

IMPORTANT ELECTIONS APR. 3 AND 6

On tomorrow, Saturday, April 3, there will be held an election for school trustees of the Merkel Independent School District, with three to be elected. Those whose terms expire are Mr. H. C. West, A. T. Sheppard and Dr. R. I. Grimes. Messrs. West and Sheppard have been on the board for a number of years, and have been very faithful and efficient members. They state positively that they will not be candidates for re-election. Dr. Grimes, who is serving by appointment, having been appointed to take the place of Mr. A. C. Rose, has only served a short time. Dr. Grimes is indeed an able member of the board and his friends announce that his name will be among those on the ticket next Saturday.

Since writing the above, friends of Messrs. Robert Hicks and H. L. Propst have requested the Mail to announce their names as candidates for places on the school board. Both gentlemen are successful business men, good honest citizens, well qualified for the positions, and this paper trusts that their claims will be carefully weighed when voting for school trustees tomorrow.

The old members of the board, whose terms do not expire until next April are W. O. Boney, R. O. Anderson, S. D. Gamble and Thos. Durham.

On next Tuesday, April 6, there will be held in this city an election for City Aldermen. This is a very important matter and should be given careful consideration by the citizenship of Merkel. Good, honest, progressive men—men of civic pride—should be elected for the reason that more than ever, perhaps, there is need of men who will help to keep our city in its place with others as regards permanent, consistent progress.

However, in our efforts to elect our particular favorite, let us not forget the fact that our neighbor and friend has the same right to his opinion, even though they may differ much from ours. Let's be just and sensible. Let's accord our neighbor the privilege we take—that of voting as we please—a privilege that every American should be proud of.

FIFTY-NINE YEARS AGO

Folks boiled coffee and settled it with an egg.

Ladies rode side saddles.

Little Johnnie wore brass-toe boots and daddy wore brogans.

When the preacher told the truth the people said amen.

Left-over noon vitals were finished at supper.

Neighbors asked about your family and meant it.

Merry-go-rounds were called flying jennies.

It took twenty minutes to shine shoes with Mason's blacking.

Ladies' dresses reached from their neck to their heels.

People served pot licker instead of canned soup.

Only crooks on record were lightning rod agents.

Indigestion was called plain bellyache.

The neighbors got fresh meat at hog killing time.

Cotton seed was considered a good fertilizer.

And men made the same wife do a life time.—Exchange.

Mrs S. L. Penney, of Clyde, was here last week, a guest of her sister and brother, Miss Rennie and Ocie Burns.

BUSINESS MEN OF COUNTY WILL MEET

A meeting of the Taylor county bankers and business men is to be held at Abilene Friday, April 2, at 11 a. m. in the office of the Chamber of Commerce. This meeting is a result of a similar gathering held here the first of February, at which it was requested that another be called in sixty days.

The object is to consider problems of agriculture in Taylor county and to try to work out an agricultural program whereby this may be made the banner farming county of Texas. As definite propositions, the meeting will attempt to make arrangements to bring in two or three car loads of gifts. Another object will be to put in every rural home in Taylor county an agricultural magazine.

The meeting will be attended by Mr. Williamson, of Texas A. & M. College, C. C. French of the Fort Worth stock yards company, and R. Q. Lee, Cisco, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, besides local men, and delegates from other towns over the county.—Abilene Daily Reporter.

SCHOOL PLAY AT COMPERE TONIGHT

Compere school boys and girls have been working hard to put their best into a school play, "An Early Bird," which will be given tonight, Friday, April 2, at the school house.

All of Merkel and the Merkel community is invited to come out and spend the evening with us. We will guarantee that you will laugh and go away feeling that you have helped a worthy school in lending your support and money.

We are very anxious that you see the beautiful stage curtains that the merchants of Merkel were so kind and generous in helping us to install by taking advertising space on it.

Especially do we urge those business men to drive out, who took the spaces on the curtain. You will have the opportunity to see it being used for the first time.

Compere folks are fully aware that it is to their advantage to work with Merkel and Merkel Luncheon Club in the upbuilding of our communities. We are willing at all times to do our best in helping in all forward movements in and around Merkel, therefore we are expecting a boost from Merkel in your attending our school play tonight.

The admission will be 25 cents for adults and ten cents for school children.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special music and sermon Sunday morning. The music and the sermon will both deal with the hope that comes through Joseph's empty tomb. The pastor will speak Sunday morning on "Proofs of His Resurrection."

No evening preaching, but all other services for the day and for the week.

The Lord's supper will be observed at the morning hour.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

We are grateful to Mr. J. S. Bickley for the renewal of his subscription. He has just recovered from an attack of "flu" which confined him for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell and daughter, Miss Mary, spent last Sunday at the Whitenburg ranch near Sweetwater.

METHODIST REVIVAL STILL PROGRESSING FOR RE-ELECTION AS ALDERMEN OF CITY

Notwithstanding the fact that there has been almost a week of continuous bad weather, the revival at the Methodist church has continued with but little interruption. The pastor, Rev. W. R. McCarter, is delivering at each and every service interesting and soul-stirring messages, and already there is much evidence of a general spiritual uplift among those attending. At one service eight young people consecrated their lives for special service for the Lord.

The meeting will continue on until next Sunday night, with two services each day, at ten in the morning and seven-thirty in the evening. On next Sunday it is expected that the largest crowd for the entire time will be present as the Sunday school is planning to have 500 present for that service alone.

The song service and young people's work is being ably directed by Mrs. J. Samuel Rider, and much good is being accomplished.

The pastor, who is putting his whole soul and life into making the meeting a success and of lasting good to the community, earnestly requests every Methodist who can, to be present Sunday, and at the same time extends a very cordial invitation to the public in general.

COTTON CHOPPER IS MADE HERE

Mr. J. Warren Higgins, a young farmer, 23 years of age, reared in the Merkel community, announced about a year ago the invention of a "Cotton Chopper and Weeder," and at that time found ready sale for the limited number he could manufacture. Since that time Mr. Higgins has been offered nice sums for his patent and sale of these machines, but, having been reared on the farm and having worked hard on the farm, it has been his desire to invent and put on the market a machine that will not only serve efficiently but help to solve the hard labor of his fellow farmer-friend; hence he has established his own manufacturing plant right here in Merkel, and is now able to turn out about 200 of these machines a day; and, in this way, the usual middleman is eliminated and he is able to control the selling price and sell direct to the farmer this needed equipment. The sale price is \$10.00.

The machine, Mr. Higgins stated, can be used for all row crops, and can be used at all times, and is not confined in its use to the first plowing.

From the photograph on another page in this paper it may be seen that this machine may easily be attached to a cultivator and it is very simple in operation. A demonstration, he said, is all he wants to make a sale.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Special Easter service will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. A program of special music has been arranged by the choir and will be rendered at this service.

Every church member is urged to be present at this first service of the new church year.

Sunday school will begin promptly at 10 o'clock. Let us make a record attendance for the Sunday school. There will be no service at the evening hour.

CLEAN UP WEEK

Mayor N. D. Cobb requests this paper to announce to the citizens of Merkel that on next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the city's wagons will make a thorough visit over the city for the purpose of hauling away any and all trash that may be gathered up and placed in containers near the alleys. It will be a good time to get rid of all your old tin cans and other trash, and at the same time help clean up and beautify your premises and your town as well.

FOR COMMISSIONER IN JONES COUNTY

Mr. W. T. Rainwater, who is the present County Commissioner in precinct four, Jones county, authorizes this paper to place his name in the announcement column as a candidate for re-election, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

Mr. Rainwater is serving his first term in this position and according to his friends has made a very faithful and efficient Commissioner. He has not only diligently looked after the best interest of his own precinct, but has been just and fair as a commissioner for the whole of the county. He has been especially alert and active in behalf of good roads over his precinct, and has really just begun some splendid work along this line. He expects to give to every community in his precinct the best possible roads before his present term has expired, and has been working to that end as fast as possible.

His friends feel that with his past experience he is even better fitted and prepared to serve more efficiently in this position, and therefore ask that the voters give his claims very careful consideration when casting their votes for County Commissioner in precinct four of Jones county.

LOCAL CHAPTER WELL REPRESENTED AT C. E. CONVENTION

The Merkel Endeavorers who attended the District Christian Convention which met in Abilene March 26, 27 and 28, were: Rev. and Mrs. Chas. H. Little and daughter, Dorothy, Misses Mildred Smith, Norma Shannon, Mamie Ellis, Doris, Nina, Belle, and Eunice Russell. All report a most enjoyable and profitable time spent with Abilene friends.

Mr. J. E. Wolfe, aged and wealthy stock farmer of Palo Pinto county, is here for a visit among the Reidenbach families. Mr. Wolfe was here some years ago, and stated that he notices considerable changes and growth in the town and community since that time.

Baptist Sunday School

Our Missionary program last Sunday went over the top in a good way. The offering at the close of the program exceeded what had been expected.

Next Sunday, April 4, is Easter Sunday and the beginning of the second quarter. We have plenty of literature on hand if you were not there last Sunday to get your new quarterly be sure and be there Sunday and get your new book and get started with us on this series of great lessons. Sunday school starts promptly at ten o'clock. All officers and teachers should be present not later than 9:45.

Bill Haynes, Supt.

Misä Mary Campbell, who is teaching in the Canyon public school, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, here.

J. L. HUNTER, 87, BE BURIED TODAY

It is with regret that this paper is again called upon to chronicle the passing from this midst of another of the real pioneers, one of those who came when the country was undeveloped and who, by his good citizenship and efforts, helped to blaze the way and make of this the splendid country to be enjoyed by those of us who came in after years. This early settler and pioneer to whom we refer is Joseph Love Hunter, who died Thursday morning, April 1, 1926, at the home of his son, M. S. Hunter, on Oak street. He was 87 years of age.

Deceased was born in Nashville, Tenn., in 1839, but left that state when entering the Civil War, through which he served faithfully until the close. He was the only one of five brothers to return from the conflict between the states.

In 1872 he was married to Molly Hunter, wife of his eldest brother, Gilbert Hunter (deceased), and to this union there was born one child, Will Hunter, who has also preceded his father in death.

In 1875 Mr. Hunter was again married, to Miss Sarah Matilda Dupuy, of Little Rock, Ark., moving to Englewood, Texas, and from there the family came to Taylor county in 1900. To this union there were born two girls and seven boys, all living except one son and one daughter. His devoted wife preceded him to the grave April 1, 1911.

Early in life Mr. Hunter became a devoted member of the Methodist church, remaining true and steadfast throughout all the years of his life.

Children surviving are: E. L. Hunter, J. M. Hunter, R. A. Hunter and F. L. Hunter, of Fort Worth, J. H. Hunter and M. S. Hunter of Merkel; H. L. Hunter, Dallas; and Mrs. Laura Balch, Temple, all of whom are here to attend the last sad rites of their father.

Arrangements have been made for the funeral to take place today, Friday, at the Methodist church, at two o'clock p. m., with burial immediately after in Rose Hill cemetery.

This paper joins many friends here and elsewhere in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved sons and daughters and other loved ones, during this their sad hour.

Mr. L. B. Howard, of Hamlin, was here one day this week and while here placed in this paper announcement of a special sale of the stock of Gents' Furnishing Goods, which he has on Front street in this city. We call your attention to the announcement.

THE SONG OF THE CORN

I was made to be eaten,
And not to be drunk;
To be threshed in a barn,
Not soaked in a tank.

I come as a blessing
When put through a mill,
And as a blight and a curse
When run through a still.

Make me up into loaves
And your children are fed;
But if into drink,
I will starve them instead.

In bread, I'm a servant,
The eater shall rule;
In drink, I'm a master,
The drinker a fool.

Then remember the warning,
My strength I'll employ—
If eaten, to strengthen;
If drunk, to destroy.

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.

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MERKEL

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'Where Banking is a Pleasure'

Seed culler ready to cull your seed. Bring them in any day you wish. South Side Gin. By L. L. Murray.

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

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

We are now engaged in putting Coping [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.

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THE HIGGINS COTTON CHOPPER AND WEEDER

This view shows the chopper attached to a single row cultivator and the simple operation of it.

DR. J. A. LEEMAN, VETERAN AND PIONEER, DIED MCH. 21

J. A. Leeman, M. D., died Sunday morning at four o'clock, March 21st, following an illness of several weeks, at the age of eighty-five. The venerable veteran of the Civil War, and pioneer of Texas, passed on to deserved eternal rest.

Born January 26, 1841, in Graves County Kentucky, he moved to Texas with his parents at the age of sixteen, in 1857, settling in Honey Grove. For the next four years he lived the life of a cowboy, and in 1861 at the news of the Civil War, enlisted May 1st. Serving on the Texas frontier, he aided in driving the Comanche and Kiowa Indians into the Indian Nation. He then enlisted as a confederate soldier, serving under General Price in Missouri. Under Price he fought in the memorable battles of New Tonia, Prairie Grove, and Vanburen. He then transferred to Louisiana under General Polignac Brigade of historical celebrity. Here he went through the ninety day battle of Red River followed by the battles of Plackmine, Atchafalaya Bay, Sims Port, where his Captain was killed, Mansfield where the First Lieutenant was killed, Pleasant Hill, Yellow Bayou, Alexander, and Mackatosh. He then transferred to Texas, and was in the last battle of the war which was at Sabine Pass, under General Magruder. At Richmond, Texas, he was honorably discharged, following a record of heroism.

After the war he attended the first Methodist College established in Texas, known as McKenzie College, and also rode on the first railroad built in Texas, now called the H. & T. C.

He then decided to take up medicine and attended the Louisville Medical College in 1872 to 1874, taking a Post Graduate course at the Missouri Medical College in 1880, and at Tulane in 1884 and then read under Dr. J. R. McKee of Bonham, Texas. He has practiced medicine in all of its branches in Hunt, Delta, and Hopkins counties. For several years he was the doctor of the Texas Woman's College, and later in charge of the Masonic Widow and Orphan Home at Fort Worth. He followed his profession for over 50 years.

In 1868 he was married to Miss Mattie Armer, daughter of Rev. J. J. Armer, a Presbyterian Minister of Hopkins County. To this union seven children were born, five of whom still survive.

In 1910 they moved to Pecos to make their home. Then on May 8, 1922, Mrs. Leeman passed on leaving her husband disconsolate.

The late veteran and pioneer ended a life crammed with service for others. Four long years of the most terrible conditions, fighting for a principle to which he was true, and for which he gave his youth. Then fifty years of service to mankind, aiding the suffering and relieving pain and sickness. A life devoted to the benefits of others.

A loyal member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, he was faithful to all true doctrines of Christianity, dispensing kindness, and his profession-

al services at any time. He was also a faithful member of the Masonic Lodge, consistently living up to the code of that order.

He was a great man, and one of the finest pioneers of Texas, helping to forward the progress of the State, making the path much easier for those to come. To him highest tribute is due. Ever loyal, and ever kind, he will always be remembered as a true friend to all.

Suffering for many days, he finally succumbed to the illness, passing on early Sunday morning. All of his children, and their families were present at the end.

Funeral services were held at the home in the afternoon, followed by a most fitting burial service under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge of Pecos. His remains were interred at the Fairview cemetery.—Pecos Enterprise.

500 IS GOAL FOR METHODIST S. S. NEXT SUNDAY

500 is the goal. Will you be one of the 500? Surely you will if you are a member of the Methodist Sunday School, young or old. If you have visitors, bring them; if not, bring a friend.

The Baraca and Philathea classes are sponsoring this campaign for 500 in Sunday school on Easter Sunday. They have had small tags printed bearing the words "I am one of 500," and have been giving them out to members and friends who will come next Sunday. If you have accepted one of these tags you have said that you will be there by that action. Did you get one? Then be sure to come. If you did not, come any way.

These young people have set an example for the entire church. The old belief that the Sunday school is for children only has practically vanished, as it should. Parents, come and bring your children.

L. W. Cox, Supt.

FEDERAL Defender Cord

We will meet your "Mail Order Horse" prices and give you better quality in tires.

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

- SAFETY -

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THE OLD RELIABLE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

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CUT PRICES ON BARBER WORK

All hair cuts, except shingle bobs, now 25 cents. We will give you the same class of work as before. Petty & Buford and Jones & Lackey.

Dr. H. P. Hulsey is up and about again after a tussle with the flu.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

-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

Chevrolet Owners! See our window this week. West Co. It

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

sure-fit cap



The Balloon Tire Of Capdom!

NOT a draw, pinch or pucker anywhere. Just balloon-tired cap-comfort all the way round!

No breaking in. Just snug up the little concealed buckle and strap—like your trousers belt—and there you are!

And style! . . . Man, you should see the new Sure-Fits we're showing right now!

BRAGG DRY GOODS CO.

ENGINEERS DAM RIVER TO GET GREAT FLOOD SCENE IN MOVIE FILM

Damming a large river was one of the successful engineering feats accomplished by Reginald Barker for scenes in "When the Door Opened," a William Fox screen version of James Oliver Curwood's thrilling novel of the Canadian woods, now at the Cozy Theatre for Friday and Saturday.

"When the Door Opened" has a cast of stellar players including Walter McGrail, Jacqueline Logan, Robert Cain, Margaret Livingston, Frank Keenan and Walter Chung in prominent roles.

The spectacular flood scenes in the story required the use of millions of gallons of water. In fact, enough water was needed to tear a specially constructed castle "set," erected on the river banks, from its foundation. To do this a corps of construction engineers, following the plan formulated by Director Barker, spent weeks harnessing the water for the scenes.

The platform on which the cameraman and director were perched for big scenes, usually made of slight, serviceable material, in this instance was built of heavy timbers firmly entrenched in a rugged floor high enough to obtain the best camera shots, yet sturdy enough to withstand the terrific onslaught of the surging torrent.

Walter McGrail, Jacqueline Logan and Robert Cain, three principal players in the mighty drama, were utterly exhausted after working feverishly for many hours while the water was at the height of its power. While innumerable difficulties were encountered by the director, cast and technical staff, the entire company decided the ordeal was well worth what it cost, both from a physical and financial standpoint, when the shots of the dramatic and extraordinary scenes were flashed on the

THE WINNERS--

- 1st. prize, Mr. Seth Morgan, Rt. 3, guess, 1365
 - 2nd. " Mr. Stanton Johnson, City " 1350
 - 3rd. " Mrs. J. E. Richardson " " 1350
- Correct number of ²⁹/₁₀₀ Green Stamps on Dress 1358

Sunday Is Easter. Come in and Dress yourself up

BROWN DRY GOODS COMPANY

screen in the studio projection room.

In "When the Door Opened," Reginald Barker, recently signed by William Fox to a long term contract, contributes one of the best pictures of his highly successful career. The noted director's thorough knowledge of the Canadian Northwest, the locale of the absorbing Curwood story, and his general experience in filming outdoor dramas combined to make his first William Fox production one of the most entertaining released on the William Fox schedule.

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

Dash lamps, fender braces and tire locks for 1926 model Fords. West Company. It

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-MOTHER-

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Auto replacement parts for Fords, Chevrolets and Dodges—set them at West's Accessory Department. It

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Senior B.Y.P.U. Program

Group No. 1. Subject: Devotional meeting, "Life's Great Occupations."

Leader, Mrs. Warren Smith. Introduction by leader.

Part 1, Lessons from the Angels, by Gladys Deutschman.

Part 2, God wants us to work, by Floyd Dowell.

Part 3, The Greatest Thing in the World, by Ruby Faye Golladay.

Part 4, Religion valuable in this life, Bill Haynes.

Part 5, A Trinity of Essentials by Fannie Belle Boaz.

Part 6, God gives play a place, in life, by Vennie Heizer.

All B.Y.P.U. members are urged to be present and a cordial invitation is extended to all visitors.

Idlewise Club

Miss Lucy Tracy entertained the members of the Idlewise Club at her home on Oak street Tuesday with a unique April Fool party. Guests were greeted by the hostess as they entered, and were given fancy clown caps to wear during the afternoon. Much merriment prevailed when clever April fool jokes were played on the guests. Bridge was the interesting diversion of the afternoon. The April Fool idea was carried out in the clown motif in the place cards and table appointments. A delicious refreshment plate consisting of sandwiches, coffee, olives and osgood pie a la mode was served at the tea hour. Club members and guests present were: Misses Mary Cleo Booth, Ruby Hamm, Christine Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Louise Douthitt, Vinnie Heizer, Evelyn Hamm, Mesdames Earl Baze, Ne Branton, Bill Brown, Warren Smith, Bill Haynes, Jack Durham, Sie Hamm, Emmette Grimes and the hostess.

HIGH STANDARDS MAINTAINED BY FIRESTONE

Nowhere is more care taken to turn out a finished manufactured product of the highest standard and one that is free from all defects than in the Firestone tire factories at Akron, Ohio, according to Jas. H. West of West Company, Merkel Firestone dealers.

"Not only are carefully skilled workmen employed," the dealer said, "and the best quality materials used, but the tires are rigidly inspected through every manufacturing process to insure a finished product that meets the most exacting standards."

"Chemists and engineers carefully analyze the materials that go into each Firestone tire. The rubber is tested for the qualities of abrasion, adhesion, elasticity, toughness and tension. The cord fabric is tested for the breaking point, imperfections and weight. Only material that meets the most rigid tests is accepted."

"Through every stage of manufacture, from the construction of the bead to the application of the trademark, inspectors with years of experience examine every one of the millions of Firestone tires produced annually."

"In the completely equipped Firestone laboratories, the tires are subjected to severe tests. They are operated on special machines which duplicate as nearly as possible actual service conditions."

FREE TRIP FOR FARMERS TO BANQUET AT DALLAS

In appreciation of the patronage of those farmers who have marketed their cotton in ACCO bales, Anderson, Clayton & Co. will extend invitations to the Annual ACCO bale banquet, to the two farmers who have ginned the greatest number of ACCO bales during the cotton season of 1925-26. One of them being a "dirt farmer" who lives on his farm and actually produces his own cotton. The other being a farmer or "landlord" who does not actually live on his farm or lands, but whose cotton was produced all or in part by tenants who have, at his direction or otherwise, ginned their cotton

Intermediary League Program

- Song No. 46.
- Scripture: John 14:2-5. Prayer
- Violin solo, Lynn McSpadden.
- Announcements and offering.
- 1. Why I come to league, Milton Case.
- 2. How I may help build up the league, Maybelle Ligon.
- 3. What the League has meant to me, O. B. Boden.
- Prayer: 23rd Psalm.
- Song, "In the garden".
- Benediction.

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The Greater HOOVER

For the first time in electric cleaner history, "Positive Agitation" has been obtained! Home-cleaning methods will be revolutionized! A far higher standard of cleanliness can now be set! The Greater Hoover makes this possible.

See this new Hoover today! If you can't get in to our store, phone us and we'll gladly clean one of your rugs, free. Same Easy Terms!

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO.

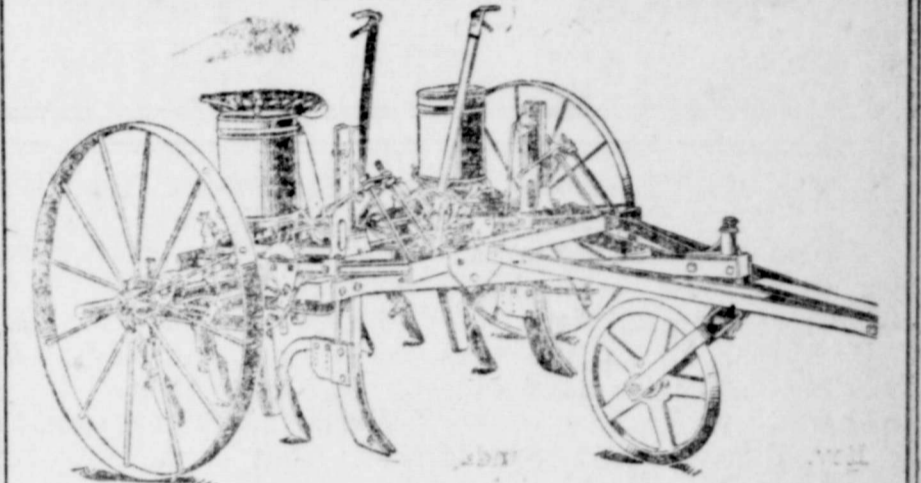
traveling and hotel expenses incurred by these two farmers on the trip will be defrayed by Anderson, Clayton & Co.

In this manner it is our desire to recognize and establish a mutual relationship between us and the largest individual growers of ACCO bales.

Each year more farmers realize the advantage of the ACCO bale, and the number of farmers who have their cotton ginned into ACCO bales increases each season.

We have requested information from every ACCO bale ginner concerning the two farmers, as mentioned above, ginning the largest number of ACCO bales in a forthcoming issue we will make announcement of the names of the two farmers who are the guests on this trip to Dallas and the number of ACCO bales ginned by each of them.

McCormick-Deering P&O Tip-Top Cotton and Corn Planter



Popular for Years!

This line of planters is very popular in this community, due to the adaptability to our row crops. Wherever row crops are grown you hear good words spoken about the McCormick Deering P & O line of Planters.

Two-row planters are becoming more and more popular because they save labor and make cultivating easier. McCormick-Deering P&O Tip-Top (2-row) shown above is built especially for use in this section. For those desiring a one-row planter, there is a complete line bearing the McCormick Deering P&O name. Whatever your needs, you'll do well to call at our store and see the modern farm machinery we offer.

West Company MCGORMICK-DEERING P & O FARM MACHINERY

At The Cozy Theatre

Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3 William Fox presents James Olliver Curwood's Mighty Drama of the North West—

"WHEN THE DOOR OPENED" WITH

Jacqueline Logan, Margaret Livingston, Walter McGrail, Robert Cain and Frank Keenan

ALSO

WILLIAM DESMOND and EILLEN SEDGWICK

"THE WINKING IDOL"

Chapter No. 4

Monday and Tuesday, April 5 and 6 L. C. McCOLLUM Presents—

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The World's Most Astounding Picture Admission 20c and 40c

Wednesday and Thursday, Apr. 7 and 8 UNIVERSALL Presents—

JACK HOXIE

"SKY HIGH CORRAL"

ALSO

International News No. 16 Universall Comedy

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Merkel Texas

COMPERE ITEMS
By Alma Stout
A good many attended preaching at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and night. Every one enjoyed the rains we have been having, but not the cold weather.
Rev. Bryant spent Sunday night with Mr. Allred and family.
Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Ellington and family in the Warren community.
Miss Alice Allred visited Miss Floy McKinney Sunday afternoon.
Mr. Childers and family and Bro. Bryant took dinner with Mr. Edd Spurgin and family on last Sunday.
Mr. Cora Camp was a visitor

in this community Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lucas visited at Mrs. Ben Adkins a while Monday afternoon.
Misses Willie and Rose Ellington attended preaching at Zion Chapel Sunday night.
Mr. Raymond Stout spent Saturday night with Mr. Jasper Hobbs.
Mrs. R. R. Spurgin spent last week with her son at Noodle.
Mr. Raymond Stout and E. C. Tarvin visited Mr. Howard Tarvin a while Tuesday night.
Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lucas and children spent Tuesday night with Mr. Ben Adkins and family.
There will be singing at the Presbyterian church next Sunday night. A cordial invitation is extended to every one to come and help out in the singing.

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NO CRIME TO BE YOUNG

The accusation of youth which is being rather assiduously pressed against Dan Moody by former Governor James E. Ferguson is scarcely worth notice, but since it is about the most serious charge yet brought against the attorney general it might be well to call attention to the fact that being youthful is not a crime.

Mr. Moody is thirty-three years old. In 1924 when he was elected attorney general he was only thirty-one, yet Mr. Ferguson supported him for that office and raised no objection to his youth.

Thirty-three is youth to persons more than forty, but to the twenty-year old it seems like advanced age. Man reaches his full maturity at about twenty-seven, if experts are to be believed.

If 33 is youth, and if youth cannot be trusted, then the world has misplaced its trust in a good many men who gained distinction. Alexander conquered the world at thirty. Napoleon was famous at 26, master of France at 29 and dictator of Europe when scarcely more than thirty. Alexander Hamilton at thirty took a leading part in the formation of the Constitution of the United States, and at 32 became the first secretary of the treasury. Thomas Jefferson was only thirty-three when he wrote the Declaration of Independence. General Custer, General Hood, General Stonewall Jackson, and many other figures of the war of the 60's were men in their

twenties and thirties. The greatest of all men was only 33 when He completed His mission.

No, it isn't a crime to be young; it is an asset, and we do believe the people of Texas will so construe.—Abilene Reporter.

A MURDER ORGY

From the Nashville Banner:

This country has been witnessing a veritable orgy of murder and other crimes of violence during the past few days. Accustomed as the American public is to crimes of the most revolting sort it has been shocked by the frequency and horror of the slayings of the last week or so. One of the most appalling features of the whole business is the casual matter-of-fact manner in which so many of these recent killings have been carried out. Murder is horrible enough when committed under the strain produced by the most sudden and aggravated offense. It is immeasurably worse when it comes after long reflection and is done in cold blood and a calculating fashion to serve as a release from some more or less minor annoyance.

Though nothing like as spectacularly so, the developments subsequent to this epidemic of murders will be even more depressing by which to judge the future. The men and women who have done these fearful crimes will likely be allowed to delay trial and postpone a verdict in every imaginable way. There will be almost endless delay in the selection of juries, lawyers will quibble over fine technical points and verdicts will be reversed and so on and so forth until the case is lost sight of in the welter of new ones which will come forth in the due course of time. It will be the unexpected if any considerable percentage of the present crop of murderers pays any severe penalty.

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Friday and Saturday, April 2nd. and 3rd.

AN APPRECIATION

I would be ungrateful not to express my sincere appreciation to the good people of Merkel who have given me their liberal patronage. In moving to another town, I go with the kindest tugging to everyone and go only because the opportunity seems greater in my new location.

L. B. HOWARD

CROSS ROADS ITEMS
Health of the community is very good at present.
Mr. and Mrs. Graham took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Joiner last Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dee Teaff Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. L. W. York visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Malone Sunday.
Miss Lula Rister visited Mrs. Ted Bigham Sunday.
Bro. Sibley, Foy King, Cowan Hudson, M G King and family took dinner with Mrs. Ruthie Bigham Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bigham visited her parents Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. G W. Teaff visited Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Teaff Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. G H. Bryant visited Mr. and Mrs. D. C. West Sunday.
Mrs. G B. Isom and son, Ben L. and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. West and son, Jack, visited Mr. and Mrs. M. G. King Monday.
Bro. Sibley closed a good meeting at Tye Sunday night, and there was a large crowd out.
The B.Y.P.U. program was fine also.
Miss Ruth Fuqua took dinner

with Miss Etha Ely Sunday. Ethel King took supper with Lorene England Sunday night.
Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moore visited relatives Sunday.
Mrs. Ruthie Bigham visited her daughter, Mrs. Arch Teaff, Sunday afternoon.
Mr. T. J. Amason's sister, Mrs. Clayton, from Wichita Falls visited him last Sunday night and Monday.

A TALK WITH MERKEL MAN

Mr. Meek Tells Something of Interest to Merkel Folks.

There's nothing more convincing than the statement of someone you know and have confidence in. That's why this talk with Mr. Meek of N. Front street should be mighty helpful here in Merkel.

Jim Meek, prop. of blacksmith shop, N. Front St., Merkel, says: "My kidneys acted so often I had to get up several times at night and the secretions were painful in passage. There was a soreness and dull aching in my back, too. Doan's Pills from the Hamm Drug Co. fixed my back and kidneys up fine."
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WARREN NEWS
By Rose Ellington

The farmers are all glad to see the rain which has fallen. Health of this community is not very good at present.

Mr. Tom Harvell, and grand-ma and grandpa Turner are on the sick list this week.

Mr. Therman McCoy spent last week-end with Mr. Comer Patterson.

Mr. nad Mrs. Emmette Patterson spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finch of the Hodges community.

Those who visited at Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington's Sunday were Bro. R. H. Williams and wife and daughter of Abilene, Mrs. N. E. Horn, Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and family, Mrs. Myrtle Kelso and little daughter, Margaret, Grandma Hobbs, Ella Hobbs, Hall and Bob Hobbs, Raymond Stout, A. C. and Arl Tarvin, and George Howard Tarvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy spent Saturday night with Mrs. Barbara McCoy.

Miss Willie Newman spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy.

Misses Alice Hobbs, Willie, Rose and Cordie Ellington, Ella Hobbs, Mr. Jasper Hobbs, E. C. Tarvin, Raymond Stout and Hall Hobbs visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin a while Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. N. E. Horn is spending a few weeks with her niece, Mrs. R. H. Williams of Abilene.

Mr. E. H. Jones, Vela and Vera Jones visited in Anson Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy spent Sunday night with his mother, Mrs. Barbara McCoy.

Grandma and Grandpa Patterson visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. Emmette Patterson Wednesday.

WARREN NOTES
By Vera Jones

The health of the community is good at present.

The farmers are all hoping to see some pretty weather so, as to start planting their grain.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shouse visited Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Sunday.

Miss Vera Jones visited Miss Helen McCormick Saturday night and Sunday.

Messrs. Oddie and R. V. Jones visited Mr. Ottis Jaynes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thomas visited Mr. and Mrs. Medford Jones Sunday evening.

BANKERS SURVEY STATE BANK LAWS

Find That Movement for State Guaranty of Bank Has Gone Into Eclipse.

New York.—A survey of state banking laws conducted by the State Bank Division of the American Bankers Association shows marked progress toward greater uniformity and more efficient bank supervision, it is declared by Frank W. Simmonds, in charge of the division, in a statement giving the results of the investigation. He says that the movement for state guaranty of bank deposits appears to have gone into eclipse.

"The division has urged that the office of bank commissioner be freed from politics and all other functions of state government and tenure be made more secure with sufficient compensation and discretion to attract men of outstanding ability," Mr. Simmonds says. "Gratifying progress has been made during the past year in important bank legislation in many states. Idaho, Wyoming and Oregon led the list by adopting entirely new modern banking codes, while Texas and Montana have new codes in preparation.

Uniformity Among State Laws

The survey shows that it is generally agreed there should be a high degree of uniformity among the states in laws dealing with certain fundamental principles of bank organization, regulation and supervision, and that there is a strong tendency in this direction. We find a very definite trend toward increasing the minimum capital requirements of banks to \$25,000; creation of banking boards to act in an advisory capacity with the state bank commissioner, and legislation empowering bank commissioners to take complete charge of insolvent banks and to liquidate them as distinguished from liquidation through the courts.

"We find also a trend toward legislation providing for closer supervision and regulation of building and loan associations; more equitable taxation of bank stock; legislation providing for merger, conversion or consolidation of banking institutions; the legalizing and regulating of what is known as 'departmental banking'; broadening the field for investment of funds of saving banks and trust companies, and increasing the power of the bank commissioner as to granting or denying charters for new banks, and authorizing his making reasonable rules and regulations governing bank management and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof.

"Additional general characteristics of state bank legislation are for increasing the compensation of the bank commissioner and lengthening his term of office of four, five or six years, with power to appoint necessary deputies and examiners; legislation providing for the reduction of mandatory bank calls to three and reducing the number of examinations required by law annually to one; making issuance of worthless checks a misdemeanor; limiting or prohibiting an officer or director of a bank borrowing from his bank unless his collateral is approved by a majority of the board of directors, and limiting or prohibiting the opening of branch banks.

Eclipse of Guaranty Movement

"The question of state guaranty of bank deposits appears this year to have passed into an eclipse, so far as the extension of the idea is concerned, notwithstanding the fact that state guaranty laws were recommended by the governors of two states, and bills were introduced in several of the states, all of which were defeated. The general tendency, so far as state guaranty of deposits laws are concerned, is distinctly the other way, the indications being that several states now having guaranty laws are trying to free themselves from this legislation. Oklahoma has abandoned the plan of state guaranty of deposits, and this year the South Dakota legislature has repealed the state guaranty law and has referred the repeal to the people at the next general election for ratification."

BANKERS RAISE FUND OF \$500,000 FOR EDUCATION

A fund of \$500,000 to endow scholarships and research in economics in American colleges was recently established by the American Bankers Association in celebration of its Golden Anniversary. The intention of the Foundation is to promote education in the direction of sounder general economic understanding. Half the total sum represents subscriptions by the American Bankers Association, the American Institute of Banking and individual bankers, and the other half quotas assigned to bankers in each state. The Association gave \$50,000 from its reserve funds, and the American Institute of Banking, through individual subscriptions from its members, who are chiefly clerks in the banks, subscribed \$25,000. Numerous subscriptions of \$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,000 each were made by individual bankers in all parts of the country.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By Lewis Giles

Monday began the eighth month of school, and with the exception of a few all students are passing, or "getting by" which is the same thing. A paper was passed around and signed by most of the Juniors and Seniors the first of the week. In this official document members of both classes agreed to play truant April the first, but due to the serious objection of Mr. Summerhill, the project was dropped and the classes were in school as usual on "April fool."

The district meet will be held at Abilene April the sixteenth and Merkel will be represented in all track events.

Work has begun on the Senior play which is to be presented at the Cozy Theatre May the 20th. We are exceedingly fortunate in securing a Collins classic, "Lady Windermere's Fan." The following is the assigned characters:

Lady Windermere, Eva Mae Johnson. The Dutchess of Burwick, Stell Ledger. Lady Agatha, Godie Richie. Mrs. Erylne, Lola Dennis. Lady Plyndale, Sallie Brown. Lady Jedburgh, Juanita Beene. Lady Stuffed, Mary Alice Johnson. Mrs. Comper Cowper, Mary Hutcheson. Rosia Lee, Jimmy Reece West. Lord Windemere, Lewis Giles. Lord Darlington, Weldon Wells. Lord Augustus Larton, A. J. Tucker. Mr. Cecil Graham, Clarence Waldon. Mr. Dumby, Joe Ben Ashby. Mr. Hopper, Leron Chaney, Parker, the butler, Ernest Spurgin.

Jokes

It has been discovered that Miss Stell Ledger rolls her hair up on rags.

M.H.S.—

Mr. Jackson: "Mr. Summerhill has blue blood in his veins."

Miss Booth: "Poor man! Has he taken anything for it yet?"

M.H.S.—

Fannie Belle: "I showed father the poems you sent me."

Weldon: "What did he say?"

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Fannie Belle: "He said he was sure glad I wasn't going to marry a poet."

M.H.S.—

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M.H.S.—

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For answer in the meeting:
1. Why are lilies a symbol of Easter? Nina Belle Russell.
2. What would have been the results if Christ had remained in the grave? David Ferries.
3. Why is the egg a symbol of Easter? Eunice Russell.
Song; roll calling.
Women and Easter, Helen Compton.
Christ's life and ours, Norma Shannon.
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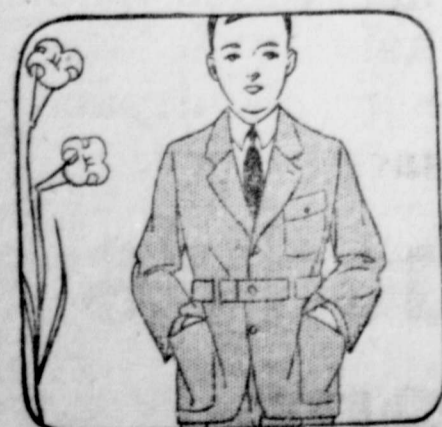
Mens and young Mens Oxfords



in all wanted
Shades

Prices From \$5.00 to \$11.00

Proud as a Peacock on Easter Morn Boys Spring Clothes



Just like Dad! These boys must "strut" in new apparel. Long Pants, pockets full of hands—the very image of his dad—if he wears one of these new Youths' Suits we are offering.

Priced
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EASTER

A Dress or Coat or Suit of Clothes

CAN SERVE MERELY AS A BACKGROUND FOR THE EASTER OUTFIT. COMPLETENESS DEPENDS UPON INNUMERABLE TRIFLES WHICH ARE FILLED IN BY SMART ACCESSORIES. AND IT IS IN THE SELECTION OF THESE DETAILS THAT DELIGHTFUL FREEDOM AND EXPRESSION OF INDIVIDUALITY IS ALLOWED. WE HAVE PREPARED FOR THE EASTER DEMAND WITH STYLISH APPAREL FOR THE LADIES—SMART CLOTHING FOR THE MEN AND OUTFITS FOR THE YOUNGSTERS OF ANY AGE. AND THEN WE HAVE THE MANY LITTLE THINGS THAT GO TO MAKE YOU INTERESTINGLY DRESSED.

Dress Up For Easter

SILK UNDERWEAR

In all the pretty Pastel Shades. Teds and bloomers priced

\$1.95 and \$2.25

Muslin Underwear also priced SPECIAL



Ask for Gold Bond Saving Stamps. See display of premiums in our store.

DRAPERIES

All Draperies priced special for Easter Selling. All \$1.50 Silk Draperies priced, the yard

95c

Full line patterns in Marquette priced 25c to 60c

Styles Suited to Every Costume and to
The Wearer



New Easter Hats

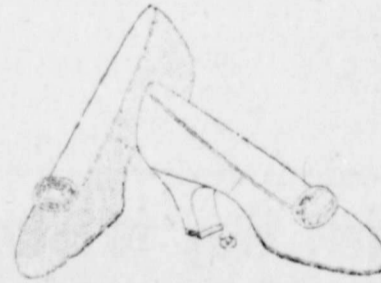
for Ladies and Children
priced

\$1.95 to \$10.00

New Notes in Spring Shoes

Reflected in the new Fashion Plate Line

A vast difference between the sensations of seeing these newer models in our windows and seeing them on your own feet. Come in and try on the one that meets your fancy as you see it in the window. We're glad to SHOW you—NO NEED TO BUY unless you WANT them!



Wonderful Shoes for Wonderful Girls

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One finds many things in addition to those mentioned here, which help to make Easter the colorful, joyous event that it always is. Such accessories as Hand Bags, Scarfs, Belts, ties, handkerchiefs, Fancy Combs and Barettes, Collar and Cuff Sets, fancy Carters, etc. Sox for the kiddies and many other novelties for them. Come make our store your store. We're always glad to have you call.

Bragg Dry Goods Co.



The Flare and Youthful Slender
Lines Prevail Among the Easter

Coats and Dresses

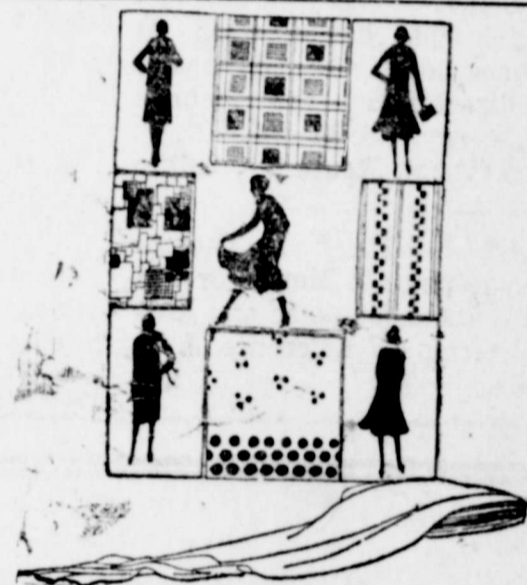
Each Marked by Individual Charm

Entire Stock of Coats on Our Racks
Priced at \$6.95 to \$16.95

Rayon Dresses priced at
\$3.95 to \$5.75

A beautiful assortment of Silk
Printed Crepe Dresses priced at
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Fabrics For an Easter Frock



--Aflame with the brilliant color
tones of Spring

Silks in colors . . . \$1.95

Printed Crepes . . . 98c

Rayons . . . \$1.50

Printed Crepe de Chines \$2.50

Peter Pan Fine Art Prints 25c to 50c

The Finishing Touch to an Easter
Costume

HOSIERY

Sheerest Silk with lustre
that grows brighter with
washing

Colors to match your dress
or lingerie

Priced special at
98c to \$2.00

