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URGES EXTRA SESSION OF LEGISLATURE

Austin, Texas, Mar. 22.—An immediate special session of the legislature to validate road bonds and to intervene in the "war" between the attorney general's department and the highway department was urged here today by Representative P. C. Petech of Fredericksburg.

He severely criticised the high way commission for the letting last Tuesday of more than one million dollars worth of asphalt resurfacing contracts.

"Conditions in this state have reached a point where the Attorney General's department must spend the major portion of its time and energy undoing the acts of the highway department and with the executive department at the same time spending the people's money to restrain the attorney general, it is time that the legislature of the state stepped in and gives the necessary relief," he declared.

As a member of the 39th legislature Petech was an active supporter of the amnesty bill, restoring to James E. Ferguson, impeached governor, the right to hold state office.

Referring to the ruling of the United States supreme court holding invalid an Archer county district road bond issue, Petech said "at this time there is already hundreds of thousands of dollars tied up in litigation in this state by virtue of the district road bond ruling, and it is nothing less than a fair assumption to say that within 30 days the litigation will run into millions of dollars.

"The credit of Texas, the reputation of paying its honest debts—worth more to us, as far as concerns the development of our natural and undeveloped resources, than everything else—is at stake."

Petech charged the letting of resurfacing contracts was "a political measure, having as its purpose the vindication of the former commission."

CYCLONE DAVIS WILL SUPPORT DAVIDSON

Sulphur Springs, Texas, Mar. 23.—The following communication has been submitted by Judge J. H. (Cyclone) Davis of Sulphur Springs:

"Answering the press dispatch from Austin that I expect to be in the race for Governor, with gratitude to my friends all over Texas, I can say I would have gone into the Governor's race two weeks ago if I had not been a klansman. The official heads of the clan have publicly announced in good faith that they will have no candidate for State office in this campaign.

"Since Joe Bailey and Mayor Blaylock of Dallas have come out for the repeal of the eighteenth amendment, which means the return of the saloons, I am more anxious than ever to make a race for Governor. But, being a klansman, and well known as such, it would embarrass our leaders and might complicate matters and help to continue the enthronement of the wets, who are spending millions to destroy prohibition. Hence, I will not be a candidate, and will join with our leaders to try to prevent any klansman from entering a State race in this campaign. Since Lynch Davidson's opening speeches clear and sound on the prohibition question, as the case stands now, I expect to support him."

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

FINE RAIN FALLS HERE

Another fine rain amounting to one and one-fourth inches, fell here Wednesday night. This, with the previous rains, brings the total for the month up to two and three-fourths inches, the best this country has enjoyed for many years at this time of the year.

FIRST TRADE TRIP IS TO HODGES APRIL 2

Messrs. R. O. Anderson, Emmette Grimes, C. H. Jones, E. Yates Brown and I. L. Jackson, appointed at the last Luncheon Club meeting to make arrangements for and plan a program to be rendered at the first Business Men's Trade Trip, announce that all arrangements have been made and perfected to go to Hodges on Friday night, April 2nd.

This is new territory for the trade trippers, and will be the first trip of the usual spring drive, and as it should, will no doubt meet with the hearty approval and cooperation of every business concern of the city.

The members of the committee are live, energetic and enthusiastic young business men, and will arrange for a very fine program for the first trip. We understand the Hodges folks have assured all a very cordial and royal welcome. Let's all make arrangements to join the trippers. Everybody is invited. Full program will be published next week.

APPOINTED AGENT FOR OIL CO. HERE

Mr. Bill Sheppard, for some time a valuable employe in the Farmer State Bank, was this week checked in as local agent for the Pierce Petroleum Company, succeeding Mr. M. D. Angus.

Mr. Sheppard is well known and well qualified to conduct the affairs of the big oil company in this city, and will no doubt enjoy his share of the business in this line.

He has been connected with the best and most enterprising firms in the city for several years, and is well aware of the fact that a little "printer's ink" properly spread, will help considerably. We call your attention to his announcement in this issue of the paper.

Mt. Pleasant Revival is Now in Progress

We are informed that the revival at Mt. Pleasant, in which Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Merkel is assisting, is progressing nicely with both the interest and attendance growing daily.

Rev. Parrack, we learn, will be in attendance at the services in his own church Sunday morning, but will return to the revival meeting for the evening service.

Mrs. F. A. Polly and Miss Dota Garoutte, delegates to the Odd Fellow and Rebekah State meeting in Austin last week, returned first of the week, and report a pleasant trip and a successful meeting of the orders. While there they visited the State University, and, although they did not have the pleasure of meeting any of six boys attending that institution from Merkel, Miss Garoutte stated that the boys all had fine records.

DAN MOODY & MISS PAXTON WED SOON

Abilene, March 20.—Formal announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Mildred Paxton, to Attorney General Dan Moody was made tonight by Mr. and Mrs. George L. Paxton of this city.

The wedding will take place in the First Baptist church here at twilight on April 20, the announcement stated. Dr. Lee R. Scarborough, president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, an uncle of the bride-elect will officiate.

Miss Paxton is descended from a distinguished West Texas family. Her father is the president of the Citizens National Bank here and prominent in financial circles throughout West Texas. Her maternal grandfather was C. P. Warren, pioneer trail blazer of West Texas, financier and one of the leaders in the establishment of Simmons University here.

Though a social leader Miss Paxton has, for the past several years engaged in newspaper and publicity work. At one time she was society editor of the Abilene Daily Reporter. She is a graduate of Simmons, holds a M. A. degree from Texas University, and also is a graduate from the journalism department of Columbia university.

Simplicity will prevail throughout the wedding ceremony because of the recent death of close relatives of the Paxton family. No invitations will be issued but all friends are invited.—Abilene Reporter.

Miss Paxton, who is one of West Texas' finest, most accomplished and best known young ladies, is a niece of our fellow townsman and most distinguished citizen, Mr. J. T. Warren, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

NATION ENSHRINES LOST WAR HEROES

Americans thrill with patriotic pride when they hear the story of the Lost Battalion of the world war, the tensest, most dramatic, most gripping incident of America's part in the great conflict. To give the people of Merkel an opportunity to "feel" this epic action as they could not otherwise do, a motion picture faithfully reproducing this historic event with an interwoven tale of delightful romance is coming to the Cozy Theatre for two days starting next Monday.

The story of the Lost Battalion has become definitely part of the traditions of the American people. No sooner had the news of the superhuman resistance of this handful of men, completely surrounded by German troops in the almost impenetrable Argonne forest, been flashed to the nation than these men took their places at once as national heroes. The story of their dogged stand is as firmly fixed in the history of America as is that of Washington crossing the Delaware that winter night or kneeling in the snow of Valley Forge to pray while his men paced their sentry rounds with bleeding feet.

For six bitter days these heroes of 1918 clung to their hill-sides, galled by German fire from every direction, hugging the hope that relief would somehow come. Death lurked in every bush, behind every tiny mound. Out of the tree-tops the spiteful fire of machine guns hailed upon them. Nor was this all. Hunger, privation, the terrible agony of

BIG TRACTOR DEMONSTRATION HERE

The advantage of tractor power on the farm, not only in lessening labor but in reducing farming costs, will be demonstrated for farmers of this city on Saturday, March 27th, which has been designated as Fordson Day.

The demonstration, which is to be held one mile north of Merkel, will begin at one o'clock and all arrangements are being completed by L. B. Scott, local Ford dealer, in cooperation with distributors of equipment adapted to Fordson Tractor power. Farmers generally are invited.

Arrangements also are being made for an exhibit of farm equipment so that farmers attending the demonstration will have an opportunity of inspecting the wide variety of farm implements which may be used with Fordson Tractors.

The event promises to attract widespread interest due to the increasing popularity of power farming, for farmers everywhere are rapidly changing over from the old methods to the Fordson way of farming. Indications are that the coming year will see a remarkable advance in tractor farming and judging from the interest already manifested there will be many new Fordson owners throughout the agricultural districts of this locality.

Because of the versatility of the Fordson Tractor and the many uses to which it can be put, it is today the most widely used tractor on American farms. From plowing fields, sawing wood, operating a pump to furnish water for the farm house to generating electricity for lighting the home, the Fordson covers a wide range of uses on the farm. A number of these operations will be demonstrated during the exhibit which has been arranged for Fordson Day next Saturday.

OUR BIGGEST ADVERTISER HAS NO COMPETITION

The West Texas Utilities company is perhaps developing faster and growing more substantially and at the same time rendering greater and more satisfactory service to more people throughout West Texas than any other similar concern. They are almost without competition, and yet the West Texas Utilities Company is one of the greatest advertisers this paper has.

There is no question but what this company is giving the public better and more satisfactory service than any electric company ever did here. They are courteous and accommodating. And certainly they would not spend large sums in advertising if it did not pay them. If this is true, then, it would seem absurd to listen to those who declare it does not pay to advertise.

Mr. J. S. Swann, banker and ranchman, was called to Røby first of the week to attend the bedside of his brother, Dr. A. R. Swann. He reported his brother improving some.

Mr. J. R. Lamar, for many years a splendid citizen of this community, but now residing at Slaton, was here this week on business and incidentally shaking hands with his many friends.

wounds were worse enemies than German sharpshooters and machine gun nests. Then came a demand that they surrender—a demand met with instant refusal, a renewal of battle, rescue, victory.

Store at Noodle Burned

The general merchandise store of Messrs. Cox & Henderson, together with all goods, was destroyed by fire at Noodle about two a.m. Monday.

There was only about \$1,500 insurance on the goods, and the loss on the proprietors is quite heavy. The origin of the fire is unknown and unaccountable for. We have not learned as to whether Messrs Cox and Henderson will re-enter business. They were enjoying a very flourishing business, according to reports, and their loss is regretted by all.

LUNCHEON CLUB IS NEXT THURS. NIGHT

On account of the revival meeting at the Methodist church and some other important affairs, it was thought best by the members that the regular Luncheon Club meeting be postponed until next week, which will be held at Ed's Cafe at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, instead of 7:30 Tuesday evening. The next meeting will be an open business meeting, and president Henry C. West announces a number of important matters to come up for discussion, and therefore urges every one who possibly can to be present.

Especially since on the following day, April 2nd, Merkel's first Spring Trade Trip will be undertaken, it is important that every business man be present, that all will understand the plan for the trip. These trips have proved very interesting and profitable, and should have the cooperation of every business interest of the city.

ANNOUNCES FOR JONES CO. OFFICE

Mr. W. R. Sumpter of the Warren community, in Jones county, authorizes the Mail to announce him as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner in that county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

Mr. Sumpter is a progressive and influential citizen in his community, and is well qualified and capable of performing in a most satisfactory manner, the duties of the office of Commissioner. He has had considerable experience in road building, having supervised the construction of the Stith Highway in that county. He has also served in the capacity of City Commissioner at Marlin before coming to Jones county. He promises, if elected, to give his personal time and attention to the duties of the office, and will extend to one and all the same courtesy, with special favors and privileges to none.

We would ask our readers in Jones county to give his claims careful and fair consideration when casting their votes for County Commissioner in Jones county.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. McKee, of Honey Grove, left for their home Monday night, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler. They were very much pleased with this part of the country, they stayed to friends while here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Freeman were up from Clyde first of the week for a visit with friends.

METHODIST REVIVAL PROGRESSING NICELY

The Pre-Easter Revival, begun at the Methodist church on last Sunday, is progressing nicely with good attendance at each and every service, according to reports.

The pastor, Rev. W. R. McCarter, is doing the preaching and is pleased with the progress of the meeting thus far. He is ably and forcefully expounding the "old time, plain gospel messages" and as the interest and attendance grows there is every reason to expect great and lasting good as the result of his eloquent and logical Bible messages.

Two services are being held each day, one at ten o'clock in the morning and one at 7:30 in the evening. The meeting will continue on throughout next week.

Mrs. J. Samuel Rider, evangelistic worker and singer, is in charge of the choir and young people's work, and splendid music is being furnished during each service.

Pastor McCarter extends a cordial welcome to every one, and especially invites the attendance and cooperation of all Christian people of the city. He also urges that the church membership attend regularly and lend every cooperation possible.

H. E. CAMPBELL FOR PUBLIC WEIGHER

In this issue of the Merkel Mail will be found the name of Mr. Hugh E. Campbell, of Blair, as a candidate for the office of Public weigher in the Merkel precinct, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

Mr. Campbell has been a citizen of this community for many years, in fact he has been reared here, and is therefore well and favorably known by almost all the voters of the precinct. He has been engaged in farming most of this time, but has had experience as public weigher, having served at three different times at Blair by appointment from the Merkel office. He has had experience in the business world, all of which his many friends feel make him qualified to conduct the affairs of the office of cotton weigher in a capable and business like way.

Mr. Campbell promises that if elected he will give his personal time and attention to the duties of the office, and will give to one and all a square deal, with special privileges to none.

This paper urges that the voters of the precinct give Mr. Campbell's claims careful and due consideration when making up their minds as to whom they will cast their vote for public weigher in the Merkel precinct.

Mr. E. D. Coats, one of our local enterprising real estate men, who uses the columns of the Mail in advertising his business, informs us that he has just completed the sale of a tract of land of 1075 acres, which he recently advertised in this paper.

Misses Hazel Lee Rainbolt, Boog Sears, Iva Bragg, Mona Margaret Jones and her guest, Eleanor Moore, students of McMurry College, spent the past week-end with their relatives and friends here.

Today is "Double Stamp Day" at Brown's. 2 stamps on each 10c purchase.

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Baker & Wheeler will appreciate your patronage in fresh and cured meats of all kinds in season. Call on them for fresh pork, sausage, steak, cured meats, roasts, etc. tf

Come on down to Robt. N. Campbell's Cash Grocery and Restaurant, where you can buy it for less and get it delivered. Roast beef, yellow yams and Hot Chili. 19t2

CARLOS D. SPECK IS FOR COUNTY JUDGE

In the proper announcement column of this paper will be found the name of Hon. Carlos D. Speck, as a candidate for re-election to the office of county judge of Taylor county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

Judge Speck has been active and diligent in the performance and conduct of the affairs of the office of County Judge, and feels that with his past experience and knowledge of the duties incumbent upon same that he is more capable and better able to give the people of Taylor county better and more efficient service.

He has been a citizen of the county for many years, and his long residence, together with his official duties, has enabled him to become too well known to need further introduction by this paper, and then, too, his life and official record is an open book to every voter of Taylor county. If elected again, Judge Speck promises to render the most faithful service to the public of which he is capable.

And in conclusion, this paper would urge that the voters of the county give his claims careful and due consideration when making up their minds as to whom they should cast their vote for County Judge.

A PIONEER MOTHER 84, IS LAID TO REST

Mary W. Buchanan, born December 30, 1842, in Mercer county, Pa., was married to Henry W. Derstine in 1865. To this union six children were born, two children preceding her in death, and also her husband. She leaves two sons and two daughters, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Also 3 sisters and one brother. She was converted when young and united with the Methodist church, and has been a member of the Merkel church for about thirty-five years.

The sons and daughters left to mourn the departure of this good mother are: S. A. Derstine, and W. H. Derstine, both of this community, and Mrs. W. A. Harrison and Mrs. W. C. Lee, also residing near this city. There are also six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the home of her son, W. H. Derstine, conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. R. McCarter, assisted by Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church and Rev. Chas. H. Little, pastor of the Presbyterian church, with burial immediately after in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers were: M. R. Hale, O. A. Smith, T. M. Smith, S. G. Russell, O. R. Dye and W. Rountree.

WARREN NEWS

By Vera Jones

The farmers are beginning to plant their grain for the year.

All enjoyed the nice rains that fell Saturday night and Wednesday night.

The health of the community is good at present.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick visited Mr. and Mrs. Shouse of Trent Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris visited Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones Sunday night.

Mr. Oddie Jones visited Mr. Vernon Hudson Sunday.

Miss Lottie McCoy visited her cousin Miss Willie Numan of Merkel Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Vela Jones visited Miss Willie Newman Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Lottie Gressett visited Miss Ruth Chancey Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Ruth Chancey visited Miss Azline Sumpter Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gressett visited Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Criswell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Criswell visited their son, Mr. Albert

L. C. SCOTT, 92, WAS BURIED ON MONDAY

Funeral services for L. C. Scott, 92, of Buffalo Gap, were held from the Baptist Church of that place at three o'clock Monday afternoon. He died at his home there at 4:45 Sunday afternoon.

Larkin Clark Scott was a pioneer citizen of Texas, having come to this state from Tennessee in 1854. He was born in Bedford County, Tenn., December 28, 1834 and moved to Bell county, Texas, when he was 20 years of age. He was a Texas ranger under Captain Green Davis, located at Fort Phantom Hill in 1861. For four years he served in the Confederate Army as a member of the First Texas Cavalry.

He has been a member of the Masonic order for fifty years and held a life membership in that order. His record in the Baptist Church, to which he was converted by the preaching of the Rev. Z. N. Morrell at the Shiloh Missionary Baptist church in Bell county in 1856, has been one of faithful service for the past seventy years, and he was greatly interested in the building of new Baptist church at Buffalo Gap at the time of his death.

Mr. Scott took up his residence in Taylor county in 1905, and had lived at Buffalo Gap for the past five or six years. He reared a large family, and his wife and several children were at his bedside when the end came.

The above mentioned pioneer and good citizen of Taylor county, was the grandfather of Mr. L. B. Scott of this city, and this paper joins many friends in extending sympathy to him and other bereaved members of the family.

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We are glad to see Mr. J. L. Banner up and about after a ten days attack of the "flu."

B. C. Gaither left yesterday for Tuscola, where he will visit his daughter for a few days.

Criswell Sunday.

Mrs. H. C. Chancey and Mrs. G. E. Ellington visited Mrs. I. W. Mansel Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Criswell returned from Comanche where they have been visiting their relatives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For County Judge:
TOM K. EPLEN
LEE R. YORK
CARLOS D. SPECK

For County Attorney:
FRANK E. SMITH

For District Clerk:
BELLE WELLBORN

For County School Supt.:
M. A. WILLIAMS

For Sheriff:
H. T. O'BAR
JOHN BOND

For County Clerk:
W. E. BEASLEY
W. P. BOUNDS

For Tax Collector:
R. A. McCLAIN
EARL HUHGES

For Tax Assessor:
J. T. HOWARD
CLARENCE W. BOYCE

For County Treasurer:
AUSTIN FITTS

(Precinct Offices)

For Public Weigher:
THOS. A. BEARDEN
B. M. WILLIAMS
HUGH E. CAMPBELL

For Commissioner, this Precinct:
PHILLIP A. DILTZ

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Baptist Sunday School Notes

The last Sunday in March has been set apart by the Sunday school board as home and foreign mission day. On this day a special lesson is taught, a special program is rendered, a special offering is made in the in-

terest of these two greatest of our south-wide missionary enterprises.

Next Sunday is the day. Be sure and come and study with us this great lesson, taken from the missionary messages of the gospel of John.

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of the special program to be rendered and we know we will have something good.

At the conclusion of the program a special offering will be taken for home and foreign missions. Let all the children and adults bring an extra coin for this special offering.

We make an appeal to all those who love God and want to see his message of love carried to others, to get on the line for God in the Sunday school work.

Be there Sunday, be on time. Sunday school starts promptly at ten o'clock. All officers and teachers should be there not later than 9:45 a.m. If you're an officer or teacher and cannot be there please notify the Supt. of your department just as soon as you learn you cannot be there, so the substitute teacher will have time to plan the lesson.

Bill Haynes, Supt.

Will Preach Here Monday Night

Rev. Allie Erick, district Supt. of the Hamlin district, church of the Nazarene, will preach at the Nazarene church in Merkel, on next Monday night, March 29th, at 8:00 p.m. Everybody is cordially invited. R. B. Williamson, pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour.

On account of the Christian Endeavor convention at Abilene there will be no meeting of our Endeavors Sunday evening. We urge all of our young people to attend the meeting at Abilene, beginning Friday evening.

There will be a social meeting of the ladies auxiliary Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. F. West.

Choir practice Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

No evening service Sunday on account of the Methodist revival.

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Max Mellinger

Mr. and Mrs. John Cox of Abilene spent Sunday with Mrs. Cox's parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong.

Mr. Charles Rogers of Dallas spent the past week-end with his mother, Mrs. Maude Rogers.

Come on down to Robt. N. Campbell's Cash Grocery and Restaurant, where you can buy it for less and get it delivered. Roast beef, yellow yams and hot chilli.

—MOTHER—

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Ford

When You Trade Your Car—

Ford owners are continually being approached by automobile salesmen who wish to "accept" Fords as part payment on more expensive cars.

It is logical that automobile dealers should be eager to trade with Ford owners. No other used car is so easy to sell as a used Ford—because everyone has confidence in Ford quality. And it is not expensive to recondition, since Ford replacement parts are lowest in price.

Most automobiles carry greater discounts to dealers than the Ford—another reason why other dealers may offer the Ford owner a larger trade-in allowance.

But, bear these facts in mind:

The amount of the trade-in allowance you can get is *not* the most important thing for you to consider. *The big thing is the difference you have to pay.* And remember, that the higher priced car will not be so easy to dispose of when you come to trade it in.

If you wish to trade your Ford for a new automobile, stick to the car that you know to be dependable, useful and economical. Go to your Ford dealer!

He will give you a fair and liberal allowance for your present Ford and will gladly arrange payment of the balance to suit your convenience.

Original Ford Features that Today Make for Greatest Simplicity—Durability—Reliability

Torque Tube Drive Multiple Disc-in-oil Clutch
Dual Ignition System Planetary Transmission
Simple, Dependable Lubrication Thermo-Syphon Cooling
Three Point Motor Suspension

FORD MOTOR COMPANY, DETROIT, MICHIGAN

New Prices

TOURING	RUNABOUT	COUPE	TUDOR SEDAN	FORDOR SEDAN
\$310	\$290	\$500	\$520	\$565

Closed car prices include starter and demountable rims. All prices f. o. b. Detroit

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

I take this method of announcing to the people of Merkel and the surrounding territory that I now have the agency for the

PIERCE PETROLEUM CO. PRODUCTS

in the Merkel territory, succeeding Mr. Mack Angus and will appreciate a share of your business in this line. We will be glad to make

Quick Deliveries of any amount of Gas and Oils

that you may need.

The Pierce oils and gas are among the oldest and best of such products in Texas. We are very thankful for the business and encouragement already extended to us to begin with and will be grateful for any and all favors.

R. C. [Bill] SHEPPARD

Night Phone 24

Day Phone 27

Moses, was all right to give Israel a song and dance on the shores of the Red Sea when they had made a safe passage; but when thou wouldst lead Israel out of the land of bondage Thou gavest a man to lead, even Moses, the man of wisdom and character. Give us such a man! Yea, let a Daniel come to sit in judgment in this hour of our thrall-dom.

Give us a man! An honest and wise man to lead us back to the paths of righteousness which our fathers trod. Make us brave, so that the thoughts of bed-sheets and pillowslips will not frighten us and cause us to hide behind an abbreviated skirt any-more.

O Lord, our foolishness has made us shun Thy admonitions, and now we are covered with the ashes of shame, for didst Thou not say unto Eve: "thy desires shall be unto thy husband, and he shall rule over thee?" We tried it the other way, Lord, and now we are sorry. God, give us a man. Amen!—Sterling City News-Record.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail

HEBRON NEWS

Health of this community is very good at this writing.

The farmers all enjoyed the ran that fell Saturday night.

Mr. Mullens was cranking his car Monday morning and sprang his ankle. He has been suffering a great deal but was some better at last reports.

Mr. Oliver Carey, wife and little son, Elbert, spent Sunday night with his father, Mr. Carey.

Miss Mildred Matthews came home Friday night and spent the week-end with her parents. She has been attending C. I. A. at Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson have returned home from Cameron, where they had been visiting. While there Mrs. Williamson had her tonsils removed.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis and daughter, Alma, visited their daughter, Mrs. Lillie Barbee at Stanton, Texas, last week.

Those visiting Mrs. Matthews last Monday evening were Mrs. Matthews' mother, Mrs. Sears, her sister, Miss Eula Sears, and

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

We are now engaged in putting Copping (small curbing) around lots in the cemetery, and will be there for a few days only, and if you are interested in this kind of work, can make you better prices when there.

For particulars, see Chester Hutchinson or Perry Curb.

HUTCHINSON & CURB

CEMENT WORKERS

Mrs. Clyde Sears and children.

There wasn't any Sunday

school or B.Y.P.U. at the church Sunday on account of the rain that fell a Saturday night. The

Seniors will render the same B.Y.P.U. program that they

were to have had last Sunday

night. Everybody is invited to come.

We are glad to have the renewal of the subscription of Mr. J. S. Hutson, to the Merkel Mail, who lives on route four.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

The Merkel Mail

Published on Friday Morning by The Merkel Mail Printing Co. Thos. Durham, Editor-Mgr.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Taylor and Jones counties \$1.50
Anywhere else\$2.00
IN ADVANCE

TELEPHONE No. 61

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

Speaking about patronizing home institutions, if there are those who really owe their patronage to the home town merchants as much as any one, if not more, it is those who secure positions in the tax supported institutions of a city and community, and yet it is said that such persons really seldom ever buy their needs in the town in which they hold such positions, but go away to the larger cities. Yet they are willing to accept their salaries, which money is derived from taxation, and most of that coming from the business institutions of the city. The facts are that people who have such positions owe it to the community in which they are located to be loyal in their support of the local enterprises, and should really become a part of that community while they are residing in the same and making their livelihood from the tax supported institutions.

Nice fresh roasted beef every day at Baker & Wheeler's Market.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.



Mother often wishes you would make those alterations you have always planned. A few sheets of this rigid wallboard—a few hours' work with hammer and saw—and you have a storeroom or laundry, an extra room, a fruit cellar—all walled and ceiled with solid, vermin-proof, fire-proof Sheetrock. See us for Sheetrock.

Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.
SHEETROCK
THE Fireproof WALLBOARD
BURTON-LINGO CO.

LOCAL MERCHANTS WELL PREPARED FOR SERVICE

Owing to the fact that conditions in this immediate vicinity are as good if not better than for many years, the merchants of Merkel have this year purchased extra large stocks of goods in their respective lines and are therefore able to serve the trade well in every particular. When it comes to prices, quality considered, investigation will show beyond a doubt that the home concern can and does make the price as low if not a little lower than the same goods can be purchased from out of town concerns.

In fact there is not a town the size of Merkel to be found anywhere with better stores and mercantile concerns. Then when you buy an item from the home town merchant that does not quite suit you after you have taken it home with you, and you wish to return it or exchange it you have no hesitancy about the matter, and there is no argument from the home merchant.

Every town is maintained by the support and cooperation given it by the people of the town and community. In fact no town large or small can grow and survive without the loyalty of the people who, after all, make their town just what it is.

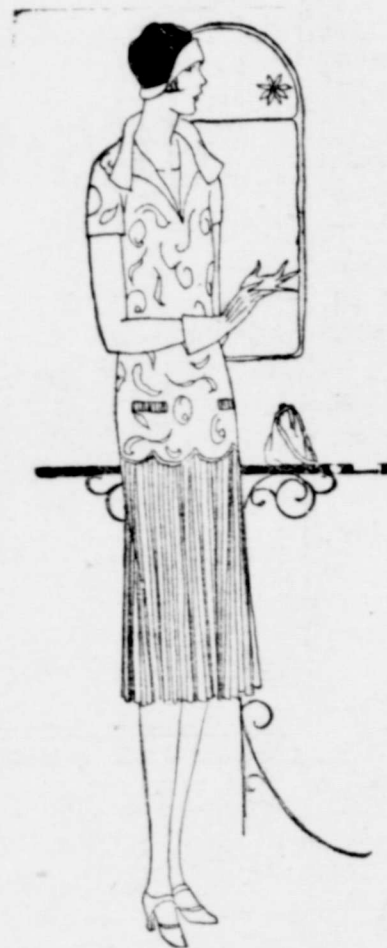
Just think of this. What would property, either city or farm be worth if it were not for the town. The better town the more valuable is the farming lands surrounding it. However, most Merkel people are really and truly loyal to their home town merchants, and rightly so.

GOD GIVE US A MAN

God, give us a man for Governor, even as Thou gavest Israel a man to be King—a man whom filthy lucre will not corrupt, and whom power will not make mad; a man who is big enough to visualize all Texas from the pine clad vales in the east to the cactus fields of the west, from the Red Line which separates us from Oklahoma to the Rio Grande that marks the boundary between us and the land of Montezuma, and deal equal justice to us all.

O Lord, the woman whom Thou gavest to rule over us is the same flesh and spirit of the woman which Thou gavest Adam for a helpmate. She has listened to evil counsel, even as Eve listened to the voice of the serpent; and listening, she has beguiled us. As Delilah sheared the locks of strength and wisdom from the load of Thy strong young man Samson, likewise this woman thru evil counsel has sheared us very close. She has LANHAMIZED our road fund and BURKETTED our road hands so that we are made ashamed of our foolishness.

O Lord, Miriam, the sister of



Spring's Newest Styles in Wear For Women

The answer is to be found in the display of new styles we are featuring. Combinations of materials and trimmings delightfully designed to meet the new trend of fashions for spring.

THE ACORN STORES Announce the Opening of a New LADIES READY-TO-WEAR DEPARTMENT

Situated on the ground floor—a beautiful sales room, suitable to the merchandise displayed, affording Milady the surroundings and environment she desires when selecting her apparel. In celebration we are displaying some beautiful Easter Dresses, Hats and Coats, bought especially for this event, and offered at prices that simply cannot be matched.

You Are Cordially Invited to Call and Inspect The New Department

—EASTER FROCKS OF SILK

\$8.95, \$9.95, \$13.95
AND \$14.95

—DRESSES BY ELFIE (New York) Featured at

\$34.95

—COATS FOR EASTER Featured at

\$13.95, \$16.95,
\$22.95 AND \$29.95

—THE NEWEST GEORGETTE DRESSES, Taffeta trimmed with all silk slips Featured at

\$13.95

—RAYON UNDERWEAR in new colors, Teds, Vests and Steppings at

95c, \$1.50, \$1.70, \$2.10

—RAYON GOWNS featured at

\$2.75, and \$3.00

Remarkable assortment of Ladies Purses and Bags, Patent Calf and Tapestry, plain and fancy, absolutely new and of best quality in design and materials. See them, they are moderately priced

—Our stock of Hosiery is complete in every detail. Prices range from Rayon Silk in the shades at 42c per pair to \$2 for the all silk chiffon.

Remember whethee you are ready to select your Easter things or not, you are invited to call and inspect our new quarters. Mrs. Willie Addington (daughter of Mr. W. F. Hamblet, a resident of Merkel) has charge of this department and Will be glad to welcome old friends here.

ALWAYS DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE AT PRICES THAT CANNOT BE MATCHED

THE ACORN STORES, Inc.

OF TEXAS

225 PINE ST.

ABILENE, TEXAS

PHONE 507

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The local declamation contest was held at the grammar school auditorium Tuesday evening. Artilee Simmons won the Junior girls; Tom Simpson, Junior boys; Deshazo Simpson, Senior girls; Lewis Giles, Senior boys. These winners will represent the Merkel schools in the county meet at Abilene Friday. Let every one give the boys and girls every encouragement and help to win in the county meet.

The senior class will present "Lady Wendemere's Fan" this year. This is a classic. It takes real talent to give this production. The class has unusual talent and we are sure this play will be rendered in a very satisfactory manner. The play will be given May 20.

Commencement will begin May 16 with a sermon to the class on Sunday evening. Programs will be given each evening the following week, closing with the graduation exercises Friday evening when the class will receive diplomas. Dr. Campbell, head of the English Department of Simmons University, will deliver the literary address. Definite arrangements have not been made yet about the baccalaureate sermon. The class has forty members this year and we are hoping that every one will be fortunate enough to receive a diploma.

Next week will begin the 8th month of this session. I am making an appeal to parents for co-operation in regard to home study. It is very necessary that your children do a great deal of study at night if you expect them to make good grades and receive promotion. No child in the Grammar grades can expect to make the grades that he or she should make and do no home study.

Report cards will go to pupils next Wednesday and I earnestly ask that all parents and guardians examine these cards in order that you may know what the child is doing. It seems that some parents give very little attention to the report cards of their children. Study these cards and check up on the work the child is doing.

Promotions in the Primary grades is based upon the ability of the child to read and not upon the fact that he has failed in only one subject. A child in the primary grades that can not read in a progressive, intelligent and easy way, may be retained. Reading is the basis for promotion in this department. If a child fails in two subjects in the grammar grades he may be retained.

Please see that your children do some home study before going to any attractions if you expect them to be promoted.

J. A. Summerhill, Supt.

FORD REDUCES PRICES ON ALL CLOSED CARS

Probably the biggest recent piece of automotive news is the Ford Motor Company announcement of reduction in price of the entire line of Ford closed cars.

The new price level is ascribed to the trend of closed car buying which has been rapidly developing. According to a statement by the company accompanying the announcement, this trend has reached such a high point that manufacturing economies have been effected and, in accordance with the established policy of the company, the benefits of these economies are passed on to purchasers of Ford cars.

Coming virtually on the heels of the sweeping improvements and refinements made in Ford cars last fall, the new prices mark the climax of a period of general ascending values. Less than six months ago, Ford bodies were completely redesigned to make possible a greater degree of beauty, driving ease and riding comfort. In line with this development, all-steel bodies were introduced together with closed cars in color and numerous refinements in the chassis.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of thanking our neighbors and friends for their kindness and sympathy extended to us during the illness and death of our dear father. We also wish to thank our friends for the beautiful floral offerings. May the Lord's richest blessings rest upon each of you is our prayer.

S. A. Derstine, W. H. Derstine, Mrs. W. A. Harris, Mrs. W. C. Lee. 1t

Easter Specials—Red Seal Gingham at 15c per yard. Silk Hose priced special. J. T. Dennis. 1tp



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This sign above our door is our recommendation of better tire service

It means that as Firestone Service Dealers we are committed to the policy of the world-wide Firestone organization in giving you "Most Miles per Dollar."

It means that we are headquarters in Merkel for Firestone Full-Size Balloons and Regular Gum Dipped Cords—the tires that are universally recognized as the standard of quality.

Look for this sign. Let us show you what's back of it!

West Company

Phone 59

MERKEL, TEXAS

Complete Stock of Ford Parts, Accessories

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard were over first of the week from Hamlin, completing arrangements for the moving of their household effects to that city, where they will reside in the future.

Miss Gladys Mayfield, student of Simmons University, returned Monday to Abilene after spending the week-end with her parents and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee of Hamlin were here last week-end visiting friends and relatives.

Misses Melba West and Evelyn Curb and Mr. Weston West, students of Trinity University, returned to Waxahachie Monday after spending a few days with their parents and friends here.

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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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.

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Michelin Tires and Tubes, Humble Oils and gas as well as the famous **MOBILOILS**

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

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I will have a car load of good Maize Heads in Merkel, SATURDAY and MONDAY at

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See me at Woodrum Hotel D. T. HOOPER



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Merkel Drug COMPANY S. D. Gamble, Mgr.

Fordson Power Demonstration and Exhibit

Saturday, March 27

ONE MILE NORTH OF MERKEL ON LARGENT ROAD

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INSPECTING THE LATEST EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN THE AGRICULTURAL LINE.

BEGINS AT 1 O'clock P. M.

Merkel Motor Co.

Miss Alice Summerhill had as her guest this past week-end, Miss Helen Hatch. Both are students of Simmons University.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Brittian of Abilene spent Sunday with Mrs. Brittian's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

W. L. Harkrider of McMurry College spent the week-end with friends and relatives here.

Miss Mildred Matthews, student of the College of Industrial Arts at Denton, spent a few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Matthews, and friends.

RED HOT SYRUP PRICES

"Cane Crush" Syrup, per case \$4.75
"Made on the Farm" pure ribbon cane \$3.90 per Case
"Sunny Land" Sorghum Syrup, per case \$5.10

With every case of syrup you buy, we will sell you 25 LBS. OF \$1.60 CANE SUGAR

Before you buy syrup of any kind, get our prices. We are overstocked. Got a red hot price on any kind of syrup you want from a quart to a case.

You will find our prices the lowest on any kind of groceries.

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**A HOTPOINT RANGE
ALWAYS ASSURES PERFECT RESULTS**

You know before you turn on the oven switch of your electric range just what the result will be—finer, lighter cakes, bread or pastry. More juicy, nutritious, tasty meats.

The Heat Control, which automatically maintains an even heat assures your turning out perfectly-cooked food without constant attention

Electric cookery also saves an infinite amount of kitchen work. It creates no dirt, soot, ashes, smoke or grease to discolor cooking utensils and kitchen walls, ceilings and curtains. There is no wasted heat to make the kitchen stuffy and uncomfortable.

These features and numerous others which an examination of our various styles of ranges will disclose to you, make an electric range essential in every modern home. Come in and let us demonstrate the superiority of Electric Cookery.

**West Texas Utilities
Company**

**METHODIST REVIVAL
NOTES**

We greatly appreciate the work of the young people of the Methodist church and their interest shown in their meetings each evening at 6:30, under the direction of Mrs. Rider, well-known evangelistic singer. The music of the booster choir and the senior choir has been very effective.

We were favored Tuesday evening with a group of musicians from the McDowell Club of Mrs. Rider's class from Abilene, which we enjoyed very much and hope to have them with us again soon.

Mrs. Rider requests that the parents cooperate with her in building the service of our young people. 1. Let's be on time. 2. Lessons prepared. 3. Songs memorized. 4. Loyalty to each side. Much interest has been shown in the contest between the blues and yellows of the booster choir.

Idlewise Club

Misses Evelyn and Ruby Hamm were hostesses to the members of the Idlewise Club at an unusually pretty Easter party on Tuesday. Auction Bridge was the happy diversion of the afternoon, and at the culmination of the games a delicious salad plate was served. The club members were very happy to have as their guests, Misses Iva Bragg, Mrs. Robert McBean of Cisco, and Mrs. John Cox of Abilene. Club members present were Mesdames Jack Durham, Roy Largent, Bill Haynes, Emmet Grimes, Sie Hamm, Warren Smith, Bill Brown, Earl Baze, Misses Mary Cleo Booth, Mary Eula Sears, Christine Collins, Lucy Tracy and the hostesses.

**Elder Cypert Preaches
Here Next Sunday**

Elder W. G. Cypert announces that on next Sunday he will preach at both the morning and evening services at the North

Side Church of Christ.

He extends a cordial welcome to one and all to hear him, and especially urges the members to be in attendance.

Renew your subscription to the Merkel Mail before it expires

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

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SERVICE

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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CLASSIFIED ADS

BABY CHICKS
Strong, healthy, vigorous baby chicks from selected purebred fowls Leghorns, Barred Rocks, Reds, Buff Orphingtons 15c each and up. Cus tom 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—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 cot-

ton seen for sale cheap. Seed may be seen at Garrett's barn. C. L. Tucker. tf

FOR SALE—1922 Ford touring in good shape. Apply at the Merkel Mail.

FOR SALE—One year Mebane Cotton Seed. Guaranteed first year and to be good. C. A. Duncan, Trent, route two. 26t2

FOR SALE—100 bushels of first year Cluett cotton seed at \$1.00 per bu. George Byrom, Jr., on Sweetwater creek. 26t4p

FOR SALE—1 John Deere 2-row cultivator, 1 John Deere 2-row planter, one 10-year old good work mare, weight about 1150, 1 coming 4-year old mule, well broke, about 14 3/4 hands high, and one double set of chain harness complete. Lee Baker, Merkel, Texas. 1tp

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. 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

FOR SALE—First year run Mebane triumph cotton seed at \$1.50 per bu. My seed last year were direct from the Mebane sales agency. See or write V. P. Byrom, Trent, Route 2. 26t2p

FOR SALE—Second hand windmill at a bargain. G.W. Boyce. 1t

WANTED

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

WANTED—A few more milk customers for evening service. Mrs. R. L. Proctor. 1t

WANTED—Farm hand. Sam Butman, route five. 1t

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—One mud lug, somewhere on route No. 2. Finder please return to J. Ben Campbell. 1t

FOUND—A key ring and three keys. Owner can get same at this office by paying for this notice. 1t

FOUND—A ladies gold bar pin on the streets. Owner can get same by calling at George Tallens Hamburger Stand. 1t

Nice fresh roasted beef every day at Baker & Wheeler's Market. tf

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

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**February
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January, 1926 was the greatest January in Dodge Brothers history.

Yet February, with actual retail deliveries of 18,516 cars surpassed it by 24 per cent!

Midsummer business in a month of Winter Storms!

A \$10,000,000 investment in new buildings and equipment has brought new high production records but still there are indications of a serious shortage.

The time to buy is NOW.

For the car is better than ever before—and the price astonishingly low.

Touring Car . . .	\$921.00	Coupe . . .	\$972.00
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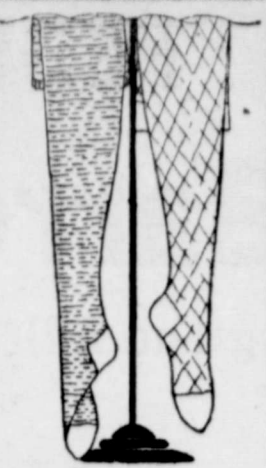
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160 acres of fine land, four miles north of Stith, well improved, plenty of fine water, windmill. Offered for less than it is worth, so as to settle an estate.

169 acres three and a half miles west of Merkel on the highway. This is not a first class place, but is more than worth the price asked, \$12.50 per acre.

560 acres five miles south of Trent. This is sure enough a bargain, 75 acres good farming land, plenty of good water, fine grass land, well fenced and offered at \$6.00 per acre.

I also have 160 acres good sandy land farm, one mile and a half north of Trent, on public road, fairly well improved, every foot can be cultivated, some Johnson grass, at a bargain of only \$35.00 per acre. Also have other farm lands and ranches.

E. D. COATS. 1t

CROSS ROADS ITEMS

The farmers are all rejoicing over the good rain which came Saturday night and are preparing to plant.

Bro. Sibley spent last Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Dee Teaff.

There were not very many out at church Sunday morning on account of the rain Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. West, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Teaff visited Mr. and Mrs. Leon McMen Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bigham have moved into their new home. The W.M.U. will meet with Mrs. Rex Holder the 30th of March.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. York, who moved to Mountain Home, Ark., in December, have moved back

to Texas and settled near Cross Roads.

Mrs. R. F. England and Mrs. Walter Hammonds was in Abilene last Tuesday shopping.

Mrs. Arch Teaff came home Tuesday from the Baptist hospital and is getting along fine.

Mrs. E. W. King, who was operated on last Friday is doing fine at this writing.

Mrs. L. W. York visited her mother, Mrs. Malone, Tuesday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs. Garland Teaff and children spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Teaff.

See the "Live Model" in our window and guess the number of stamps in her dress. The Brown D. G. Co. 1t

The BULL'S EYE

Editor and General Manager
WILL ROGERS



You Can't Smoke History

A fellow from Carolina wants to know where I get the idea that "Bull" Durham and George Washington come from the same state. He says, "Why don't you write and give the people the real History of 'Bull' Durham in its native State, South Carolina, that people would appreciate that more than these Bull Legends of yours."

Now thanks, Sir, for your good-natured suggestion. If I knew History I wouldn't be able to write "Bull" Durham Ads. I would be a College Professor, get everything right, and get nothing for it. Everything you suggested me telling the public about when and where "Bull" Durham originated, has been told for 66 years by typical Advertising writers. That's the only thing the Company asked of me was "please don't tell again where it came from, or how." You see you didn't read their Ads, but you did read mine and remembered it, because it was wrong.

Writing Ads that will be remembered is a queer game. This is an Ad, not a History. I selected Ads over History on account of the pay. (American Tobacco Company's pay is as good as its tobacco.) Where "Bull" Durham comes from or where it goes to is left for the starving Historian.

Will Rogers

P.S. You notice I named in this article the WRONG Carolina. That's so North Carolina will get sore because I named South Carolina, and South Carolina will get sore because I didn't name North Carolina. A true Southerner never forgets.

P.P.S. There will be another piece in this paper soon. Watch for it.



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Below are the names of a few of his many satisfied patients in Texas:

Mrs. J. T. Tucker, Clarksville, gall bladder.

Mrs. J. H. Weiser, Lexington, heart trouble.

R. A. Schumann, New Braunfels, headaches.

Mrs. Henry Wirthorn, Crawford, anthritis.

H. A. Newton, Cross Plains, gall stones.

Mrs. H. D. Brown, Burkburnett, rheumatism.

Mrs. C. T. Kaiser, Humble, gall stones.

H. G. Fenske, Riesel, appendicitis.

Remember above date, that consultation on this trip will be free and that his treatment is different.

Married women must be accompanied by their husbands.

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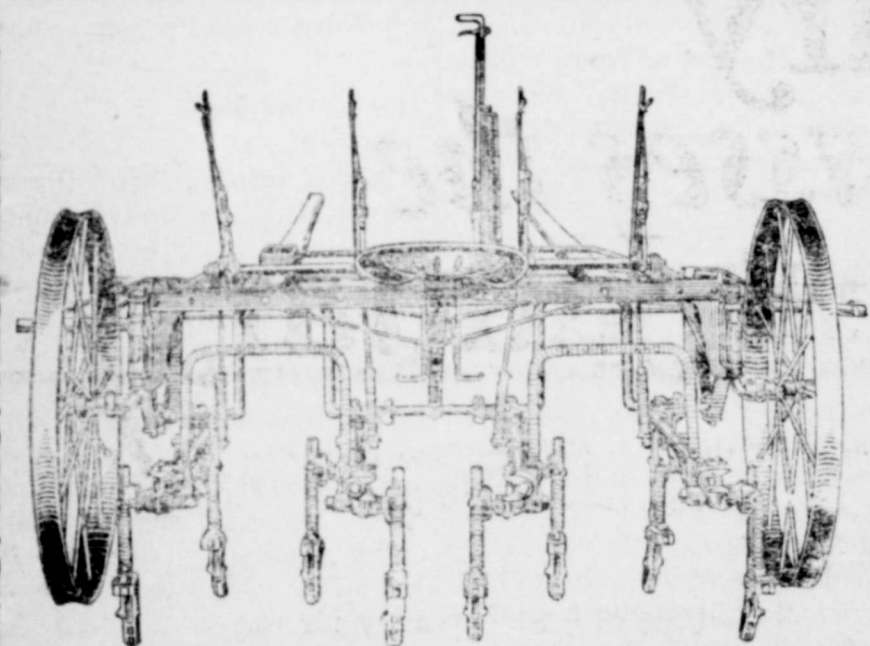
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India Tires and Tubes, none better, Good Gulf Gasoline, and Oils. Also Mobil Oils and Humble Oils.

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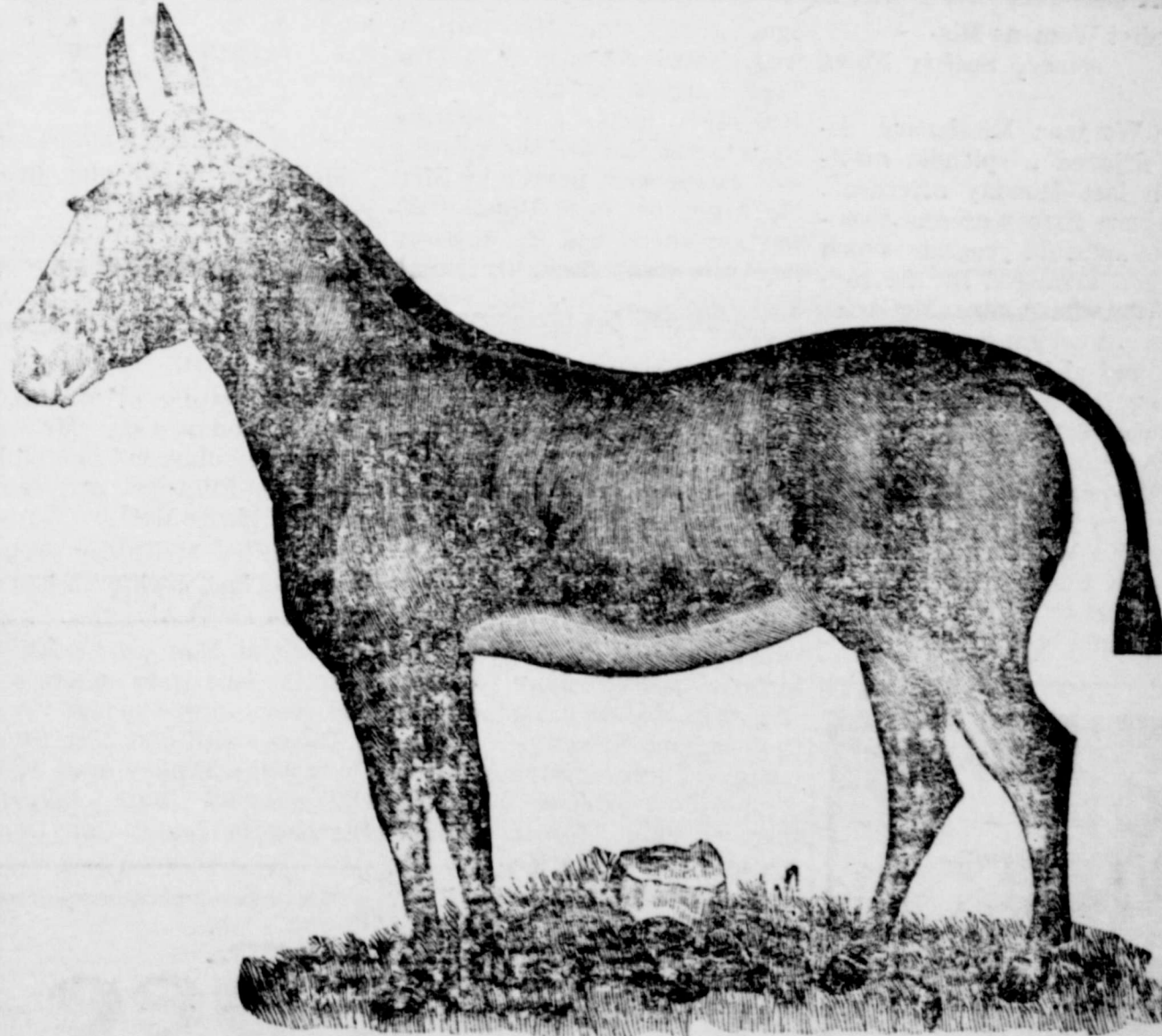
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will take in your old single rows at good prices.

Terms, cash, part cash or all on fall time
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ABILENE, TEXAS, SATURDAY, MAR. 27
SALE STARTS AT 1:30 P. M.

We will sell at public auction 25 good young WORK MULES

THIS IS A REAL SALE

TELL YOUR FRIENDS.

BRING YOUR NEIGHBORS

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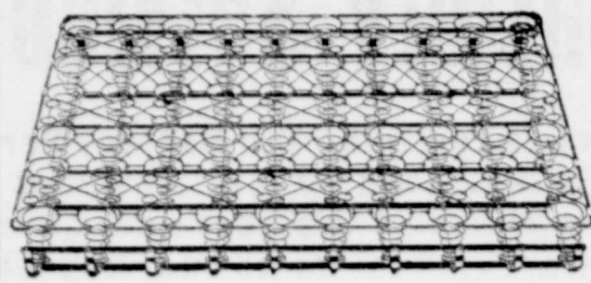
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J. G. LUTZ, Liberty, Mo.

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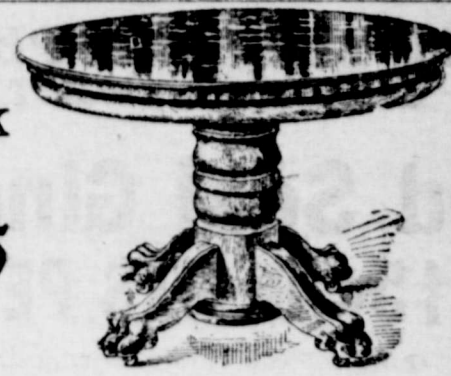
In order to clean house of all surplus merchandise we are offering the following goods at greatly reduced prices



We find that we have too many Springs of the better kind. A good heavy, steel frame with ten steel slats. Several styles to select from. priced at **\$5.75** and up

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Fumed Oak and Golden Oak in sizes from 6x42 to 6x54 Specially priced at **\$12.75** and up



EXTRA SPECIAL IN BEDS

We have quite a number of high grade Iron Beds, in the new wood finishes. Cane panel head and foot boards. These are nice enough to go with any bed room furniture you might have.

Very specially priced at **\$11.75** and up

ODD CHIFFONIERS, Mahogany finish. Extra quality. Priced **\$16.75** and up

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One six piece suit, consisting of, Table, Side Board and Four Chairs, table slightly damaged. priced special at **\$16.75**

We have only mentioned a few of the many odd pieces we are offering at greatly reduced prices. We invite you to visit our store in the next few days and see the many bargains we are offering. In addition to the above priced articles, we are making special prices on all Dining Room Suits. See our prices.

Automatic Refrigerators. The kind that really gets cold and stays cold. The first cost of a refrigerator should not be considered, but be sure you get one that will economize on ice and keep the food pure and cold. An "Automatic will do all this, and more. Prices are very reasonable.

WE GIVE 2% GREEN STAMPS ON ALL CASH PURCHASES

BARROW FURNITURE COMPANY

Methodist Womans Missionary Society Notes

The Womans Missionary Society enjoyed a splendid meeting on last Monday afternoon. There were fifteen present to enjoy the splendid program which had been arranged by the program committee. Mrs. McCarter gave a very impressive Bible lesson and also conducted the program for the afternoon. At the close of the program the president found it necessary to have a short business session. As the time for the annual meeting of the Womans Missionary Society of the Northwest Texas Conference is near at hand, it was thought best to elect a del-

egate at this time. Mrs. Butman was elected delegate with Mrs. Tom Largent as alternate. A few other matters of business were transacted and the meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. McCarter. On next Monday afternoon there will be a lesson from the study book, "Life as a Stewardship," using the second chapter for a lesson.

PRAISED FOR "ACTING"

Burton King, who directed "The Lost Battalion" showing at the Zozy Theatre next Monday and Tuesday, declare recently that he found the members of the world famous Lost Battalion who re-enacted the scenes in the historic "pocket" more tractable and amenable to discipline than the paid movie actors in the picture. These surviving heroes of the most sublime episode of the war simply forgot themselves and threw caution to the winds in their endeavors to make the stirring scenes resemble the real events according to Mr. King. Many of them suffered bruises and several were incapacitated from their strenuous efforts to render the scenes realistic and life-like.



Night Coughing Relieved At Once

Why suffer continually from a persistent, weakening night cough when you can get almost instant relief, and usually break the cough completely in 24 hours by a new method based on the famous Dr. King's New Discovery? Here is the method: You simply take one teaspoonful and hold it in your throat for 15 or 20 seconds before swallowing it. It has a double action. It not only soothes and heals irritation, but also removes the phlegm and congestion which are the real cause of the coughing. As a result even the worst 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



Epworth League Program

Subject: "Jesus' Triumphant entry into other lives."
1. Song. 2. Scripture lesson. 3. Prayer. 4. Scripture comment, W. A. Whitely. 5. Song. 6. Not hearers only, but doers.
a. Dahlia Watkins.
b. Thelma Leach.
c. Lola Mae Riddle.
7. Reading, Artie Lee Simmon Benediction. Time 5:30 p.m.

Easter Specials—Red Seal Gingham at 15c per yard. Silk Hose priced special. J. T. Dennis, 1tp

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

COMPERE NEWS

By Alma Stout

Health of the community is very good at present.

Singing at the Presbyterian church was well attended Sunday night. Also a large crowd was out to the B.Y.P.U. at the Baptist church.

Those visiting at Mrs. S. A. Hobbs' Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hobbs and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ellington and family and Mr. Hollis McCoy.

Miss Floy McKinney spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Pearl Allred.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Milliken from Abilene were visitors in this community Sunday.

Those visiting at Mrs. Stout's for a while Sunday were Misses Ollie Hobbs, Rose Ellington, Blanche Randolph and Donnie

Bass, and Messrs. Matt Randolph Jasper Hobbs, E. C. Tarvin, Jake Goolsby and Elvin Randolph.

Miss Ella Hobbs spent Tuesday with Mrs. Ellington in the Warren community.

Some from here attended the play at Truby Friday night.

Mrs. Alta Howard and children spent the day Wednesday with Mrs. Delma Tarvin.

Some of the young folks from this community attended the tent show in Merkel last week.

Mr. E. W. Bland and daughter Stella, motored to Merkel Monday.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs spent Tuesday with Mrs. G. W. Stout.

Mr. and Mrs. Clemmer and children and Mr. E. W. Bland and family attended preaching services at Hope Sunday morning.

Alma Stout spent Saturday night with Miss Ollie Hobbs.

A large crowd attended preach-

ing at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon. There will be preaching next Sunday morning at eleven and also Sunday night by Bro. Bryant. Sunday school at 10 a.m.

Miss Dorris Durham, accompanied Miss Mildred Matthews on her return to Denton, after she had spent several days here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Matthews. Miss Matthews is a student in the College of Industrial Arts at Denton, and Miss Dorris will inspect the school while visiting there, having in mind becoming a student there next September.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Groene, of Bastrop, Texas, are announcing the arrival of a baby daughter, born last Sunday week. Mrs. Groene was Miss Nell Holloway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway of Merkel.

A Word from Parmer County

The Merkel Mail, Dear Editor:

A few words from Parmer county. This is a pretty country. It is settling up fast. I think most anything can be grown here successfully except cotton, and some have had very good luck with cotton. Though this is not like home to me, I long to be back in old Jones county and at Merkel, and shake hands with my old friends. I certainly enjoy reading the dear old Merkel Mail. Mrs. J. H. Grayson, Friona, Texas.

—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. 1f

See The Live Model

IN OUR WINDOW FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Remember to-day is "DOUBLE STAMP DAY" at BROWN'S TWO STAMPS WITH EACH 10c PURCHASE

EASTER---is rapidly approaching, the time everyone wants to look their best. Our stock was never more complete with beautiful Spring Merchandise.

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"The Green Stamp Store"