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OUTLOOK FOR 1926-27 TERM

With the opening of school only a month away, we should begin to plan for the best school we have ever had in Merkel. Our opportunities are greater this year than ever before in many respects. We now have our buildings in good shape, our equipment is excellent for all the branches of study that we now offer. We have an excellent faculty of experienced teachers, with only two who have not had experience. The new teachers working with the old ones will be able to do mighty good work I'm sure. We have a potential Parent-Teachers Association, and they are going to be right with us in our forward movements in school work. The Board of Trustees is wide awake and enthusiastic, as well as the business men. In fact the whole of the patronage of the schools and others of the citizenry who are not patrons of the school are anxious to see our schools make substantial progress.

There have been many transfers from the rural communities already, and others are coming who are not eligible for transfer. We are glad to have these pupils take advantage of our schools. It is a complement to us and our schools. We only wish that more of the people in the adjoining communities would express their desire to come in with us. We could then plan for and put over a real, honest to goodness program of education in our little city. What, with the wonderful crops in view for our territory, should be the aim and possibilities of our schools? If we do not get too prosperous we should accomplish wonders. By working together we can do things that would surprise the most enthusiastic patron. If we get too prosperous we are apt to do as we did in 1919—not take advantage of the opportunities to make permanent improvements. We should feather our nest while the opportunity is ours.

Some of the business men and merchants of our city have this year bought book covers for the local schools as well as the schools of Merkel trade territory. This is a step of progress, and real economy to all. The book covers in some places have been a question and a problem, but this year that is all solved. They will be here some time this month and ready for distribution to all these schools. You are welcome to these covers and if you don't get them here, we will bring them out to your school house on opening day if you will let us know when that date is. The men who are furnishing these covers this year are the F. and M. Bank, Grimes-Smith Drug Company, Sam Swann Gin, T. J. R. Swafford, T. G. Bragg, Chas. H. Jones and L. J. Renfro. Ask these men about them when you come to town. It would be well if the trustees from each rural district would see to the securing of them. So much for that.

Another thing we should mention is the Merkel Fair for September 16, 17 and 18. We are planning something for the schools of this territory. As yet the plans are not complete, but we hope to have something for your boys and girls of school age to do at the Fair. Prizes likely will be offered in essays or themes along lines of the Fair or school itself. We want this feature of the Fair strengthened as we will plan it big for next year. It takes time in these affairs for us to develop, but this will be a

MOODY MAJORITY SHOWS 1,013 FOR COMPLETE VOTE

Hon. Dan Moody won the nomination for governor of Texas in the recent primary by a majority of 1,013 votes over his five opponents, complete and revised unofficial returns to the Texas Election Bureau showed yesterday.

Returns to the bureau from 252 out of 252 counties in the state, all complete, showed the following totals for candidates for state offices:

When complete returns were tabulated the total vote for governor climbed to 821,767, bringing Moody's vote above the 400,000 mark.

Governor:	
Moody	411,390
Ferguson	281,938
Davidson	123,025
Zimmerman	2,910
Wilmans	1,498
Johnson	1,096
Attorney General:	
Pollard	145,578
Allred	142,792
Brachfield	127,432
Irwin	110,345
Hornsby	91,916
Christopher	42,115
Treasurer:	
Hatcher	213,383
Ball	140,935
Garrett	81,611
Johnston	66,047
Harris	55,481
Christian	52,570
Garner	39,049
Superintendent of Schools:	
Marrs	372,892
Bennett	170,275
Humphries	156,423

good starter.

To the boys in the rural schools let me say that we need 20 or 25 here this fall to recruit our athletic teams. We hope to do even better next year in some branches than we have ever done. I know the red blooded boys of the country here are ambitious, and I will be glad to talk to any of you on the possibilities of Merkel High School in that line. We need you and you need us. Make your plans to be here. Don't pass it up. "Do the think that is like you." IRVIN L. JACKSON.

T.&P. COTTON PICKERS SPECIAL RATES

From Mr. John C. Childress, the very courteous and efficient agent for the Texas & Pacific here, we learn that it is the intention within the very near future to put on a special rate of two-thirds of the one-way adult fare, with a minimum fare of \$1.00, for parties of 25 or more adult passengers, or the equivalent, two children to be counted as one adult.

Mr. Childress stated that this new special rate is being put on in order to help move the cotton pickers that are expected to be used this fall in West Texas.

He says further that the new order by the railway will undertake to handle the "Group Cotton Pickers" by prepaid order, and otherwise assist bankers and farmers to handle the situation satisfactorily.

FORMER SUPT. ON VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess, of Childress, spent several days here first of the week visiting among their many friends, but making their home while in the city at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Martin.

For several years Mr. Burgess was the able and energetic Superintendent of the Merkel school and is at present Superintendent of the Childress schools. While in Merkel the school under his leadership was built up from a school without any affiliated credits to a rating of 19½ credits. And reports from those familiar with the work show the Childress schools to be growing and progressing under his superintendency, two new buildings being under construction now, with an enrollment last year of more than 1,300 pupils.

Latham Sells Confectionery

Mr. F. H. Latham last week sold to Messrs. W. C. Black and E. H. Ensminger, the former's Confectionery business, which is now under the management of the new owners.

OUTBREAK OF LEAF WORM INDICATED

The indications now are that there will be a general outbreak of the cotton leaf worm, although, if the weather should continue warm, the second hatch of the pest may be prevented. The farmers are urged to daily observe that part of the field where the rankest cotton is. When the young worm begins to damage the leaf, small pores like shot holes will appear. Then immediate action should be taken. The one poison that is recommended by the A. & M. College and the Federal government is Calcium Arsenate. This powder should be dusted from some old washed floursack or from bags made of cheese cloth doubled. Approximately five pounds per acre is necessary. These bags can be conveyed within the hand, dusting two rows at the time, or a pole resting across a horse's back with these bags attached to either end, the rider taping the pole gently as the animal moves between the row.

The cotton leaf worm is an insect that is easily controlled and if the farmers will begin this dusting process early, before the pest has damaged the foliage, it can be quickly exterminated. The cotton moth is on many fields now, laying eggs, and young worms are expected to hatch at an early date. The adult worm is of a grayish-green color and has four black specks in the form of a parallelogram on each joint of the back. This distinguishes it from all other species of worms. J. R. Masterson, County Agent.

WILL LEAVE SUNDAY FOR EASTERN MARKET

Mr. W. J. Sheppard, the hustling and capable manager for the Jones Dry Goods Company in this city, expects to leave Saturday or Sunday for St. Louis, where he will join the managers for the many Jones Stores in Texas in the purchase and selection of the big fall and winter stocks for the various stores.

He will likely make the biggest buy ever made for this store, owing to the extra fine crop prospects at this time.

MERKEL LUNCHEON CLUB HAS FINE MEETING

The regular meeting of the Merkel Luncheon Club was held last Tuesday evening at Holloway's Cafe, and let us say here that every one present was very much pleased and complimented very highly the splendid lunch served the Club upon this occasion by Mr. and Mrs. Holloway. It was indeed very lovely and appetizing.

In the absence of the able president, Mr. H. C. West, who was unable to be present, Mr. Chas. H. Jones presided.

There was no set program for the occasion, but able and interesting talks were made by Dr. Armstrong, C. H. Jones, Supt. I. L. Jackson, T. J. R. Swafford and Mayor N. D. Cobb, all of which was enjoyed and appreciated by all. The main topic for discussion during the evening was the Community Fair, which every one declared would likely be the best this fall ever before held.

COMPERE REVIVAL CLOSES SUNDAY

The revival meeting at Compere being conducted by pastor Ira L. Parrack and the local forces, is growing in interest and power. Up to Wednesday there had been 16 additions to the Compere church, 12 of them for baptism. The crowds are increasing, the day services being exceptionally well attended and the night services filling the tabernacle besides the many people who remain seated in their cars. Services every day at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., the evening being preceded by grove meetings that meet at sun down. All services begin promptly on time. Come early if you want to enjoy the good congregational singing.

Sunday will be a full day in this meeting. Sunday school will meet at 10 a.m. and Bro. S. F. Baucum of Abilene will preach at the 11 o'clock hour. The baptizing will be at the Beasley tank Sunday afternoon at four o'clock and the meeting will close Sunday night with a service at the Compere tabernacle.

The Compere church extends a cordial invitation to everybody to attend the services.

RETURNS FROM TRIP TO NEW YORK AND CUBA

Mr. E. Yates Brown, of the Brown Dry Goods Company of this city returned last week from a month's trip to Cuba, returning via New York, Washington, Detroit and Chicago. At Detroit Mr. Brown purchased a Chevrolet Coupe and made the return trip by auto, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown, who had been in Chicago for some time visiting her daughter.

Mr. Brown states that he enjoyed the trip very much and has promised this paper a story of his travels which we are sure will be interesting, and which we hope to publish in our next week's issue.

Mr. D. O. Huddleston returned first of the week from a visit to a brother in Oklahoma, whom he had not seen in many years. He reports a very pleasant visit with his brother and that crops are looking good most all the way to and from that state.

SCOUTS TO CAMP AUGUST 23 TO 1ST.

The annual Chisholm Trail Scout Camp which includes seven counties, Coleman, Runnels, Callahan, Taylor, Shackelford, Jones, and Haskell, will start August 23rd and run for ten days at Buffalo Gap.

With plenty of shade, territory for hiking, a large concrete swimming pool, and big eats, there is no doubt but what the boy will have the time of his life who attends the camp.

A Message to Mother and Dad
The aim of the Chisholm Trail Scout Camp is to fit the boy, by intensive training and healthful recreation, to develop within himself the elements of self-reliance, resourcefulness, punctuality, cleanliness and discipline with all the other qualities necessary to the best type of boyhood.

The camp will be located near Buffalo Gap with good tested drinking water and a fine concrete swimming pool (owned by the Presbyterian Encampment.) In case of necessity you will be able to get in touch with the camp at the local phone office at Buffalo Gap. There will be no swimming outside of regular swimming periods. The Buddy System will be used. Red Cross life savers will be on the job, several first aid men and a doctor will be in reach if necessary.

Plenty of good, wholesome food will be prepared by professional cooks. Inspection will be held every morning and evening in regard to the welfare of the boy.

Talk it over with the boy and decide if its worth while for him to receive this kind of training.

Sunday will be visitors day—will be glad to have you come, but will be unable to serve lunch not knowing how many to prepare for.

What will be required for each boy to bring: 1 folding cot, two blankets (sheets and pillows if you want to). Bathing suit, tooth brush and paste, 2 towels, cake of soap, tin plate, cup, knife, fork and spoon, 2 changes of clothing, uniform (desired but not required).

Some of the things we will do: Swimming, all kinds of water games, nature study hikes, sham battles, camp fire program, scout craft of different kinds, contests, big field day.

Any registered Scout is eligible to attend the Camp who sends in his registration to box 375, Abilene, Texas, by August 16th. Registration fee \$2.00, \$5.00 when entering camp.

THE HOME COUNTY VOTE FOR GOVERNOR

In the recent election for Governor Lynch Davidson, who had a cinch on third place, received 3,236 votes in his own home county, of which Houston is the county site, while Mrs. Ferguson was given 8,640 and Dan Moody received 22,508.

In Bell county, the home of the Fergusons, they received a total of 3,935 and Mr. Davidson 1,081, while Dan Moody was given 4,947.

In Williamson county, Mr. Moody's home county, he was given 5,418 and Mrs. Ferguson received 3,224 and Lynch Davidson got 805.

Miss Elsie Sharp returned this week from Boulder, Colorado, where she spent several weeks in summer school, better preparing herself for her special work as a teacher. She taught last year in Childress, and goes there again in September for the next school term.

"The Annual Rampage"



FURTHERING COMMERCIAL PROGRESS

OUR BUSINESS IS TO ASSIST IN THE SOUND DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR CLIENTS' INTERESTS; THAT MEANS KNOWING "HOW," FINANCIALLY SPEAKING, AS WELL AS POSSESSING THE REQUISITE RESOURCES AND FACILITIES.

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T. & P. SPECIAL TO NEW ORLEANS SAT.

On next Saturday, August 7, the Texas and Pacific Railway will operate a special excursion train from Fort Worth to New Orleans and return, leaving Ft. Worth at 6 p.m. Saturday and arriving at New Orleans at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, August 8.

The round trip fare will be from Fort Worth \$12.50. Standard lower berth sleepers will be \$6.38, tourist lower \$3.75 each way.

See Mr. John C. Childress, local agent, for further information.

Work Starts on New Home

Mr. John R. West recently let the contract to Mr. A. V. Dye for the erection of a beautiful new bungalow home of five rooms and bath, and work began last week on the foundation for the structure.

The new home is being erected on Oak street between the homes of W. F. Golladay and Mrs. E. P. Beene, and when completed will be among the best and nicest in the city.

EDITORS ENJOY MELONS AND ROASTING EARS

Mr. J. A. Meeks, for twenty years one of this community's successful and excellent farmers, was in the city recently and in speaking about crops remarked that he had the best crop he ever raised. And to prove it to us invited us out to look over it, at the same time giving us a hint about having some nice melons. So on Wednesday afternoon after working hours, the editors of this paper with their wives drove out to the fine farm of Mr. Meeks, on route five, one mile north of Blair, and had the pleasure of looking over Mr. Meeks fine crops. We never saw finer maize, corn, cotton, etc. in our lives.

To make our hearts glad, as we were ready to depart, Mr. and Mrs. Meeks filled our car "plum full" of nice watermelons and roasting ears, and my how we did feast for the next few days. Thanks, many thanks.

CEMETERY WORKING NEXT TUESDAY, AUG 10

The Mail is requested to announce that the people of Merkel and surrounding country will meet at Rose Hill Cemetery for the purpose of completing the work of thoroughly cleaning up the cemetery, on next Tuesday.

Every one is urged to come and bring a hoe, rake or other tool needed in the work.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard and son, Sterling, made a visit to relatives in Ranger last Sunday, returning that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Osment, of Stamford, were guests first of the week of their daughter, Mrs. Irvin L. Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stanford, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Goode, have been on a vacation trip to points in South Texas.

Owen Waldon and wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns this week.

70 ATTEND TRAINING SCHOOL AT COMPERE

Members of the Compere B. Y. P. U. and interested friends enjoyed a training school which met at the Baptist church of Compere for five nights, beginning July 26.

Three courses of study were offered. Miss Outlaw of Compere successfully taught the Junior B.Y.P.U. Manual. Miss Opal Pope of Anson taught the Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Manual in an instructive and interesting manner. Miss Pope also favored the school with two vocal solos. The Senior B.Y.P.U. Manual was taught by the summer worker for B.Y.P.U. and S.S. work in Jones county.

A total enrollment of seventy, the largest so far in the Jones County summer schools, was reached.

Saturday night the Baptists and many friends from nearby towns and other churches enjoyed lively games and delicious ice cream and cake. Some one hundred and fifty or two hundred people enjoyed the social hour.

The members of the B.Y.P.U. and of the Baptist church are highly enthusiastic over the prospects for the future of these organizations. The results from a religious census show that there are two hundred and fifteen people there who either prefer the Baptist church or who are Baptists. Such a report has proved a challenge to these consecrated workers who are now in a revival meeting with their pastor, Rev. Parrack, of Merkel. Great results are expected from the prayer and work of this growing church.

WELL KNOWN COUPLE MARRIED IN ABILENE

At Abilene on Monday of this week, Mr. H. D. Clark and Mrs. W. C. Calloway, of this city, were united in marriage by the Rev. C. C. Cameron, Methodist minister.

Both the contracting parties are well known and highly respected citizens of this community for many years, and this paper joins a host of friends in extending to them congratulations and good wishes for a continued life of happiness and prosperity.

Rev. Parrack Will Hold Meeting in Dawson County

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the First Baptist church, who is this week holding a very successful revival meeting at Compere, there being sixteen additions to the church up to this time, informs us that he will leave next week for Dawson county to conduct a revival meeting.

He returned recently from Johnson county, where at the little town of Godley he held a ten days meeting with thirty additions to the church. The meetings at Compere will continue until Sunday evening.

Mrs. Stanley T. King had as her guests this week her brothers, Earl Calloway, of Austin, and Jack Calloway of Stamford.

A Cordial Welcome is Yours
At All Times

IF WE CAN DO ANYTHING TO CONTRIBUTE
TO YOUR FINANCIAL WELFARE,
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THE OLD RELIABLE
FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK
MERKEL TEXAS
'SINCE 1904'

The Abilene Daily Reporter announces that on September 1 the first issue of the Abilene Morning News will make its appearance in that growing and thriving city, the Queen City of the West. The new paper will be published every day except Sunday and Monday. On Sunday it will be the Morning Reporter-News. With the addition of the new morning paper, Abilene may well be expected to continue its rapid growth and development into a city of the first rank. And may the owners and managers of the Abilene Reporter-News meet with every encouragement and success possible in their efforts to give Abilene the best in first class newspaper service.

Mr. B. C. Gaither spent several days this week at Tuscola, where he visited his daughter.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen and daughter, Miss Jessie, returned last week from a visit with relatives at Weslaco, in the Rio Grande Valley.

Mr. A. J. Canon left first of the week for the Plains where he went to look after his farming interests in that section.

S. B. Maberry and family, formerly citizens of this city and community, but for several years residing in California, came in recently and we learn will likely again make this part of the country their home.

J. H. Grayson, of Friona, Parmer county, came down this week to look after some business matters and his farming interest in the Shiloh community. He says crops are good out his way, but that rain would soon be needed.

Mr. T. L. Grimes and brother, J. A. Grimes, of Bronte, returned last week from a trip to Bell county, where they had been to attend a "home coming" of the pioneers of Bell county.

We are thankful to Mr. Ira Stanley for the renewal of his subscription to the Mail for another year. He reports crops out in the Compere community as being very fine at this time.

Mr. Geo. D. Richie, splendid citizen and pioneer of the Canyon community, has our thanks for the renewal of his subscription to the Mail.

Mr. A. L. Bryant, local painter and paperhanger, has just recently completed some lovely interior work in the office of the West Texas Utilities Company and also the front of that building and the building occupied by the Quality Bakery, all of which adds very much to the appearance and comfort of same.

Mr. G. F. Rymes, Merkel, route two, has our thanks for the renewal of his subscription to the Mail for next year.

Mr. B. M. Williams and family returned first of the week from a trip to Wichita Falls, where they visited friends and relatives.

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

W. H. Bird and family of Wills Point, Texas, are here this week for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney.

If you want good home made Sorghum syrup see A. M. Williams at Stith.

Mrs. Joe Owen and children, who have been here for some time guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp, her parents, left for their home at Iowa Park first of the week.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

YOUR PORTRAIT—

What do you say when someone asks you for your portrait?
"Sorry—but I haven't a recent one."
Or—"Haven't had one made in ten years, and I would not want to give you one of those."
Possibly you dig up an old picture and stand a lot of joshing, like—"I remember when they did their hair that way" or "I used to have a tie like that—weren't they funny?"
Fashions change. You change. Have a new portrait made now.

RODDEN STUDIO, Merkel, Tex.

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THE TRAFFIC
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By M. B.



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Build a product that the world needs, better than the world expects, and mounting sales will answer those who are constantly predicting a saturated market.

During the first six months of this year, for instance, Dodge Brothers sold 207,115 motor cars and trucks. This represents a gain of 49.3 per cent over the first six months of 1925, and continues Dodge Brothers in the enviable position of **THIRD IN THE INDUSTRY.**

For the three weeks ending July 17th, 23,862 motor cars and trucks were delivered to customers—an increase of 62.4 per cent over the same period last year, and impressive evidence that Dodge Brothers great sales gain is continuing through the quiet weeks of mid-summer.

There may be a saturation point for mediocrity, but honest value will always command a great and ever expanding market.

MERKEL GARAGE

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DODGE BROTHERS
MOTOR CARS

MR. O'BAR THANKS VOTERS

It gives me great pleasure to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the voters of the Merkel country, as well as over the whole county, for the very fine vote you gave me in the July Primary, and by which I received a handsome majority.

It shall be my desire and effort to render you the very best service during my next two years in office, that it is possible under the circumstances prevailing, and I earnestly solicit your cooperation and help in the enforcement of every law on the statute books. Again I thank you. H. T. O'BAR.

Mr. J. C. Bell and family of Munday, Texas, and J. O. McMorris of Anson, were here the past two weeks visiting in the H. A. Mullins home.

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



It's Easy to Kill Mosquitoes

Z-z-z-z! Slap! But in a few seconds he's back again. Slapping at mosquitoes worries you more than it does them. And you could be entirely rid of them so easily! Simply close doors and windows and blow Bee Brand about the room. Bee Brand Insect Powder will kill every one and it's easy and safe to use. It's a powder. It can't explode. It can't stain. It's harmless to everything except insects. You can use it in a puffer gun, or blow it in the air from a piece of paper. You can burn it in the room. It also kills Ants, Flies, Flies, Roaches, Water Bugs, Bed Bugs, Moths, Lice on Fowl, and many other house and garden insects. Get Bee Brand in red sitting top cans at your grocer's or druggist's. Household sizes, 10c and 25c. Other sizes, 50c and \$1.00. Puffer gun, 10c. If your dealer can't supply you, send us 25c for large household size. Give dealer's name and ask for free booklet. "It Kills Them," a guide for killing house and garden pests. McCormick & Co., Baltimore, Md.



WHITE CHURCH

Weather conditions are ideal now for cotton growing, and prospects look fine for a bumper crop in this section of the Canyon. Some feed is already being harvested and a good yield is assured on every farm in our community.

Quite a number from this community have been attending the revival services at the Butman arbor, conducted by Rev. Matthews.

Mrs. H. H. Tye and little son returned one day last week from Odessa where they had been visiting relatives. Her mother, Mrs. Massey, and one of her brothers came home with her for a few weeks visit.

Messrs. Wm. Snow and W. L. Brown with their wives returned Saturday from Thalia where they went to visit Mrs. Allie Reid.

Mr. Wise, who was seriously ill for a few days the first of week, is able to be up at this writing.

Mrs. Leroy Frazier is sick at this time.

Grandpa LaFlair, who has been in ill health for some time, is reported as being some better.

Mrs. Vernon Wise and baby son are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay, at Cisco.

Mr. Nathan Riggins, wife and mother returned first of the week from Coahoma where they went to visit Mr. and Mrs. Gold Riggins and to attend the Primitive Baptist Association which convened there last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Demere were business visitors down near San Angelo one day last week.

Mr. Ray Brown and family from Weatherford are here visiting relatives.

Mr. Leroy Frazier and family returned Sunday from McAdoo where they visited for a few days with their son, Bailey.

Mrs. Frazier Demere and daughter Reba left Tuesday night for an extended visit with Mrs. Bob Ensminger in Arkansas.

Frank Brandon of Santa Anna who has been here visiting his aunt, Mrs. Frazier Demere, returned to his home yesterday.

A party composed of Messrs. Shuff, Pressley, Lindsay, Roy Brown, with their families, and others whose names we failed to learn, left this morning for Levelland to be present at a big barbecue there tomorrow.

Rev. R. E. L. Stutts and Marvin Williams will begin a revival at Butman Arbor August 15. Everybody is invited to come and take part in making this meeting a big success.

H. H. Tye returned yesterday from Burleson where he visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Voe Tye.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Riggins left Tuesday for Winters where they will make their home.

Mr. A. H. Gray and family of Munday were here this week guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Harmon, Mr. Gray being a brother of Mrs. Harmon.

Messrs. Carl and E.A. Thomas with their families and their mother, left first of the week for an extended visit with relatives in Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. West returned first of the week from an extended visit to points in Oklahoma, Wichita Falls and Fort Worth, where they visited relatives and old friends.

Mr. W. M. Jones residing on route one, was here yesterday and reported that he had at present the finest crop prospect he ever had at this time of the season. He says he has the very finest feed crop already made and his cotton crop is looking as fine as can be.

Mr. W. R. Bond and children of Roswell, New Mexico, were visiting with E. C. Brown and family of the Shiloh community last week. They went on to Abilene to visit her daughter, Mrs. Ed Niffin, and son, Richard Bond.

Notice, Special Notice!!

FOR ONE WEEK ONLY

We have just a few Refrigerators left, in order to close them out this week we are offering one third off [$\frac{1}{3}$ off] of regular price. This means a big saving to you. You can afford to buy now, even though you won't need it until next season.

We are also offering big discounts on all Porch and Lawn Furniture.

N. B. After Sept. 1st. we will discontinue giving S. & H. Green Stamps.

Barrow Furniture Company

BLANTON OF TEXAS

They still grow 'em wild down in Texas. There is, for notable example, Representative Thos. L. Blanton of Abilene, whose constant demands for roll calls, pointed remarks about the perquisites of Congressmen and other unclubby offendings against the unwritten rules of the House have made him anathema to many of his fellows. Blanton has been called "the most hated man in Congress."

Without indorsing the whole of Terrible Tom's record, a writer from the Washington Bureau of the Post-Dispatch some years ago dissented from the congressional judgment and pronounced Blanton a useful member of the House. That opinion has now been vindicated by the success of Blanton's fight to get rid of Frederick A. Fenning as a Commissioner of the District of Columbia. Blanton went into the fray single-handed and with heavy odds against him. Fenning, a power in the political and economical life of the District, seemed impregably entrenched. Because it was Blanton who was making the fight, most of Congress and the Washington public were inclined at first to sympathize with the Commissioner.

Blanton hung on like the bulldog he is. Finally, by the sheer weight of the evidence that he brought to bear against Fenning before three committees of the House, he compelled Congress and the President to take notice. It was shown, among other things, that Fenning, as the guardian for 120 insane war veterans, had engaged, to put it mildly, in highly questionable practices. He was a guardian not only, but the agent of a bonding firm, and in the latter capacity he collected 25 per cent on the premiums he paid from his words' estates to bond himself. A sub-committee of the House Judiciary Committee denounced this practice as contrary to law. The upshot of the several investigations was the resignation of Fenning at the demand of the President.

If it had not been for Blanton's persistence, the Commissioner would still be in office. To the gentleman from Texas a large debt of gratitude is due from the public in general and the veterans of the World War in particular. Through his efforts a peculiarly unfortunate group of the Government's wards has been saved from a peculiarly mean form of exploitation. Like Walsh in the oil case and Reed in the slushfund investigation, Blanton has shown what one man of ability and fighting caliber, armed with a good cause can do in Congress.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

TO THE VOTERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY:

I am profoundly thankful to you for the fine vote you gave me in the recent primary. I cannot find words to express to you my appreciation for your support and shall at all times do my very best to give one and all a faithful, courteous and impartial service. Call on me when I can do anything for you. Yours for Service, J. T. HOWARD. (Political Adv.-It.)

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rainbolt of Dallas are here this week for a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Mr. H. B. Rainbolt of Cisco is here for a visit with his brother, Mr. H. M. Rainbolt, and family.

ROUTE THREE NEWS

Everybody in this part of the country is wearing a smile over the present bright crop prospects.

Grandma Lilly has been on the sick list this week, however we trust that she will soon recover her former good health.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Campbell are away on a visit to Fort Worth where they have a sister living.

Mr. C. R. Roland has recently purchased a new binder and is now ready for the fall harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barnes are away on a big fishing trip with some of their friends.

The meeting at Mt. Pleasant began Friday night and every one expects a good meeting.

As news is scarce will ring off with good luck to the Mail and its readers. Jack

Miss Nina McAninch returned Friday after a two weeks visit with friends in Bronte.

Miss Delta McCleskey of Bronte is the guest of Miss Nina McAninch this week.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS FIRE INSURANCE

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EVERYBODY has a certain amount of civic pride—that sort of pride which helps make a village a town, and towns metropolitan cities.

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Divide your dollar among your merchants and others who have the interests of the populace at heart. Help them and they will help you to greater values—for increased volume means decreased cost.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

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FOR SALE—Windows and frames. For particulars call at the Merkel Lumber Co. 1tp

FOR QUICK SALE—7 Acres land at end of Oak street in city limits. If interested see me at once. John R. West. 1t

FOR SALE—23 model Ford car. Ask at Smith's Barber Shop, located between Everybody's and Corner Garage. 1tp

FOR SALE—Deering one-row Binder and Ford truck, bargains. A. W. Costephens, route 5. 1tp

FOR SALE—70 acres of cotton and feed, also a good row binder in A-1 condition. Apply to Albert B. Rains. 6t2p

FOR SALE—Columbia phonograph in good condition, mahogany cabinet. \$125 machine for \$50. Also 22 records. Mrs. Walter Boden. 1tp

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Good 4-room residence. See W. D. Hutcheson at Crown Hardware. 1t

LOST AND FOUND

STRAY MULE—I have at my place one mile south of Merkel, a stray bay horse mule, about 15 hands high. Would be glad if owner would come and get same. G. C. Lowrey. 1tp

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 LED TAPE. See me if you want a loan. V. E. MUIR, Abilene, Texas. 1Jan27

W. G. Pylant Extends Thanks

I take this method of extending my thanks and appreciation to the Fire Boys and every one who in any way offered assistance last Sunday night when it was thought that my home was on fire. I appreciate every offer of aid. W. G. Pylant. 1tp
Mr. G. R. Holloway and family returned last week from a visit with friends and relatives in Bastrop county.

Mr. T. F. White, agent of Keystone View Co., Meadville, Pa., was here Saturday for a brief visit with her aunts, the Misses Garoutte. Mr. White found this part of Texas much improved since he worked the territory 6 years ago. He reports Austin citizenship jubilant over Dan's victory.

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Here's the right way to "swat the fly". Not one at a time—a roomful at a stroke. Spray it around the rooms and the flies fall dead. Quick, sure, safe.

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Mankind's Advance in Comfort and Health

Just a hundred years ago Thomas C. Wales, a Yankee boot and shoe merchant of Boston, bought from a wandering sailor a number of crudely made shoes fashioned from "Indig rubber" by South American natives. The sailor had picked them up in Para, Brazil, as curiosities. All he wanted of them was to obtain a few dollars to purchase the creature comforts that sailors loved, rum being perhaps the chief of these.

Mr. Wales, however, saw in them what Doctor Johnson once called "the potentiality of wealth beyond the dreams of avarice." He conceived the idea of shaping rubber shoes over the standard lasts so that they might be worn over shoes to protect them from the weather. His plan was so successful and the rubber shoes had such a ready sale that a country-wide market, which shortly became world-wide, was developed.

It was not until 1858 that Mr. Wales patented the waterproof and cold-proof overshoe made of cloth and rubber together. He called that invention "Wales' Patent Arctic Gaiter," and from this name arose the familiar appellation of "arctics" for overshoes that is heard even to this day from the lips of the elder generation.

We little appreciate how modern many of the comfortable things of life are. For example, the fathers of men now living knew nothing of window screening, and the plague of flies in the house was something of which we today have little conception. About the same time the new invention of "rubber shoes" appeared, and for the first time in the history of the race it was possible to walk the streets and fields dry shod and to return to the house in which the age-long battle with house flies had at last been won. A new era of comfort and health had opened. And this was less than a hundred years ago.—Minneapolis Journal.

Insect Evolution

The earliest insects on earth had six wings—one pair of wings to match each pair of legs, according to the results of the researches of Dr. Herbert Bolton, director of the Bristol (England) museum. Doctor Bolton discovered the remains of these strange creatures, the first living things that ever conquered the air. In fossil material from Coal age beds. Each body-segment that bore a pair of legs, he says, bore also a pair of wings, but the foremost wings were short and apparently of less use in flight than the after two pairs, suggesting the subsequent development of the modern type of insects, which all have four wings, though in some groups one or both pairs have become much modified or reduced. Many other insects, which were already reduced to two pairs of wings, also lived in the Coal age. Most notable were giant dragon-flies, some of them with a wing-spread of more than a foot, and innumerable cockroaches. In fact, the Coal age may well be called the age of cockroaches, as far as insect life is concerned.

Another Breed of Pups

Charles Ponzi, who made a fortune in Boston some years ago through the manipulation of foreign exchange, and then smashed horribly, said in Jacksonville the other day:

"I'm down here in Florida to try and make another fortune. Florida real estate, you know. I want to pay back all my creditors, too.

"I'm like the chap who complained at his club about the heavy losses he had sustained in Wall street. But a broker slapped him on the shoulder and said:

"Cheer up, brother. You mustn't go on like this because you've dropped a plank or two. Come down to my office some morning and I'll give you a few pointers."

"It isn't pointers I'm after," said the loser; "it's retrievers!"

Use Newspapers

When you find the woodbox empty, go for the pile of newspapers. Take half a dozen sheets and roll them up cornerwise. Fold the roll to the size required, perhaps doubling into thirds, and tie together. Place some crushed paper in bottom of grate and lay four or five of the rolls over this. Scatter coal over it and light from the bottom with a piece of newspaper, just as you would a wood fire. There are housekeepers who always follow this method of kindling the fire. The children enjoy preparing the paper rolls for mother.

Colon Gone Wrong

A teacher of English was sorely afflicted with conditions that seemed to mean a surgical operation. One examination after another, with the X-ray liberally applied, finally disclosed the source of the pain.

"You have no disease in your appendix," said her medical advisor, "nor elsewhere that I can discover, except in your colon."

"Dear me!" she exclaimed. "Here I have been wrestling all my life with commas and periods and semicolons, only to be told, at my age, that my colon has gone wrong."

Turning to Water Power

All of the countries of Europe, save England, have, because of the high price of coal, been making rapid progress in harnessing their water powers to produce electricity. For the three years ending in 1923, 3,400,000 horsepower of water-power produced electricity was added to the total capacity of the European hydro-electric generating stations.

TWO SHIPS ELOQUENT REMINDERS OF PAST

Revived Memories of Other Days in Sailors.

Two days from the Azores we were chugging through a sea which scarcely rippled, a sea bereft of any vestige of shipping beyond ourselves. For days in fact, we had seen no other vessel, for although we were on one of the regular shipping lanes it is a significant fact that the highways of the ocean are much less frequented than they were in pre-war days. J. D. Gill, writes in the Boston Transcript.

Now that we have returned to the piping times of peace, if not of plenty, we are apt to forget the war and all its ugly phases, which is perhaps all for the best.

But on this particular day we had a little reminder of the past.

Early in the forenoon word traveled around the ship that a sail was sighted. A sail, mark you, in these days is a very rare sight, for there are few indeed of the type of craft which brought England her glory, her wealth, her supremacy of sea power, and above all her heritage of love for the ocean.

So it was with eager eyes we sought for the name of the lofty-masted, graceful vessel and faint would we have read something which indicated her nationality to be British. But our worst fears were realized as we read the name "Parma" on her bow, and simultaneously with the two ships drawing abreast, her flag was hoisted over the tuff rail, to be dipped in the age-old custom of the sea.

The red, white and black of Germany.

Across the water, as we answered, came at first the faint notes of a cornet, and soon we caught the strains of "Tipperary."

To the men who lined the rails, there was little occasion to give further reminder of the war, for the majority of us had seen service of some sort, though mostly at sea. And to those who spent weary hours watching for only the sight of a Teuton and many others who had the experience of having had their vessel sink under them without even that satisfaction, it brought back a flood of memories.

So passed the Parma of Hamburg, a gallant four-masted, square-rigged vessel, her colors flying proudly at her gaff.

Two months later, almost to the day, we were lurching along in the wake of a heavy southwest gale, off the banks of Newfoundland. Before breakfast a sail was sighted, though a vastly different type of vessel to the Parma of Hamburg. A small three-masted schooner she was, laboring heavily in the high Atlantic swell which was the result of the gale that had just passed.

A rather forlorn little vessel she seemed, struggling valiantly with the huge seas that appeared to engulf her as she was lost to sight in the trough of the swell. But she seemed to rise each time with a courage that was almost personal in its triumph over the elements, truly, we thought, a brave little vessel to pit itself against such overwhelming odds. A striking contrast from the splendor, the grandeur almost amounting to arrogance, of the Parma of Hamburg.

Across her stern we read the legend: "Edith M. Cavell, St. John's, Newfoundland."

Poetical Stock-Taking

With the Old Year going out, the prose poet of the Tifton Gazette found himself in the stock-taking business, as follows:

"Look again, I would implore you, in the mirror before you; note the changes of the past year. Do you differ much, from last year?"

"Are you thirty-five or forty? Are you sprightly and cavorty? Are you forty-five or fifty? Are you feeling gay and nifty?"

"Oh, it's often true, I take it, that our age is what we make it; yet we may need stronger glasses, with each year-mark, as it passes.

"Yes, we're very apt to find us, as the time slips on behind us, with some evidences showing that the days of youth are going.

"And if any (let's be truthful), can succeed in keeping youthful, and can prove, as well as show it, he's an artist and you know it!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Practical Teaching

A French, German or Spanish luncheon is served each week in the model apartment of the domestic science building of the Pasadena (Cal.) Junior college, under the leadership of the teachers, for pupils studying those languages. The idea is carried out in the menu and table decorations, and as far as possible the language of the country is spoken.

Students to Pay More

Students of Antioch college, Yellow Springs, Ohio, in a recent financial crisis of the college, voluntarily decided to increase their own tuition \$50 a year. The vote was by secret ballot, and passed by a nine-tenths majority. Antioch students in general earn about two-thirds of their college expenses.

First to Name Stars

John Bayer's "Uranometria," first published in 1603, was the first book to use the modern system of naming stars, "alpha Orionis," the last part being the Latin name of the constellation and the former the Greek letter indicating the relative brightness of the star in the constellation.

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WARREN NEWS
By Rose Ellington

Health of this community is very good at present.

Several around Warren have been attending the Baptist meeting at Comper this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy returned Tuesday from Clovis, N.M. and reported a fine trip.

Misses Vela and Vera Jones visited Miss Lois Jaynes Friday.

Miss Willie Newman spent Friday night with Miss Vela Jones.

Those who visited at Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick's Sunday were Misses Vera Jones, Cordie Ellington, Norma Foster and Dollie Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin and family, and Lorene Ellington visited Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelso Sunday.

Mrs. Claude Shouse, Arbe and Jim Decker, and Bob Hobbs visited Mr. Hollis McCoy Wednesday.

Miss Rose Ellington visited Miss Irene Hatfield Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs, her sister, and mother and father of Fort Stockton are visiting her this week.

Those who visited at Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jaynes, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson, Misses Vela Jones, Willie Newman, Liddie D. Foster, Lois Jaynes, Nela Hudson, Messrs Truman and Ottis Jaynes and Vernon Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Medford Jones of Merkel.

Mr. Ebbin Allen visited Mr. Luther Higgins Saturday night. Mrs. Ellington and Claude spent Sunday with Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and family.

Miss Azline Sumpter spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Helen McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Therman McCoy spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy.

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IN ADVANCE

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

Through the daily press of Tuesday of this week Jas. E. Ferguson, manager for the Governor of this state, sent out a warning to the Jews and Catholics of this state and among other things intimates that many of them probably went into the primary and voted for Dan Moody, along with the Ku Klux, etc. Now let's see about the Catholics voting for Moody. For example, over at Rowena, a little Bohemian town and community in Rannels county, where the citizenship is overwhelming Catholic, Mr. Moody and Lynch Davidson each received 30 votes, while the vote for Mrs. Ferguson was 230. Would this vote indicate that the Catholics had deserted the Fergusons? Not much. No, Jimmie, there were too many good Baptists (not monkey faced, as you call them), along with thousands of other protestant citizens who were tired of Fergusonism and what it stands for. They voted for a man they believed would stand four square for equal rights for all and special privileges for none. "Dan's The Man."

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

Mr. John Sears and daughters, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Miss Johnnie, accompanied by Miss Lola Dennis, returned the first of this week from a visit to Whitewright, Texas.

CHURCHES

CONFERENCE OF W.M.U. MEETS AT ABILENE AUG. 6

The Quarterly Workers Conference of the Womens Missionary Union of Sweetwater Association meets August 6, 1926, with the College Heights Baptist Church, Abilene.

Program

Morning session 9:30 a.m. Devotional, Mrs. N. W. Pitts, College Heights.

Business session: Reports of committees. Personal service, Mrs. T. W. Farris. Mission study Mrs. A. R. Booth. Missions, Mrs. W. W. Gibson. Education, Mrs. R. J. Ellis. Benevolence, Mrs. W. F. Joiner. White Cross, Mrs. J. C. Burkett.

Reports from officers: Young peoples leader, Mrs. C. T. Whaley. Correspondence Secty., Mrs. G. L. Paxton. Treasurer, Mrs. R. C. Lewis. Taylor County president, Mrs. J. E. Burnam. Nolan County president, Mrs. J. E. Cole.

Afternoon Session, 1:30

Devotional, Mrs. Luther Webb. History of Sweetwater W.M.U. (continued) Mrs. H. O. Cooper. Why have the Quarterly Workers Conference? Mrs. M. L. Wyatt. Pageant, intermediate G. A.'s. College Heights. 1926 program, Rev. E. J. Barb. West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, Mrs. W. F. Joiner. Rosabel Breedlove Memorial Student Loan Fund of Simmons University, Mrs. R. J. Ellis.

Each woman of the Association is urged to attend and to bring a lunch.

MERKEL BAPTISTS

Sunday school 10 a.m. with classes for all. Many of our people are out of town on their vacations, but we are keeping the work going in every department. Let all who have returned from their vacations come with us Sunday and help keep the work going.

The pastor will preach at the 11 o'clock hour and will be glad to see a full attendance of those who are in town. He is in a very gracious meeting at Compere this week. Up to Wednesday there had been 16 additions to the church, and the interest is wide spread, the crowd Wednesday evening filling the tabernacle comfortably.

All B. Y. P. U.'s will meet at 7:30 p.m. with Mr. Byers Petty in charge as general director.

There will be no evening service as the pastor will be closing out the Compere meeting.

Mrs. O. R. Douglas and mother, Mrs. J. W. Taylor, returned home Tuesday after visiting with relatives and friends in Fort Worth, Dallas, Quinland and other East Texas Points.

CHURCH OF CHRIST REVIVAL VIVAL SPLENDID SUCCESS

The Church of Christ Revival conducted in this city during the past three weeks came to a close Tuesday evening, with Elder Pummell of Fort Worth doing the preaching.

There were some sixteen additions to the church as well as a general revival and uplift among the entire membership, and much praise is given Elder Pummell for his untiring service and able gospel messages. In fact it is said that under his able leadership this was the best revival the church has enjoyed for several years.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour.

Senior Christian Endeavor at 7:15 p.m. Choir practice Wednesday at 8:15 p.m.

The Sunday evening service will be held on the Church lawn. We cordially invite the public to worship with us at all services.

Chas. H. Little.

METHODIST CHURCH

When you finish the week's business on Saturday night and turn to your home, often weary and sometimes with the feeling that in the struggle of life the odds have gone against you, there is need for rest and refreshment.

When the body is tired and the nerves frayed out, there is no restorative like restful sleep. There is also need for spiritual rest and recuperation and the Lord has given us the Holy Sabbath, a day set apart from all other days, to be spent in His worship and service.

We invite you to worship with us Sunday at the Methodist Church at 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

W. R. McCarter.

Christian Endeavor Program

Leader, Mildred Smith. Topic: "What books have I found worth while? Why?"

Scripture reading: Josh. 1:1-9. Talk by leader. Song.

Questions. Topics for talks: "A good book for a vacation," Nina Belle Russell.

"A Good book for Christian Endeavorers," Norma Shannon. Prayer: Song. Announcements.

Song: "Blest be the tie that binds," Mispah.

Mrs. O. R. Rodden is away visiting her mother, Mrs. J. R. Sanders, at Mule Shoe. She will probably be away a month.

Mr. Allen Patton and family, L. C. Patton and family and Earl Patton returned home Sunday from a week's visit to their father's and other relatives at Mead, Oklahoma. On their return home they came by Erath county and Mrs. Allen Patton's aunt, Miss Eliza Thornton, came home with her for a month's visit. They all reported a nice time, saw some pretty country but none looked as good as good old Merkel.

Mr. W. O. Boney, splendid local real estate and insurance man, and Dr. W. M. Gambill, enterprising local dentist, with their families, left Wednesday for a vacation trip to South Texas. They expect to visit San Antonio, Corpus Christi and the Rio Grande Valley before they return.

Mrs. W. V. Cranford and daughter, Mrs. L. D. Gaither, returned last week from their visit to relatives in Oklahoma.

Miss Pink Milligan of Longworth was here this week guest of her sister, Mrs. W. G. Leach.

Messrs. Ivy Daniels, Clyde Matthews and Merrill Collins left Monday of this week for a two weeks trip to Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi and other South Texas points.

Miss Loyce Dry, after a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry, returned to Clarksville, where she has a position with the Clarksville Times, one of the very best semi-weekly papers in Texas.

Has Complete History of Spanish Mantilla

At last I have found the trail, Francis Milton exclaims, in exultant mood, in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Some years ago browsing in the archives of Palma in the Island of Majorca I came across a document which professed to give the history of the Spanish mantilla. Lately it turned up again among a mass of notes. The Spanish mantilla was originally a mark of shame for the femininity of loose morals of the day, a day away back before Goya and the Spanish painters took it out of its class and made it an appurtenance of the dress of the ladies of the court.

Originally the mantilla crossed its rather straggly ends of the time down over the breast in the form of a letter A. These bretelles were red. One wonders if Hawthorne ever knew this. There's the plot ready made. One and another of most modern and ancient writers went and took what they wanted where they found it, a procedure which is ethically legitimate up to a certain point.

It should be remembered that the mantilla of today resembles very little that of the fairylike Island of Majorca, where the sun ever shines and the thermometer never falls very low. By a process of development it came to be what it is, but it was always a headress. I put it that way, not being a fashion writer, but I vouch for the rest of the statement as supported by documentary evidence and only recount it here by the possibility of being able to drag in Hawthorne. That happens to be vivid in my mind because in my youth I once lived across the street from the House of Seven Gables. How the circles do cut in on one another, like those of the planetary system!

Herring Is Bread

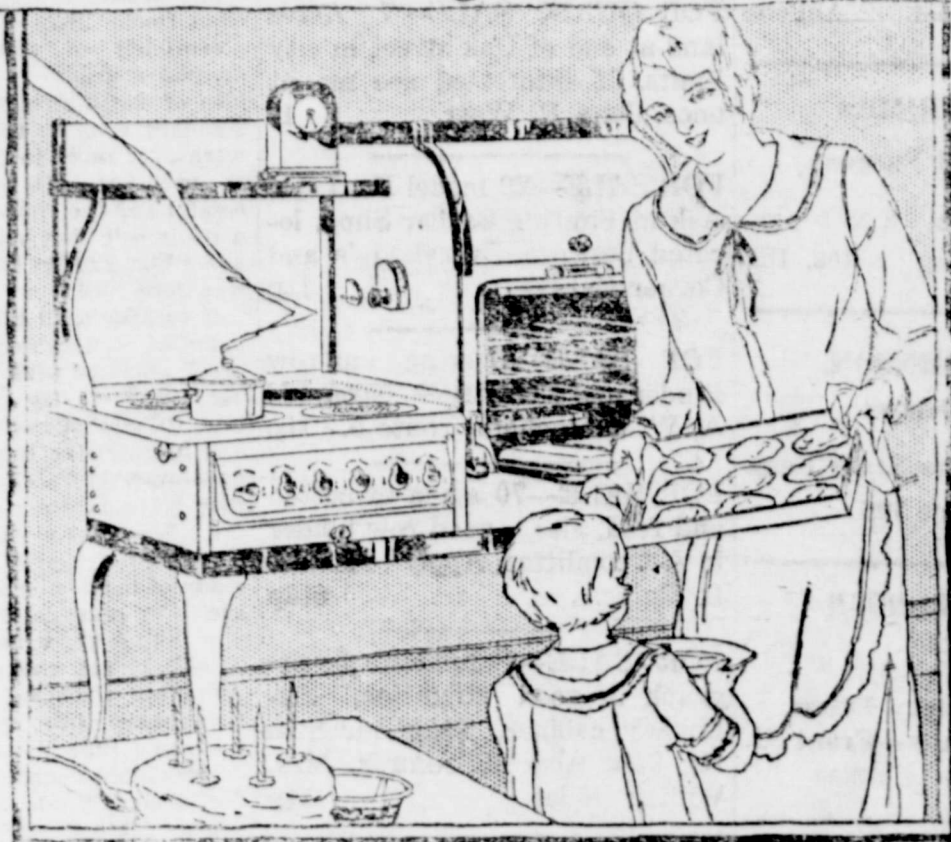
What is to become of the people who live on the islands of the Zuyder zee in Holland when that sea becomes dry land? Pierre Van Paassen asks, in the Atlanta Constitution. As far back as human memory goes these people have been fishers. The sea is in their blood. "Herring is bread," as they say themselves. From their very youth their whole life is directed toward the sea. "Only idiots and fools stay on dry land," a wrinkled old skipper told us once. The little gamins in their wide trousers can hardly walk when they fashion a ship out of an old wooden shoe, fix it up with rudder and sail and float it on the ditch. When they come from school they first must see the harbor. Is there a trawler running in or a tugboat they shout: "Did you see father?" and "How much of a catch did he have?" Fish and the Calvinist sermons of the pastor are their life and breath. The Dutch government, it is said, will compensate them. Nevertheless it all means the end of a picturesque race. And it will be just as hard to make landlubbers out of these children of the sea as it is for Russia to make Jewish merchants into farmers in Crimea.

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Miss Mildred Richardson Entertains

Miss Mildred Richardson entertained a number of her friends with a tacky party Friday afternoon from five to seven. Quaint indeed were some of the costumes, some were old ladies, some little girls and some were boys.

A number of interesting games were played and in the Charleston contest Billie Burnice Gambill won the prize, a lemon, and Louise Duckett won the prize, a large stick of candy, for being the tackiest.

Mrs. Richardson, assisted by Mrs. Duncan Briggs, served a refreshment plate of sandwiches ice tea, potato chips, pickles and cake to Marie Stanford, Mollie Frank Touchstone, Billie Burnice Gambill, Nell Durham, Elizabeth Duncan Briggs, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Margaret Cannon, Louise Duckett of Tulsa, and Ouida May and Waldrine Duckett of Caddo, Neil Durham and Drayton Richardson. This being the 10th birthday of the honoree many beautiful and useful presents were given her.

Mack Cox and family left this week for a vacation trip to Corsicana and other points east.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Smith returned first of the week from Stamford, where they had been for a visit with Mr. Smith's mother, Mrs. C. B. Smith.

Idlewise Club

Mrs. Emmett Grimes was the gracious hostess to the Idlewise Club and friends Thursday afternoon. Artistic talleys were passed and interesting games of bridge followed. Dainty linens and beautiful colored china holders with nasturtiums as center pieces were laid for a delicious ice course. Those present were: Misses Ruby and Evelyn Hamm, Christine Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Mesdames Jack Durham, Earl Baze, and guests, Miss Lucy Blair of Austin, Loyce Dry, Clarksville, Lorena Dry, Mary Elizabeth Grimes and Mrs. R. I. Grimes.

Senior League Program

Hymn. Leader, Mary Hutcheson. Subject: "The Grace of Humility." Scripture lesson, Matt. 18:1-14; James 4:1-11, leader. Part 1, Lewis Giles. Part 2, Lucille Guitar. Part 3, Opal Patterson. Solo, Sallie Brown. Hymn. Benediction.

Miss Mary Cleo Booth, capable and accomplished teacher in the Merkel High School, returned first of the week from Conway, Arkansas, where she spent six weeks attending summer school, better equipping and preparing herself for the special work she is to do in our splendid school. On her return she visited in Dallas.

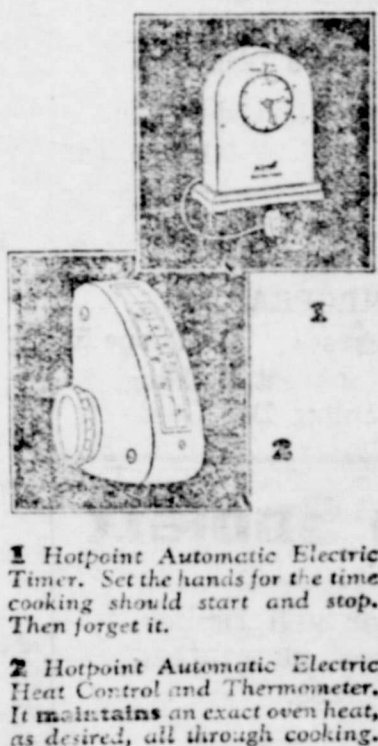
Attorney B. A. Garrett, while enroute to the Plains, stopped over here first of the week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett. He left for his home at Waco Wednesday. Judge Garrett is another of those Merkel reared young men making good in the world. He says he reads the Merkel Mail every week and appreciates the paper very much. We appreciate his compliments regarding the paper very much. He also said that he had kept up with the fine work that is done for Merkel and the community by the Luncheon Club, which organization he said the citizens should keep going.

Mr. Lem Browning, who for the past few months has been sojourning in Amarillo, returned to his home here first of the week. He reports that the Plains city is on a big boom since the Panhandle Oil field continues to grow and develop.

Mrs. May Day of Eskota was a guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Leach.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buford of this city and Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee, of Hamlin, are visiting at points in South Texas.

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