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On the "Broadway of America"

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IRA L. PARRACK SPEAKS FAREWELL TO CONGREGATION

Presbyterian and Methodist Churches of City Join with Baptists for Beloved Pastor's coach Driver.

Sunday night marked the close of the pastorate of four and one-half years here of Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church, who has resigned to take up pastoral duties at Chillicothe.

As a tribute to the pastor, who was preaching his farewell sermon, and who removed with his family to their new home this week, the congregation of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches here, together with their pastors, united with the Baptist church in the closing services.

Brief addresses were made by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. T. C. Willett, pastor of the Methodist church, testifying to the high esteem in which the Rev. Mr. Parrack was held in this community, of his usefulness as a citizen and civic worker as well as a leader in all religious activities. The pastor preached a characteristically powerful sermon, urging his hearers to a more consecrated life. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott sang a duet as the special musical number.

Numerous other affairs during the week, both in church and social circles and in civic life, testified to the popularity and worthiness of the Rev. Mr. Parrack and his entire family during their very useful residence in Merkel, among them being a reception by the Baptist congregation on Monday evening, which is reported elsewhere, and other farewell dinners. The Lions club members also took note of the departure of one of their prominent members and consistent workers, when that organization presented him with a fountain pen as a remembrance of the many happy times he had gathered around the banquet table with them.

Along with hundreds of Merkel citizens and the Baptist church body, the Merkel Mail joins in expressing regret at the departure of this able preacher, Christian worker and worthy citizen and in wishing for him and his family continued happiness, usefulness and prosperity in their new home.

Merkel Masons Hold Memorial Service

A George Washington memorial service was held by the Masons of Merkel at the Methodist church Tuesday night at which M. C. Graham, district deputy grand master, presided.

The origin of Masonry and George Washington's connection with Masonry was the subject of an address by Rev. T. C. Willett and Rev. R. A. Walker talked on the spirit of Masonry. The program began with the singing of "America" and a special number that was greatly enjoyed was a duet by Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott.

Fire Causes Slight Damage.

About 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon the fireboys responded to a call to the home of Rev. J. B. Parrack and were successful in extinguishing the fire there with only minor damage, estimated at about \$50.00. The fire started while he was burning grass in the yard, spread to vines on the porch and burned a hole in the roof. The Rev. Mr. Parrack has asked the Merkel Mail to extend his sincere thanks to the fireboys as well as neighbors and the Boy Scouts for their aid and assistance.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Editorial Pages of the Merkel Mail February 25, 1910.)

Politics are getting warm—so is the weather. Better clean up now and start the crusade against flies. Shoo fly!

The Merkel soil is in excellent shape and in the words of one of our old-timers: "If Old Man (rain god) does his part, there will be something doing here this fall." Remember nineteen-six and boost a bit.

If Morgan Jones does not get busy and build that new road for Abilene, we are going to tell Tom Campbell on him. Now watch Sweetwater laugh!

Already the campaign rumors are

Suggests Drive to Rid This Section Of Rattlesnakes

"One of the greatest menaces to both man and stock," said Sam Butman, Sr., Wednesday, "is the rattlesnakes that harbor in the mountains that enclose the canyon. Hunters are ever ready to kill quail in season, which are a real benefit to the farmers. Rabbit drives are popular and, in addition to the sport, they relieve the farmer of a pest. Now is the beginning of the rattlesnake season. They are just emerging from winter quarters and now is the most opportune time to kill large numbers of them."

Mr. Butman suggests that while business is dull a drive should be organized against these reptile that will engage a large number of people. "This is a matter," Mr. Butman added, "that should engage the attention of the Lions club as well as every citizen that realizes the danger of these snakes."

CLUB MEMBER IS HONORED BY LIONS

In addition to regular program, the Tuesday luncheon of the Lions club was featured by the presentation of a beautiful fountain pen to the Rev. Ira L. Parrack, one of the members who is moving to Chillicothe and who will affiliate with the Lions club there, and two especially entertaining musical numbers. Mrs. L. E. Howard sang "Come back in dreams," by Hamblen and as her second number "Sweet little woman of mine," with Mrs. E. Yates Brown playing the accompaniment and later these two accomplished pianists played a duet "Luetspiel Overture" by Kela-Bela.

The club singing was led by E. Yates Brown, with Mrs. Brown at the piano, and incidental music was rendered during the luncheon by Mrs. Howard. Rev. R. A. Walker gave the invocation.

Dr. Stuart Cooper of Abilene was a guest of the club and the membership committee, through its chairman, Booth Warren, introduced Goddard Edwards as one of the new members secured by their aggressive drive.

The toastmaster, L. B. Scott, called on Booth Warren to make the speech of presentation to Lion Parrack. "Knowing him to be a man of sports and remembering the inviting waterfront at Chillicothe, the Lions club has chosen this wonderfully attractive bathing suit as a farewell gift to our departing member," he said. The exhibition of this suit, 3-year old or under, bright green, with suspenders, etc., was the signal for much merriment in which the recipient joined.

In a more serious vein and accompanying the presentation with sincere words of high tribute and esteem, the speaker then presented Lion Parrack with the bona fide token from the club—a beautiful fountain pen. Rev. Mr. Parrack responded in fitting vein, voicing his happy associations as a member of the Lions club as well as thanking the members for their evidence of esteem.

Dr. Cooper, when called upon, responded with a plea, which is the main slogan of the state medical association this year, viz.: "Preventive Medicine." The chief idea of the movement is that it is easier to prevent than to cure.

L. B. Scott, as chairman of the minstrel committee, confirmed the original dates as Wednesday and Thursday, March 12-13. A committee on program advertising was appointed, consisting of Dee Grimes, Charlie Jones and Stan Johnson.

beginning to circulate and our good readers should remember nothing they hear until after the primaries. The success or defeat of any single man will not affect materially your own peace, happiness and prosperity. Keep your shirt on. Campaign for the City in Clover and boost for your own interest a bit.

The rain will come in ample time. Better worry about the hog famine. Grow more hogs and grow less.

Every boost for the Merkel country is an uplift for your little self—if you are a citizen of the country in Clover.

TWO GALA DAYS FOR MERKEL MINSTREL SHOW MAR. 12-13 "COW DAY" LAST DAY SHOW

The dates for the minstrel show to be sponsored by the Merkel Lions club are Wednesday and Thursday, March 13 and 14. The place is the Queen theatre.

Merkel's next "Cow Day" is to be Thursday, March 13, instead of Wednesday, March 12, as was announced in last week's issue of this paper.

The time for the "Cow Day" sale is changed to 7:30 p. m. and the place is in front of the Queen theatre.

These announcements mark the dates of two gala events to be staged here next month and it would be well now to get them definitely in mind.

"Happy" Doc Holland, who staged the minstrel show at Colorado recently, which so favorably impressed the committee that they closed a contract with him at once to put on a show here, will direct the minstrel and the abundance of home talent available in Merkel assures a worth-while entertainment, from both an artistic as well as amusement standpoint.

Following the plan of previous "Cow Days," a fine Jersey cow, a registered sow and a pen of chickens will each be sold for \$1.00 under the auspices of the Merkel Lions club, who it will be remembered are also sponsoring the minstrel show.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Upon convicting Mrs. Maud Long, 31, of poisoning her husband, a jury at Kingsville assessed her punishment at 25 years imprisonment in the penitentiary.

San Angelo is preparing for a gala four-day racing meet to begin March 18 to be known as the Spring Race Festival and, if it is successful, it will be made an annual affair.

Heart trouble was blamed for the death of the unidentified man, 6 feet tall, weighing about 150 pounds, black hair and brown eyes, who collapsed on a Houston street and died, gasping "St. Louis" with his last breath.

After a jury last week had found him guilty on 43 counts of misconduct as a lawyer, S. F. Houtchens, Fort Worth, was disbarred by order of Judge Mercer of the district court.

Denying rumors that he would be a candidate for governor, Attorney General Robert L. Bobbitt at a Rotary club banquet at Brady announced that he would be a candidate to succeed himself.

Despite the efforts of his dog, who grabbed the bull by the ears and tried to pull him from his prostrate master, Lee Taylor, 69, Fort Worth, died from injuries received when he was trampled by the infuriated animal.

Fire, which destroyed the one-story Houston street annex of Meacham's department store at Ft. Worth Saturday morning, caused damage of \$100,000, but the four-story section of the store on Main street was not damaged.

In a head-on collision with an automobile, while riding a motorcycle, Lloyd Smith was instantly killed at Weatherford Sunday morning when he collided with a car driven by E. H. Moody, Breckenridge automobile dealer.

Lon Campbell, Lipan nightwatchman who mistook a bank clerk for a burglar and fatally shot him last month, is in a Fort Worth hospital, the victim of a mental collapse from constant brooding over the tragic mistake.

Tom Love Monday filed motion with the state supreme court for leave to file an application for mandamus against election officials as the first step in his fight for a place on the democratic ballot as a candidate for governor.

President Hoover has sent to the senate the name of George C. Young, nominated as postmaster of Dallas, having been third in civil service exams, but having the endorsement of the Texas republican organization his name was certified to the White House.

Henry Wallace, 32, truck driver of Albany, was crushed to death and Harve Nixon and Reese Woolfolk, also of Albany, were seriously injured Tuesday when the light coupe in which they were riding hit a rock in the road and overturned eight miles north of Abilene.

Contract for the reinforced concrete and steel overpass and approaches, eliminating the dangerous crossing on the Texas & Pacific, five miles west of Cisco, on the Bankhead highway, was let Monday by the state highway commission to L. E. Whitham, San Angelo, for \$51,419.

Sam Houston Terrell, youthful state comptroller against whom impeachment charges were being heard in the house of representatives, resigned Tuesday, following which the house then voted to drop the proceedings. J. M. Edwards, chief clerk of the department, becomes acting comptroller.

DETAILS FOR BANK REORGANIZATION

Plan Provides for Paying Eighty Per Cent to Stockholders; Balance Deferred.

In discussing plans for the reorganization of the Farmers State bank, now in liquidation, R. O. Anderson, active vice-president of that institution, said Thursday:

"Our plan of reorganization includes taking over 80 per cent of the deposits of the closed institution, the other 20 per cent of the assets of the old bank to be handled by a committee consisting of A. T. Sheppard, W. O. Boney and M. Armstrong, to be paid to depositors when collected by the committee from assets held."

"Every depositor over \$100.00 is requested to call at the office of Judge N. D. Cobb and ratify his claim."

"The plan includes the payment in full of all depositors under \$100.00."

"The details of the above plan are, of course, subject to the approval of the state banking commissioner."

A Patriotic Evening Promised by Merkel School Show Tonight

A most interesting entertainment has been arranged by the Merkel Public schools for the benefit of the Boy Scouts to be given at the Grammar school auditorium this Friday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. It is styled "A Patriotic Evening" and the program follows:

1. Concert.
2. Music, Merkel Band.
3. Reader, Carl Jackson, Jr.
4. Dancer, Betty Lou Grimes.
5. A Message to Boys, Billy Woods.
6. Declarations, Junior Girls.
7. Entertainers, Frances Higgins, Betty Jane Diltz, Billy Wood.
8. Declaration, Junior Boys.
9. Entertainers, Clara Frances Largent, Becky Gardner, Carl Jackson, Jr.
10. Declarations, Senior Girls.
11. Entertainers, Margaret Miller and "De Pickanny Band" (Carl Beaunnaugh, Clara Frances Largent, Betty Lou Grimes, Alta Mae Hyatt, Billy Wood, and Frances Higgins.)
12. Declaration, Senior Boys.
13. Jephthah's Daughter (A Biblical Drama in One Act, by E. Levings.) M. H. S. Players.

Admission of 25 cents will be charged.

Hatchery Turns Out 1,000 Chicks Monday

Early Monday morning more than 1,000 baby chicks were hatched out as the first turnout by the Merkel Hatchery. Three weeks previously a total of 1,387 eggs were placed in the incubator and the first hatching is considered a very good showing, especially in view of the fact that the eggs were from those saved up during the severe weather in January. The chickens are all healthy and lively birds.

The people of Merkel, especially poultry raisers and chicken fanciers, have been greatly interested in the modern equipment of the Merkel enterprise and may visitors are present each day to inspect the plant and to learn of the methods used. The management extends an invitation to the public in general to call at any time.

Don't Permit Your Chickens to Roam In Neighbor's Yard

Now that spring is just around the corner and residents of this city have already prepared their gardens and flower beds, it is time to call attention to the fact that there is a city ordinance prohibiting chickens from running at large.

Your next door neighbor may have a pretty flower bed that she has spent much time in cultivating and in which she takes much pride not only in beautifying her own premises but in adding to the appearance of the street in general; your neighbor has started his garden and has all the plots marked off and the plants may be just beginning to show up.

Just picture the havoc caused by trespassing chickens and you will at once decide it is your duty to observe the city ordinance and confine your chickens to your own backyard or chicken runs.

Merchants Organize Local M. M. M. Unit

On Monday afternoon a local unit of the Merchants Minute Men was organized here with 12 members. It was decided to hold a mass meeting Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock on the main street at which time James V. Allred will be present and speak in behalf of the objects of the organization, a campaign that is being waged against the chain-store plan.

Mr. Allred, whose home is in Wichita Falls, was defeated for the office of attorney general in the last election but is seeking the office again in this year's primary.

Assisting in the organization of the local unit was W. A. Chacee, Jr., personal representative of W. K. Henderson, owner of KWKH, Shreveport. Those who joined as charter members of the Merkel organization are Jones Dry Goods company, Bob Martin Grocery, Crown Hardware company, West company, A. E. Booth, Bragg Dry Goods company, J. T. Dennis, Liberty Hardware company, Eli Case Grocery, Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Wheeler and Vaughn and Woodrum's Filling station.

MARKER ERECTED OLD BUTTERFIELD TRAIL MAIL ROUTE

John Davis Chapter, D. A. R., Abilene, Unveils Monument to Famous Coast-to-Coast Stagecoach Driver.

John Butterfield's famous Overland Mail—the stagecoach route which from 1859 to 1861 operated across Texas en route from St. Louis to the Pacific coast, and helped write some of this state's most vital pioneer frontier history, is now permanently memorialized with a stone marker, which was unveiled Saturday afternoon, George Washington's birthday, at the exact spot where the Butterfield Trail crossed what is now highway No. 1, one mile west of Tye.

The stone marker, erected through the efforts of the John Davis chapter, D. A. R., Abilene, is eight feet in height, weighs 6,800 pounds and was cut from Taylor county lime. The marker is boulder shaped, about four feet thick at the base and narrowing at the top. It is imbedded in cement with cement steps on each side. The face of the rock was not disturbed except in the space selected for the lettering, which was smoothed off. The inscription reads: "Butterfield Trail, U. S. Mail Route, St. Louis to San Francisco, 1859-1861. Erected by John Davis Chapter, D. A. R., 1929."

The unveiling ceremonies included music by the Cowboy band and talks by Dallas Scarborough and Mrs. O. E. Baker, who is state historian for the D. A. R.

The Butterfield Trail Highway association, organized at Graham last week is backing the construction of a highway across the state, following the original route of the famous Overland Mail.

New Jeweler in Town.

M. A. Jones, an experienced jeweler and watch repair expert, formerly located at Santa Rita, New Mexico, has moved to Merkel, securing business location in the front of the Merkel Drug company. Mr. Jones is being welcomed most cordially into Merkel business circles.



"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

WHAT IS THIS "COOPERATION"?

Every so often, and sometimes oftener, we are told at public gatherings or through the press that what our towns need is "cooperation." Just what is this "cooperation?" Any good dictionary will tell you that it is "joint action, or operating together for a common object." These authorities also say that cooperation is "profit sharing."

Now that is all well and good, but it doesn't quite make clear this kind of "cooperation." What is "joint action?" "Operating together?" for what "common object?"

You say, "I can't act jointly with other fellows in Merkel. I am not in their crowd, therefore I have nothing in common with them." And again you say, "Profit sharing"—yes, they get the profit, and what do I get? Shearing, instead of sharing." And I know what you mean when you say it.

I think that "coordinate" is a better word for that which is meant when some people and some organizations say "cooperation." Again referring to authority, coordination is "to place in harmonious or reciprocal relations," and, of course, to reciprocate means to give and receive shares and benefits mutually. In other words, to give as you receive, and to receive as you give.

If you look at Merkel as a bank, perhaps it will help clear up the question. You can't take money out of a bank, (and get away with it) without first you put some money in; and at the same time you cannot get more out than you put in unless that which you have put in has earned it.

Now a lot of us would be out of luck if we could not get anything out of the place where we live until we had put in—couldn't we the streets, send our children to school, have fire or police protection, couldn't go to the parks, or even to church until we had put in for it.

You say, "But that isn't the case," but it is—our communities are just like that, except that for all those who didn't, don't or won't put in, there are those who put in for them. That has to be. You can't take unless there is something to take from. There is something to take from in Merkel for you have been taking right along, so somebody must have put it there.

To put in as much as one can against that which one naturally takes out is "cooperation" to my way of thinking, and I take the stand that the average man and woman wants to do just that. Everybody, young and old alike, detests a poor sport, a moocher, a grabby individual. Few people want to be like that, and I can't believe you do.

If everybody, communally speaking, lived up to this kind of cooperation, what a heaven most cities, towns and villages would be. On the other hand, if we received only as we gave, what a terrible, haggard hamlet most of our communities would be.

Now as I see "cooperation," there is nothing mythical or hazy about it. It is not hot air—it is just plain, common sense.

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Demo State Chairman Of Alabama Returns Tom Heflin's Check

Selma, Ala., Feb. 27.—Edmund W. Pettus, chairman of the state democratic executive committee, Saturday refused to accept the qualifications of United States Senator J. Thomas Heflin as a candidate to succeed himself in the democratic primary, Aug. 12.

In explanation of his action, Pettus told the senior Alabama senator the affidavit declaring himself a candidate did not meet the requirements of a resolution adopted by the democratic executive committee fixing qualifications of candidates for federal, state, district and circuit offices.

Although Heflin, in his application, said he did not vote the republican presidential ticket in 1928, the state chairman pointed out that "you fail to state that you did not openly and publicly oppose the election of the nominees of the democratic party, or either of them, and that you did not oppose the election of the democratic electors as president and vice president in November, 1928."

"As this particular part of your affidavit probably can not be amended," Pettus' letter to the senator continued, "my duty under the resolution is to return your check."

In his declaration of candidacy, Senator Heflin stated he was "a life-long democrat," and would abide by the results of the forthcoming primary. He made no reference to his activities in opposing the democratic national ticket in the last general election.

Before leaving for Washington the past week Senator Heflin qualified with the secretary of state as a candidate in compliance with the corrupt practices act. He said he would await the decision of the state supreme court on a petition of Horace Wilkinson, Birmingham, before announcing his campaign plans.

Wilkinson's petition seeking to restrain Jefferson county from proceeding with the primary on the grounds that it would be an illegal expenditure of public funds, was dismissed in Jefferson circuit court and was filed on appeal with the supreme court.

Heflin, a bitter opponent of Alfred E. Smith in 1928, has declared if the supreme court fails to uphold the petition, he will take his case "to the highest supreme court—the people," as a "Jeffersonian" candidate.

Above all—Now is the time to trade at the Boston Bargain Store. E. Y. Brown, Owner.

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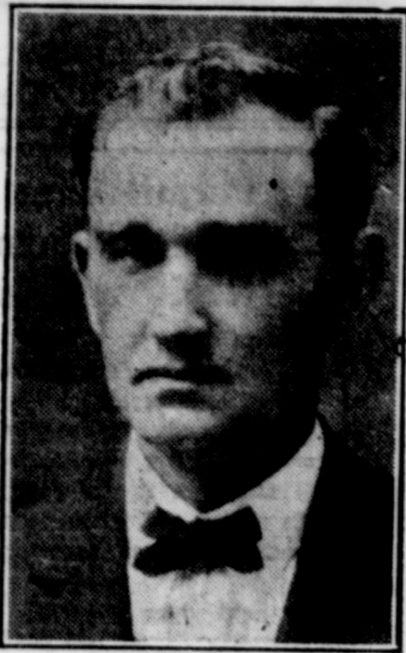
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N. L. Seale in Race For County Sheriff



N. L. SEALE

The Merkel Mail today carries the announcement of N. L. Seale as a candidate for the office of sheriff of Taylor county.

Mr. Seale is a native-born Texan. He served 18 months overseas with the A. E. F., including 74 days in the front line and also with the army of occupation after the war. Mr. Seale's formal announcement follows:

To the voters of Taylor county: Having been solicited by a number of my friends over the county to again make the race for sheriff, I do so with the hope of meeting every voter personally before the July primaries. I am grateful for the support given me in my campaign two years ago, but owing to my lateness in getting into the race it was impossible for me to see all the voters.

I know the duties of a peace officer and the routine of office work, therefore feel qualified to fill the office to which I aspire. The office belongs to

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the people and the people should elect men best qualified for the job. My ambition is to serve the people in a bigger and better capacity as an officer. With the exception of the last presidential election, I have always voted a democratic ticket.

Again thanking you for your hearty support two years ago, I will be most grateful for your vote in this race. N. L. SEALE.

Stock By Trainloads For Ft. Worth Show

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 27.—Several special trains will be operated to this city bringing livestock for the annual Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show to be held March 8 to 16. The animals will be assembled at certain points to make up the specials. One probably will come from Oklahoma, another from South Texas and one from West Texas.

Another special train will bring a shipment of Rodeo livestock. More than 150 outlaw horses will be brought here for the Rodeo, the largest number ever contracted for, in one deal, according to Manager John B. Davis.

Considerable interest is being shown, Davis said, in the feeder-breeder exhibits to be held here during the show. These exhibits are intended to encourage the feeding of cattle bred in Texas with Texas raised feedstuffs, rather than shipping them out of the state at certain periods of the year.

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Bobby Jones Breaks Golf Course Record

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 27.—Bobby Jones, Atlanta attorney and national open champion, Saturday broke the record for the Savannah Golf club course with a 65, nine under par, for the third round of the Savannah open tournament. The record-breaking score placed Jones at the front of the field with 207 for the 54 holes.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PAYERS OF INCOME TAX Mr. C. E. Vickery, internal revenue agent with headquarters in Abilene, has advised us that it will be impossible for him to visit Merkel at any time between this date and March 15th to assist tax payers in preparing their reports. However, Mr. Vickery or one of his assistants will be in the Abilene office on the following dates—March 7th, 8th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th and will without any charge for his services, assist you in the filing of your return. For the benefit and convenience of those tax payers who prefer not to go to the federal agent's office in Abilene we have arranged with Mr. Cecil West, Mgr., West Audit Company of Abilene, to spend one day only, FRIDAY, MARCH 7th, 1930, in the lobby of our bank, at which time he will make a minimum charge of five dollars, and more in such cases as the amount of work incident to the report may justify.

THE OLD RELIABLE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK MERKEL, TEXAS We urge our customers and patrons to remember these dates and be governed accordingly, in order that their returns may be prepared and filed with the least possible confusion and inconvenience.

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District Bankers Pick Abilene Man to Head Organization

Fort Worth, Feb. 27.—W. R. Keeble, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants bank of Abilene, will head the seventh district, Texas Bankers' association, during 1930. He was named chairman of the body at the closing business session of the annual convention at Fort Worth Saturday. Ralph Barton of the Midland National bank was named executive secretary.

Fort Worth was chosen as the next meeting place of the district.

Economic problems ranging from oil to livestock, with special attention to the place occupied by the banker in the industrial and agricultural development of the community, were dwelt upon by speakers at the business session of the meeting. Discussing farm relief legislation, C. S. E. Holland, chairman of the association's agricultural committee, declared a reduction in acreage and in movement in the quality of the staple are the only two avenues open to farmers for improvement of a serious situation.

He predicted that if more than 4,000,000 bales of cotton are produced in the state this year, the price obtained for the staple will not be higher than 10 cents a pound.

J. R. Pratt, Jr., vice president of the First State bank of Stamford, advocated as one of the principal problems of small town banks the encouragement of the cooperative movement among farmers for better crop markets. The advisability of loans depending for repayment upon the successful marketing of a crop yet unproduced came in for discussion by A. A. Horne of Galveston, president of the association, who declared that the farmer practicing a diversified program is the bankers' best risk.

Merkel was represented at the district convention of the Bankers association in Fort Worth by W. L. Diltz, Jr., B. L. Hamilton and Booth Warren, the latter accompanied by his wife.

Abilene bankers who attended the convention included George L. Paxton and J. O. Shelton, Citizens National bank; Henry James, W. R. Keeble and Paul Jones, Farmers and Merchants National bank; A. E. Pool, B. Miller, Guy McCarty and Pope Pool, Abilene State bank; Riley Peters, Fred Griffith and Henry Withers, Central State bank. Mesdames Paxton

and Jones accompanied their husbands to Fort Worth.

WARREN NEWS

The farmers are very busy breaking their land.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley McCormick motored to Abilene Saturday on business.

We are glad to hear that little Clovis Dyess is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and Mrs. Hobbs' sister from Merkel took Sunday dinner with Grandma Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finch, of Hodges Sunday.

Robert Sumpter left Wednesday for Sweetwater where he has a position. The young folks are very sorry to see him leave.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Newman of Merkel spent Wednesday afternoon with their daughter, Mrs. Ernest Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown visited relatives at Noodle Sunday.

Zebbie Sumpter returned Sunday after visiting friends in Ballinger.

Salt Branch defeated Warren ball team, 14 to 10, last Friday.

Everybody is invited to the program at Warren school house Thursday night.

Warren is expecting to play Salt Branch Friday.

Salt Branch is entertaining the young folks with a play Friday night.

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Above all—Now is the time to trade at the Boston Bargain Store. E. Y. Brown, Owner.

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Zion Chapel News

The farmers in this section are busy putting up their land.

We are very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Spencer, who was the mother of Mrs. A. W. Clemmer and who was making her home with her daughter at Sylvester.

Mrs. H. R. Chancey sustained a very painful injury when a cow stepped on her foot the first of the week.

Will Spurgin and J. M. Taylor attended the singing at Noodle Friday night.

Several from this place attended the singing at Hodges Sunday.

Misses Ruby Evans and Nina McAninch spent the week-end with Mrs. M. L. Estes in Merkel.

Ben Adkins is on the sick list this week.

Everyone is invited to the P. T. A. next Thursday night at Zion chapel. Mrs. Bradley from Stith is coming and will bring her music pupils.

H. R. Chancey and family spent the day Sunday with friends at Tye.

Mrs. Milliner and little daughter spent the week-end with homefolks at Abilene.

Sunday School was well attended but the singing Sunday night was called off on account of the preaching at Comper.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucas from Noodle called on their daughter, Mrs. Adkins and family, Sunday evening.

Ectyl Spurgin spent the week-end with homefolks.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offers.

The fortieth anniversary of the Eiffel tower, in Paris, the highest building in the world, was celebrated in 1920. Nearly 14,000,000 persons have ascended the tower since its construction.

A county and its county seat were named for the editor of the first newspaper in Texas. Gail Borden and his brother, John P., started the Telegraph and Texas Planter at San Felipe in 1833.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

Blair Items

Miss Thelma Deavers of Noodle Dome made a pleasant visit with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Deavers, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moore of Merkel and Mrs. Mary Little and daughters, Misses Iva Mae and Catherine, made a short visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell.

Mrs. Pearl Sandford and three children of Tuscola came up Wednesday on the noon train to visit for a few hours with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears of Valeria visited homefolks Sunday, returning late in the afternoon, as Mr. Spears is agent for the Santa Fe at that place.

Lenord Moore of Tyler is visiting homefolks.

The Boy Scouts and their girl friends enjoyed a pleasant outing Thursday at the Provine lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker entertained as their Sunday guests, Rev. and Mrs. Williams of Abilene.

Messrs. Hugh Campbell and Claude Doan are doing jury service at Abilene this week.

TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY.

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel will observe Monday, March 3rd, 1930, as a legal holiday. No business transacted. Customers and patrons are requested to be governed accordingly.

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SATURDAY

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Wm. Powell "BEHIND THE MAKE-UP" See Wm. Powell as a Female impersonator.

Huntsville Now In Its Hundredth Year

Huntsville, Feb. 27.—Huntsville, home of the state penitentiary and the Sam Houston State Teachers college, is now in the one hundredth year of its existence.

In 1830 Pleasant Gray, with his wife, left their home in Huntsville, Ala., and pushed westward. While traversing what is now Texas, then belonging to Mexico, he became favorably impressed with the friendliness of the Bedias Indians and neighboring tribes. He immediately decided to remain among the Indians and trade with them.

Gray's next step was to find a suitable location for his post. Just 75 miles north of Houston, in what is now Walker county, Gray established

his trading post, calling it Huntsville for his native town. The former trading post now boasts of a population of more than 6,000.

Huntsville is widely known as the former home of Gen. Sam Houston, hero of Texas' independence. General Houston's old home and grounds are maintained by the State as a shrine.

Texas has preferred to preserve the name of its heroes in its nomenclature of towns and counties rather than Indian names such as many states more largely have used, Cherokee, Comanche, Nacogdoches, Pecos, Panola and Wichita are the only names of Indian tribes used in Texas county names, although the name of the state itself is of Indian derivation—from the Tejas Indians.

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WHY REDUCE COTTON
ACREAGE?

The Federal Farm Board urges that every effort be made to reduce the cotton acreage in the South by not less than 6,000,000 acres in 1930.

The following essential facts as to the cotton situation were prepared from data assembled by Dr. O. C. Stine, principal agricultural economist of the United States Department of Agriculture, and were presented for wide dissemination at the Jackson (Miss.) conference on acreage:

If the same acreage be planted to cotton in 1930 as was planted in 1929 (47,569,000 acres) and the yield by the average of the last five years (162.7 pounds per acre), the yield on the acres harvested (45,981,000 in 1929) would be 15,000,000 bales or more.

If the yield on the 1929 acreage would equal that of 1926 (182.6 pounds per acre) the crop would reach 17,500,000 bales.

A carry-over of 3,000,000 bales in this country would make a total of 18,000,000 bales of cotton for sale during 1930. If the 3,000,000 bales are added to a possible 17,000,000-bale crop the total would be 20,500,000 bales. World consumption of American cotton was about 15,000,000 bales last season.

Either of these figures would result in a disaster to the South and would affect all lines of industry.

In 1926 the record cotton crop of 18,000,000 bales sold for less than \$1,000,000,000, whereas 19,000,000 bales in 1923 sold for \$1,600,000,000. That means the farmers picked and ginned 8,000,000 bales in 1926, gave them to the world free of charge, and, in effect, paid \$600,000,000 for the privilege.

The Federal Farm Board has made it clear that it can not avert a cotton crisis unless farmers reduce the acreage substantially.

Texas in 1929 planted 18,942,000 acres in cotton, compared with 18,948,000 acres in 1926 and 19,139,000 acres in 1925. Much of this land is marginal and submarginal and should not be planted to cotton at all.

On the 18,948,000 acres planted in 1926 Texas raised a crop of 5,600,000 bales, and it is estimated that nearly 400,000 bales were unpicked because of low prices. The total estimated production for Texas that year was around 6,000,000 bales. This figure gives an idea of what might happen on a large acreage if conditions prove favorable to the crop.

THE COUNTRY NEWSPAPER.
(Baird Star.)

The country newspaper is becoming more and more a community newspaper—the community in the sense that towns and smaller cities from one to five thousand population are gradually spreading into the rural regions.

The rural and interurban population have so much in common, with the telephone, rural mail, paved post and better highways, that they are more like one big neighborhood.

More farmers are building homes in towns and smaller cities to give their children the advantages of high schools, colleges and business opportunities.

In all lines of social development, the community newspaper is playing its part and is becoming a more valuable property from an advertising standpoint and as a leading factor in the cooperative growth of city and country.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to express our heartfelt appreciation for the many kindnesses extended us and the sympathy revealed by our friends in our recent bereavement in the loss of our beloved father. Your many thoughtful acts and words of comfort will always be held in tenderest memory.
Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt.
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Comerys.
Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

TELEPHONE THE
MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

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CHURCHES

SPRING WEATHER REJUVENATES SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE; BAPTISTS TO HAVE STATE AND NATIONAL SUPERVISORS IN CHARGE OF SERVICES SUNDAY.

For the second time during the month the Sunday School attendance passed the 800 mark, the total last Sunday being 813. It will be remembered that on Sunday the 9th the attendance was 819. The Baptist Sunday School had the largest number present, reporting 328. The attendance at the other Sunday Schools was Methodist, 275; Church of Christ, 93; Presbyterian, 80; Nazarene, 27.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

All those instrumental in the organization of the men's prayer service held each Sunday afternoon have expressed themselves as well pleased with the success this movement has attained and each Sunday sees a splendid gathering of men in attendance. Last Sunday the service was held at the Methodist church with Herbert Patterson as leader. Next Sunday L. L. Murray is to be the leader, the service to be held at 2 p. m. at the Baptist church. The subject will be the twelfth chapter of John beginning with the 20th verse and through the remainder of the chapter.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Last Sunday there were 328 present, but we are hoping to have a much larger attendance next Sunday. We are to have with us then two of the greatest Sunday School men in the south, State Sunday School Secretary G. S. Hopkins from the Dallas office and also Mr. Harrell from the Southern Baptist office at Nashville, Tenn. These men know and understand the Sunday School problems as few men do. Mr. Hopkins has built the Sunday School work in Texas to where it is—an honor to him and his workers.

Mr. Hopkins will have charge of the service Sunday morning. Then there will be a state-wide conference of adult and young people at 2 p. m. Come and bring your Sunday School problems. Especially do we ask the officers and teachers of our entire Sunday School to be there. We are also extending an invitation to all churches in Merkel to be there.

The training service of the church starts at 6:30. All members have a cordial invitation to come. We need you and you need the training that will help you to prepare yourself to better serve the church and your God.

Evening worship at 7:30. Mr. Hopkins will be in charge. Let every one come praying for a great day Sunday.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: Growing through Study.
Introduction—Fanny Belle Boaz.
The Course of Study offered in the Quarterly—Ida Mae Derstine.
The Course of Study offered in the Daily Bible Readers' Course—Himalaya Swafford.
The Textbook Courses of Study—Mrs. Cooper.
Student Activities in this School of Training—Miss Williams.
Jobs for Students and Graduates—Maxie Banner.
Special number.
Everyone be sure and come to B. Y. P. U. at 6:30. Everybody welcome.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Regular attendance is the best way not only to hold our own but to gain; so, if possible, let every member of the school be present next Sunday. Preaching service at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Evening service will begin at 7:30. Session meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Come worship with us.

W. M. Elliott, Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

"Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne,
Make all my wants and wishes known!"

Is there anything in town that can take the place of the hour of prayer? Suppose no one in Merkel took time for prayer, how dark would our city become! How cheap would real estate become in a short time? The prayer meeting is a thermometer for spiritual heat of the church, and without prayer meeting members most any church would fail. We are glad to report a splendid interest in our mid-week prayer service, which meets on Wednesday night. We had between forty-five and fifty out last time, including several who are not members. We are glad to see this interest. Small attend-

dance at prayer meetings indicate a spiritual lethargy.
All regular services at usual hours.
J. G. Malphurs, Minister.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

All regular services at the Methodist Church next Sunday and next week. The pastor will be in his pulpit at both hours. Start the week right by coming to church and Sunday School.
T. C. Willett, Pastor.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Song.
The Lord's prayer.
Scripture reading, by Stanley Toombs—Psalms 46:10.
Poem, by Arma Love Toombs.
"What is reverence?" by A. C. Sears.
"Training in the home," by George Hicks Buford.
"Church attendance helps," by Wilbur Willett.
"Attendance is not enough," by Nell Hughes.
Discussion.
Sentence prayer, by Juniors.
Song.
Benediction.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

Sunday School 9:45. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. U. S. 6:45 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Wednesday night prayer service and Bible study 7:30. Lesson for next week 11th chapter of Acts. W. F. M. S. each Tuesday 1:30 p. m. Due to the changing of our subject for last Sunday morning, we are again announcing the subject we had announced last week, "A Figurative Lesson on Holiness." For the evening service we will preach sermon No. 2 on Christian Stewardship, 1 Cor. 4:2.
This week's slogan—"Don't let laziness keep you from church—idle men are a temptation to the devil."
A cordial welcome to all.
Leona Forbes, Pastor.

Workers Conference
Caps Church Mar. 5

The workers' conference of the Sweetwater Baptist association is to convene with the Caps Baptist church next Wednesday, March 5, the date of the meeting having been changed from the original date, March 3, in order that Dr. White could be present.

The similar conference for the Jones County Baptist association will convene on Wednesday, March 6, with the Hodges Baptist church, instead of March 4, the first date, in order that Dr. White could be present for this occasion also.
The following is the program for the Sweetwater association on Wednesday:

10:00 a. m.—Caring for the Orphans. Dr. R. C. Pender.
10:15 a. m.—The Silver Anniversary of Simmons University, Mrs. O. H. Cooper.
10:35 a. m.—The Place for Ministerial Education in Our Baptist Schools, Dr. W. T. Walton
11:05 a. m.—Sermon, Dr. W. R. White.

LUNCH.
1:15 p. m.—Meeting of Executive Board and W. M. U. of Association.
2:00 p. m.—Should Pastorless Churches Seek the Aid of the Holy Spirit in Calling a Pastor; If So, What Should be the Attitude of Preachers Toward the Call? Dr. J. C. Burkett.
2:30 p. m.—Round Table Discussion on our Cooperative Program, led by Dr. W. R. White.
3:15 p. m.—Why Attend Leaders' Encampment, Rev. J. Henry Littleton.
3:30 p. m.—Inspirational Address, Rev. Chas. A. Powell.

The program for the Jones county association meeting at Hodges on Thursday follows:
10:00 a. m.—Devotional, Rev. J. D. Reeves.
10:15 a. m.—The Place for West Texas Baptist and Baptist Standard in Our Denominational Life, Rev. W. C. Moffitt.
10:35 a. m.—The Ministry of Healing, E. M. Collier.
11:05 a. m.—Sermon, Dr. W. R. White.

LUNCH.
1:30 p. m.—The Silver Anniversary of Simmons University, Mrs. A. T. Douglass.
2:00 p. m.—Round Table Discussion of Our Cooperative Program, led by Dr. W. R. White.
2:45 p. m.—Why Leaders' Encampment, Walter Jackson.
3:05 p. m.—Inspirational Address, Dr. Millard A. Jenkins.

Above all—Now is the time to trade at the Boston Bargain Store. E. Y. Brown, Owner.

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DEPARTURE OF IRA L. PARRACK AND FAMILY DEPLORED BY CITIZENSHIP; HONOREES FOR MANY FAREWELL ENTERTAINMENTS.

FAREWELL RECEPTION.

Rev. and Mrs. Ira L. Parrack were the surprised honorees at a reception given by members of the Baptist church on Monday evening in the parlors of the church. W. J. Largent opened the program with an appropriate address of farewell to Rev. Parrack and family and introduced Walter Jackson of Abilene, who delivered an address of consolation to the audience in regard to the loss of Rev. Parrack.

A beautiful vocal duet was given by Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott followed by an impressive reading by Miss Lucy Tracy. A lovely vocal number, sung by Mrs. Lyton Howard, preceded the presentation of a handsome dinner set of dishes, a parting gift of the church members and made doubly appropriate due to the fact that that day was Rev. and Mrs. Parrack's twenty-third wedding anniversary.
Delicious sandwiches and punch were served at an informal reception, affording approximately two hundred an opportunity to say good bye to this estimable couple who will be so greatly missed in this community.

FAREWELL PARTY.

Miss Mary Parrack was the honoree at a lovely affair on Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boaz with Misses Fannie Bell Boaz and Edith Baker the hostesses.

Games of progressive "42" furnished diversion for the afternoon, followed by the presentation of a pretty array of gifts, farewell remembrances of her friends.
Refreshments of cake and punch were served to Misses Mary Parrack, Lucy Tracy, Vennie Heizer, Mildred Hamm, Roberta Sloan, Edith Baker, Fannie Bell Boaz, Messrs. Comer Haynes, Elmo Collins, J. D. Long, Joe Hartley.

DINNER GUESTS.

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner extended hospitality to friends at dinner on Tuesday evening. A delicious chicken menu was served buffet-style followed by games of "42" as the diversion for the evening.

Guests of Dr. and Mrs. Gardner were Mr. and Mrs. Lyton Howard, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, Miss Christine Collins and C. J. Glover, Jr.

FAREWELL DINNER

The lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess was the setting for an in-honor dinner, complimenting Rev. and Mrs. Parrack on Monday evening preceding the reception at the Baptist church.
A turkey dinner, with delectable accessories was served to Rev. and Mrs. Parrack, Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Willett, Rev. R. A. Walker and Supt. and Mrs. Burgess.

THURSDAY NIGHT CLUB.

The beautiful home of Miss Johnnie Sears was the meeting place of the Thursday Night Bridge players last week. Radio music and bridge games furnished happy diversion and at the refreshment hour, delicious home made candy, sandwiches and olives were served to Misses Dona Loyless, Iva Bragg, Christine Collins, Vera Baker, Roberta Sloan, Evelyn Curb, Lola Dennis, Johnnie Sears and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown.

PRESBYTERIAN LADIES

The missionary society of the Presbyterian church with the ladies of the church as guests met in the home of Mrs. Charlie Jones on Tuesday afternoon for the annual praise service. Selections from Psalms were used for the devotional, followed by prayer by Mrs. George West. Very inspirational talks were given by Mrs. Henry West and Brother Walker. Everyone entered into a round table discussion of the work of the society. A "love offering" was taken, which will be sent to the board with our last pledge.
Refreshments were served during the social hour following the program.

DINNER GUESTS.

Mrs. H. F. Gtne and Miss Dota Garoutte were guests of Miss Bobbie Clack at the unrolling of the marker on Butterfield Trail by the D. A. R.'s on last Saturday.

After the ceremony an old-fashioned three course dinner was served in the home of the Misses Garoutte to Misses Tommie and Bobbie Clack, Mrs. Wheatley, Mrs. Ben Dorch of Abilene and Mrs. Groene of Merkel.

FAREWELL PARTY FOR MRS. PARRACK.

On Monday afternoon, February 24, the members of the Alathean Sunday School class assembled in the basement of the Baptist church for a so-

cial meeting honoring Mrs. Ira L. Parrack, who was soon to leave for her new home in Chillicothe. Mrs. J. D. Porter, Mrs. W. A. McCandless and Mrs. Fred Baker acted as hostesses, assisted by Misses Edith Baker and Mary Parrack.

Games and contests furnished amusement for the entertaining hour and fortunes were revealed in a unique way. When Mrs. Parrack was blindfolded and asked to hunt her fortune she found a basket of useful gifts which were tokens of the love and esteem that her friends have for her.

A dainty refreshment plate consisting of jello whip, nut cake and iced tea was passed to the following guests and class members: Mesdames Ira L. Farrack, Whitaker of Houston, J. R. Barnett, Causseaux, Polly, J. T. Warren, Copeland, W. D. Haynes, Ensminger, G. D. Richie, Meeks, Frank Hamm, Chamless, Swafford, Daugherty, Bradshaw, R. H. Matthews, C. P. Stevens, G. J. Jones, E. N. Brown, E. M. McDonald, C. M. Largent and Miss Myrtle Barnett.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

On Friday February 21, little Miss Betty Lou Grimes was given a surprise birthday dinner at the home of Mrs. Holland Teaff with Mrs. Teaff, Mrs. E. M. McDonald and Miss Vennie Heizer acting as hostesses. When the little guest arrived at 7:30 she was ushered into the dining room where she found a long table decorated with pink crepe paper ribbon. In the center was the birthday cake topped with nine pink lighted candles. The honoree's chair was marked with a large pink bow and on the pink and white paper napkins was printed "Happy Birthday." Betty Lou succeeded in blowing out seven candles on first trial.

The menu consisted of fried chicken, creamed potatoes, green peas, slaw, deviled eggs, sweet pickles, hot rolls, butter marmalade, cherry jello, whipped cream and cake.

Humpty Dumpty stand-ups marked place for Misses Betty Lou and Marilyn Sue Grimes, Lucy Tracy and Vennie Heizer, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Holland Teaff.

BIRTHDAY PARTY AT TYE.

Mrs. E. R. Clack entertained a number of little folks last Sunday in honor of her daughter, who was celebrating her tenth birthday. The morning was spent at Sunday School and church and immediately after church all went to Mrs. Clack's home where a bountiful feast was prepared. The children all had a delightful time and expressed the hope that Nadine has many more as pleasant and happy birthdays.

Those present were Lorene England, Irene Moore, Allie Mae King, Anna Mae Spinks, Dorothy Pitts, Julia Ella Holder, Katie and Ruby Bigham, Melba Smith, Nadine Clack, James Henry King, J. W. Fillman, Edward Bigham and Morris Clack.

Others enjoying the occasion also were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCartney, Leona Kinney and Lula Hassey.

Home Talent Play
At Stith Saturday

"A Daughter of the West" is the title of the comedy drama that is to be presented by home talent at the Stith tabernacle Saturday night beginning at 8:15, directed by Mrs. Willa Bradley. Twenty-three will be in the cast and music is to be furnished by a string band. The entertainment is free and everyone is cordially invited.

The cast follows:
Harold Morton, a railroad surgeon, J. M. Bradley.

Clarence Moore, an Arizona rancher, Weldon Dwigkins.
Sam Hopkins, a land speculator, F. J. McDonald.

Pedro Silvera, a Mexican renegade, Jewel Thomas.
Jim Parker, a gambler who is on the square, Marvin Holloway.

Bill Jones, a sure-fire sheriff, Jack Arwine.
Ruth Arlington, a daughter of the desert, Irma J. Wilson.
Lucy Hopkins, her college chum, Irmaree Dwigkins.
Mrs. May Moore, an Arizona widow, Hazel Thomas.
White Bird, an Apache Indian girl, Mae Holloway.

Opens Store at Hobbs.

Having put in a store at Hobbs, New Mex., the Crown Hardware company has moved some of its oil field supplies to the store there. The Hobbs store was opened on Feb. 24 under the name of the Edwards Harware and Furniture company. Mr. Edwards expects, however, to continue actively in charge of the Crown Hardware company here and will operate the Hobbs store as part of the organization.

Easter Sunday falls this year on April 20th, the latest known for many years.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

MATTERS MUSICAL

MERKEL BOOSTER BAND APPEARS IN CONCERT THURSDAY EVENING AT 7:30.

Of all Merkel's progressive civic organizations, we should be proudest of our booster band. Every town should have a salaried membership for they are constantly in demand. In the absence of this financial support these youngsters are carrying on in a most creditable progress, most evident at each succeeding performance—putting in an appearance at every gathering representative of the Merkel public spirit, and beginning this Thursday night, we are proud to announce they will give a free concert every Thursday evening on Main street at 7:30.

- The following program will be played tonight with G. A. Hartman the able director and master of ceremonies:
- 1. Carrollton—March.
- 2. Sons of Veterans—March.
- 3. Under the Double Eagle—March.
- 4. Overture—Iron Count.
- 5. (a) Lassus Trombone.
- (b) A Trombone Smear.
- 6. Columbia University Band—March.
- 7. Honey Boys on Parade—March.
- 8. Overture—Silver Crescent.
- 9. (a) Robinson Grand Entree—March.
- (b) Star Spangled Banner.

Members of the band are: Clarinets—Van H. McSpadden, Cecil Clark, Kennedy Whiteley, Howard Riddle, Horace Boney, Dickie Sharp.

Cornets—Ed Lancaster, Jr., Fred Baker, H. H. Copeland, Harold Boney, Lois Clark.

Saxophones—Isadore Mellinger, Byron Patterson, Mabel Morton, Terrill Mashburn.

Altos—Clarence Hartman, Meyer Mellinger.

Trombones—O. B. Roden, Milton Case, Jack Patterson.

Baritone—Lynn McSpadden.

Basses—Herbert Hartman.

Drums—Albert Hartman.

Miss Mona Margaret Jones entertained with two vocal numbers accompanied by Miss Edna Marie Jones, on last Thursday evening when The Business and Professional Women gave a banquet in the Moss Room of the Grace Hotel, Abilene.

Front page attention was given to the Junior rhythm band of North Park in the Abilene Reporter last week. The band is under the direction of Miss Edna Marie Jones, teacher of public school music in the school. She will be remembered as a Merkel girl who has many friends here who predict a brilliant future for this talented musician.

423 Receive Awards
At Final Meeting

The final conference for the Sweetwater association in the simultaneous B. Y. P. U. revival, held last week in the Sweetwater and Jones county associations, was held at the Baptist church here last Sunday, at which time the church was filled to capacity. Of the 918 taking part in the training courses in the Sweetwater association, 423 were present at this meeting to receive their awards. T. C. Gardner, secretary of the state B. Y. P. U. department, presided and read reports from the various churches in the association.

The Rev. Henry Weldon, pastor of the Lamar street church, Sweetwater, preached the sermon, his subject being "An Approved Workman."

At the close of the meeting a resolution was passed commending the work of the Rev. C. D. Owen, associational missionary for both the Sweetwater and the Jones county organizations.

A similar revival will be held by the two associations in 1931, the dates set for Feb. 22 to March 1. Mr. Gardner said plans will be made to try to enlist the entire district in a campaign for next year.

SUMMARY OF WORKS.

A total of 2,011 workers were enrolled in the three counties—918 in Taylor, 887 in Jones and 206 in Nolan. Sixty-six new B. Y. P. U. organizations were perfected, 31 in Taylor, 19 in Jones and 16 in Nolan.

One hundred and seventy-seven new sponsors and leaders were enlisted, 83 in Taylor, 84 in Jones and 10 in Nolan.

Efficiency banners were awarded the Lamar Street church of Sweetwater for Nolan county, the Caps church for Taylor and the Stith church for Jones county.

The Caps church, with 410 points out of a possible 500, scored the highest point of any church in the Sweetwater association. Report from this church showed Mrs. P. F. Harris, director; Earl Slaughter, teacher; resident church membership, 130; class enrollment, 163; examinations, 87; one new B. Y. P. U.; seven new sponsors and leaders enlisted.

Two-thirds of the automobiles being bought in Belgium are American.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One gas range. Can be seen at Dowell's Auto Top and Shoe Shop.

LK COW—One choice milk cow and young calf for sale. Lee Baker.

FOR SALE—Bundled and headed feed, two row planter and cultivator pony disc plow; will trade for milch cow. See me at my farm near Stith. T. W. Collins.

SETTING EGGS—Dark Cornish Game eggs for hatching now ready for delivery. Robert Hicks at Liberty Hardware Co.

GOOD USED CARS AT BARGAIN PRICES

See these cars before you buy. 1—1927 Chevrolet coach, A-1 condition.

1—1924 Ford coupe, good rubber, original paint—this car is a good buy.

1—1924 Ford touring.

Several others to show you, ranging from \$25.00 to \$350.00.

Massey Chevrolet Company Trent, Texas.

FOR SALE—Going to ship carload of red cane seed, but will sell several thousand pounds to farmers here if they want them. Call not later than Monday, March 3rd, at S. L. Grayson's filling station. J. H. Grayson.

SETTING EGGS from Standard Bred Buff Orpingtons with 365 day trap-nest records up to 223 eggs. Pen 1 eggs \$2.00 per 15; pen 2 eggs \$1.00 per 15. Can supply baby chicks if order is booked in advance. A. R. Sharp, one block West of Highway Filling station.

FOR SALE—A \$160.00 deposit on any new Chevrolet Six with the Massey-Woods Motor Company of Trent; car to be delivered when called for. Will sell this deposit for \$110.00. John L. Camp, 519 Mims Bldg., Abilene, Texas. Phone 4814.

FOR SALE—About 2 carloads threshed hegar or will grind; also car of ear corn or will grind. J. H. Grayson.

FOR SALE.

BABY CHICKS every Tuesday from M. Johnson strain of White Leghorns at \$14.00 per hundred. J. S. Touchstone, Hawley, Texas, Route 2.

FOR RENT

NEW TWO ROOM apartment, nicely furnished, private entrance, adjoining bath; gas, hot and cold water. Mrs. C. L. Boswell. Phone 171W.

FOR RENT—Four room house, furnished; also bedrooms. Buy, sell and exchange anything of value. City Furniture Co. Joe Garland, Prop.

FOR RENT—160 acres, good land. See Roy Isom, one-half mile south of Tye.

FOR RENT—Modern 4-room house and bath. Mrs. R. I. Grimes. Phone 165.

WANTED

WASHING AND GREASING Modern grease rack. Cars washed and greased the right way. Highway Service Station. J. C. White, Manager.

WANTED—Cotton seed to cull; will come to your farm and cull your cotton seed. Elsie Roland, Merkel, Texas, Route 3. Phone 9045F22.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Greyhound female brindle, white front feet, scars on back near shoulders, nice reward for information. Elgie Ham, Dora, Texas.

FOUND—Watch, owner can get same by describing and paying for this ad. Ray Harrell, Merkel, Texas, Route 4. Phone 9012F3.

PARTIES WHO REMOVED ROSE bushes from lots at the cemetery are known and, if they will return same, no questions will be asked. Ben Wheeler.

LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited. Joe Hartley, H. P. O. R. Dye, Secretary

Arizona is known as the "Four C" state—copper, cattle, cotton and climate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)

For Congress, 17th district:

R. Q. LEE, (Re-election.)

For District Attorney 42nd district:

J. R. (Bob) BLACK, (Re-election.)

For Sheriff:

H. T. O'BAR, (Re-election.)

C. R. (Chas.) WALDROP.

N. L. SEALE.

For County Clerk:

W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)

For County Treasurer:

AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)

For Tax Collector:

EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.)

For Tax Assessor:

J. T. HOWARD, (Re-election.)

H. F. LONG.

For District Clerk:

BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)

For County Attorney:

GRAY BROWNE.

WILEY L. CAFFEY.

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)

J. H. FRAZIER.

W. L. BLAIR.

RUFE TITTLE.

THOMAS A. BEARDEN.

JOHN J. TOOMBS.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:

S. A. (Sam) BANKSTON.

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CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank all of my friends and relatives for their kindness in assisting me so faithfully during the sickness and death of my beloved wife. May God's richest blessings rest upon you all is my prayer.

James Bright.

Trent News and Personal Notes

Funeral rites were held here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Mrs. James Bright, age 68 years, with Rev. Mr. McGinnis, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. Interment was in the Trent cemetery. Mrs. Bright died at her home here at 10 o'clock Friday night after a long illness. She had been in ill health for several years and seriously ill for the past ten days. Pall bearers were C. T. Beckham, L. E. Adrian, M. G. Scott and A. W. Woods. Among those from out of town to attend the funeral were Mrs. Bertha Hawks, Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Hooten, Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Hawley, and Mrs. White and daughter, Knox City.

John Strain made a business trip to Dallas and Greenville last week. Skylor Gentry is visiting his mother, Mrs. Jack Bright.

Miss Lucille Adrian, who is attending A. C. C. at Abilene, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian.

Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and little son, Junior, of Abilene, were guests of Mrs. H. B. Terry Monday.

The program rendered by the Dramatic club at the school auditorium Friday night was enjoyed by a full house.

Miss White, the music and expression teacher, will present her pupils in a recital here Friday night.

Junior Neil, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Neil, had the misfortune of being hurt by a horse Monday, but is doing nicely at this writing.

Mrs. Ed. Sherman who has been quite ill for the past week, is now reported much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Duncan of Sweetwater spent the week-end with Mr. Duncan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert McRee, Jr., spent the week-end in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sherman had as their guests Monday Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Swafford.

Miss Lillian McRee was the week-end guest of friends in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gafford of Meadow on a return trip from Dallas

stopped over here Tuesday for a visit with relatives.

Joe Nalley, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. M. G. Bryan, made a trip to Mission last week, being called there on account of the illness of a sister.

J. R. Lawler, an old resident of this place but now living in New Mexico, was a recent visitor here.

Miss Jaunita Carson of Childress spent several days here visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamner. C. T. Beckham of Trent and H. B. Chambliss of Merkel made a business trip to the plains last week

Federal Land Bank Lowers Interest Rate

W. Homar Shanks of Abilene received notice from the Federal Land Bank at Houston, that rates on farm and ranch loans have been reduced to 5 1-2 per cent again on loans made after Feb. 15, 1930. More than \$180,000,000 has been loaned in Texas by the Federal land bank of Houston, Mr. Shanks says.

The Citizens National Farm Loan association, of which Mr. Shanks is secretary-treasurer, has been lending money in Taylor, Jones, Shackelford and Callahan counties since its organization when the Farm Loan system started operations.

Referring to the plan of the land bank system, Mr. Shanks said: "The low rate and long time has attracted a large number of farm and ranch loans and their popularity continues. Loans are obtainable to take up notes, make improvements, take care of debts incurred for agricultural purposes, purchase of livestock, fencing, tanking, grubbing, terracing, building

residences on farms or ranches or other permanent improvements.

Pull All Together Suggested Slogan

To the Merkel Mail:

I venture to suggest what the small size towns needs just now. It is "a strong pull, a long pull, and a pull all together" of their citizens.

Merkel has as good a lot of citizens and as good country around it as any town in between Fort Worth and El Paso. No local cause for stagnation but, being near a city that is pulling for the best trade and enterprising citizens; it stands Merkel in hand to keep awake.

If you want to sell your spare property, put it up to a live-and-let-live price, with liberal cash payment and a reasonable rate of interest; then enterprising people will invest—enterprise attracts enterprise. Put your property down to a low stagnation price at "a dollar down and a dollar a month" and no one wants it. They think "it's no account."

I once knew a town that was threatened with stagnation; a bunch of sharp fellows got together and one of them sold to another one of them a lot for \$175; three weeks later the purchaser sold the same lot to another one of the bunch for \$500. This transaction started the ball and it started the town in that direction; two years later the three mile stone was in the most popular residential portion of the city.

Enterprise attracts enterprise, even if part of it is fictitious.

J. B. Parrack.

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Ladies' and Children's Clothing, Shoes and Hats, Men's and Boys' Clothing and Wearing Apparel, Hats, Shirts and Shoes. Everything goes at remarkably low prices.

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SON OF THE WEST SPEAKS AT CHAPEL.

On Tuesday morning Dr. J. W. Hunt of McMurry college, Abilene, spoke in his pleasing poetic style to the High school. He told first of his great admiration for Western Texas, extending to the west of an imaginary line reaching from Wichita Falls to Laredo. He has spent his life in this country and has learned to love it and to appreciate its many natural beauties. He stated that he had seen the country change "from a land of bull pens to a land of chambers of commerce."

The heart of his serious message centered around a story told by Stanley Jones, probably the greatest living missionary, before a group at a recent Methodist conference. The story was of a native Hindu who walked one hundred miles to ask the missionary three questions. The first of these was, "Is God happy?" Stanley Jones was able to convince the native that God was happy even though there is suffering in the world because He gave His Son to save the world. Happiness does not depend upon material things but upon man's attitude toward life. Each man is indeed "his brother's keeper" and may not settle down to "A sweet little nest, Somewhere in the West, And let the rest of the world roll by."

The rest of the world will not "go by" and we cannot live alone.

BASEBALL.

The High school girls played another game with the Grammar school girls Monday and were defeated, 9 to 6. Although the High squad did not have all their players they held Grammar school in check until the last two innings. The Grammar school girls are planning on going to Abilene to the county meet and are busy practicing for that. Mr. Duke was the referee of the game.

The players were:

High school—Neoma Grayson, Beth Holloway, c; Margaret Miller, Lena Bryan, p; Velma Lee Holden, lb; Lena Mae Hokit, 2b; Margarette Turner, 3b; Melba Taylor, rss; Nell Hughes, lss; Opal Huskey, rf; Johnnie Middleton, cf; Jess Higgins, lf.

Grammar school—Rogene Dye, c; Frances Adecock, p; Valeria Parks, lb; Alice Russell, 2b; Ruth Davis, 3b; Carabel Mansfield, rss; Alta Myrl Hyght, Blanche Denny, lss; Wanda Hunter, rf; Vivian Davis, cf; Coehre Morrison, lf.

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL PROGRAM.

On Friday, Feb. 21, the Historical society gave a George Washington memorial program as follows:

Interesting incidents in the life of George Washington, Marcella Pinckley.

Pantomime, "The Cherry Tree and the Hatchet," Odell Hunter and Orion Tittie.

The statue of Washington, Beryl Hunter.

Washington's farewell address, Clinton Bryan.

The Concord hymn, Maurice Davis. Immortality, Mattielou Largent.

THE SOPHOMORES.

Everyone is enjoying the spring weather that we have been having. All of the girls are wearing aprons and boys wearing striped overalls. Now if that isn't a sign of spring we don't know what is.

Make-up exams were given last week but, of course, only a few of the "Soph's" had to take them, but those that did we're sure passed them.

All of the Sophomores are very sorry to lose Brother Parrack who is one of our most faithful chapel speakers. Everyone enjoyed his talk in chapel Monday morning.

Miss Margaret Canon and Ida Mae Derstine went to Anson to a B. Y. P. U. convention Sunday.

IN SCHOOL.

This is the time in school life when students, at least some of them, would like greatly to cut a class or two. Two things cause this: first and most important, six weeks' exams are on hand and then the sunny spring days in February.

Everyone regretted Friday to know that Mrs. Young was unable to attend classes, and welcomed her back to school Monday.

Rev. Mr. Parrack preached his farewell message to the student body Monday. The news of his departure was received with sorrow, but we are glad

that he honored us by being with us in chapel once more.

We also regret to lose one of our best students, Alvin Parrack, who is Junior this year and making good grades in all his subjects.

The inspector was with us Friday. Evidently she was pleased with everything. (We hope so, anyhow.)

Merkel is trying to get 1-2 credit affiliated on public speaking, and 1 credit on biology.

BROTHER PARRACK'S FAREWELL MESSAGE.

Rev. Parrack found an excellent message to leave with the High school in the twentieth chapter of Solomon. "The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold, therefore will he beg in the harvest and have nothing."

This is the time of your plowing, sow now and reap a plentiful harvest. If you "sit by the fire" during your High school life you will be compelled to beg during the harvest, and no one will hear you.

There are four different viewpoints by which one may look at the proverb quoted:

In the material world, if you apply your talent now and, in a sense, break the ground and sow the seed, you will reap a material harvest to be proud of.

Hard lessons are the most important lessons and polishing gives the lustre to the diamond; Polish yourself by study and become complete in your intellectual abilities.

If we build for ourselves—now a sterling character, we will reap a harvest of purity. Be clean and be honest and educate yourself morally.

If we beg at any time during our lives for spiritual light, we will be rewarded, but there will come a time when we will not be heard. That time is the harvest we are plowing now for.

If you are using your talents, your abilities, and are living up to your ideals now, you are indeed plowing and sowing for a bountiful harvest of success and happiness.

KNOW YOUR SENIORS OF '30.

In order that our readers may know the Seniors of '30, we shall publish for the next few weeks a "picture gallery" of those who are soon to graduate from Merkel High.

Tracy Campbell.

Tracy Campbell, the wit of the Senior class of this year, was born in Caator, Louisiana, on February 5, 1914. Although he is not a native Texan, he moved to Texas at the age of five. At that time he became a pupil in the Grammar school of Merkel. His life has been one move after another since then. But these moves have only added more "pep" to his winning personality, it seems.

Tracy belongs to the famous M. H. S. Players club and has been outstanding in several of the plays they have given this year. He was one of the "peppers" for the Badgers last fall and was their reporter. He also belongs to the Senior P. P. A. A. A. club.

Milton Case

Milton Case was born in the Stith community, October 20, 1910. He lived there until he started to school. He then moved with his parents to Merkel where he entered Merkel Grammar school. Milton's progress in school work was rapid and in 1926 he entered Merkel High school.

In his Junior year Milton received much honor as he was elected assistant editor of the Badger Weekly, was a member of the Glee club and also a member of the Merkel High school Players club. In athletics Milton was a member of the doubles team that won the county championship and he was also winner in the singles tournament of the county.

But Milton has risen to even greater fame in his Senior year. He is again a member of the Merkel High School Players club and he was named as president of the Glee club for the first term. Milton is a member of the P. P. A. A. A. club and is on the football eleven. He held down the center position with a spirit that thrilled all who saw him play. Yet his greatest achievement in school life is being business manager of the school Annual for 1930.

Lucille Cole.

At Nugent in Jones county on a

balmy August day in the year 1912 a tiny baby gazed with eyes as blue as the summer sky on a world of summer and sunshine for the first time and when one knows Lucille he is surely to conclude that the sunshine and beauty of that summer day was infused in her nature. While yet small, she moved to the Union Ridge community and entered school there at the age of 7. She later moved to Merkel, entering school here at the age of 10. She is completing the High school course in three years and two summer terms. She has been eligible for the Spanish club three years, has been a member of the Choral club one year and is now a member of the Merkel Players club and the Senior Girls club. During her entire school career she has ranked among the first in her classes and she is keeping up her reputation as a Senior of '30.

DO YOU REMEMBER.
When J. T. was afraid of girls?

SLEEP.
Sleep, thou god of my night
Stealing away sight of moons
And closing my eyes to the stars
Sleep, thou creepiest upon me un-
aware
And steal my thoughts
Leaving only dreams
Dreams as vain as sunshine;
Beautiful, but transparent
And conquerable by thee.
—Beryl Hunter.

FISH NEWS.
Not only the Freshmen are getting

THE RESULT OF A COMPLIMENT.
J. T. complimented Miss Sloan the other day—never mind about what. Of course, Miss Sloan modestly blushed and dropped her eyes. But J. T. is a gentleman. He immediately picked them up and returned them to her.

JOKES.
Miss Sloan: "When we are married, I'll share all your troubles and sorrow."
He: "But I have none."
She: "I said, when we are married."

"Oh, Fred, the baby has swallowed the matches, what shall I do?"
"Here, use my cigarette lighter."
Mr. Burgess: "Taking a garage for example, what are some free goods?"
Reply (but unheard by Mr. Burgess): "Hot air and information."
Little brother found a button in his

salad.
He remarked: "I suppose it fell off while the salad was dressing."
Miss Martin: "When was Rome built?"
Student: "At Night."
Miss Martin: "Who told you that?"
Student: "You did. You said Rome wasn't built in a day."
HOLIDAY NOTICE.
March 2nd, 1930, (Texas Independence Day) being a legal holiday, falling on Sunday, and in accordance with the policy and practice of other banks throughout the state we will observe Monday, March 3rd, 1930, as a holiday and will not be open for business.
F. & M. NATIONAL BANK.
Diversity of Texas production of raw materials is shown by the fact that sixty-five different raw materials contributed in a major way to the state's income in 1929.

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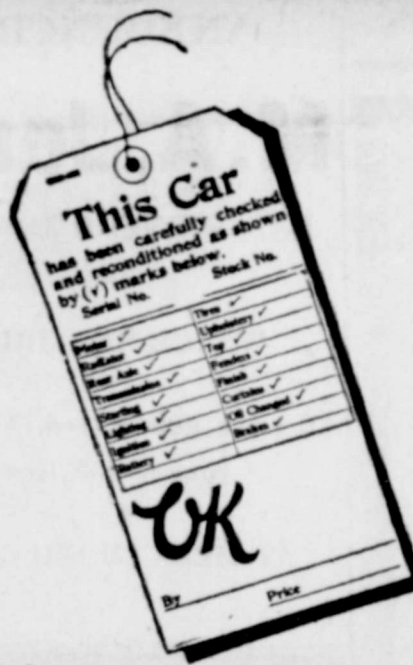
CHEVROLET



BIG SALE starts SATURDAY



USED CARS
—WITH AN OK THAT COUNTS



Here is a bargain event without parallel in the history of this community! This great spring clearance sale brings to bargain seekers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to secure famous used cars "with an OK that counts" at savings that will be long remembered.

Due to the tremendous popularity of the New Chevrolet Six, we have an unusually large stock of fine used cars. To clear our stock quickly, we offer these splendid cars at low sale prices that are nothing less than sensational.

Buy a car during this sale at many dollars below its normal price! Look to the red "OK that counts" tag as proof of its quality and dependability. This tag signifies that the car has been thoroughly checked and reconditioned. Be sure to attend this sale early!

Wide choice of four and six cylinder cars

1928 MODEL CHEVROLET LANDAU

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1929 CHEVROLET COACH—Read that price! See this practically new Chevrolet—compare appearance, performance and reliability and you'll prefer it to anything the market offers at anywhere near this price. Completely equipped, read to drive away at \$475.00

1927 CHEVROLET COUPES—If you want a coupe, this is the opportunity of a lifetime. You'll be proud of their appearance and performance. And at this low price you can pay many months' operating costs with the savings. Priced from \$150 to \$250

1927 FORD ROADSTER—Reliable performance, comfortable riding, cheap transportation. Special sale price only \$75.00

1927 CHEVROLET TOURING—New overhaul job, best of condition, good terms \$135.00

1928 CHEVROLET TRUCKS—All in good shape; these trucks have been repossessed and will go at a bargain. from \$125.00 to \$275.00

1929 CHEVROLET TRUCK—4-speed, 3,000 miles, was used on Abilene streets, for cotton hauling only \$495

1928 CHEVROLET COUPE

Your last chance to save \$50 on a slightly used coupe. Completely equipped—carefully checked and conditioned, "with an OK that counts."

Special Sale Price—

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LIVE STOCK

HOG WALLOW WILL GIVE PROTECTION

Porkers Need Shade and Cool Water in Hot Season.

While there is nothing esthetic about a hog wallow, there is satisfaction—for the hogs—and protection for their owner. In hot weather the hog, more than most other animals, is liable to overheating, likely to be attended by very high mortality. Plenty of shade and cool water, together with freedom from any disturbance, are preventative against this source of losses in the hog lot.

On the John Brown farm near Mechanicsburg, Ohio, there is a hog wallow of concrete which pretty well suits the ideas of J. W. Wulchert, animal husbandry specialist at Ohio State university, as to what a hog wallow should be.

About 25 feet square, the sides of the wallow slope very gradually toward a drain in the center. In one corner there is an automatic drinking fountain, the overflow from which runs directly into the pool. Over the wallow, there is a roof supported on posts. All four sides are open.

The capacity of the wallow is highly elastic, since every hog which grunts his way into the water, displaces his own volume in water and raises the level of the pool. The more hogs in the pool, the more water.

The surface of the water in the pool carries a floating film of crude oil which keeps down insect pests on the hogs and also checks mange among them.

Sodium Chlorate May Cause Cattle Losses

Tests made in the division of veterinary medicine at University farm show that sodium chlorate, a weed destroying chemical, will cause sickness of cattle if taken in small amounts and death if taken in large quantities.

Therefore, when the material is used in pastures for weed eradication it is necessary to fence off temporarily the areas where it is to be applied, says A. C. Arny of the farm crops section of the Minnesota experiment station. "Even if chlorates were not injurious to cattle," he says, "the fencing off of areas to be treated is advisable from the standpoint of using the chemical to the best advantage. Grass to which the chlorate has been applied is eaten greedily by cattle. Any chlorate they may eat is lost as far as bringing about weed eradication is concerned.

"Continued satisfactory use of these chemicals depends on the avoidance of accidents in making the applications and of injury to animals after the applications are made. In no case should a person apply the chlorates without having full directions for their use. These directions should be followed in detail whenever the chemicals are handled."

Valuable Supplement to Corn in Feeding

Soy beans are a very valuable supplement to corn in feeding steers and hogs. They are about equal in feeding value to either linseed meal or cottonseed meal and can be substituted for the mill feeds to balance corn when feeding steers or hogs. From 2.5 to 3 pounds per head per day should be fed.

However, soy beans are very rich in oil and this will have a tendency to throw both hogs and steers off feed if the beans are fed for a long time. If hogs follow steers that are fed soy beans instead of linseed or cottonseed meal the hogs should have some tankage in addition.

Live Stock Items

Knowledge is power in the control of swine diseases.

Remove sow at weaning time. Allow no other hogs in the pasture.

Preventive measures to control pig diseases should begin before the litters are farrowed.

Lack of exercise causes weak lambs, so one should be sure the ewes receive a little exercise each day.

Like feeding, breeding is not the only thing to be considered in handling live stock; both must go hand in hand if the best results are to be obtained.

egs of all classes respond to good ge. It is especially valuable in ration of young, rapidly growing pigs.

Pregnant ewes require a rather liberal supply of protein for developing the foetus and producing wool as well as for body maintenance.

Spring pigs that are to follow cattle on feed in the fall and winter should not be full fed prior to this time, as they become too fat and inactive to be best suited to the feed lot.

POULTRY FACTS

HEAT AND LIGHT MEAN MORE EGGS

Maintain Feed Consumption in Sudden Cold Spells.

Heat and light in the hen house mean more eggs when eggs are high in price. And the purpose of both heating and lighting is to keep the laying hen eating as much feed as she can be persuaded to take.

No slump in egg production is likely to accompany a sudden cold snap if the normal feed consumption is maintained, according to the poultry husbandry department of the Ohio State university. One method of controlling the temperature is through insulation of the chicken house. This, however, may nearly double the cost of the structure. Some poultry men are finding that by placing brooder stoves in the laying houses and firing them during the extremely cold weather, they can sufficiently raise the temperature. In case neither insulation nor artificial heat is practicable, the poultry specialists recommend the feeding of small quantities of milk-moistened mash and small quantities of grain, at frequent intervals during the day.

When artificial lights are used to increase egg production, they should not be used to give more than a total of 14 hours of light a day. Failure to supply lights regularly, or to provide water and feed when the lights go on, also give bad results.

Poultry Tuberculosis Widespread in Spots

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Tuberculosis in poultry flocks has been found much more prevalent than was suspected, and in many counties, especially in some of the North Central states, the disease is present to a greater or less extent in about 70 per cent of the flocks, according to the United States Department of Agriculture.

Tuberculosis birds show loss of vigor and flesh, lameness, swollen joints, drooping, and general unthriftiness. T. B. in poultry can be definitely diagnosed by a post-mortem or by the tuberculin test given by a veterinarian.

If the disease is discovered in the poultry flock, all diseased birds should be immediately killed and burned, and the remaining fowls over one year old should be marketed. The chicken house should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, and moved to clean ground. Lots and runways should be plowed up and seeded to some grain crop, and a new start made on clean ground with young, healthy, vigorous birds of good breeding. Avian tuberculosis is doubly harmful in that it affects swine as well as poultry.

Number of Elemental Eggs Developed by Hen

A pullet at maturity has a certain number of elemental eggs which may be developed. Counts at the Maine experiment station show from 1,000 to 3,500. More recent investigations show even greater numbers. There are always a great many more elemental eggs than any hen is capable of developing.

The rapidity with which eggs are developed will depend upon the hen's inherited ability to produce eggs and upon the feed and management of the flock.

Profits from the flock will depend upon securing as many eggs as possible during the first couple of years of each hen's life.

Poultry Hints

Crowding at the feed hopper stunts the growth of chicks.

Lameness is one of the first symptoms of tuberculosis in poultry.

Keep the nonlayers out of the flock by culling out birds with yellow beaks and shanks.

If the hens are kept indoors throughout the winter, they should be given cod liver oil as a substitute for sunshine.

The majority of poultry buyers are now refusing to buy any poultry that is diseased or which is not in condition to be put in fattening pens.

Much of the recent experimental work shows a benefit in the health of the hens, and especially on the hatchability of the eggs, if the birds have free range all winter.

Crowded houses cause many good birds to become pale faced and later join the cull class.

Turkeys may die of black head at any time from three weeks old to three or more years. The only safe way is to keep young turkeys on clean ground away from chickens and old turkeys.

Pullets should be placed in the laying house when they show signs of being nearly ready to lay. The comb and wattles begin to enlarge and take on a bright red color.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Simmons and Mrs. Wilson and daughter, Bertie Lou, of Abilene were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee Wednesday.

The boys baseball team of Union Ridge met the High school baseball team of Merkel last Friday afternoon on our ground. The game was hard fought by both teams, the final score being 8 to 7 in favor of Union Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Suggs and children of Abilene were the Sunday guests of Mrs. H. C. Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Biggs of Merkel were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch and family south of Merkel back with us Sunday.

There were good crowds at church Sunday and Sunday night. Rev. U. S. Sherrill of Trent filled his regular appointments. We are in hopes there will be some from our church to attend the missionary meeting that is being held at the First Methodist church of Abilene this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Carr entertained the young folks with a party at their home Friday night. Everyone had a most enjoyable time.

Rev. Mr. Sherrill was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch Sunday.

HONOR ROLL

The following honor roll has been announced for the Union Ridge school: First grade—Syble Harris, A. B. Harris, Burnice Opal Dean.

Second grade—Dorma Lee Shelton, Effie Bell Pannell, Burnice Opal Dean.

Third grade—Laverne Harvell. Fifth grade—Johnnie Heath, Maurine Dean.

Sixth grade—Alice Carey, Ruby Carey, Anna Mae Harris.

Seventh grade—Arlene Heath. Eighth grade—Mary Belle Douglas, Lillian Claude Barnett, Hazel Heath.

Dora Doings

We are glad to report little Dorothy Perry improving after an attack of bronchial pneumonia.

The teachers and members of the school board, with a few ex-basketball players, honored the boys' and girls' teams with a banquet with plates for sixty at the High school auditorium Friday night. The P. T. A. furnished and served the menu. Miss Grace Ellis was toastmistress and J. R. Cornelius, the principal speaker of the evening.

The play put on by the Senior class Tuesday night, entitled "Arizona Cowboy," was largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. B. E. Dunagan is visiting this week in Shep, Winters and San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Denson of Canyon spent the week-end here with homefolks.

Mrs. Ethel Barry of Sweetwater visited her sister, Mrs. John Holder, several days this week.

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FUNERAL RITES FOR A. H. BARNES

Following an injury to his skull sustained when he fell Jan. 10, as he was driving a calf over the ice and sleet on his place south of town, Albert H. Barnes, 59, died seven weeks later at 3:20 Tuesday afternoon at the home of his son here, E. B. Barnes. About ten days prior to his death he had been brought to his son's home in town for better attention.

He was born Nov. 17, 1870, in Hopkins county, Texas, and was married Dec. 20, 1891, to Miss Lula Martin, who with three sons and one daughter survives him. He professed religion in 1890 and joined the Baptist church. Removing to Taylor county in 1900, he settled south of Merkel, where he was living at the time of his injury.

All of the children were present when death came: C. C. Barnes and family of Abilene, A. D. Barnes and family, residing on Route 5 out of Merkel, Mrs. Cleo Baughman and children of Oklahoma City, and the son here, E. B. Barnes and family. He is also survived by one brother and two sisters, all of whom were also present: W. L. Barnes, and Mrs. Lula Burkham, both of Cross Roads, New Mex., and Mrs. Kate Templeton, Shamrock, Texas, and six grandchildren.

The death of Mr. Barnes brings to a close a useful career as a man, church member and citizen—marks the passing of a loving husband and father and one who was respected and honored by all who knew him.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon at the Baptist church with Rev. Ira L. Parrack officiating, assisted by Rev. W. B. Parten and Rev. I. D. Truitt. Interment was at Rose Hill cemetery.

Fall bearers were P. A. Diltz, W. P. Moore, Roy Riney, D. L. Blair, Howard Henley and A. D. Fulton.

J. E. Hendrix.

J. E. Hendrix, 66, who formerly lived in Merkel, died at 10 o'clock last Thursday night at the home of his son, C. P. Hendrix, in Abilene. His death, which was attributed to a heart attack was unexpected, although he had been in failing health for a number of years.

Funeral services were held from the Church of Christ here at 3 o'clock last Saturday afternoon, with J. H. Mead, Abilene Church of Christ minister, and W. G. Cypert, former minister of the Church of Christ here officiating. Interment was in the Rose Hill cemetery.

Born and reared in National, Ark., Mr. Hendrix had lived in Merkel and Abilene for the past 20 years. He had made his home with his son, who is associated with the Abilene Candy Manufacturing company, for the past two years. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Besides his son, surviving Mr. Hendrix are his widow; three daughters, Mrs. Tom Torbet, Lamesa; Mrs. Clifford Westenhoever, Sweetwater and Mrs. C. H. Thomas, San Antonio; one brother, Joel Hendrix of Mount Vernon, and one sister, Mrs. George Sullivan of National, Ark.

W. H. Stephens.

W. H. Stephens, 76, died Tuesday at his home here and the remains were shipped Thursday morning to his former home, Fulton, Ky. Mr. Stephens had lived here eight or ten years and was a highly respected citizen, a beloved husband and father, whose presence will be greatly missed in the daily walks of life. He is survived by his wife and several children.

Death of Child.

The 15-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, Comper, was buried at the cemetery at that place Sunday afternoon. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow.

Oil News.

After drilling three dry holes within a small area in Western Jones county, W. G. Clark and associates picked up an oil sand in the fourth test, the W. G. Clark-Newman No. 2 last Friday. The well is located about 12 miles north of Merkel, one and three-fourths miles north of the producing Smith field and three miles east and half mile north of the producing Hudspeth well and the Atkinson & Sander Bynum No. 1, now drilling. The Noodle creek pay was struck in the Clark-Newman well at 2,529 feet. It is estimated the well will produce about 50 barrels without further drilling.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Worthan, residing northwest of town, Saturday, February 22, 1930.

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Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Allen have returned from a week-end visit to their son, Pick Allen, and family at Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell spent the last week-end at Dimmitt and Amarillo, visiting their daughters, Misses Mary and Ouida Campbell.

M. L. Estes visited Saturday and Sunday last week with his son, Lee Estes, at Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks spent Sunday in Brownwood.

On their return from a visit to their brother, Homer Lafey, at Tatum, New Mex., Miss Rosie Laney and Howard Laney were accompanied by their mother, who had gone out there earlier in the week.

A. J. Tucker, his mother, Mrs. J. L. Tucker, and sister, Miss Eleanor, visited the last week-end in Altus, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Gaither and two children took advantage of the Washington's birthday holiday to visit Mrs. Gaither's mother in Elk City, Okla., and were accompanied on their return by her sister, Mrs. Joe Van Vactor.

While attending the meeting of the district bankers in Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Darsey.

Mrs. M. A. Nugent from Central, New Mex., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. E. Pike.

Rev. L. B. Owens and wife of Big Spring are visiting their son, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Owens. Rev. Mr. Owens is a former pastor of the Baptist church here.

Miss Alva Wheeler, who is teaching

school at Roscoe, was home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Ribble of Abilene were recent guests of Mrs. Ribble's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Costephens were here Sunday to visit his mother, Mrs. J. E. Costephens.

Mrs. Clifford Garner of Lubbock was a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Miller, residing near Merkel.

Miss Alleyne Riley was home from her school at Avoca for the week-end.

Mrs. R. A. Walker has gone to Paris to visit her two sons there and also will visit her daughter, Miss Velma, who is in school at Denton.

Mrs. T. H. Hagood visited over the week-end in Rising Star.

Mrs. Melvin Pittman of Anson was the week-end guest of Miss Lola Dennis.

Miss Annie Lou Russell visited in Abilene Saturday with Mrs. Sam Redwine.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Walters of Wills Point are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Robert Hicks.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer were Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Jones of Rising Star.

Miss Annis Palmer and her mother were over from Anson Monday to spend the day in the J. T. Dennis home.

Rev. Frank Gage and wife and little daughter, Marjorie, of Abilene were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Griffin.

Fred C. Hughes, former automobile dealer here but now residing in Dallas, was a visitor on business matters early in the week.

Mrs. O. R. Douglas and little son, Billy Bob, motored over to Baird and

spent a very pleasant week-end with Mrs. Douglas' mother, who is residing there.

Ennis Grimes and Grady South, both of whom are connected with the First National bank of Chillicothe, were visitors in our city Saturday. Mr. Grimes, who is a brother of Dr. R. I. Grimes and Dee Grimes, formerly lived here.

After a visit with relatives and friends, Mrs. Ollie Shaffer from El Paso has gone to Dallas.

Mrs. W. T. Curb has as her guests her mother and sister from Ballinger, Mrs. E. B. Warmack and Miss May Warmack.

Dr. W. T. Sadler attended a meeting in Dallas last week of medical men

interested in the dermatological branch, accompanying Dr. Ramsey of Abilene. While Dr. Sadler was away, Mrs. Sadler visited part of the time with Mrs. Ramsey in Abilene.

Attend Presbytery Meeting.

Attending the called meeting of the Abilene presbytery, which was held Monday afternoon at 2:30, at the Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, there were present from Merkel Jas. H. West, who is moderator, Rev. R. A. Walker and Charlie Jones. A conference was held with a Buffalo Gap Encampment committee and action was also taken to dissolve the pastoral relations existing between Rev. Frank McDowell and the Brecken-

ridge church. The latter was dismissed to the Tulsa presbytery.

Sanitarium Notes.

Mrs. J. H. Grayson, who broke her hip last Monday afternoon when she fell as she left her front porch, was brought to the Merkel Sanitarium for treatment.

Mrs. Elmer Patterson submitted an emergency operation for appendicitis last Friday and was reported doing splendidly.

Mrs. Homer Dunn, who has been critically ill at the Merkel Sanitarium was somewhat improved Thursday.

Lloyd Gilmore was sufficiently recovered from his recent appendicitis operation to be removed to his home Thursday.

Dunnam Bros. SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Table listing various food items and prices such as Lettuce (25c), Carrots (6c), Bananas (19c), Greens (15c), Spinach (15c), Sweet Potatoes (5c), Oranges (29c), Pork & Beans (9c), Candy (10c), Corn (11c), Coffee (\$1.20), Coffee (25c), Hominy (8c), Beans (12c), Grape Juice (19c), Spuds (45c), Catsup (19c), Bacon (30c), Bacon (28c), Bacon (25c), Bacon (16c), Lunch Meat (25c).

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