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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1926

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# · CLUB BOYS-GIRLS LUNCHEON GUESTS

guests Mr. J. R. Masterson, bers, home demonstrator for the son and Zimmerman. county, and a number of boys and girls, members of the various clubs now being organized nosio A over the county by these able and untiring experts, such as Maize clubs, pig clubs, poultry clubs, etc.

We want to say here that each boy and girl on the program spoke interestingly and with logic upon the subjects assignfar ahead of many of the grown- to have some noted speakers on the art of raising better maize, heroes did not die in vain. Let's Miss Edna Marie Jones, daugh- most excellent orchestra which

Smith, V. Dowdy and Isaac perform it without disaster to well known here, having been Parker, Trent; Byron Summer- the highest and holiest interest engaged in teaching a private hill and J. T. Darsey, Jr., of of our civilization. We juniors school of music for some time,

ings by little Misses Mary Zoe heir to the glory won solely by well qualified and highly capable West and Modyne Sheppard, our fathers and mothers. To all to fill the position to which she both being most highly appreci- our camp and let's see that hisated by every one.

At this time the meeting was turned over to the president, Sons of Confederacy No. 249. Mr. H. C. West, who conducted the business session.

# DAVIS APPOINTED

- Mr. Taylor F. Davis, appoint- couple. ded Postmaster temporarily some time ago to take the place of Mr. G. E. Comegys, who resigned, has recently received his commission of appointment for four years from April 3, 1926.

Mr. Davis, a young man of less than 30 years, has already demonstrated his fitness and capabilities of excellent service in this position, both to the department and patrons alike, and this paper is glad to predict that long before his present term has expired the people of Merkel and surrounding country will be proud of the service rendered them by local office under his administration.

We would like to say, too, that the job of being Postmaster is not altogether a pleasant task. In fact there are many trials and much worry attached to same, and the public should give Mr. Davis and his able assistants! their best cooperation in their efforts to serve them satisfactorially.

Program At Hebron Baptist Church next Sunday Night

The Mail is requested to announce that a splandid program will be rendered at the Hebron Baptist church on next Sunday night. Everybody is cordially invited to be present.

There will aso be preaching Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

### TEXAS TO HAVE THREE WOMEN CANDIDATES IN GUBERNATORIAL FIGHT

Austin, Texas, April 28 .- Texas will have three women candidates in the race for Governor by next week, it became known The semi-monthly meeting of here Tuesday. Mrs. K. M. John-

The Sons of Southern Confeded to them. In fact most every eracy met on Memorial Day, one convinced those present that April 26th, at the Armory, and their knowledge of the facts con- are planning to have an entercerning their subjects was by tainment a little later, and plan ups of the country. This speaks that occasion, both men and wowell for Mr. Masterson and Miss men. We would be glad to have Chambers, under whose instruct- all loyal sons of confederacy to ions the youngsters are learning join in with us who believe our Merkel Independent school board tion will be headed by Merkel's lofty ideals of chivalry for which city, was unanimously elected as music. Those taking part on the pro- the south has always stood. music teacher in the Merkel gram were: Haskel Shorter and There is a work for us of the Public schools for the next term. Welcome address, Mr. West of William O'Pry of Tye; Miss South to do; nor can we fail to Miss Jones, who is already Golan. had no part in the chronology of is a graduate of music from the The entertainment features of those trying days, and only by public schools of Miami, Texas, inheritance of birth do we fall and Simmons University, and is loyal sons, we invite you to join has been elected. tory is written right.

Joseph E. Johnston Camp, J. C. Mason, Commander. Sie Hamm, Secretary.

# TRADE TRIPPERS

miles of road.

### Visit Relatives in Fort Worth and Dallas

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. McFarland, where he had been as a dele-Mr. W. A. Sheppard and daugh- gate from the First Baptist Elder Cypert pronounced the ter, Mrs. S. D. Gamble and child- church of this city to the West words on last Saturday evening ren returned first of the week Texas B.Y.P.U. and Sunday at eight o'clock, that bound in from a pleasant visit with School convention. He reports holy wedlock Mr. Theodore R. friends and relatives in Fort a fine attendance and splendid Smith and Miss Vennie Mae Mc- Worth and Dallas. In Fort Worth time. Kay. We join many friends in they were guests of Mr. W. A. extending congratulations and Sheppard, where other relatives Mr. and Mrs. George Woodgood wishes to the happy young from other parts of the state rum visited relatives in Slaton grade. were also visitors.

# TO GOLAN TONITE

At the Luncheon Club meeting | The stage is all set, the plans the Merkel Luncheon Club held ston of San Antonio said she will last Tuesday evening, Mr. W.H. perfected and everybody is planat Ed's Cafe on last Tuesday on Sunday make her official an- Frazier, superintendent over the ning to make the Trade Trip to evening was without doubt one nouncement for the office of Gov construction of the gravel road the Golan community tonight, of the best and most interesting ernor and disclose plans of her leading north, which has been Friday, April 30. That the trade campaign. She will run against built from donations by the bus- trips are beneficial and appreci- the present splendid manageever held by this organization. the woman Governor, Mrs. Mir- iness men and citizens of the ated by every one was well at- ment. As per announcement last week, iam A. Ferguson, and Mrs. Edith town and along the highway, re-tested by the large attendance the meeting was to have as its Wilmans, the only woman who ported the work completed and and success of the trip made to ever served in the Texas Legis- ready for travel. He made a full Compere recently. Word has farm demonstrator for Taylor lature, as well as gainst three report of the work, which will come from Mr. Geo. Byrom and county, Miss Caroline Cham- male candidates, Moody, David- be published in full at a future othr prominent citizens of the Golan community to the effect We have had the pleasure of that a big welcome is extended driving a car over this piece of the business men and citizens of fine road construction, and must Merkel to pay the Golan comsay that for the money expended munity a visit. They say a large it is indeed very fine and well crowd from the surrounding worth the price many times community will be in attendance, over. A total of 3,800 loads of so the occasion promises to be gravel were placed on the four one of splendid fellowship and ing this year a high school anentertainment.

> The Golan community is one of the richest and best communities within the boundaries of the Merkel trade territory, and every business concern and citizen should make it a special point to attend or send a representative.

The program committee is ar-At a recent meeting of the esting program, and the delegapigs, poultry or cooking as the keep before our children the ter of Mrs. A. M. Jones of this will furnish some mighty fine

Following is the program:

Response, I. L. Jackson. Music by orchestra. Address, J. R. Masterson. Male Quartette. Intermission Address, Rev. McCarter. Saxaphone solo, Hubert Blair. Orchestra selections. Reading. Music. Close.

### Attends Convention at Big Spring

Mr. E. Yates Brown returned Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Sheppard, Wednesday from Big Spring,

### MR. GAMBLE BUYS PART-NER'S INTEREST IN STORE

Mr. S. D. Gamble has recently purchased the interest of his partner, Mr. L. A. Arrington in the Merkel Drug Company, and is now sole owner and proprietor of the business.

Under the partnership management this firm has enjoyed a splendid patronage, which will no doubt be maintained under

this paper and otherwise, the appear in next week's issue. Merkel High School is publishnual, "the Badger". The editing of the book is about completed, the half-tone cuts, etc., have most all been received from the engraver and the job has been turned over to the Merkel Mail for printing.

best of such editions.

tion and Mr. Lewis Giles is the president of Simmons University date this paper will give a more guest of the occasion. Dr. Sandetailed report of the annual.

The Parent-Teachers Association met in regular session with A GOOD CROWD GREETS Mrs. L B. Scott presiding in the absence of the president.

After a short business meeting the club was entertained ence greeted Mr. Thos. Simpson the pupils of the 7th grade.

officers for the next term's work torney General of Texas. will be elected. The program next | For more than an hour Mr. time will be given by the sixth Christopher discussed in an able

each grade, and they have shown races. great effort and much talent. The speaker was frequently a few words, it has taken much his campaign. planning and working to get it Honesty, efficiency, economy done. While endeavoring to do and law enforcement were menthis the club brought to us sev- tioned as his creed and foundaeral good entertainments. Dur- tion of faith in the execution of ing the Fair last fall the P.T.A. the duties of the office to which worked diligently to earn money he aspires should he be elected. which might be used to make our schools better. Then, too, they TRENT ROUTE NO. 2 very ably assisted the faculty in putting over the art exhibit. If time and get ready for next notified by the post office deyear's work.

# MRS. ANNIE M. NALLEY

The body of Mrs. Annie M. This will give patrons residing day morning.

band.-Abilene Reporter.

# DEPARTM'T RECITAL

On Thursday evening, May 6, in the Grammar school auditorium the music and expression departments will present the junior pupils in two operettas. 'A Box of Dolls," by Otis M. Carrington, and "The Quest of the Pink Parasol," by Clara Buckley Chew. Admission will be ten cents.

On Tuesday evening, May 18, the high school choral girls and the Girls' Dramatic Club will present the Chinese operetta 'The Feast of the Little Lanterns," by Paul Bliss. This promises to be one of the best attractions of the year. An an-As has been announced thru nouncement of the program will

Announcement is made that It will be printed on very fine, at Ed's Cafe tonight the Junior heavy coated enameled book pa- and Senior classes of the Merranging an elaborate and inter- per, bound with immitation lea- kel High School will have their therette cover, and when com- annual banquet. Besides enjoypleted will compare well with the ing a delicious feast, an interesting program will be rendered. Miss Eva Mae Johnson is the Superintendent Summerhill an-Editor-in-Chief of the publica- nounces that Dr. J. D. Sandefer, Business Manager. At a later will be the principal speaker and defer is not only one of the outstanding school men of the country, but one of the state's most eminent christian characters and every boy and girl from the Merkel High School who takes advantage of the opportun-JUU WELLING ity to hear him, will no doubt greatly appreciate his talk on this occasion.

# MR. THOS. CHRISTOPHER

A splendid and attentive audiwith a most pleasing program by Christopher, of Dallas, in his opening address in this city on The next meeting on May 12, last Monday evening at the Cozy will close this year's work and Theatre, as a candidate for At-

manner his platform and princi-This has been a most pleasant ple issues now before the voters year for the club members, the of Texas as relates to the Attorprograms having been given by ney General and other political

The club has bought athletic applauded during his address and goods for the grammar grades at the close of same many old and set out trees on the campus; friends met and greeted him, asand, though that can be said in suring him of their support in

# WILL BE EXTENDED

you are not a member and feel Trent, Texas, April 29, 1926. that the Parent-Teachers Associ- -Mr. Royce E. Dowdy, postmasation is worth while, come next ter at the local office, has been partment that rural route No. 2 from Trent office has been granted an extension through IS BURIED AT TRENT the old Essie community, effective June 1, 1926.

Nalley, 57, was shipped from in this community closer and Amilene to Trent Tuesday. Fun- more convenient mail service. eral services were to be held Through the cooperation of the from the home there at four rural patrons, the two routes o'clock Wednesday afternoon, out of this office have been wonprovdied two daughters arrived derfully improved. Most every from Mission, Texas, in time. irregularity existing such as no Mrs. Nalley died in a local sani- signals, bad lids and inconvenitarium about ten o'clock Tues- ent locations have been overcome. Every box has been paint-She is survived by two sons, ed white and the name of holder two daughters and her hus- painted on it in black letters by a competent sign painter.

### "THE OASIS"



### Statement of the Condition of the FARMERS STATEBANK

At the close of business April 12, 1923

### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$392,296.91
Overdrafts	
Banking House	12,500.00
Furniture & Fixtures	5,430 00
Other Real Estate	11,702.50
Stocks and Bonds	1,000.00
Assessment Gty. Fund	7,000.00
Int. Depositors Gty. Fund	
Cash and Bills of Exchange	

Total .....\$595,839.17

### LIABILITIES

	LIMBILLING	
Capital Stoc	k8	50,000.00
Surplus and	Profits Net	29,615.78
Deposits	516	,223.39
Total		595,839.17

# FARMERS STATE BANK

MERKEL

TEXAS

### DIRECTORS OFFICERS AND

J. S. Swann, President R. O. Anderson, V. Pres. J. C. Mason, V. Pres' W. L. Diltz, Cashier

Herbert Patterson. Assistant Cashier

Dallas Scarbrough David Hendricks

### -MOTHER-

"I will not forget you on ket. Mothers' Day, May 9th. I will

Nice fresh roasted beef every day at Baker & Wheeler's Mar-

send you a nice box of Mothers' Mrs. W. L. Burns and daugh-Day Candy." Call in and place ter, Miss Jewel, left last week your order now for Mothers' day for a visit with relatives at Port Candy, Hamm Drug Co. tf Arthur, Texas,



FRI. & SATUR. APR. 30 & MAY 1

UNIVERSAL PRESENTS JACK HOXIE "THE DEMON"

A Blue Streak Western -ALSO-

An adventure picture

## "The Winking Idol"

Chap. 8 "The Fight at the Falls"

UNIVERSAL COMEDY-

"KICKED ABOUT" PRICES 10c AND 25c

TUESDAY, MAY 4

The Abilene Epworth Dramatic Club

-Presents-

"AN OLD FASHION MOTHER"

A three act Comedy Drama Curtain Rises at 8:00 p. m. Only one performance Admission 20c and 35c

WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY MAY 5 AND 6

WARNER BROS. PRESENT-PETE MORRISON TURNS FROM TEMPLE "WEST OF ARIZONA"

"UNIVERSAL COMEDY" INTERNATIONAL NEWS No. 24 PRICES 10c AND 25c

### EXPOSES WILES OF FAKE STOCK SALESMEN AND PROMOTER

Latest Methods of Confidence Men Described by American Bankers Association Official - Declares That Shrewder Schemes Than Ever Before Are Taking Peoples' Savings.

By W. R. MOREHOUSE,

Public Relations Commission, American Bankers Association.

ARTICLE NO. I

MUCH of the distress of many people in America today is due, not to the fact that they have not had an opportunity to earn and save money, but to the fact that they have lost

their savings in fraudulent schemes of one kind or another. Many a widow is in financial difficulty not because she was left penniless by her husband but because she lost her inheritance by investing it in "gold bricks." Many a bank depositor who once carried a fine balance is penniless today not because he did not know how to save but because he did not know how to invest.

Perhaps if I relate some wild-cat promotions that give an insight into the activities of investment sharks it will quicken a relentless determination to provide depositors with much needed B. Morehouse advice in investment matters. I have come in personal contact with many cases, some of them al-

most unbelievable because of the very crookedness of the schemes to defraud, yet thousands of our hard-working savers have been led to invest their savings in these promotions. In giving the high lights of certain cases I am not draw-

ing first-hand information.

ing on my imagination in the least, excitedly back to the derrick, wrench nor am I relying on hearsay, but giv- in hand.

"We have drilled to the 'Bell' sand!" the lecturer shouts, bringing cheers Many millions of dollars have been from every high-pressure salesman, followed by a chorus of voices from lost in oil. The sum is staggering. Into ever corner of the United States bring in a 5,000 barrel well if we care talk of great riches to be made in oil. to, but if we go deeper to sand we can Carried away by these promises, debarrel adds. deeper! Go



The Fake Oil Stock Sale Was Opened With Prayer

y, and it is a glorious day.

in plain view of those seated as they

peer out through the flap of the tent stands majestically the oil rig spat-

tered with crude oil and nearby is the

big oil sump also filled with oil.

Through an ingenious circulating sys-

tem oil from the sump flows into the

well and back into the sump through

Religious Revival Methods

the meeting to order. The impression

he creates is that he is either a min-

ister or has studied for the ministry.

Presently the official lecturer calls

a pipe in full view.

all are to be made rich.

most in unison, followed by cheers from the listeners. The zero hour is

at hand. The time has come for the high-pressure artists to sign up the listeners for units. The salesmen "hit while the iron is hot," Nearly every listener is signed up. The few who hesitate are forgotten only momenta-

anning because they have already lost | rily, for the tables' are brought in and the big free lunch made ready. As ase. A tract of land, just ordinary at every table. The work cut out and, nothing about it to indicate for him is to sign up the few who here is oil beneath the surface. An escaped the first "pulling of the net," rig, a few tools, half a dozen and you may take my word for it trings of pipe are close at hand. A few escape.

arge show tent filled with chairs that | One by one these old people, under will seat several hundred people. It the spell of being rushed into the deal, 10 a. m. The sun is shining bright- pay over their cash, sign notes or turn over good securities for units in the Presently several large busses draw "A-A" Oil Company.

p loaded with people ranging in age This picture of an oil speculation rom fifty years to eighty. A corps of may seem too crooked to be true, but high-pressure salesmen rush out to it is a real story of how thousands of reet the arrivals and to assure them savings depositors, all past the age of that they are most welcome to what fifty, lost over half a million dollars. will be the next great oil city of This story is one of many hundreds America. The aged and feeble mind- that might be told, all of which have ed are tenderly conducted to com- ended disastrously for millions of inortable chairs under the big tent. vestors.

(Article II will reveal further fraudu-lent schemes for robbing workers of their eavings.)

### Truth and Advertising Have Made America Great

Truth in news columns and advertising is the foundation of America's prosperity, Melvin A. Traylor, Second Vice President American Bankers Association, recently said, adding:

"Continuance of our prosperity rests chiefly upon continuation of the great-He opens the meeting with prayer for the success of the venture in oil. After est of all causes for our present good times-truth in news columns, truth prayer this sanctimonious gentleman over the store counters and truth in tells how he has invested all of his own earnings and all of his children's advertising. World-wide acceptance savings in the venture, so confident is of great discoveries and inventions he that it is to be an oil gusher and has been due to the fact that the newspapers truthfully described them and the manufacturers truthfully adver-He charms his audience with his cratory. He impresses them with his tised them. It deceit had been the onesty. He calls their attention to general rule, if the motto had been in plain view, intimating that it 'sell quick and let the buyer beware.' is from the well. And while he is the public would have turned against rainting before them, figuratively the new things. I recall one particuspeaking, luxury and old age comforts larly large firm which three years ago if they invest in the "A-A" Oil Com. began advertising its wares falsely; it pany, the foreman of the rig rushes is today hopelessly bankrupt.

in, his clothes spattered with crude "Wise advertising costs nothing. oil. He is excited and almost out of You have only to increase the sale of breath as he reaches the sanctimoni. your products to the point that covers ous lecturer. A few words are whis- the advertising charge to enjoy the pered. The lecturer's face registers enlarged business without cost. The reat delight at the news. He turns natural saving in overhead ts extra back to his audience, a smile of vic- profit for dividends or for further exor on his face. The foreman rushes pansion."

Statement of the ondition of THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

At the close of business Apr. 12, 1926

### RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand \$	204, 204. 01
Bills of Exchange, Cotton	14,678 97
Overdrafts	1,103.74
Bonds and Warrants (School)	20,939.76
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
5 Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank.	1,950.00
Other Resources	624,23
Commercial Paper 82	,500.00
U. S. Bonds 116	
Cash & Sight Exchange 121	,231.78
Total \$	571 794 99

### LIABILITIES

Total	\$571,794.99	
Deposits 488,672.97		
Circulation	6,250.00	
Undivided Profits	11,872.02	
Surplus	15,000.00	
Capital Stock	50,000.00	

THE OLD RELIABLE

# FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

MERKEL

TEXAS

'SINCE 1904'

### CLOSING NOTICE

Beginning May 1, until further notice, the undersigned banks of Merkel will open each day for business at 9:00 a. m. and close at 3:00 p.m. instead of pher of Abilene and also of her 4 p.m. Farmers State Bank. F. & M. National Bank.

Yes, we have 'em-combina-

Mrs. B. A. Clark of San Diego. California, has this week been visiting her sisters, Mrs. Len Sublett and Mrs. Earl Thornton. Mrs. Clark has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. T. H. Christo. brother, Thomas S. Christopher 1t of Dallas, for the past two months, but will return to her home Friday morning.

tion bumper-fender braces for Nice fresh roasted beef every Listen to this one! It is a typical all sit down at least one salesman is 1926 model Fords .- West Com- day at Baker & Wheeler's Mar-

### PILES CURED

NO DETENTION FROM WORK Dr. E. E. COCKERELL RECTAL AND SKIN SPECIALIST OF ABILENE, TEXAS

Will be at the Stephens Hotel in Merkel Monday, May 3 from 12 a. m. to 5 p. m. Phone No. 359 Abilene, Texas

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

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the One Car with HARMONIC BALANCER and 104 Improvements

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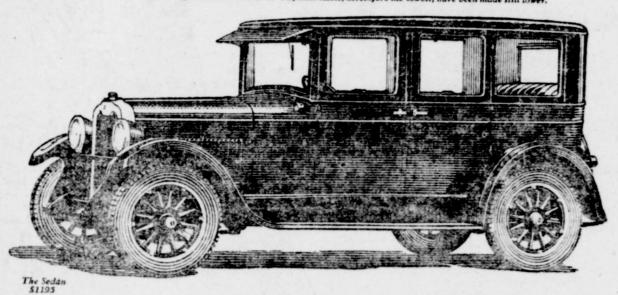
Low prices of themselves mean little to motor car buyers. But low prices com-bined with 104 improvements mean value without parallel.

The Oakland Six-priced \$1025 to \$1295—is the one car with Fisher Body, Air Cleaner, Oil Filter, Full Pressure

Oiling, Four-Wheel Brakes and the remarkable Harmonic Balancer, which imparts an unmatched freedom from vibration at all speeds.

This impressive combination of unequalled quality and rock-bottom prices explains why the Oakland Six is outselling the country over.

Pontiac Six, Companion to Oakland Six, \$825 Coach or Coupe. All prices at factory.



### B. & H. MOTOR COMPANY MERKEL, TEXAS

WINNING AND HOLDING GOOD

Nice fresh roasted beef every Mr. Alvin E. Lay of Big Spring day at Baker & Wheeler's Mar- was the guest of Miss Hazel Bell tf Sunday.

kel with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Snow Frost of Miss Hazel Bell returned last planting their crops. Eastland spent Sunday in Mer- week from a visit with relatives in Eastland and Abilene.

COMPERE ITEMS By Alma Stout

The farmers are all busy

A large crowd attended preach ing services at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and

Bro. Bryant and Mr. Ocie Williams spent Saturday night with Mr. Edd Spurgin and family.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and Ella Hobbs spent Sunday with Miss Maggie Chancey of Salt Branch. Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Howard spent Sunday with the latter's mother, Mrs. Tarvin.

Rev. Bryant, Ocie Williams and Hall Hobbs took dinner with Mr. G. W. Stout and family Sun-

School was out Friday. The children, teachers and some of the parents enjoyed a picnic wih a trip to Bitter creek and dinner spread at the school

Mr Johnnie Wheeler and Mr. Yates Brown from Merkel were visitors in this community Sun-

· A large crowd attended the party at Mrs. Ola Spurgin's Friday night. All reported a nice

Miss Floy McKinney spent Sunday with Miss Alice Allred. Several from here attended the shows in Merkel last week.

Mrs. Ola Spurgin and son, Lawrence returned from a trip to Austin Thursday. They enjoyed many sights while there among which were the colorado river and a trip through the state capitol.

Those visiting at Mrs. Stout's Sunday afternoon were Mr. J. H. Hobbs and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Spurgin, E. C. Tarvin and Mrs. Alta Howard.

large crowd from here attended the program at Stith on Monday night.

Mrs. Evelyn Hurse left Saturday for her home in East Texas. Those enjoying a fishing trip to the river Tuesday were Mr.

W. Stout and family, Mr. J.

H. Hobbs and family, Mrs. Ola Spurgin, Lawrence Spurgin, Louise Kemp and Clyde Chancey. Mr. Jim Spurgin and family ment Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Spurgin.

Sunday night is singing night at the Presbyterian church. Every one come and help with

planting.

The W.M.U. met with Mrs. Manton Ely Tuesday afternoon with nine members and two visitors present.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. West had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. George and Mrs. Herbert

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Payne, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Tucker, and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. West visited Mr. and Mrs. Leon McMen Sun-

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Green visited Mr. and Mrs. L. W. York

Mrs. Johnson visited Mrs. W. F. Joiner Sunday.

Mrs. Porter and son, Lacy, and daughter, Annie Mae, from Sweetwater, visited Mrs. Ruthie Bigham Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Will Toombs are the proud parents of a baby girl, born April the 25th.

Mrs. Bill McCartney visited Mrs. Dee Teaff Sunday.

Miss Eva Lee Bigham, who visited relatives in Sweetwater last week has returned home.

Mr. Pleasant rendered an extra fine B.Y.P.U. program at noon which was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Hammond and son, George, from Caps, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hammond a while Phone 59 Sunday afternoon.

ited Mr. and Mrs. Will Toombs day to attend a funeral of one of

Ray King took supper with Elmer and Elgin Matengley Sun- ited Mr. and Mrs. Dale West last day. Bro. Sibley took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Holder Sunday, and supper with Mr. and ited Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moore Mrs. T. J. Amason.



Go Sailing Along **Over Cushioned** Highways On America's **Finest** Tires

# Firestone

Full-Size Gum-Dipped BALLOONS

Motoring today might almost be called "ballooning." thanks to smoothness of motion and ultra comfort in traveling created by Crooss Roads last Sunday after- Firestone Full-Sized Gum-Dipped Balloons.

West Company MERKEL, TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moore vis- made a trip to Brownwood Suntheir relatives.

> Mr. and Mrs. Leon McMen vis-Friday night.

> Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair vislast Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCartney | The W.M.U. will meet with

Mrs. Myrtle Pitts May 11th.

The intermediates of our Sunday school enjoyed a weeney roast last Wednesday night, given by their Sunday school teacher. Mrs. W. F. Joiner.

The adult Bible class put on a play entitled "Deacon Dubbs" last Friday night. There was a large crowd out and every one seemed to enjoy it.



For Shape Permanency SUMMER SUITS

THE whole trick is in the tailoring--custom tailoring that makes these Clothes stand up under the severest service. They are well worth the price.



Extra Special Prices on Florsheim Shocs

Comfert in every step-that's what all men demand in their Summer Footwear. This is possible when you get Low Quarters that are made to custom specifications - and they don't cost any more than ordinary ones. Two feature groups await your inspection here at special prices

> \$10.00 and \$11.00 SHOES AT \$8.85

Max Mellinger



ANNOUNCING NEW STRAWS

NEW shapes, new weaves and new colors are offered in the opening display for the hct season. Nothing we have ever shown equals this selection.

# **HUNTER AND STANFORD** M. D.

AUTOMOBILE

HOSPITAL

SUBLET AND THOMAS

SURGEONS

CHRONIC CASES OUR SPECIALTY

Everybody's Garage PHONE 72

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

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TELEPHONE No. 61 Entered at the postoffice at Merkel. Texas as second class mail.

### A PARTNERSHIP OF THE READING TABLE

The home town paper and Holland's Magazine are, in a the store the other night 'bout that sense, partners. There they rest, congenially side by side on the Pritchard owned before he moved up cozy family reading table-the to Center. Doc says the old man one paging crisp news of local time and the old woman's all for fresh import, the other carrying en- air, and Doc says their hired gel told tertainment and helpfulness.

first cousin of ours, the home- bein' open, and Doc says the hired gel town paper. And we are proud of jumped up and broke the glass with the involuntary partnership, her fist, and it seems the next morn-Through the years we have had in the hired gel heard the old man this partner many times to laughin his head off. Doc said the thank for cooperation in the do- the old man was havin' a chokin' fit. ing of things worth while. Itmainly with the conservation of wholesome--old-fashioned, if you insist—ideals of right living.

It is reassuring that the closer the press approaches the people themselves, the cleaner and finer | back to the Twelfth century for its it becomes. Whatever is tawdry, birthday, or even earlier. The chief trashy, neurotic, unclean, Godless must stay at a safe distance from the normal, average, reflective, mature American. The years of a small nation's art and muhome-town press is not given to smutty "confessions," to the streamer headlining of crime, to bols, with its bards touching the anthe "playing up" of misadven- cient sword of peace or blowing Hirturing morons. The poison of the la's horn, is said to be the festival for any summer visitor to old Wales. news stands is, as a rule, an im- Kansas City Star. ported product, shipped in by express and surrepitiously; and be- Highest market price for your cause of this circumstance the Eggs. G. M. Sharp.

The Merkel Mail mixers of this poison-they are not editors-some times live to

Whatever demurrers may be entered by certain dailies of our great alien metropolises, the fact remains that the home-town papers constitute the stabilizing Anywhere else ........\$2.00 element of the national press. That is because they are clean, constructive, responsible - and, in the strictest sense, more clearly newspapers. -Farm &

### Anyway, She Thought She Got Fresh Air

"Speakin' of the weather 'minds me Doc Brady was tellin' the boys up to old couple that lives in that house over to North Danville that Hiram won't have no window open at night him that the other night the old folk were havin' it back and to after they He have a high opinion of this were in bed 'bout the window not said the old woman got so mad she gel was scared at first, she thought

"It seems that when the old folks Holland's-is concerned woke up they found the old woman had smashed the mirror instead of the window."-Beatrice Herford in Life.

### Appeals to Music Lovers

The royal Welsh Eisteddfod is a gathering of Welsh culture that goes choral prize is open to the world. It is an Olympic of song. If one wants to enjoy quaint costumes and scenic effects reminiscent of a thousand sic, then Eisteddfod, with its gowned druids, tall-hat women harpists, banners inscribed with mystic Celtic sym-

### Music Shown to Have Odd Effect on Hair

If all the violinists in the world assembled together in one vast building. and they numbered, say, 100,000, it is probable that there would be but 100 among them with bald heads. But if the same number of brass instrument players were inspected, bald heads would be as common as files in summer time!

If you doubt this, make a point of observing the heads of the orchestras in the cinemas or theaters you patron-

Scientists declare that the playing of stringed instruments induces hair growth. A series of experiments on the partly bald has proved that stringed music has power to raise a hairy crop!

Cornet and horn players lose their hair early; theirs is the wrong sort of music from the hirsute point of The explanation advanced is that the physical strain of blowing affects the circulation and deprives the roots of the hair of their due supply of blood.

From Pirate to King The discovery of the Indians who speak Elizabethan English is one of the strangest travelers' stories ever heard in these days. It is not, however, quite unique, for the late Mr. Cecil Sharp found in the Alleghanies numerous communities of English folk whose language, appearance and customs dated from the end of the Seventeenth century, and who had preserved a large number of English folk-songs that are no longer to be heard in the mother country.

Nor were private communities of the kind set up by Benjamin Sharp and his crew altogether unique, for we possess records of the famous English pirate, John Plaintain, who, having begun his career of crime in the West Indies, founded a state on Madagascar of which he conquered a considerable part.

### Horses "Inside Out"

According to a French technical publication devoted to the horse breeding industry, a Chinese visitor was recently taking notes at a prize stock farm in France. When he reached the stable where 20 fine horses were standing in their stalls, the celestial turned to the owner.

"I cannot understand," said he "why you Europeans always put your animals in their stalls inside out." "Inside out!" exclaimed the breeder.

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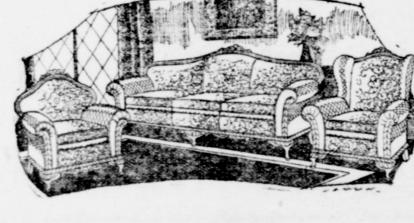
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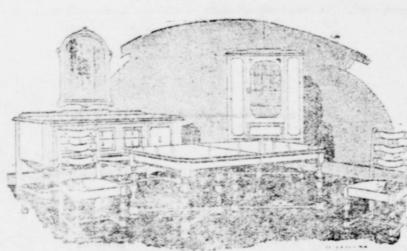


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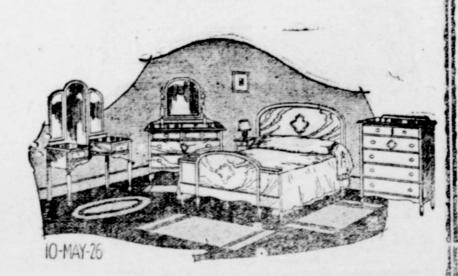
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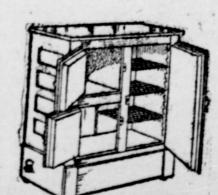
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### Night in Borneo Has Charm All Its Own

In all places there are lovely interyou are not sleeping, but the night your poultry of Blue Bugs, Lice those elsewhere. There are deep jungles of closely growing vines and climbs up and down very steep hills. There are great trees and small trees. Many have varieties of orchids there are many monkeys. So there is the drip, drip of the gentle rain, and perhaps the roar of a little stream over full. Then a great chatter with rough shricks drowning out every other noise for a while. Then as all the gentle noises begin broadcasting again, groan, swelling to a deafening crash. Other smaller groans and crashes follow. A great tree, not too well rooted, has gone down, taking all the tangled other trees along. As things quiet down, you will hear a few tentative bird calls and just as you begin to feel sleepy, the gun in the village is discharged. This means business and every one with work to do jumps out, for the time to get the work done when you live in Borneo is while the night's coolness lingers in the air.

### Churches in Business

An old Jewish synagogue in Maiden lane, London, is now used as a theater for rehearsals, and a Methodist chapel in Southwark, where Wesley preached,

is used as a paper warehouse. The famous Surrey chapel, where Rowland Hill preached, is today the great boxing rendezvous known as the Ring. At Willesden an old chapel has been converted into a draper's establishment, the pulpit being used as the cash desk; another, in the Hampstead road, has been turned into a picture

The Union Jack club, opposite Waterloo station, stands on the site of a Methodist chapel which had lost its worshipers, while St. Andrew's, Tavistock place, was once a fashionable church, but has been in turn a cycle store and a club .-- London Answers.

Grenade Duel Fails In Germany two university students, each seeking the hand of a comely girl in marriage, decided they would have to fight it out in a duel. They chose hand grenades as weapons, paced off the required distance and when the referee dropped the handkerchief they each threw. The grenades went salling through the air but nothing happened. Two other grenades were offered them and these exploded, but only spattered mud on the duelists. They then decided to allow the girl to choose

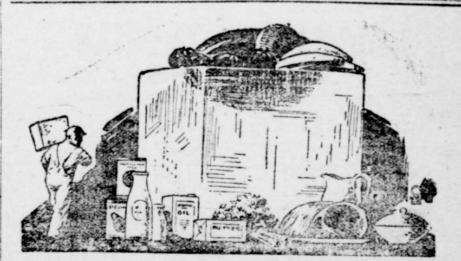
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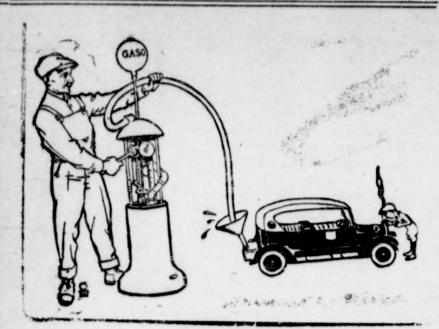
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High 7th, Jackson: J. T. Darsey 95, Nina Vantreese 94, Florence Ligon 93, Missie Dye 91, J. D. Ashby 90.

High 6th, Sterling: Mattilou Largent 93, Louise Booth 92, Ola Smith 91.

Low 6th, McMurry: Dorothy Miller 90.

High 5th, Ellis: Roy Abbott 94, Lela Patterson 93, Mary Elizabeth Grimes 92, Ida Mae Derstine 92, Ross Ferrier 92, Isadore Mellinger 91, Willie Evelyn Boaz 91, Nell Durham 91.

High 4th, Douthit: Zelda Belle Miller 91, Joyce Wheeler 94, Hoyt Morran 92, Meyer Mellinger 92, Nell Hughes 94, Fay Van Tresse 95, Florine Rider 93, Imogene Middleton 92, Margaret Canon 94, H. C. Toombs 92, Jack Tucker 92, Alice Reeves 90.

Low 4th, Collins: Eloise Manscill 90, Eunice Kelley 90.

Third grade, Coats: Frances Adcock 92, Bessie Lee Church 92, David Gamble 92, Rogene Dye 92, Laverne Holden 92, Maxie Abbott 91, Neal Durham 91, Joe Earl Lassiter 90, Bennie Hendrix 90, Harold Reese 90.

Third grade, Heizer: Mary Nell Summerhill 96, Julia Proctor 95, Hazel Reeves 93, Virginia Whitely 93, Joy Meador 90.

Second grade, Harrison: J. V. Patterson 93, Modyne Sheppard 91, Ethelda Tucker 91, Holt Vaughn 90.

Low 2nd, Teaff: Carlton King 94, Don Swafford 92, Truett Patterson 91.

High 2nd, Pogue: Billie Bernice Gambill 93, J. C. Jones 92, George Hicks Buford 91, Deverle Brown 90, William Hughes 90.

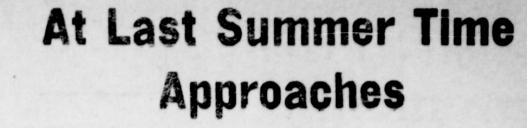
First grade, Russell: Grace Bell 91, Louise Toombs 92, Horace Bon ay 91, Holbert Rister 91.

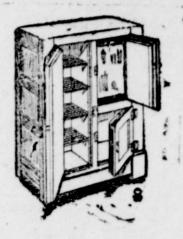
Presbyterian Missionary Society

Program for May 3.

Hymn. Opening prayer. Responsive reading: Psalm 33. Presentation of literature.

tf A Bible woman in Chili, Mrs.





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ubject: Latin America.

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Mexico, Mrs. Chas. Little. Business session. Report from

All members are urged to be Payne visited Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jones visited Mrs. Opal Evers McCormick Sunday.

Senior League Program Song. Scripture, 96th Psalm. Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Robert- Ellington Sunday.

beth Harkrider.

Gladys Milliken. tions, Mr. Vernon Simpson.

Solo, Sallie Brown.

follow the program. Let all the urday night and Sunday with Try a Classified Ad in the Mail. officials as well as the members of the League be present.

WARREN NOTES By Vera Jones

The farmers are all enjoying the pretty weather.

The health of the community is very good at present. Miss Ione Harris spent last

week with her brother, Mr. Ellis Misses Liddie and Lillie Jones visited Miss Artie McCormick

Sunday. Misses Willie Newman, Helen McCormick, Iona Harris and

Opal Evers visited Misses Vela and Vera Jones Saturday even-Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris vis-

ited her parents Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. New-

man a while Sunday evening. Miss Ruth Chancey visited Miss Artie McCormick Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Higgins

visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Higgins Thursday night. Mr. Floyd McCoy visited his

mother, Mrs. McCoy, Sunday morning. Miss Minnie Bass spent last week-end with her sister, Mrs.

McCoy. Miss Azline Sumpter visited

Miss Lottie Gressett Saturday Miss Goldie Burns of the Stith

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gressett visited in Winters Sunday.

Mrs. Shouse and Mrs. John

visited Mrs. Dobbs Sunday. Mrs. J. W. Higgins Friday night. day.

week.

broke his arm Sunday.

McCoy.

A short business session will Miss Ruth Chancey spent Sat-

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Chancey visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns Sunday.

Miss Ione Harris and Violet Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Criswell Miss Annis Hudson of Stith visited Misses Rose and Willie

son, Miss Shelby Mitchell, and Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy 1. Preparation for life, Eliza- Mrs. Burt Harris visited Mr. and visited her parents of Stith Sun-

2. Propogating Christian Ideals Mr. Boyd Dobbs is very ill this Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Kelsoe spent last week end with her 8. Preservation of our institu- Mr. Buster McCoy fell and parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. El-

lington. Mr. Robert Sumpter spent Sat- Mrs. Barbara McCoy visited 4. A bridge to cross, Murphy urday night with Mr. Thurman Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington Sunday.

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### West Company

state he had gone from Dallas. hill remained in that city. He reports Mr. Provine's eye-

Miss Florence Burkhead, who meeting of the association. has been visiting her grandparents, Mr and Mrs. Jno. B. Bell, Nice fresh roasted beef every returned to her home at East-day at Baker & Wheeler's Mar- the goopel, by R. L. Griffin. land first of the week.

Mr. B. M. Williams, who ac- Supt. and Mrs. Summerhill companied Mr. Sam Provine to were called to Midland last Sun- ant kinds of work? Dallas for treatment by a spec- day by a message announcing the ialist of his eyes, returned this week from Kentucky, to which week from Kentucky, to which day night while Mrs. Summer- sician." Song; mispah.

sight much improved under the Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes retreatment. Mr. Williams was turned last week end from atcalled home from his visit in tending the American Medical Kentucky on account of the ill- Association which met in Dallas. ness of his baby, which we are Dr. M. Armstrong also attended Mexico, by Floyd Dowell. the meeting. They report a very pleasant trip and a splendid to Mexico, Evelyn Hamm.

### Official Statement of Financial Condition of the FARMERS STATE BANK

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 12th day of April, 1926, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 30th day of

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RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on	
personal or collateral security	399,273.91
Loans secured by real estate, worth at	
least twice the amount loaned thereon	8,023.00
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	
Bonds, stocks and other securities	1,000.00
Customers' Bonds held for safekeeping	58,650.00
Real Estate (Banking House	12,500.00
Other Real Estate	11,702.50
Furniture and Fixtures	5,430.00
Cash on hand	7,246.77
Due from approved reserve agents	36,412.01
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	8,422.66
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	7,000.00
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange	
undoubtedly good	39.358.87
TOTAL	
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	50,000.00
Certified Surplus Fund	5,000.00
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Other Surplus Fund ...... 5,000.00 Prayer meeting Wednesday at Undivided profits, net ...... 19,565.78 8 p.m. Choir and orchestra re-Dividends unpaid ...... 50.00 hearsal Wednesday at 8:45 p.m. Individual Deposits subject to check on which no interest is paid ................................ 393,773.35 his way to a place of worship on 

STATE OF TEXAS ) County of Taylor ) . We, R. O. Anderson, as Vice-Pres- to know the Lord as his own ident and Herbert Patterson, as Ass't.-Cashier of said bank, each Saviour that he might join with of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the the Christians in praising His

Herbert Patterson, Ass't. Cash. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of April, A.D. Mr. I. D. Walton returned first 1926. Willie Tormba, Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas. of the week from an extended CORRECT - ANTIEST: -David Hendricks, J. S. Swann, J. C. visit to relatives and friends at Mason, Dheckeld.

Baptist Sunday School Notes

Don't miss them.

our teachers trained; there is a and 8 p.m. begin five minutes to ten o'clock. Sunday school starts promptly at Bill Haynes, Supt.

### Christian Endeavor Program

Consecration meeting.

Leader, David Ferries. Topic: "The ten most import- 28) W. A. Whiteley. them Christian?"

Scripture reading: Exod. 20:9, O. B. Boden. Thess. 3:6-13. Leader's talk.

Topics for talks: "A lawyer's chances for use-'ulness," Doris Russell.

The work of an evangelist," Norma Shannon.

er," Eunice Russell. Song; prayer; clippings.

Roll call; questions. question in a different way: ing a few days in Snyder with Will appreciate your patronage. "What are the 10 most import- friends. Song.

Debate: "Resolved that a min-

Senior B.Y.P.U. Program Subject: Mexico.

Leader, Fannie Belle Boaz. Introduction by leader. Part 1. Study the map of

Part 2. Why send missionaries

Part 3. Baptist and Catholics contrasted by Vennie Heizer. Part 4. Romanism obscures

tf Part 5. A peep at Mexico's past, by Lewis Giles.

Part 6. Mexico's natural resources, Mrs. Warren Smith. Part 7. Our missions in Mex-

ico, by Byers Petty. Everybody welcome.

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Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Morning subject "Compensation for the Lord." Evening subject: "The need for and Reward of Peace-makers."

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Gores, Texas.

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3. Prayer. 4 Offering. What does the Epworth Lea-

3. Methodism in Europe: Belgium (Acts 26:17-18), Missie

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gue mean to me? (Matt. 20:25- ther notice, the undersigned ant kinds of work: How make 2. Are we observing it in a day for business at 9:00 a. m. or moved. Christian way? (Luke 6:6-10), and close at 3:00 p.m. instead of 4 p.m. Farmers State Bank.

F. & M. National Bank. 1t

Mrs. Len Sublett had as her guests Monday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Christopher and Mr. C. M. Largent has recent- Christopher's mother, Mrs.

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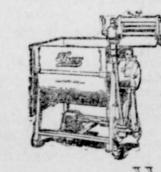
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"The Place Most People Trade"

This dramatic club has been organized largely through the ef- Or forts of Rev. Elmer Landreth, pastor of Oak Street Methodist Church of Abilene. Rev. Landreth still calls Merkel his boyhood "crawling" ground, claim-

the red-headed, freckle-faced

diences in Abilene and surrounding towns, and is bearing a sec- Rose Hill Cemetery. ond presentation in Abilene. The success accredited to this dramatic club is due also to the novel inter-act numbers, enacted by Rev. Landreth.

I will take charge of the C. P. other relatives and friends. Stevens Filling tSation May 1st. Will appreciate your patronage.

### LOUIS GRADY MILLIKEN

Louis Grady Milliken, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Milliken, was born August 10, 1899 at Caps, Texas. At the time of his death, which occured at eleven o'clock April 10, 1926, at his home in Hillsboro, Oregon, he was twen- days of winter. splitting comedy is carried ty-six years and eight months

> When quite young he professed faith in Christ and united ith the Methodist church. In January 1925 he was joined in marriage to Miss May Elf of

His remains were shipped to Merkel, Texas, where the servic- of New Brunswick, Nova Scotla, and es were held from the Methodist church, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, canducted by the Rev. ing many friends in this vicin- W. R. McCarter, pastor of the Methodist church, assisted by The play has pleased large authe Rev. Ira L. Parrack, interment immediately following in

He leaves behind to mourn his going his wife, Mrs. May Milliken, of Hillsboro, Oregon, who was unable to be present, his father, C. S. Milliken of Dallas, Texas, one brother, R. C. Milliken, of Abilene, Texas, and

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### Where Name Gamaliel Occurs in the Bible

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

### Science Vainly Seeks

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

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

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

But it is not likely that sea silk The thread is very short, the filaments being not more than three inches long. Also, it takes more than three thouof silk. Yet a little is produced and Rev. Bascom Morton, Abilene worked in Sicilian coast villages.

### The Judge's Retinue

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

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

### Study of Revelations

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

### Thought in Lower Animals

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

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

### Finest of All Oils

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### To Test Pearls

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

"Gentlemen," the scientist said. 'you will find that the pearls light anough to dont in this fluid are nataral pearls. Those that sank are cultivated Japanese pearls," says Popu-

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> versary program of the I.O.O.F. Lodge of Blair.

ter, Miss Lola, visited friends in sell on convenient terms, Jas. H. Sweetwater Wednesday.

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