

THE MERKEL MAIL

THE MERCHANTS WHO ADVERTISE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS—READ THE ADS

VOL. 38—NO. 10

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1926

8 PAGES

MOODY ISSUES NEW STATEMENT

Austin, May 6.—Attorney General Dan Moody formally opened his campaign this week issuing his first campaign statement. He will discuss fully the political principles which he holds Saturday when he makes his opening address at Taylor, where he was born and raised.

In his opening statement Moody brushes aside the fiction that Mrs. Ferguson is Governor of Texas. He then calls Jim Ferguson a thief to account.

He charged that Ferguson's campaign statement issued on April 25th, in inaccuracies, is only rivalled by the failure of the Fergusons to keep campaign pledges.

Citing the records of the State Comptroller and State Treasurer, Moody charges the Ferguson platform with mis-statements as to the financial achievements of the administration. He points out that Ferguson understates the credit of the state general revenue fund one year ago by \$1,000,000. He points out that the state deficiency was not wiped out as Ferguson claimed, but has been increased more than \$500,000. Economy pledges and performance are cited with these instances.

Secretary of State, promised cut, \$12,500, actual increase, \$20,300. Adjutant General, promised cut \$300,000, actual increase \$129,920. Dept. of Education, promised cut \$15,000, actual increase \$13,040. Banking Department, promised cut \$130,000, actual increase \$4,700. Comptroller's Dept. promised cut \$48,000, actual increase \$52,290. Railroad Commission, promised cut \$58,000, actual increase \$9,000. Industrial Accident Board, promised cut \$3,000, actual increase \$11,940. Game, Fish and Oyster Dept. promised cut \$62,000, actual increase \$21,800. Fire Ins. Commission, promised cut \$348,000, actual increase \$100,440. Live Stock Sanitary Commission, promised cut \$300,000, actual increase \$88,400. Judiciary, promised cut \$450,000, actual increase \$163,815.

Moody expresses satisfaction that Ferguson did not fulfill his campaign promises to cut the University of Texas and the A. & M. College appropriations a million each, and other institutions \$500,000, as threatened.

Instead of aiding the little red school house, Moody asserts that the appropriations to supplement the public school fund was \$7,000,000 less than that of the preceding appropriation, and that this accounts for the entire reduction of legislative appropriations under the Ferguson administration.

Responsibility for the highway situation is put flatly up to Ferguson, Moody says Ferguson sat regularly with the highway commission at its sessions in the highway office until outraged public feeling made him desist. The present commission, Moody says, meets Jim at the capitol.

Referring to the Ferguson boast that there have been grand jury investigations, Moody cites the report of the grand jury severely criticizing the award of high contracts without bids, expenditures in excess of income and lack of proper business methods.

As to indictment, Moody says: "Mr. Ferguson should remember that he is the status of a private citizen performing the functions of public office and that the law applicable to public officers does not reach him, because the Legislature never foresaw such

situation as exists at present."

Accepting "Fergusonism" as the real campaign issue, Moody says: "I charge now and I expect to prove that Fergusonism means the plundering of the public treasury through extravagance and mismanagement of the public revenues, and the diversion thereof to the benefit of political friends. I charge that Fergusonism means political quackery and political fakery. I charge that it means promises unperformed and never intended to be performed; that it means the unwholesome entanglement of public office with private interests; that it signifies the bringing of Texas into contempt and ridicule before the nation; that Fergusonism is but another term for the embezzlement of power. All these things have been within the term 'Fergusonism' since 1915 when Mr. Ferguson first became Governor of the state."

GOLAN WELCOMED TRADE TRIPPERS

The trade trip to Golan was pronounced by every one attending, as being one of the very best and most appreciated of any similar occasion. The citizens of that thriving and progressive community turned out in great numbers and individually saw that the visitors were royally greeted and made to feel welcome.

There was present a great crowd from the city and a very interesting program consisting of music by the Merkel Orchestra as well as readings, solos, and talks were rendered to the delight of every one.

Mr. Cook of the Golan community delivered a splendid welcome address, and excellent talks were made by Mr. H. C. West, president of the Luncheon Club, Rev. W. R. McCarter, J. C. Mason and possibly others whose names we failed to learn.

Rev. Ira L. Farrack pronounced the words that bound in marriage Mr. Cleo C. Riley and Miss Ara Mae Harris, on last Saturday evening at six o'clock. They are prominent young people of the Shiloh and White Church communities.

RALLY AT PRESBY- TERIAN CHURCH

Wednesday evening, May 12, in connection with the general church night service, there will be a young people's Rally at the Presbyterian church. A program will be given by the members of the Senior and Junior Christian Endeavor Societies. Mr. Jack Huppertz of Dallas, State Executive of Christian Endeavor work, will be present and will give the principal address of the evening. Mr. Huppertz is widely known throughout the state as a forceful speaker and authority on young people's work in the church.

We urge the entire church membership to be present at this service. Let us give our young people the encouragement and consideration they justly deserve in the great work they are striving to do.

A cordial invitation is given to the young people of the town to be present at this service.

Program

Song by the congregation.
Prayer, led by Rev. Little.
Solo, Mona Margaret Jones.
Report of Senior C. E.
Report of Junior C. E.
Reading, Missie Dye.
Address, Mr. E. F. Huppertz.
Field Secretary for C. E. Work.
Social Hour.
Song, "Blest be the Tie."
Mispah.

New Gin For Blair

Mr. T. J. Meiton of the Blair community, was here one day this week and informed us that Blair is to have another new gin this fall, the Planters Gin Company, who owns the present gin at that place, now making arrangements to start a new gin plant there to be ready for the fall cotton crop.

Mr. C. M. Largent, excellent citizen and famous breeder of championship Hereford cattle, dropped into this office hurriedly one day this week and left with us a bright 25 cent piece, saying the "ad" brought the desired results. In fact he stated that he always got satisfactory results from the classified ads in the Mail.

NEW ADDITION AT SHANNON'S POOL

From Mr. John Shannon, proprietor of the popular Shannon's Swimming Pool, we learn that many splendid improvements have been recently made, which will make his pool much more popular and enjoyed by those who visit it this summer.

A new well has been drilled, making it possible now to change the water as often as is needed to keep it clean and wholesome. The pool has also been made larger and deeper and constructed so as to completely drain the water quickly and as often as is desired.

Besides a place for a nice swim, Mr. Shannon states that the grounds have been so arranged as to accommodate in a very nice manner any and all picnic parties and entertainments.

He also states that the place will be conducted in a manner that will be pleasing and acceptable to the best citizenship of the town and community, and he also urges all who will to visit the pool and inspect it at any time they desire.

Child Dies from Accident

Mozell, little four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Vantrese, died at the family home in the Stith community Wednesday night following a serious injury several days previous when an oil tank rolled over on her, breaking a limb and otherwise bruising her.

The little child herself fought hard for life, and fond parents and all that medical science could do was administered, but the almighty Lord claimed her as his own and thus her soul took its flight to that eternal home in heaven.

Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon at four o'clock, conducted by Elder Warlick, with burial in the Stith Cemetery. This paper joins many friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved parents and other loved ones.

Miss Florence Jones, of Miama, Texas, is here for a visit with her aunt, Mrs. A. M. Jones.

JOHN R. WEST BUYS SEVEN ACRE SITE FOR NEW HOME

Mr. John R. West, a member of the firm of West Company, hardware and groceries, we are informed recently purchased from Mr. A. V. Dye seven acres off the north half of the latter's splendid suburban place in the south part of the city on Oak street, and will at some future time erect thereon a new and modern home.

ROAD CONTRACT ON NO. 1 AWARDED

Contract for the heavy grading and drainage structures on State Highway No. 1 from Abilene to Callahan county was awarded Tuesday morning at Austin by the state highway commission to Sullivan and Davis of Granger, whose bid was the lowest of those opened here on April 14, and which was recommended by the county commissioners court. County judge C. D. Speck was informed of the action in a message from Resident Engineer McCanlies received late Tuesday.

Construction work will begin immediately, the contractors have assured the county commissioners. As soon as the contract is executed and sent here for the signatures of the members of the county commission, Judge Speck will call the court together to take the final action he stated.

Mr. McCanlies' message also stated that final checking of the plans and specifications on Highway 1A in Taylor county, leading from Abilene to the county line near Hamby, and also on section 77 of Highway 1 from Mulberry creek to Nolan county, is now being made by the state engineer. The local engineer's force is four sets of plans ahead of the state department, Mr. Speck said.

When the final check is completed the plans will be blueprinted and sent to the Federal Bureau of Public Roads at Fort Worth for its approval—Abilene Reporter.

Will Address Baraca Class

I am glad to announce to the members of the Baraca class of the Methodist Church that Mr. W. C. Holden, of McMurry College, will be here next Sunday, and will address the class at the regular Sunday School hour.

I sincerely trust that every member of the class will make it a point to be present, and if possible bring some one who is not a regular attendant. Let's help to make the attendance at our Sunday school next Sunday reach the 500 mark.
Herbert Patterson, teacher.

Mr. Geo. T. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Moore, has accepted a position with the local post office as clerk. He is well qualified and capable of rendering splendid service in this responsible position with Uncle Sam.

Ed. J. Leeman and family of Duncan, Oklahoma, were here last Sunday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard. Mr. Leeman is establishing his son in the job printing business in the thriving and growing town of Colorado, and came down to see how the boys were getting started off.

BE HERE SATURDAY SURE AND SEE THE "BIG FACTORY LINE OF DRESSES." DELIVERED FROM THE TRUNK. BROWN D. G. CO. It

DR SANDIFER SPEAKS TO JUNIOR-SENIORS

On last Friday evening at Ed's Cafe, the Junior and Senior classes of Merkel High School enjoyed a splendid banquet. The tables were tastefully decorated in the colors of the two classes and looked very inviting. Promptly at eight o'clock the members of the two classes together with the Superintendent and teachers of the high school, and Dr. Sandifer, President of Simmons University, who was the principal speaker of the evening, found their places at the tables and remained standing while Mr. Summerhill offered the invocation. Mr. Lewis Giles, president of the Senior class, acted as toastmaster of the evening and called on Maben Rogers, president of the Junior class for a toast, which was promptly given. After all had partaken of the feast, Mr. Summerhill introduced Dr. Sandifer, who in a very impressive way delivered a splendid address to the girls and boys of these two classes. After this address there were readings and a piano solo by Misses Lola Dennis, Inice Brown and Tommie Durham. This closed the program for a very enjoyable evening for the Juniors and Seniors of Merkel High. Those attending were: Lewis Giles, Maben Rogers, Weldon Wells, Charlie Largent, Clyde Mayfield, Andrew Jones, Joe Ben Ashby, Leron Chaney, Vernon Chaney, T. J. Beidleman, A. J. Tucker, Ernest Spurgin, Clarence Walden, Mr. J. A. Summerhill, Dr. Sandifer, Rev. Ashford, and Misses Helen Booth, Inice Brown, Tommie Durham, Eva Mae Johnson, Nina Belle Russell, Anna Lou Russell, Juanita Beene, Mildred Williams, Lola Dennis, Hallie Pike, Opal Patterson, Margaret Eckerd, O'Neal Stubblefield, Gladys Milliken, Dorothy Higgins, Lila Bird, Sybil Smith, and teachers, Misses Mary Cleo Booth, Kathleen Sudderth, Martha Bird, Baylor Durham, and president of the Parent-Teachers Association, Mrs. A. R. Booth.

Construction work will begin immediately, the contractors have assured the county commissioners. As soon as the contract is executed and sent here for the signatures of the members of the county commission, Judge Speck will call the court together to take the final action he stated.

Mr. McCanlies' message also stated that final checking of the plans and specifications on Highway 1A in Taylor county, leading from Abilene to the county line near Hamby, and also on section 77 of Highway 1 from Mulberry creek to Nolan county, is now being made by the state engineer. The local engineer's force is four sets of plans ahead of the state department, Mr. Speck said.

YOUNG MERKEL COUPLE MARRIED AT ANSON

On Tuesday afternoon of this week, Mr. Henry Biggs and Miss Lela Brown, both of this city, were united in marriage at Anson at four p.m., by Rev. Pope of that city.

Young Mr. Biggs is machine operator at the Cozy Theatre, and with his bride will make this city their home. Mrs. Biggs is the daughter of Mr. Q. Brown of this city.

Mr. Arthur Harmon and family of Abilene have this week moved to Merkel, where they will make their future home. Mr. Harmon is the local manager for the American Oil Company in this city. He is an excellent gentleman and will carry on the company's business here in a very successful and satisfactory manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt, of Haskell, came over last Sunday for a visit with the latter's father, Mr. G. E. Comegys, and other relatives. Mr. Hunt returned Monday to his home, leaving Mrs. Hunt for a more extended visit here.

Misses Renna Burns and Maxie Banner attended the marriage at Clyde last Sunday of Miss Nellie Penny a niece of Miss Burns, to Mr. Horsley. Miss Penny had visited here a number of times and has many friends who extend congratulations.

"LASSOED"



Statement of the Condition of the
FARMERS STATE BANK

At the close of business April 12, 1926

| RESOURCES | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Loans and Discounts | \$392,296.91 |
| Overdrafts | 819.43 |
| 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 | 8,422.66 |
| Cash and Bills of Exchange | \$156,687.65 |
| Total | \$595,839.17 |

| LIABILITIES | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Capital Stock | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Surplus and Profits Net | 28,615.78 |
| Deposits | 516,223.39 |
| Total | \$595,839.17 |

FARMERS STATE BANK

MERKEL TEXAS

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| J. S. Swann, President | Herbert Patterson, |
| R. O. Anderson, V. Pres. | Assistant Cashier |
| J. C. Mason, V. Pres. | |
| W. L. Diltz, Cashier | Dallas Scarbrough |
| | David Hendricks |

LIKE THRILLS?
THEN YOU MUST
SEE MIX FILM

It would probably be impossible to crowd more thrills into a single picture than Tom Mix has incorporated in his latest production, "The Best Bad Man" which has its first showing in this city at the Cozy Theatre tonight.

"The Best Bad Man" was adapted from Max Brand's novel and the thrills follow one upon another so closely that they fairly overlap.

The picture opens in New Orleans, where Hugh Nichols (Mix) is disporting himself with a big Mardi Gras party. In the midst of the festivities he receives word that he is being double-crossed by an unscrupulous contractor whom he had engaged to build a big dam out west. Disguising himself as an itinerant musician, he goes West to see what it's all about and to make the crook toe the mark. This he does most effectively, in true Mix style, and the doing provides excellent entertainment. There is also a girl whom the nefarious cheat hopes to win, but in this he is also fooled by the supposed tramp musician.

The climax is one of the most spectacular scenes ever filmed, showing the blasting of a gigantic dam and the daring rescue of a girl by the western ace. Tony, Mix's equine co-star, also has some big opportunities—and he doesn't waste one of them.

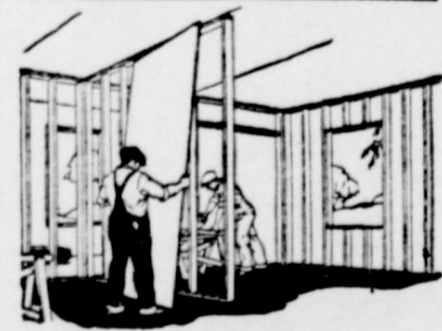
MOTHERS' DAY AT THE
METHODIST CHURCH

At the opening hour of the Sunday school next Sunday morning, the entire Sunday School will assemble in the main auditorium where a program in keeping with the day will be carried out. I want to extend a special invitation to all the mothers and fathers to be present. Since this day has been designated to the memory and reverence of our Mothers, it is hoped that every one will do her the honor of attending Sunday school and church. For some time we have been planning to reach 500 in attendance on this day, and we can do this if every one attends. Will you be there? A big welcome to all.

L. W. Cox, Supt.

CARD OF THANKS

We extend our sincere thanks to the people of Merkel for their kindness and sympathy during the first sad hours of our bereavement over the loss of our dear husband and uncle. When such a time comes to your home, may each of you be attended by such kind and loving friends as came to comfort us. May God's richest blessings be showered on each of you through life is our wish. Mrs. S. C. Keith, Mrs. A. D. Clark, Mrs. Joe Nobles.



Planning a new house? Let us tell you about Sheetrock, the fireproof wallboard used by so many good builders. It's made from highest grade gypsum rock—won't warp or buckle. Quickly erected and takes any decoration.

Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.
SHEETROCK
THE Fireproof WALLBOARD
Burton-Lingo Co.

AN APPEAL TO FATHERS
AND MOTHERS TODAY

Do we really love our boys and girls; and are we putting forth our best efforts in raising them up to a high standard of men and women that we want them to attain? There are circumstances to be considered in all cases.

There are a few parents who are trying to do the right thing by their children, and are careful of their associates and know where they are and who they are with, while there are others (I'm sorry to say) who do not know or seem to care where their children are or whom they are associating with, and careless about the time they come in at night.

If parents take heed and let us join strength together as one big band, and protect our boys and girls against the many evils that are threatening to destroy their character, ruin our homes and break down our national pride.

There are a few good obedient children that have made a mistake by listening to the voice of the evil one. They could not see the evil motive lurking behind the smooth flattering speech, and perhaps there was no real harm done if adding and multiplying gossipers had not heard of it, and here the writer wants to impress on the minds of the people that we are against evil in any form in my home or my neighbor's home. The Bible tells us to "Shun the very appearance of evil."

Should my boy or girl get in the "broad white way," they are as guilty as my neighbor's children. Though I know it is heart-rending, I know that they have subjected themselves to the criticism of the public. Oh yes, I believe in lifting up the fallen and giving a helping hand to the worthy.

There are still some real mothers today—that have passed through fire but oh the ugly scars that they bear.

Dear parents, that is why I am calling for our combined strength that we may keep our loved ones from suffering scoffs of a scarred character.

If we as parents, Christian parents, when we hear a scandal, would go to the proper ones and use division and subtraction instead of adding and multiplying there would be fewer heartaches and hard feelings.

But so often we tattle and talk of these things to each other and say "Now don't use my name for I would hate to have my name in a scandal." Well, if we would why do we talk it. We should stand boldly up for the right and denounce evils in all forms wherever found, in court or in our homes. I want to be placed with the honest and upright, and not with the "I told you so."

Take for instance the awful thing that has happened in our little town. It's no use to call names. Oh how my conscience hurts me to know that I might have been the cause of things being different. If I had gone to the parent when the first alarm was given and thrown an arm of protection around that home. We did not do this, therefore there is no home; only a heart-broken father and two scarred characters. You say what about the ones that caused the scars? Well if we had used more switches, lead and powder, they would not show so plain or so often. "A MOTHER."

CARD OF THANKS

To our friends who so kindly assisted in so many ways in our recent bereavement, we take this method of expressing as best we might by human means, our deepest gratitude. God's noblest creation is a friend.

We think that of such spirits will be composed the heaven to which we all aspire and to which has passed one more worthy addition in the passing of our darling mother and companion. W. C. Nalley and children.

Renew your subscription to the Merkel Mail before it expires

Statement of the condition 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 | 116,750.00 |
| Cash & Sight Exchange | 121,231.78 |
| Total | \$571,794.99 |

| LIABILITIES | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Capital Stock | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Surplus | 15,000.00 |
| Undivided Profits | 11,872.02 |
| Circulation | 6,250.00 |
| Deposits | 468,672.97 |
| Total | \$571,794.99 |

THE OLD RELIABLE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

MERKEL TEXAS

'SINCE 1904'

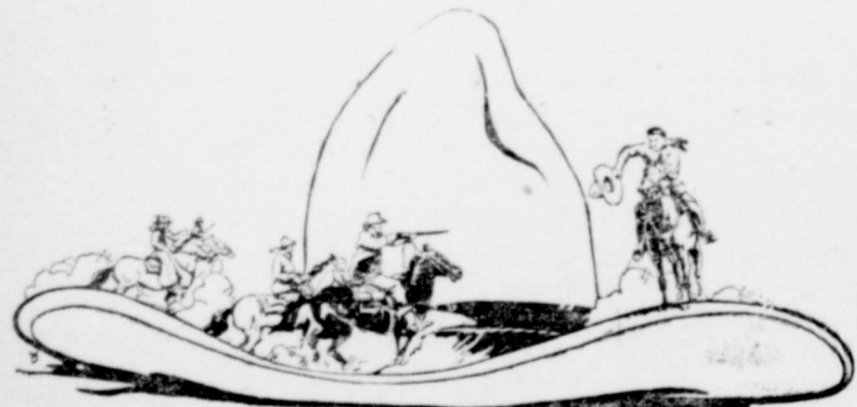
BE HERE SATURDAY SURE AND SEE THE "BIG FACTORY LINE OF DRESSES." DELIVERED FROM THE TRUNK. BROWN D. G. CO. 1t

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

Intermediate B. Y. P. U. 1. Maurine Davis, 2. Ruth Davis, 3. Louise Booth, 4. Audie Lou Giles, 5. Claude Cash, 6. Mabel Pilcher. Everybody is welcome.

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest. tf

COZY FRIDAY and SATURDAY
May 7th and 8th



WILLIAM FOX presents
Tom Mix
in
The BEST BAD MAN

From MAX BRAND'S Great Novel "SENOR JINGLE BELLS"
with
CLARA BOW ~ CYRIL CHADWICK ~ PAUL PANZER ~ JUDY KING
and TONY, the Wonder Horse
J. G. BLYSTONE Production

—ALSO—
An adventure picture
"The Winking Idol"
Chap. 9 "The Danger of Dynamite"

William Desmond and Eileen Sedgwick in
And 2-reel Universal Comedy
Admission 10c and 25c

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, May 12-13

MRS. WALLACE REED
with Percy Marmont and a Broadway cast in

"BROKEN LAWS"
Story by Adela Rogers St. John
It's an F. B. O. Picture
Also International News and Universal Comedy

ATTENTION POULTRY
RAISERS

Z-I-P Parasite Remover used in the drinking water will rid your poultry of Blue Bugs, Lice Fleas, and all other insects. Sold under a money back guarantee by W. F. Hamblet Grocery. 30t4p

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

WE WILL GUARANTEE YOU A SAVING OF \$4.50 TO \$7.50 ON THE DRESS IF YOU WILL COME TO THIS STORE "SATURDAY". BROWN DRY GOODS COMPANY. It

Messrs. Jas. A. Patterson and J. E. Boaz returned first of the week from Dallas, where they had been to attend a big Shrine meeting. They report a very fine trip.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

PILES CURED

NO KNIFE NO PAIN 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 10 from 12 a. m. to 5 p. m.
Phone No. 359 Abilene, Texas

**REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS
FIRE INSURANCE**

After a Fire==

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.

Our fire insurance policies are dependable.

W. O. BONEY
MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.

MOTHERS' DAY

SUNDAY, MAY 9th.

THE day that sets hearts bubbling over with tender affection—your heart in remembrance of the devotion due her and gratification in the opportunity to pay some deference to same—her heart in solace that her love has not been lavished unresponsively.



From Love's Garden

EVERY bloom that you bestow upon her in thoughtful recognition of Mothers' Day will, indeed, be a tribute from Love's Garden. Fragrant flowers will touch her heart in the thought that her great devotion has taken root in your heart. Don't forget her and honor her by attending church some where on this day.

H.P. HULSEY, D.C.

She'd Like Your Likeness

As a "Mother's Day" Gift NOTHING would please her more as a Mothers' Day remembrance than a likeness of you. She is jealous of the moments you spend away from her—but your photograph will be a pleasing proxy for her to treasure.

Rodden Studio

A Nice Swing Frame with each dozen 4x6 or 6x8 pictures.

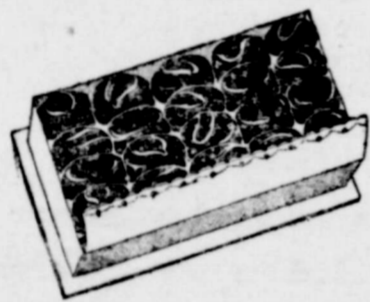
Mother's Love

—the Greatest Power on Earth SHE who generated the spark of life into your being expects nothing in return but a spark of filial affection. Demonstrate that by giving her something worthy, useful and pleasing. We have some Special Mothers' Day Cakes

Quality Bakery



To The Queen of Sweets



MOTHER,—not only the holiest, but also the sweetest word in all languages. What more fitting token can you offer as a Mothers' Day tribute than a box of specially prepared confections from

GRIMES-SMITH DRUG CO.

You will do her honor to attend church Sunday.

Her Home - - and You

THESE are the two things that Mother loves best of all. What finer evidence of your love can you offer—what more welcome gift on Mothers' Day than something that will make her home more beautiful and her comfort more secure than a gift of Hardware from our store.

LIBERTY HDW. CO.

Honor her by attending some religious service Sunday.



Telegraph to Mother

IF YOU have left the home nest, distance should be no barrier from telling her how rich your reverence and deep your love in a Mothers' Day message by wire. Be sure to attend church services Sunday in her memory.

W. F. GOLLIDAY

Agent for the Gulf Refining Co.

Mother's Day

NEXT Sunday, May 9th, has been designated to the memory and reverence of the Mothers of the men of this great nation. Let's not fail to properly remember her on this occasion. And besides visiting her, sending her a message or token, be sure to attend some religious worship on this day. It will indeed be fitting and a proper remembrance on this day.

OASIS FILLING STATION

Bill Haynes, Proprietor.

MAY 9, MOTHERS DAY

ON THIS day, set aside throughout our nation as Mothers' Day, may all men, everywhere, do reverence and honor to the Mother who suffered that we might enjoy life.

And, as would be her wish, let's honor her by attending Sunday School and church somewhere.

If possible send her a message of Love.

DOWELL'S AUTO PAINT SHOP



INVITATION

A Personal Representative of

Lady Beth



Will be in our store one week beginning

MONDAY, MAY 10



She will show scientific methods of caring for the complexion, and will personally advise you how to retain and regain your "Youth and Beauty."

We have a private booth arranged in our store where she will give complimentary facials and individualized suggestions.

Ladies are cordially invited to register now for this valuable service.

HAMM DRUG CO.

"Lady Beth" Brings Beauty

CARD OF THANKS

To the many friends and loved ones who administered unto our darling sister and baby during her prolonged illness and death, we wish to thank each one every one. Your sympathy and help has been appreciated more than words can tell. May God's richest blessings rest upon each and every one of you is our prayer. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church and children. 1tp

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

Presbyterian Missionary Society

Program for Monday, May 10. Subject: "Spanish Speaking people in U. S. A." Devotional service, Mrs. Geo. West. Women of the Mexican Frontier, Mrs. W. M. Elliott. Treasures in the Southwest, Mrs. Henry West. "She Goes and Talks," Mrs. Marvin Smith. M. E. Missionary Society

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

The Merkel Mail

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

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

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

A man's own acts either make his life one of ease, comfort and happiness or worry and misery. He alone is responsible.

A person may belong to all the secret organizations, lodges, and churches, be very popular in any and all, and for a time get by with a rotten hypocritical and dishonest life, but in the end time will bring to justice and a right about face such persons, which always brings suffering and humiliation to them.

By gossip the character and life of many have been wrecked and ruined. However, such is only a warning to one and all that it is best to so live in a way that will leave no room for gossip. Dishonesty and wrong living only aid gossip in one's destruction.

There is much said these days concerning the virtue, honor and conduct of the youth of the land, and in some instances there is doubtless room for some unfavorable comment. But not so much as some would have us believe. But where youth has strayed into forbidden paths, in most cases older heads are responsible, in that they have set the wrong example. In fact, there is much to rejoice over the fine youth of the land.

When Dan Moody charged the great road construction company with graft and misuse of the people's road money, there were a lot of people yelled persecution. The courts sustained Dan's charges. Some people are just like that when it comes to charging their (pet) friends with graft and corruption; they just can't believe it possible that their (pet) friends could or would commit any act of wrong doing. And before they would have the public find out that such a thing had happened, would lend their assistance to help cover up such charges.

Men elected to public office are the servants of the people who elected them, and should without fear or favor honestly serve and protect the interest of those whom they serve. When this is done the grafting and spending of the people's money for selfish purposes will cease. It is right to be just and forgiving, but it is likewise wrong to assist in the covering up and smoothing over of dishonesty in public office, and any man or set of men participating in such immediately becomes a party to the transaction.

Idlewise Club

On Thursday, April 29th, Miss Mary Cleo Booth was a pleasing hostess to the members of the Idlewise Club and a few invited guests when she entertained at her home on Rose street. At tables attractively arranged and prettily appointed, interesting games of bridge were enjoyed for several hours. At the culmination of the games the hostess served a delicious salad plate with iced tea to the following guests: Misses Maurine Hearne, Frances McMurry, Kathleen Sudderth, Manice Massingale of Houston, Ruby Hamm, Mary Eula Sears, Lucy Tracy and Evelyn Hamm, Mesdames Jack Durham, Sie Hamm, Bill Brown, Roy Largent, Bill Haynes, Emmett Grimes and Earl Baze.

Another afternoon of pleasure for the Idlewise Club was that of Tuesday when Mrs. Bill Brown entertained the members and friends at the home of her father on Oak street. When the guests had arrived pretty tally cards were passed, by means of which places were found at tables with attractive covers, arranged for auction bridge. A special feature of entertainment that added enjoyment to this pretty party was the appropriate reading given by Miss Lola Dennis. The hostess assisted by her sister, Miss Johnnie Sears, passed a lovely salad plate with iced tea to: Misses Manice Massingale, Lucy Tracy, Mary Eula Sears, Ruby Hamm, Mary Cleo Booth, Lola Dennis and Evelyn Hamm, Mesdames Sie Branton, George White, Earl Baze, Emmett Grimes, Bill Haynes, Warren Smith, Sie Hamm, Roy Largent and Jack Durham.

Senior League Program

Leader, Mabel Toombs. Hymn: "I Walk with the King," No. 163. Prayer. Scripture lesson: Acts 1:7-9. Solo, Sallie Brown. Topics: 1. "Our Neighbors in Brazil," Lewis Giles. 2. "Introducing our Neighbors," Robert Mayfield. 3. "Our Neighbors' Needs," Mary Hutcheson. 4. "What we can do to Help," Tommie Durham. Open discussion. Hymn: "Help Somebody Today," No. 165. Closing prayer and benediction.

Junior B.Y.P.U. Program

1. Song, by all. Part 2. By Willie Evelyn Boaz Part 3. by Mary Nell Summerhill Part 4. by Dorothy Deutschman. Part 5. by Byron Summerhill. Part 6. by Irene Rister. Part 7. by T. R. Lassiter. Part 8. by Benny Sheppard. Part 9. by Sarah Sheppard.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

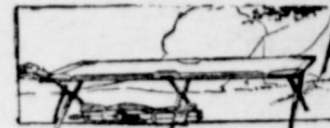
THIS IS THE LIFE!

The scenery may be nature's best, roads like velvet, weather perfect, fish biting and a good "pal" with you—but the real pleasure of your outing trip depends on the equipment you take with you to "make roughing it smooth." You'll need a Coleman Camp Stove for the "eats" and a Coleman Lantern for plenty of good light. Among other things, you'll need a tent, a luggage carrier for your running board, folding cots, fishing tackle, etc. We have all these outing necessities and many more ready for your inspection.



COLEMAN QUICK-LITE LANTERN

—the best little night-time camping pal that ever went on a trip. Burns common gasoline, has built-in pump, stands hard knocks and furnishes brilliant light. Has mica chimney—wind-proof, bug-proof rain-proof. Can't spill even if tipped over. Priced at \$8.50



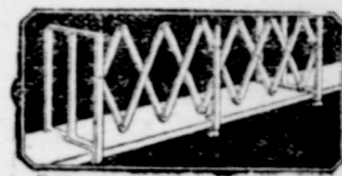
FOLDING COTS

Compact—folds into small bundle when not in use. Durable, and very comfortable. Made of heavy canvas ducking on sturdy hardwood frame. The kind that thousands of tourists and campers use and like. Price \$4.00 and Up



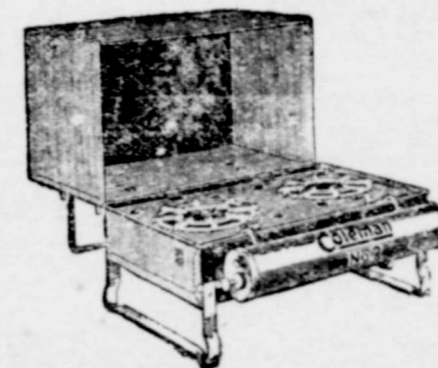
FISHING TACKLE

—a full line of rods, reels, hooks, lines, lead, floats, flies, minnow buckets, fish stringers, trot line material—everything you need. Look through the line before you buy.



LUGGAGE CARRIER

—easily attached to running board of any car. Easy to take off. Folds up compactly when not in use. Three styles from which to choose Priced from \$1.50 to \$1.75



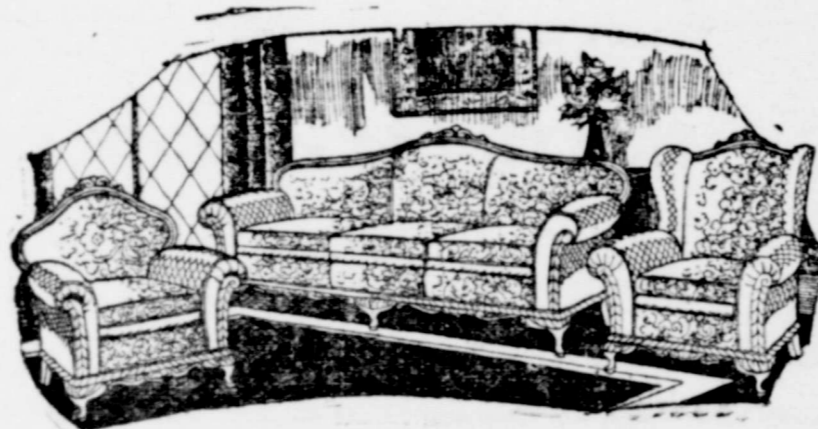
Coleman No. 2 CAMP STOVE

—a miniature gas range with everything built in. Hot-plate Starter, Swinging fuel tank, built-in Oven and Wind Baffle, built-in Air Pump and Filling Funnel. Uses common gasoline and folds up like a suit case. Priced at \$12.50

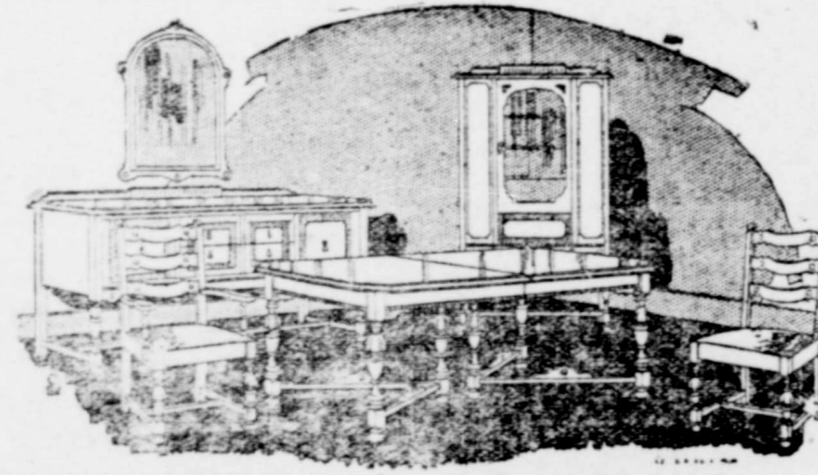
West Company

THE MARK THE HOUSE FOR THE MARK DEPENDABLE AUTO NECESSITIES

Are you interested in Living Room Furniture? If so let us show you our wonderful line of Living Room Suits.



How about a new Dining Room Suit. A very large stock to select from, priced in range of everyone.

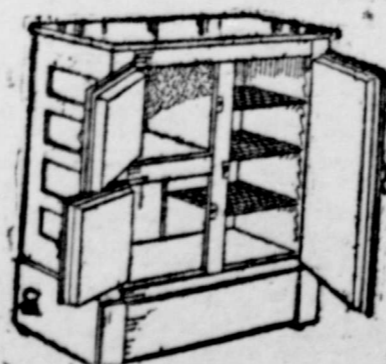


Just received several new Bed Room Suits You will be surprised at just how cheap we can sell you a Bed Room Suit. Come look them over.

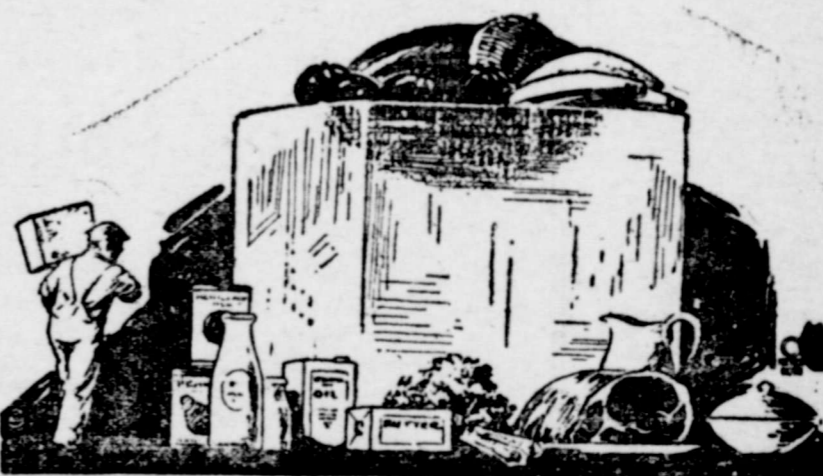


10-MAY-26

Hot weather is a little late this season, but it is sure to come. Prepare for it now. Buy an AUTOMATIC Refrigerator, none better.



Barrow Furniture Company



ICE

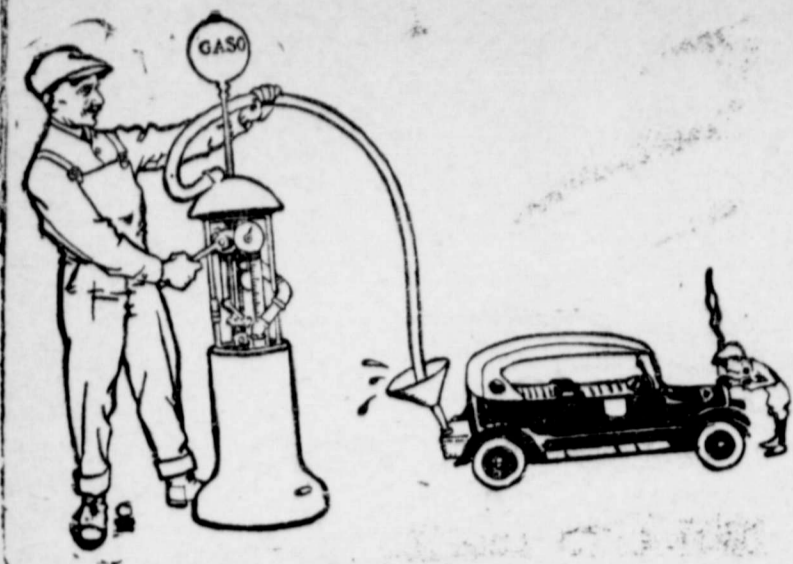
We are ready to serve you by delivery every day. A phone call will bring it

We've built up our business largely through the praises of our friends. By giving our patrons wholesome Ice and excellent service we have firmly established this business. Why not join the great army of satisfied customers? Once tried we know you will like us. PHONE 203

We have also opened our stock of **New Groceries**

in our new building on Front Street opposite the Ice House and will appreciate a share of your business in this line.

LESLIE & MIDDLETON



TO THE Tire and Tube Buyers

I have a \$2500 stock of
Tires and Tubes, all new
merchandise and for

Ten Days

am going to make

VERY CLOSE PRICES

If you intend buying any
tires soon, it will pay you
to get our prices on Bal-
loon and high pressure
Tires and Tubes

Magnolia Filling

Station

C. H. JONES
MANAGER

3-YEAR OLD SON OF MR. AND MRS. BEN CLARK DIES

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Coats, grand parents, of the little 3-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Clark. The Services were conducted by Rev. W. R. McCarter, with burial immediately after in Rose Hill Cemetery.

The little fellow, only three years and seven months old, died from an acute attack of appendicitis, suffering, it seemed, but a short time, and his sudden departure is indeed a shock to his loving parents. This paper joins the family's many friends in extending deepest sympathy during this their saddest hour of bereavement.

MRS. RIDER PRESENTS HER PUPILS IN RECITAL

Mrs. J. Samuel Rider, music teacher of Abilene, presented her Merkel class in recital on last Tuesday evening at the Methodist church. This program took the form of a May revue. The girls appearing on the program wore lovely paper costumes of different hues, while the boys wore dark trousers, white shirts and a colorful sash about the waist. The program consisted of solos and duets in piano, violin, saxophone and vocal numbers. Each number was splendidly rendered and showed much talent and training. This leads us to say that we believe there is much undeveloped talent in the youth of Merkel that is only waiting to be discovered and trained.

MUSIC AND EXPRESSION DEPTS. GIVE RECITAL

As we go to press there is being presented at the Grammar school building a splendid program under the supervision of Misses Tracy and Yoakum, teachers of expression and music in the public schools.

We feel sure that anything good we might say about this program would not be an exaggeration. These young ladies are quite capable in their work and we are sure this is an excellent program.

Mr. Max Mellinger left Wednesday for a business trip to Ft. Worth and Dallas.

Mr. J. L. Beene returned Sunday from Cottonwood, where he had been for several months at the bedside of a brother who has been in very feeble health, but who is now reported by the former as getting along nicely with good prospects for recovery.

The regular business meeting of the Missionary Society was held on last Monday afternoon at 2:30. On next Monday afternoon there will be a lesson from the study book using the third chapter for a lesson. We are expecting a large attendance at this meeting. Will you be there?

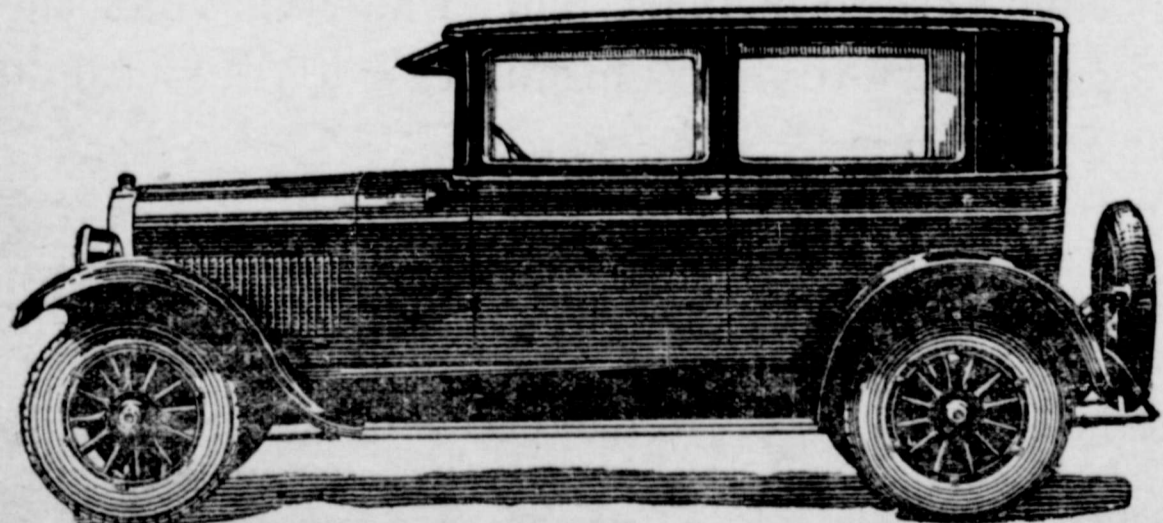
You want all of these
features in your next car

But how much should you
pay to obtain them?

- Fisher Body . . . Duco Finish . . . Four-Wheel Brakes
- Advanced Six-Cylinder Engine . . . Harmonic Balancer
- Full Pressure Oiling . . . Automatic Spark Control . . . Air Cleaner
- Light Dimmer on Steering Wheel . . . Oil Filter
- Interchangeable Main Bearings . . . Unit Instrument Panel

Oakland Six, \$1025 to \$1295,
Pontiac Six, Companion to Oak-
land Six, \$825, Coach or Coupe.
All prices at factory. General
Motors Time Payment Rates,
heretofore the lowest, have been
made still lower.

The Oakland Six not only embodies every one of these advanced engineering features; it not only reveals beauty, speed, power, smoothness and stamina unsurpassed by expensive cars — but it combines these essentials at the very minimum cost.



The Coach \$1095

B. & H. MOTOR COMPANY
MERKEL, TEXAS

WINNING AND HOLDING GOOD WILL

OAKLAND SIX
PRODUCT OF GENERAL MOTORS

HISTORY OF GOOD TIRES

You Pay No More
for these Warranted Tires

In fact, you will find that USCO Balloons, High-Pressure Cords and Fabrics are priced lower than many unmarked, unwarranted tires of questionable value on the market today.

USCO

tires are famous for their ability to give long mileage. They are protected by the name, trade mark and warranty of the United States Rubber Company—the world's largest rubber manufacturers and owners of the largest rubber plantation in the world.

Come in and let us show you the advantage in price and quality of these dependable tires.



For Sale By

MAGNOLIA FILLING STATION

The USCO BALLOON

A handsome, sturdy balloon tire at a low price. Flat, high-shouldered tread. Strong, flexible cord construction giving full balloon cushioning and long service. Carries the name, trade mark and full warranty of the United States Rubber Company.

United States Tires are Good Tires

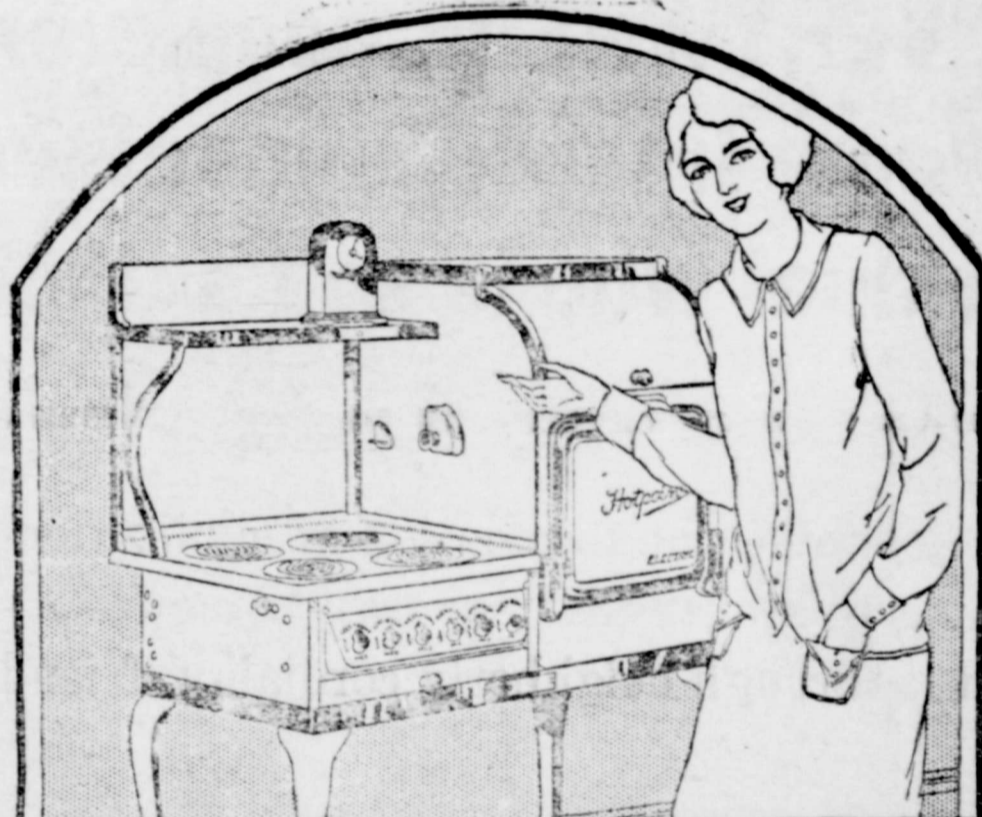
Mr. Bill Brown, who has been making his home in Dallas for some time, is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown, and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson spent several days this week in Fort Worth and Dallas.

Mrs. R. N. Campbell is visiting in Burkburnett and Wichita Falls this week.

Mr. Sie Hamm left Wednesday for Fort Worth on business.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail



Electric Cookery is more convenient

"I merely set the
Electric Timer and the Heat Control

I NO longer need to be home hours before meal-time as I did before I got a Hotpoint Super-Automatic Range. Now, I prepare the dinner in the morning, place it in the oven and set the controls. I always have the perfect assurance that when we come home to dinner, the food will be cooked and ready to serve.

"And it will be better than when I had to fuss with it in a hot, stuffy kitchen."



Hotpoint Automatic Electric Timer. Set the hands for the time cooking should start and stop. Then forget it.

Hotpoint
SUPER-AUTOMATIC
ELECTRIC
RANGES

Come in and let us tell you about the many other advantages of the Hotpoint Electric Range.



Hotpoint Automatic Electric Heat Control and Thermometer. It maintains an exact oven heat, as desired, all through cooking.

**West Texas Utilities
Company**



One For All and All For One

EVERYWHERE people are coming to realize more and more how interdependent we are upon each other. The only individual who is self sufficient is a hermit.

The keynote—the foundation of civilization—is the family. We all concede that. And we're rapidly coming to realize that our own home town—is a home town family—simply the family unit a little bit extended through neighborly cordiality, friendship and pleasant social intercourse.

Common good will and recognition of human obligation is a deeper currency than any money system ever invented. But it is also to our advantage on the material side of life—it redounds in better practices, living conditions, more generous impulses. It makes MERKEL a better place to live.

Let's make our home town a unit closer knit. Let's be generous with our good will—realizing that the prosperity of the individual is directly reflected in an added prosperity to our community. Your home industries and merchants have adapted this creed. Will you co-operate?

J. T. DENNIS, Dry Goods and Groceries
HAMILTON & CASE GROCERY
McDONALD & COLLUM GROCERY
THE CASH TAILOR SHOP
FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L. BANK
THE CORNER GARAGE
MERKEL LUMBER CO. Wm. P. Carey Co.
A. R. BOOTH GROCERY
BOB MARTIN GROCERY COMPANY

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY
THE MERKEL MAIL PRINTING CO.
THE QUALITY BAKERY
LIBERTY HARDWARE COMPANY
EVERYBODY'S GARAGE
GRIMES-SMITH DRUG COMPANY
J. T. DARSEY & CO., FURNITURE
WOODRUM FILLING STATION
BARROW FURNITURE COMPANY

THE COZY THEATRE
HAMM DRUG COMPANY
BROWN DRY GOODS COMPANY
MERKEL DRUG COMPANY
MAX MELLINGER, DRY GOODS
CROWN HARDWARE COMPANY
WEST COMPANY, Genuine Ford Parts
BRAGG DRY GOODS COMPANY
JONES DRY GOODS COMPANY

CLASSIFIED ADS

BABY CHICKS
Strong, healthy, vigorous baby chicks from selected purebred fowls Leghorns, Barred Rocks, Reds, Buff Orpingtons 15c each and up. Custom hatching.
Higgins Hatchery
Route 1, Merkel, Texas Jan. 29

FOR SALE
FOR SALE—Big Bronze Turkey Eggs at \$3.50 per setting. Mrs. E. A. Click, Merkel, Rt. 3. 30t2

FOR SALE—My home place. East front lot, 5 rooms and bath. Sewer connection and complete plumbing. This place is well improved and convenient to town school and church. John R. West. tf

BEEES for sale. See Sam Butman, Sr. 30t2

FOR SALE—Good maize on the ear, Friday and Saturday. Vernon Horton. 1tp

WE WILL GUARANTEE YOU A SAVING OF \$4.50 TO \$7.50 ON THE DRESS IF YOU WILL COME TO THIS STORE "SATURDAY". BROWN DRY GOODS COMPANY. 1t

FOR SALE—Five year old mare, work anywhere. C. F. Hines, Rister house, southeast side of city. 1tp

KASCH COTTON SEED—Have some good second year Kasch seed for sale at 75c per bushel. Sam Swann. 1t

FOR SALE—Some good work mules. Cash or approved notes. See Dr. Armstrong. 1t

FOR SALE—One '22 Dodge touring car in good condition. Also have some good used Fords priced right. Mack Cox, Merkel, Texas. 7t4

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

FOR RENT
ROOM for rent—One unfurnished room for light housekeeping, or furnished for boy's bedroom. Mrs. Lee Acuff. 1tp

FOUND—An Odd Fellow Emblem. Owner can get same by describing same and paying for this ad. G. W. Boyce 1t

LOST—Eight one dollar bills on or about April 20, at Trent or between Trent and Blair. Finder return to Merkel Mail office and receive reward. 1t

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

WHAT MY NEIGHBOR SAYS
Is of Interest to Merkel Folks.

When one has the misfortune to suffer from backache, headaches, dizziness, urinary disorders and other kidney ills—and has found relief from all this sickness and suffering, that person's advice is of untold value to friends and neighbors. The following case is only one of many thousands, but it is that of a Merkel resident. Who could ask for a better example?

Mrs. E. E. Leslie, says: "I had dull pains through my kidneys. Terrible headaches made me nervous, too. If I bent over, I got so dizzy, everything turned black. My kidneys acted too freely. I used Doan's Pills from Sanders Drug Store and three boxes cured me." (Statement given May 5, 1919).

On May 6, 1925, Mrs. Leslie said: "Doan's Pills made a lasting cure."
60c. at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N.Y.

METHODIST CHURCH
Mother's Day services Sunday at the Methodist Church. Special program in the Sunday school special music, and appropriate sermon at the morning hour. We are expecting to have a great day Sunday with over 500 in the Sunday school. We hope that every member of the school will be present Sunday and that many others who have not attended will come out Sunday in honor of Mother, on Mother's Day.
If Mother is living, remember her Sunday, and if she has entered into the Brighter World, pay some appropriate tribute to her memory—worship Mother's Christ.
We invite you to attend our services at the Methodist church Sunday. W. R. McCarter.

Presbyterian Church
Sunday School at 10 a.m. Special Mothers' Day service at the 11 o'clock hour. The choir will give a program of special music.
Senior Christian Endeavor at 7 p.m.
Evening worship at 8:00 p.m.
General church night services Wednesday at 8 p.m. Supper will be served at the church, followed by a program given by the members of the Senior Christian Endeavor. Mr. Jack Huppertz, State Executive of Christian Endeavor work will be the speaker of the evening.

Christian Endeavor Program
Leader, Nina Bell Russell.
Topic: "How to build Happy homes."
Scripture reading, Eph 6:1-10
Talk by leader.
Song, "Since I joined the Senior C. E."
Talks: "A Christian Endeavor home," Eunice Russell.
"The family altar," Mr. Rerris
"Poor homes that are rich," Selma Lee Russell.
Song, "Christian Endeavor."
Clippings: "Home cheerfulness," Norma Shannon.
"Home Helpfulness," Missie Dye.
"Christian Endeavor at home" by Helen Compton.
Question. Song, "Boosting for C. E." Prayer. Offering.
Announcements.
Song: "Blest be the tie that binds." Mispah.

Parent-Teachers Meeting
P. T. A. meets Wednesday, May 12, at 3:30 at the Grammar school auditorium. This is the last meeting for the year and every one is urged to be present. The sixth grades will give the program.
For your plain and fancy dress making and all kinds of sewing bring your goods to Mrs. Mary Smith, rooms at Mrs. Richie's residence on the opposite corner from the rail road water tank. Prices reasonable. Embroidery work a specialty. 1tp

Notice to the Public
Notice is hereby given that I will in no way be responsible for any account, check or other transaction contracted by Mrs. F. Z. Turner since April 13th, 1926. (Signed) F. Z. TURNER. 30t2p

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

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

Dr. W. M. Gambill returned last week from attending the State Dental Meeting in Wichita Falls last week. He reports a very fine meeting and a pleasant trip.

PASSED AWAY
Little Rachael Catherine Church, better known as "sister Babe," aged three years, eleven months and 17 days, passed away Tuesday, April 27 at eleven ten o'clock p.m.
She was such a sweet, patient, little child, who bore her suffering without a complaint. Yet we know that Jesus has taken another Bud to bloom in his garden of Love. We know that if all the little buds in his garden are as sweet as she, it is a place we would all like to be.
The entire community gives their sympathy and love to the grief stricken family. May God's blessings be with them always, is our prayer. A Friend.

Mrs. G. H. Johnson returned first of the week from an extended visit with her husband at Breckenridge.

Mrs. H. F. Groene returned this week from an extended visit with her son, George, and family, at Groesbeck, Texas.

Mrs. Kenneth Price and children, of Dallas, is here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard.

DRUG STORES CLOSE
We, the undersigned druggists of Merkel, will close our places of business promptly at 9:30 Sunday, May 9, in honor of our Mothers' Day.
Hamm Drug Company.
Grimes-Smith Drug Co.
Merkel Drug Company. 1t

Messrs. W. O. Boney, L. B. Scott and Tom Largent were in Fort Worth first of the week on business.

PROFESSIONAL
TELL THE WORLD WITH SIGNS
—SIGNS THAT LAST—
RISTER THE SIGN MAN
Merkel, Texas

MEMBER TEXAS QUALIFIED DRUGGISTS' LEAGUE
Legally Registered Pharmacist

Merkel Drug COMPANY
S. D. Gamble, Mgr.

SAVE BABY CHICKS
Cure and prevent disease With Martin's White Diarrhoea Tablets and make 'em grow fast with Martin's Poultry Tonic
Money back guarantee by the MERKEL DRUG COMPANY

Len Sublett
Water well Driller, all work guaranteed first-class.

Merkel, Texas
Phone 164w P. O. Box 224

SPECIAL
Complete ELGIN Watches \$11.00 and Up
Also a good value in DIAMOND RINGS From \$15.00 Up
PRESLEY'S
Jewelry & Gift Shop
Expert Repairing
209 Pine St. Abilene, Texas

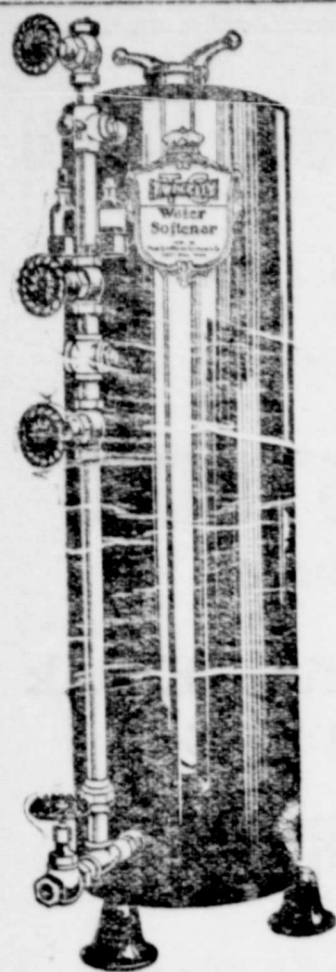
No Arrest To Be Made
KODAK SEASON now open
Mail your films to--
RODDEN STUDIO
Merkel, Texas
We specialize in fine Kodak finishing and enlarging.
8 HOUR SERVICE
Kodaks Repaired Free

When Buying a
Washing Machine
Consider These Facts
Fact No. 1 Thor Cylinder Washers last longer: Many Thors in use today are 10, 15 and even 18 years old. No other electric washer can prove such long life. This is one reason why the Thor is the cheapest washer you can buy.
There are 9 more facts. Ask us for them.
Prices \$135 to \$175 All Highest Quality
West Texas Utilities Co.
Thor Cylinder Washer

DR. WATKINS and ASSOCIATES, Dentists, Abilene:
I am perfectly satisfied with your work, and my health is much better. I assure you that I can recommend your work and I don't think that it is recommended highly enough.
I remain your satisfied customer, Mrs. G. B. Richardson, 982 Elm Street, Abilene, Texas.
We have the original of the above on file in our office.
DR. K. M. WATKINS and ASSOCIATES, DENTISTS
Dr. Johnson, Associate
Texas Leading Plate Specialist in Texas' Best City
Room 16 Compton Bldg. 152½ Cypress Street
Phone 681 Abilene, Texas

CHEAPER Miles!
Firestone
Truck and Bus Pneumatics
There is just one real way to cut tire costs—increase your mileage!
Every extra mile you get is a slice off the original cost of the tire — it is one more mile of clear-profit in operation.
Firestone Truck and Bus Pneumatics will give you greater mileage than any other equipment you can buy—Firestones are built to endure—even their cords are Gum-Dipped.
West Company
Phone 59 **MERKEL, TEXAS**

AUTOMOBILE HOSPITAL
SUBLET AND THOMAS SURGEONS
HUNTER AND STANFORD M. D.
CHRONIC CASES OUR SPECIALTY
Everybody's Garage
PHONE 72



**SOFT WATER
PAYS BIG DIVIDENDS**

Get away from the idea that a Water Softener costs a lot of money. It doesn't when you buy a Twin City.

If you can afford a washing machine in your home you can afford a Twin City Water Softener. There are models that cost no more.

A Twin City Softener will pay for itself over and over again in direct money saving and comfort. The operating cost is next to nothing.

A demonstration costs nothing. May we show you?

L. C. SUBLET
Merkel, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Anderson and children, of Sweetwater, are here for a visit with home folks and friends. Mr. Anderson is connected with one of the banks of Sweetwater, and is taking his vacation.

MOTHER'S DAY WITH THE BAPTISTS

Sunday is Mothers Day and will be observed by the Merkel Baptists. Every one in the service will be offered a flower to wear in honor of Mother, a white flower if she has gone to her eternal home and a bright flower if she is still on her earthly pilgrimage. If you have a flower that you wish to wear it is all right but a committee will greet all who come and will have plenty of flowers to pin a flower on each one who comes.

There will be readings, special music and a short message from the pastor as well as a free for all time when those in the audience will be given an opportunity to offer a tribute to mother.

At the evening hour the spirit of the day will still be kept. There will be readings and special music with a message from the pastor on the subject "Making Mother Happy." This will be a message to the young and we hope that as many of our young people as can will be with us in that service and of course the older people will come too.

Every mother in the church is urged to come to the services and every mother in the community without a church home is cordially invited to come with us in the services of the day.

Every one who would show respect for mother either living or dead should find their way to some place of worship and join with the hosts of others in thanking God for one of the greatest gifts of Heaven to earth.

If you have no church home in Merkel and you are in the community, whether you live here or are here for the day only you will find a warm welcome with us. Do not mis-spend this good day. Honor mother in the worship of the Lord.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Call 61 to place a want ad in the Mail or give us a news item.



Thoughtful sons and daughters will remember mother with a gift selected from our complete stock of Silk Hose, Linen Handkerchiefs, Leather or Beaded Bags, Collar and Cuff Sets, a Dress Pattern of Plain or Printed Silk, Drapery Materials, Spreads and Table Linens.

**Our Millinery Priced Special for
This Week-End**

We are headquarters for Gold Bond Saving Stamp Premiums. The Premiums are here on display for your inspection

BRAGG DRY GOODS CO.
"The Place Most People Trade"

**Bargaining in New
and Used Cars**

Essex "6" Coach \$875.00

delivered at your door with the following equipment: Front and rear Bumpers, Motometer, Electric windshield Wiper, Rear View Mirror and Stop Light.

1 Seven Passenger Hudson \$300.00

1 Ford Coupe (1925) \$350.00

1 Ford Touring . . . \$75.00

CASH OR TERMS

First Class Repairing

Boney's Garage

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES
By A. J. Tucker

All the annual cuts have at last returned from the engraver and the printing has begun. The Mail promises to do its best to get the Annual printed by the last week of school. Every one get busy and help sell the extra annuals that we will have.

The members of the Junior and Senior classes gathered at Ed's Cafe last Friday night for the customary Junior-Senior Banquet. Lewis Giles, the Senior president, was toastmaster. After a delightful dinner Dr. Sanderfer, of Simmons University, gave a very interesting and instructive talk which was enjoyed by every one, especially those planning on going away to college next year.

Another Senior affair, very

much to be remembered, was the picnic Monday. We departed from Alma Mater at 9:30 a.m., leaving her in the care of the lower classmen for the day. The place selected to stage the picnic was Chaney's ranch (out among the cows and calves). The main affair of the day, of course, was lunch, and the others were hill climbing, drinking water from the creek, fake weddings and, last but not least, fixing flat tires.

Some fear was expressed that some of the fair ladies were planning to kidnap Lee Criswell, but, under the careful chaperoning of Miss Bird, he managed to get back home single.

The play, put on by the Ninth grade under the direction of Miss Gilbreath, was a very interesting one and all those present, both old and young enjoyed it. The proceeds went to the

Library Fund.

—M.H.S.—
Lola: "Chaney, now you must go along with me and keep these dreadful snakes off of me."

One of the Twins: "Oh! I don't thing the snakes would bother you."

—M.H.S.—
Weldon: "That guy has stolen my best girl."

Miss Gilbreath: "The mean old horse thief."

—M.H.S.—
Stell: "This biology class reminds me of Mr. Summerhill's Chevrolet."

Delbert: "Dear, why do you compare those two?"

Stell: "Because there is nothing in here but a crank and a lot of nuts."

—M.H.S.—
Good Advice

1. Never crank a Chevrolet when it is in reverse.

2. Don't run over the shade

trees as it is bad on their growth."

3. Always catch a car before you try to stop it.

4. If you feel that you are going to have tire trouble, be sure to take Luther along instead of A. J. Just ask Stell.

5. For reducing, try climbing hills as Lola has done.

Mothers' Day at Blair
The Mothers' Day program will be rendered Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the Baptist Church at Blair. Every one is invited to attend.

BARBER NOTICE
I have moved to the Gilbert Barber Shop next door to Holloway's Cafe, and will appreciate your calling on me there. Floyd McCoy. It

Mr. Earl Wood of Hereford is a guest of Mr. John Shannon this week.



FACTORY PRICES

We will have a special "Factory Representative" here for one day, **Saturday only**, with a

large line of Dresses in the very newest styles. Materials of Silk Crepes, Georgettes, Prints and all that is NEW—You can readily see the great saving to you as these dresses are delivered direct to you from the trunk. We guarantee you a saving from \$3.50 to \$7.50 on each dress.

Prices--
**\$6.75, \$8.75, \$9.75, \$11.75
AND UP**

Brown Dry Goods Co.

"THE GREEN STAMP STORE"

