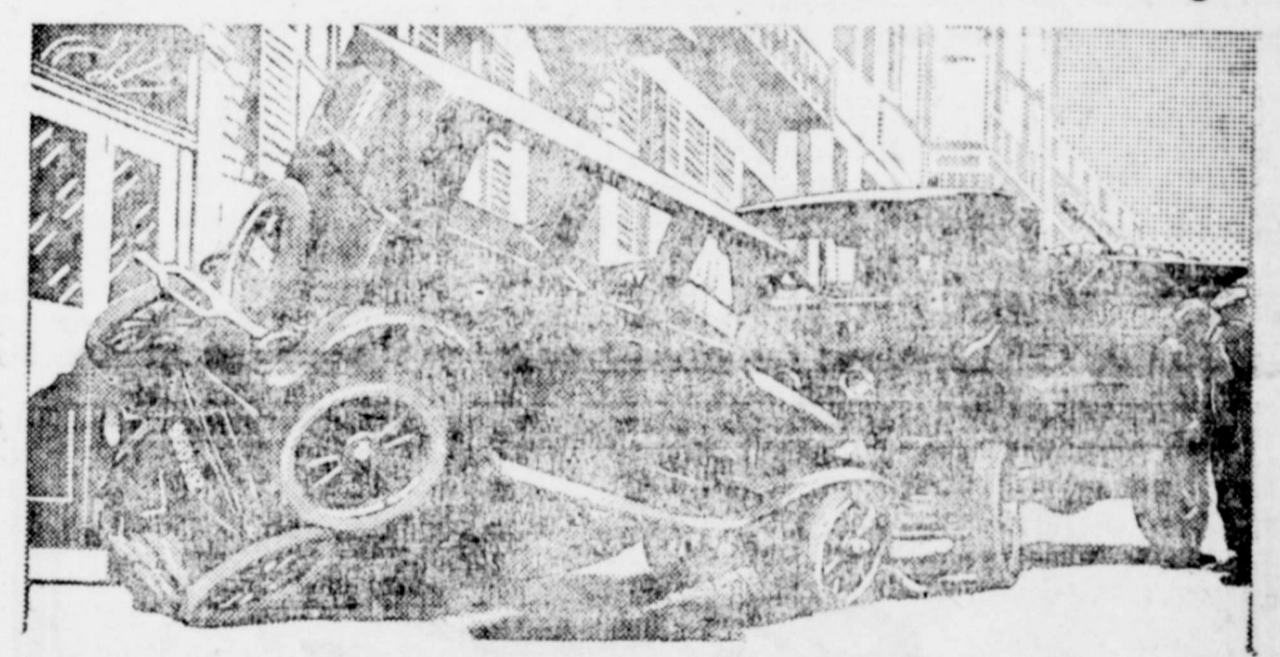
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Merkel Texas

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| 4. Phillip, Lois Simpson. | vin Parrack. |
| 5. Simon ask for the Power, Ruth Davis. | Miss Nell Swann is our leader now and all members are asked to come at 6:30 p.m. every Sunday and help us. |
| 6. Phillip goes to the Desert, Himalaya Swafford. | |
| 7. The Prince is Baptized, Al- | Try a Classified Ad in The Mail. |

"YOU ARE ENTITLED TO KNOW THE FACTS"
DODGE BROTHERS, INC.

Only STEEL could meet a test like this!



A Dodge Brothers Motor Car . . . A speeding truck racing down hill and out of control . . . A collision . . .

Take one look at this photograph. It is not pretty, to be sure, but it will convince any sensible man that all steel construction is the only safe construction for a motor car body.

Outwardly, nearly all types of bodies appear to be all steel. In reality, however, most of them are simply frames of wood covered by a metal shell.

That is why Dodge Brothers introduced the all steel body more than eleven years ago, and this year greatly improved and perfected it.

Dodge Brothers Motor Car bodies are steel through and through—steel reinforced by steel—battered and braced by steel—even the frames and running boards are steel.

In fact, Dodge Brothers are convinced that the day is not far off when wooden motor car bodies will be a curiosity. People will shudder at the thought of having ridden in them and will thank Dodge Brothers for the greater safety, durability—and beauty, too—of all steel construction.

And slender, stronger steel corner posts replace the customary bulky posts of wood, affording full, unhampered driving vision on all sides—a safety feature of the first importance!

A steel body will stand up under impacts that would crush the average body to bits. Steel cannot splinter. Steel cannot burn. Steel is an armor of protection on the crowded, hurrying highway.

Travel in safety! Powerful, quick-action brakes, a chassis world-famous for its sturdiness, and a body of steel—these explain the enviable reputation for safety enjoyed by Dodge Brothers Motor Car—and the enviable feeling of safety enjoyed by those who drive it.

The car will continue to be a "four". No reasonable buyer will be distracted from the issue of QUALITY by mere CYLINDER propaganda.

Touring Car . . .	\$921.00	Coupe . . .	\$972.00
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DODGE BROTHERS MOTOR CARS

GROCERIES!

Good things to eat in an abundance are very much in evidence here. Everything your heart desires in—

Good, Fresh, ..GROCERIES..

Come in and let us serve you, or you can wait on yourself. REMEMBER—

Quality and Prices must be .. RIGHT ..

Carson's Cash & Carry GROCERY



New Way to End Dangerous Cough

The most stubborn cough is relieved with the first dose, and is very often broken up entirely in 24 hours by a new method based on the famous Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs.

Here is the method. You simply take one teaspoonful and hold it in your throat for 15 or 20 seconds before swallowing it. The prescription has a double action. It not only soothes and heals soreness and irritation, but also loosens and removes the phlegm and congestion which are the direct cause of the coughing. So with the cause removed, the severest cough usually disappears quickly.

Dr. King's New Discovery is for coughs, chest colds, bronchitis, spasmodic croup, etc. Fine for children, too—no harmful drugs. Very economical, as the dose is only one teaspoonful. At all good druggists. Ask for



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We have those good Federal Tires and Tubes, the famous Mobiloil and greases, Pennsylvania Oils, Texhoma Gasoline. There's none better.

Genuine Ford Parts

Tube vulcanizing a specialty with us. Our Prices are right. We'll treat you right.

Give us a trial. Your patronage appreciated.

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BABY CHICKS

Strong, healthy, vigorous baby chicks from selected purebred fowls Leghorns, Barred Rocks, Reds, Buff Orpingtons 15c each and up. Custom hatching.

Higgins Hatchery
Route 1, Merkel, Texas Jan. 29

FOR SALE

FOR SALE or Trade for farm land, well improved sheep and goat ranch in Uvalde county, 1280 acres at \$12 per acre. Apply at Merkel Mail office. tf

FOR SALE—200 bushels Kasch cotton seed. 3 tons Maize heads. See A. B. Cranston, 4 miles northeast of Stith. 19t4pd

FOR SALE—Five 31x4.40 used casings and tubes and four wheels and five rims. Will fit Ford, Chevrolet or Overland. tf Merkel Auto Paint Shop.

FOR SALE—Or would trade, a good Ford truck. See J. S. Swann. 1tp

FOR SALE—About 2000 bundles of Maize at 5c per bundle, 5 miles southwest of Trent. M. R. Hale. 12t2

FOR SALE—S.C. Black Minorca Eggs, \$1.00 per setting at my place 2 miles north of Stith. I. V. Garrett, Merkel, route 4. 12t7p

COTTON SEED—I have a few bushels of Pedigreed Acala cotton seen for sale cheap. Seed may be seen at Garrett's barn. C. L. Tucker. tf

MAIZE—Good, bright, headed maize. See Vernon Horton, at the public scales. 1tp

Every one knew that some day a better oil stove would be developed. See the new NESCO Range at the City Furniture and be convinced. tf

TRAP NESTED Rhode Island Reds, thoroughbreds, range eggs for hatching, good type red hens mated to first cockrel Community Fair, \$1.00 per 16, \$5.00 per 100. Lee Baker, Merkel. 1t

FOR SALE—One John Deere 2-row cultivator, one 10-year old 2-rom cultivator, one 10-year old good work mare, weight about 1150, one coming four year old mule, well broke, about 14¾ hands high, and one double set of chain harness complete. Lee Baker, Medkel.

WANTED

WANTED—To sell 50 ladies spring hats, \$2.00 to \$4.00, at Patton's Variety Store. 1tp

WANTED—Man and team to plow sod land at \$4.00 per acre. Sam Butman, Sr. 12t3

City Furniture has new and second hand stoves, crockery, rugs, harness, furniture and refrigerators. Buy, sell and exchange everything. Joe Garland, proprietor. tf

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—A bunch of keys near the armory. Owner can get same at the Merkel Mail office by paying for this notice. 1tp

LOST—A kit of paper hanger's tools in an old leather hand bag. Leave at Merkel Mail or notify E. L. Wilson and receive reward. 1tp

—MOTHER—

"I will not forget you on Mothers' Day, May 9th. I will send you a nice box of Mothers' Day Candy." Call in and place your order now for Mothers' day Candy. Hamm Drug Co. tf

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WEALTHY YOUTH IS GIVEN LIFE TERM SENTENCE

Mason, Mich., March 10.—Arthur C. Rich, son of a wealthy Battle Creek manufacturer, was found guilty by a jury in Circuit court Wednesday of criminally assaulting Louise King, student

nurse, on May 25, last. Judge Charles Collingwood immediately sentenced Rich to life imprisonment in Jackson State Prison.

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Where Name Gamaliel Occurs in the Bible

Two men by the name of Gamaliel are spoken of in the Bible. The periods in which they lived were widely separated. The name of the first is found in Numbers 1:10. He was the son of Pedahzur, a prince or captain of the Tribe of Manasseh, and he is here mentioned in connection with the census of Sinai. He again mentioned in chapters 2:20; 7:54 and 10:23, the latter reference being to Gamaliel as captain of the Tribe of Manasseh at the starting of the Israelites on their march through the wilderness. The second Gamaliel was a Pharisee and celebrated doctor of the law, who gave sound worldly advice to the Sanhedrin respecting the treatment of the followers of our Lord. This will be found in Acts 5:34. It is also learned from 22:3 that he was the teacher of St. Paul when the latter was a young man zealously devoted to Judaism. He is generally identified with the very celebrated Jewish doctor, Gamaliel, who was the son of Rabbi Simeon, and grandson of the celebrated Hillel. He was president of the Sanhedrin, the great council of the Jews, during the reigns of the Roman emperors Tiberius, Caligula and Claudius.

Science Vainly Seeks New Sources of Silk

In spite of the enormous increase in the production of artificial silk, real silkworm silk is just as much sought after as ever, and is even more expensive than formerly. So much so that attempts have been made to find other insects to produce it.

Spiders have been tried, and other caterpillars besides that of the silkworm moth, but without much success. The oddest source from which silk has been obtained is a shellfish, a sort of mussel, called the "pinna" and found in the Mediterranean.

This creature fastens itself to the rocks with fine and very strong threads, which can be spun into lovely golden yellow silk.

But it is not likely that sea silk will ever be a commercial proposition. The thread is very short, the filaments being not more than three inches long. Also, it takes more than three thousand of the fish to produce one pound of silk. Yet a little is produced and worked in Sicilian coast villages.

The Judge's Retinue

Mr. Justice Sankey, in the course of a lecture in London on old-time judicial customs, spoke of the days when a judge had to be accompanied by the sheriff with a retinue of 200 men when travelling from Newcastle to Carlisle to protect him from the raids of Scotsmen who sometimes came over the border to take off the judge for ransom.

In the passing of time, the sheriff's got "fed up" with this expense, and asked the judges to accept dagger money in order to provide their own escorts. To this day the custom prevails in Newcastle of presenting the judge on circuit with dagger money, the sum being one golden guinea.

Study of Revelations

The book of Enoch is an apocryphal book, first mentioned in the Epistle of Jude 14-15 and quoted by Clement of Alexandria, Origen and Tertullian. It purports to be a series of revelations of God made to Enoch and gives a history of the kingdom of God and the secret origin of laws of nature. It was much quoted in Jewish and Christian writings during the first five centuries after Christ; but disappeared with the exception of a few fragments about 800 A. D. The book furnishes information concerning Jewish theology and speculation during the centuries immediately preceding the Christian era.—Kansas City Star.

Thought in Lower Animals

Just as the monkey or orang-utan behave and think precisely as men do, so we find many animals, birds and insects thinking, and it is this capacity to benefit by the teachings of experience, the cultivation of memories and the power to reason clearly, quickly and logically that enables them to find ways and means for securing themselves in comfort during the coldest days of winter.

They do this in innumerable ways, and many species appear to exhibit greater intelligence and foresight than man in preparing for the winter season.

Finest of All Oils

Watchmakers' oil, the finest of its kind in the world, is obtained from the jaws of the porpoise by the Passamaquoddy Indians, who live on the coast of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Maine. The jaws are hung up in the sun, and the oil as it drips from them is caught in cans, placed below. Only about half a pint comes from each jaw. The oil commands high prices, and in late years it has become so expensive that its use in the delicate machinery of lighthouses has been abandoned.

To Test Pearls

In Paris not long ago a group of the world's greatest pearl merchants watched a French scientist pour gently a handful of pearls into a tube containing what appeared to be water. Some sank to the bottom, but others floated.

"Gentlemen," the scientist said, "you will find that the pearls light enough to float in this fluid are natural pearls. Those that sink are cultivated Japanese pearls." says Popular Science Monthly.

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- Leader: Mrs. Warren Smith.
- 1. His name and nativity, by Helen Booth.
- 2. Barnabas believes in Giving

Lewis Giles.

- 3. Puts Confidence in Faith, Ruby Jo Higgins.
- 4. Barnabas, ambassador at Antioch, Mrs. Bill Haynes.
- 5. First Foreign Missionaries, Delbert Polly.
- 6. Making a man out of Mark, Fred Giles.
- 7. We may well imitate Barnabas, Yates Brown.

Womans Missionary Society

At the Methodist parsonage on last Monday afternoon, the Missionary Society entertained with a social meeting inviting all the lady members of the church. The committees on arrangements, previously appointed by the president of the society, had planned a very enjoyable program for the afternoon. Mrs. McSpadden, who was chairman of the program committee, in a very gracious manner conduct-

ed the program which was very interesting and pleasing.

At the close of the program, the acting vice-president, Mrs. George Brown, announced to those present that Mrs. Armstrong had been elected to fill the office of president which had been vacant for some time. Then Mrs. Armstrong, who had been hesitating about accepting this signal honor, stated in a few well chosen words that she appreciated the Missionary Society and all the work under this organization and that she would strive to do her best in the capacity of president and asked the support of every officer and member of the society that she might carry forward the work of the Society in every particular. Bro. McCarter then made a splendid talk on the work of the society making an appeal for every lady of the church to become a member of the Mission-

ary Society. During the social hour a delicious refreshment plate of sandwiches and iced tea was served to the guests by Mesdames Tom Largent and R. I. Grimes. Following are the names of those present: Mesdames: Clyde Sears, Robt. Grimes, L. A. Watts, Smith, L. R. Robbins, V. N. Ellis, E. P. Beene, Chas. Russell, Geo. Brown, Tom Largent, Walter Leach, T. A. Beidleman, Vaughn, Graham, Toombs, Eli Case, Laney, Richardson, Fred Guitar, Butman, M. V. Mitchell, W. A. McSpadden, H. M. Rainbolt, Armstrong, Pee, R. A. Martin, Thos. Durham, McCarter, and Miss Cora Lee Hulse and Bro. McCarter.

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News Taken from the Daily Papers

A headline in the paper says "In their war China won't fight on rainy days." They don't mind getting shot, but they won't get wet.

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Another paper asks, "Where does a Florida Real Estate man go in the summer?" He goes to California to his all-the-year-round home.

A newspaper asks "Why does a President of a concern always talk at the Company's banquets?" It's an incentive to the workers, who say, "If that's all he knows I may be President some day."

Another paper suggests, "The cheapest way to enforce Prohibition is to have everyone that drinks watched." Who is going to do the watching?

An article in a Business Man's magazine inquires, "What business in this country has the largest turnover?" Cucumbers for supper have the largest turnover, with Fords a close second.

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