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MERKEL CATTLE WIDELY SOUGHT; MARKET WIDENS

Shipments of Past Week Include El Paso, Los Angeles and Fort Worth as Destinations; Moved Four Cars.

Well known for a long time in all the cattle centers, Merkel-raised and Merkel-fed beef cattle are receiving even more merited recognition, as evidenced by the presence of outside buyers from time to time and the growing demand from an everwidening market.

During the winter and spring months buyers from commission houses in El Paso, the Pacific coast, Kansas and as far away as Indiana have taken advantage of the high grade offering by cattle-raisers and stockmen here, one buyer going so far as to say that grass-fed cattle around here outclass those from any other part of Texas.

As a result, instead of Fort Worth being the concentration point, probably as many shipments have gone west to Texas and California points as have gone to Texas cowtown. It is said that one reason for this is that better prices are obtained from the El Paso and coast buyers.

During the past week Lester Weaver, representing the Peyton Packing company of El Paso, bought a carload of fat cows from Collins Brothers and Wednesday loaded out another lot of fat yearlings, bought from several sources. Another car went out Wednesday night consigned to the Washburn and Condon Livestock Commission company, Los Angeles, Calif. The shipment consisted of fat cows, bought by Hedrick and Young from W. H. Laney.

On Monday Morrison and Clemens shipped a car of mixed cattle to Fort Worth, bringing the week's total to four cars.

Fire Destroys Two Vacant Houses Here

Two vacant houses were almost totally destroyed by fire within the past few days, the flames in each case having gained such headway before the fireboys arrived that not much could be done to save the houses.

The first fire, about 1:40 Monday morning, destroyed the house of Edwards street just north of the telephone office. It belonged to Judge N. D. Cobb and in it he had stored a large number of law books, an office desk and typewriter, a book case and other office furniture. Insurance in the sum of \$500 was carried on the house and \$300 on the contents.

The second fire occurred Tuesday night at about 11:30 when the house belonging to Miss Vernie Derrick on Runnels street was consumed by flames. It had just been vacated recently. \$1500 insurance was carried on this property.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, May 31, 1912.)

An estate in England handed down three times reaches a Merkel boy for his pro rata with the nice sum of \$2,245.00. The young man coming into possession of the above amount is Alva Sharman, a well known Merkel boy, who has for a number of years made this place his home.

On last Friday night the merchants and business men of Trent organized a commercial club to look after the interests of the town. S. W. Browning was elected chairman and Postmaster Terry secretary.

The local representatives to the state convention of firemen returned Sunday morning, with the exception of Olly Sharp, who was very much set on staying in the capital city. Chief B. C. Gaither and the other delegates are all smiles over the convention.

Mrs. E. J. Rhoades and children of Guliacan, N. M., refugees from the real scenes of war, were visiting Mrs. Will Calvert of Trent this week. Mrs. Rhoades related some thrilling experiences at the hands of the Mexican rebels.

Bandit Masked With Tape Robs Bank of \$2,000

Hatch, N. M., June 2.—An American cowboy bandit, masked from his nose down with adhesive tape and bandages, robbed the First National bank here of about \$2,000 Wednesday.

The bandit, entered the bank with a pistol drawn, ordered the cashier, Coke Johnson, and a customer, Bert La Drier, to the front of the bank and told them to keep their hands down.

Keeping them covered with the pistol, he scooped all the money from the tills and calmly sauntered from the bank. Jumping onto a horse, he rode toward the foothills. Several citizens who had been standing near the bank heard the bank's burglar alarm sound and fired several shots at the fleeing man.

Three posses were organized quickly and gave chase.

Merkel Fishermen Land 35 Pound Cat

One catfish weighing about 35 pounds, in storage at the plant of the Merkel Ice Company, is evidence of the prowess of one party of Merkel fishermen. They also landed a black cat tipping the scales about 18 pounds, which they consumed in camp, as well as a number of other good catches. In the party were W. L. Diltz, Tom Largent, Fred Hughes and W. S. J. Brown, who went down on the pecos.

Leaving last Sunday Wren Durham, Ralph Duke, Briggs Irvin and two others from Ovalo are spending this week fishing on the Rio Grande near Langtry.

Another fishing party includes J. L. Speck, Brooks Patterson and Ed Turner, who are camped at Paint Rock.

Adcock Elected Head District Mail Group

R. L. Adcock of Merkel was elected president, succeeding A. A. Seal of Bangs, of the rural mail carriers association of the 17th district at the annual meeting in Cisco Monday. H. F. Powell of Abilene was named vice president. Roscoe Reeves of Gorman was retained as secretary. Mr. Seal was named district delegate to the state convention to be held in Galveston in August.

Ten counties were represented at the Monday session, attended by 149 carriers. Two Taylor county men, Mr. Adcock and Joe Nalley of Trent, were on the program.

Others going from this county were Owen Holly, John Howell and A. P. Cowan of Abilene and Mr. Spencer of Ovalo. The carriers were accompanied by their families, who were guests for a number of entertainment features.

The convention in 1933 will be held in Abilene.

BENEFIT PLAY, "GEORGE IN A JAM," TO BE GIVEN TUESDAY NIGHT, JUNE 7

Tuesday night, 8:15 o'clock, the curtain at the Cozy theatre will rise for the presentation of "George in a Jam," a three-act comedy drama, presented by a cast of home talent players under the direction of Mrs. J. Olin Lusby. Most of the personnel in the list of players made their stars in the recent production of "The Wild Oats Boy," staged for the benefit of the Firemen's fund and given a second time because numbers had to be turned away for the first setting of the show. In addition a program of versatile specialties between acts is promised.

This time the money derived from the play will be turned over to those in charge of Rose Hill cemetery for whatever improvement they deem most urgent of the many that are apparent. The fireboys, who are going ahead with the staging of "George in

a Jam," are making this happy gesture of appreciation for the splendid support that was given their show and that made it possible for Merkel to send representatives to the state firemen's convention.

Included in the cast are: Warren Smith, Missie Dye, Raymond Neal, Ruby Johnson, Herbert Dennis, Blanche Simmons, Vera Ritchie, Estelle Terry, Parker Sharp and Alvin Byrd.

Those booked for specialties are: Estelle Terry and Ruby Johnson, Mrs. Dot Wiman Gresham, Betty Lou Grimes, Mourine Tipton and Blanche Simmons, Bob Allen and Lou Parker.

Rehearsals for the new show, "George in a Jam," give indications of an exceptionally entertaining program and, because of the worthiness of the cause, it is expected, a large crowd will witness Tuesday night's presentation.

Program Completed Texas Press Meeting

Mineral Wells, June 2.—Walter Murray, chairman of the local entertainment committee, with representatives from the headquarters hotels, met here with officials of the Texas Press Association completing plans of local entertainment for the fifty-third annual convention of the Texas Press Association, which will convene here June 9 for a three-day session.

The headquarters will be jointly the Baker Hotel and the Crazy Wells Hotel, with all sessions held in the Baker Hotel. The general meetings will be on the roof Thursday and Friday mornings, with the daily, weekly and periodical business meetings held each afternoon. Thursday afternoon a barbecue banquet will be tendered the members and visitors at Camp Wolters, with a special speaking program including men of national importance.

Following the close of Friday afternoon's session, cars will transport, members and visitors to Weatherford, eighteen miles distant, where a chicken barbecue will be spread at Holland Lake Club.

Buford and Hughes Elected Aldermen

Merkel's two new aldermen, J. A. Buford and John S. Hughes, will take their oath of office at the regular monthly meeting of the city dads next Monday night, completing the board to its full membership for the first time since the annual election in April.

At the regular city election, John West, Dr. C. B. Gardner and C. E. Jacobs were elected, the latter being the only one to qualify for office. A second election was declared illegal, due to a technicality, and in the third election, held last Saturday, the above two named men were elected without opposition. They each received 89 out of the 92 votes cast.

A. T. Sheppard and Len Sublett are holdover aldermen.

Patrol Leaders Plan Feed for Parents

The patrol leaders of Boy Scout troop No. 20 held a meeting Tuesday night at the home of Tom Riddle, the purpose of the meeting being to divide the troop into four patrols and to make plans for a "feed" to be prepared by the Scouts for their parents.

The cooking of the supper to which the parents will be invited will be under the direction of Tom Riddle, assistant scoutmaster, and Mardell Shouse.

Those attending the patrol leaders' meeting were Mardell Shouse, Virgil Lee Perkins, Felix Stalls, Bud Gambill and Mr. Riddle.

A troop meeting is to be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Methodist church. Everyone interested in Scout work is invited.

Reports Business Gain.

Dallas, June 2.—The monthly business review of the federal reserve bank of Dallas said general rains during the past 30 days had created a more cheerful undertone to business, industrial and financial circles. The review summarized the crop situation as not so bright as last year at this time, but said the outlook had been improved for agriculture because of the rains.

Shortstop Ater, Hit by Bat, to Be Out Week

Fort Worth, June 2.—Ray Ater, brilliant young shortstop of the Tyler Sports who suffered a fractured skull here Tuesday night when accidentally hit over the eye by a bat, isn't believed to be in a critical condition, according to announcement from St. Joseph's hospital Wednesday morning. He was reported resting well after an operation. The fracture isn't a bad one, attendants stated. However, he is still in a semiconscious condition and will require weeks to recover.

The Lubbock boy, who recently withdrew from the University of Texas where he captained the Longhorns to a baseball championship, was struck during batting practice. Cameron Best, a teammate, lost his grip on a bat and it struck both Ater and Ulmont Baker, Fort Worth infielder. The latter wasn't seriously hurt.

Wins Another Extra Inning Contest, 3 to 2

Merkel won another of its extra-inning specialties here Sunday, defeating the Radford grocers from Abilene, 3 to 2 in thirteen rounds. Tannie Jones, the Merkel mound star, and Claxton were opposing pitchers all the way.

From the sixth to the last of the thirteen the game was scoreless. In the latter round Payne of Merkel singled, stole second, and went home on an infield out.

Seymour collected three of Merkel's seven hits. Pitcher Claxton was the all-around star of the Abilene nine. He scored both their runs, and handled a dozen fielding chances without an error.

Merkel goes to Baird for next Sunday's game.

The score by innings: R H E
Radford 100 001 000 000 0—2 6 5
Merkel 002 000 000 000 1—3 7 4
Claxton and Roberts; Jones and Springer.

Rides Plane on 84th Birthday.

Portland, Ore.—Mrs. Emma L. Hopper, Seattle, observed her 84th birthday by an airplane ride from Seattle to Portland. She celebrated her 24th birthday in a wagon train bound for Walla Walla from the Missouri.



Some nights I go home emotionally tired out. Not by work, but by repeated revelations of the meaner side of human nature.

All sorts of unpleasant characteristics come to the surface under the stress of hard times. Partners quarrel; husbands and wives snarl at each other; companies throw their "codes of ethics" into the discard; bluffers and cheaters, who have "got away with it" for years, are shown up in their true colors.

All this is depressing. BUT... When in human history has there ever been a time when so many million people were acting generously and sympathetically as now?

I can name dozens of concerns that have continued to operate at a loss because their owners felt a responsibility to their employees, and other dozens that have fought off any reduction in salaries to the last possible minute and then made the heaviest cut at the top.

I know one large city where twenty-five hundred volunteers have each adopted an equal number of destitute families and are carrying their members through the winter. I can name a struggling little college whose underpaid teachers voluntarily asked a ten per cent reduction in salaries in order that certain poor students might not be compelled to leave school.

The action of the railroad men and executives gave me cheer. It brought back a vivid memory of a certain Sunday morning when I was seven years old.

My father, a clergyman, had never purchased a Sunday newspaper. On this particular morning he came down to breakfast looking deeply concerned, and said to Mother: "I feel today that I must know the news before I go into the pulpit."

The news that he felt he must know was about the railroad strike in Chicago, where men were killing each other, and Grover Cleveland had ordered out the Federal troops.

We have made a lot of progress in the intervening years. A wise old professor in my college used to quote the following verse from the Psalms: "What is man that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visitest him?"

Most people, he said, interpret that to mean: "What does

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ECONOMY IN GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES.

Along with the wholesome discussion of reductions and economy in government expenditures, two interesting news stories revolving about our own congressman, Thos. L. Blanton, are included in developments of the past weeks.

While the news associations had wired the announcement on the date it was received of the resignation of William Wolff Smith, general counsel of the Veterans bureau, The Mail received in government franked envelope from the Texas congressman a tear sheet of the front page of the Washington Herald, dated May 20, showing the following news story under the caption, "Wolff Smith Quits Vets' Bureau Post":

"Representative Blanton yesterday won his long battle to drive William Wolff Smith, general counsel of the Veterans Bureau, out of the Federal service.

"Smith yesterday transmitted his resignation to Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, administrator of veterans' affairs, who promptly accepted and notified the House Military Affairs Committee that Smith had resigned, effective at the termination of his annual leave, which he is now taking.

"Representative Blanton has been campaigning against Smith for more than 10 years. He repeatedly declared it to be 'an outrage' that Smith, who served 13 days in the Army just prior to the Armistice, was receiving \$187.50 a month for total disability as well as a salary of \$9,000 as general counsel."

On the same day, Friday, May 20, the house of representatives at Washington voted unanimously to open for inspection by the public its disbursing records showing relatives of representatives who receive monthly checks from the legislative branch. There were shown to be five Texas representatives with secretarial employes of the same names on the house legislative payroll for the month of April.

In connection with the published reports the congressman from the 17th district wired the following telegram to the Abilene Reporter-News and other daily papers in the district:

"Kindly carry this explanation respecting clerk hire, that regulations prescribe that only two clerks shall be put on the roll and that they shall draw entire allowance, which provision is unwise, wasteful and extravagant in that it makes the two salaries entirely too large and out of all proportion with salaries paid elsewhere in like positions.

"My voluminous office work, embracing constant bureau investigations, requires three clerks, and with my allowance I employ three capable, efficient clerks, one being with me for 15 years and than whom there are no better in Washington, none being related to me, and my daughter is on the roll merely to distribute clerk hire, her entire check going each month to two of said employes, she actually receiving nothing from government.

"My extra help, constantly used by me, has cost me personally over \$1,000 annually ever since I have been in congress.

(Signed) THOS. L. BLANTON, Congressman."

Now, it occurs to the editor of The Mail that, if the regulations are correctly summarized by the Abilene man, a considerable saving could have been made for the taxpayers of the country right there; perhaps more than the enormous sum of \$9,000, annually saved to the government by forcing the resignation of one Wolff Smith. The point is, if a board of directors of a bank, railroad, factory or business institution authorized the employment of two secretaries, the resolution would have carried the provision "only two" and at a total allowance not to exceed \$5,000 per year. The regulation actually, it seems, provides that "only two clerks shall be put on the roll and that they shall draw the entire allowance." It's just naturally imperative to use up the entire \$5,000.

Passing over the technicality as to whether the august body of representatives were aware that their regulation would be evaded by the installation of an intermediary disbursing officer, serving without pay, which would have been the most consistent policy for any congressman to have followed: (1) to have hired only

DeBusk Announces For District Judge



To The Voters of The 42nd Judicial District of Texas:

In making this announcement for district judge of the 42nd judicial district of Texas, I am exercising the right and privilege of every American citizen to ask for office, and I hope to gain the fair and candid consideration of every voter in the district.

I am a native Texan and was reared on the farm in West Texas. Except for eighteen months army service during the World War, practically all my life has been spent in West Texas.

I attended the rural schools, worked my way through college and procured a life permit to teach school before entering the legal profession. I have taught school in Texas and New Mexico.

When the United States entered the World War I volunteered as a private; I was honorably discharged as commissioned officer.

Immediately after the war I served as superintendent of public instruction for Fisher county.

I was admitted to the bar in 1920. I am a graduate of the law school of the University of Texas.

For the past seven years I have practiced law in Abilene. My experience has been in all state courts from justice court to the supreme court and in the federal courts of the United States. I have been city attorney for the City of Abilene over five years, and during this time I have represented the city in all civil suits and criminal prosecutions.

All my life I have honored and observed the state and national constitutions. I have given some time and all my influence for a proper observance of all laws enacted thereunder or any amendments thereto. If I am elected, I shall continue to support them in their entirety in my private life as well as in my official duties.

I have tried to make a clean record, both as a citizen and as a lawyer, and upon this record I solicit your votes and influence.

Henry L. DeBusk.

two secretaries, (compulsorily only two,) at a minimum salary for efficiency and left the residue in the treasury, or (2) to have assumed that the act meant that \$5,000 must be expended regardless?

Not being in accord with the provisions of this appropriation measure in the legislative department, which applies to more than 400 members of congress in an aggregate sum slightly in excess of the Wolff Smith \$9,000 per annum "outrage," Congressman Blanton has doubtless devoted many pages of the congressional record toward correcting this latter abuse; it just has not come to the attention of his constituents, perhaps?

Reports from Austin are to the effect that Tom Connally, junior United States senator from Texas, has been selected to make the speech at the Chicago convention nominating John N. Garner for the presidency.

Mail dispatched from Berlin, Germany, by the Graf Zeppelin was delivered in Buenos Aires four and one-half days later, breaking all records.

CASH FOR EGGS AND CHICKENS

Will pay 10c per lb. for fryers—Leghorns and all under two pounds, including colors; 12c, 2 to 3 pounds, including reds, Plymouth Rocks and white heavies.

See me for GILLETTE TIRES AND TUBES
F. E. CHURCH
Dunn Bldg. on Kent Street

Motorcade Introducing "Mobiloil" Stops Here

Magnolia Petroleum company's Midland-to-Abilene motorcade of 35 cars and trucks, manned by nearly 100 persons—representatives and members of their families—passed through Merkel late Wednesday afternoon on the final lap of its swing through cities along the highway from Midland to Abilene.

The trek was a regional affair—the area's part in a far-flung sales campaign announcing the marketing of Magnolia's "New Mobiloil." Twelve thousand Magnolia Petroleum company stations throughout the southwest were participating in the "Mobilization."

The American Legion band of Sweetwater headed the procession and gave a concert during the stop here.

Magnolia's "New Mobiloil," says the company in a broadcast of display advertising, is "designed and manufactured as an automotive lubricant to meet new requirements of modern day motor vehicles."

Charles H. Jones, agent for the Magnolia in Merkel, and Comer Patterson drove out to Midland Wednesday morning, joining the motorcade for the entire trip.

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 offering of their goods.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

THE WAY OF LIFE

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petty, futile man amount to, that you (God) should give him any thought?"
A better interpretation, the professor argued, is this: "What a wonderful creature man must be that even God is mindful of him and likes to visit him."
We can get almost any view we choose of human nature. Man is either just "a little lower than the angels" or just a little higher than the beasts.
According to where and how we look.

FREE CAR WASH

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

—to introduce the new Magnolia Mobiloil.

—to acquaint you with my Service Station facilities.

—I will give one wash job FREE—good then or at any time during June—with each crank case refill of New Mobiloil Friday or Saturday.

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This unusual new drink, by a process exclusively its own, has succeeded in imprisoning the elusive tang of the dew-wet grape, just as it is plucked from the vineyard in season—clear, tingling with life, and perfumed. Yes—you can catch the bouquet of it the moment the bottle is opened. For that vivid moment, you are "In a Grape Arbor."

Try this delicious carbonated beverage today. It's now on sale everywhere for 5c.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July.)
 For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5: **HOUSTON ROBERTSON**, (Re-election.)
 For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 21: **W. I. McLEOD**, (Re-election.)
JOHN PAYNE,
 For County Tax Collector: **EARL HUGHES**, (Re-election.)
GRADY PARMELLY,
R. S. (Bob) WALKER,
 For County Judge: **JOHN E. CAMP**,
JOE E. CHILDERS,
 For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)
A. J. CANON,
L. L. MURRAY,
 For County Tax Assessor:
C. W. BOYCE,
H. F. (Henry) LONG,
C. A. COCKRELL,
W. J. (Dub) YOUNG,
 For County Clerk:
W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)
 For County Treasurer:
AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)
 For Sheriff:
BURL WHEELER, (Re-election.)
 For District Clerk:
MISS BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)
 For District Judge, 42nd Judicial District:
MILBURN S. LONG, (Re-election.)
HENRY L. DEBUSK.

Personal Mention

Miss Marie Brown of Houston visited last week in the home of Mr. Q. Brown.
 Rev. O. B. Annis of Friona is the guest this week of his mother, Mrs. S. F. Annis.
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster of Dublin, Texas, spent Monday with his uncle, J. B. Foster.
 Miss Agnes Sanders of Sacramento, Calif., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Virgil Hassey, and other relatives.
 Mrs. George Caple and Miss Billie Bernice Gambill were week-end visitors with Mrs. Caple's folks in Waco.
 Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Emory Jones is recuperating satisfactorily from her operation last week.
 Miss Marie Stanford left Sunday to visit Mrs. George Coker in Fort Worth and Billie Cobb and family of Handley.
 Miss Flossie Bell Campbell has returned home for the summer since the closing of the El Paso schools where she is a teacher.
 Miss Ethel Hamilton is in Sweetwater for special summer study in connection with her courses at John Tarleton college.
 Mrs. W. T. Walker of Roswell, N. M., is visiting relatives, Mesdames J. B. Foster, Paul Douglas, Burtis Lang and Aubrey Reagan.
 Thursday noted the departure of Mrs. L. B. Scott and Burneal and Nancy Jean to join Mr. Scott in

Pueblo, Colo., where he has been making headquarters as director of a sales crew for the First National Institute of Violin of South Bend, Ind. Miss Nell Swann drove with them as far as Tulla where she will visit a sister.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent left Saturday for Kansas City, Mo., to visit their daughter, Mrs. Luther Swafford and family.
 Miss Edna Hutchins of Atwell, Texas, was the guest last week of her aunt, Mrs. Effie Rider, and her cousin, Miss Florene Rider.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Roberts and family of Chico, Texas, visited their daughter, Mrs. Otis Foster, Saturday and Sunday of last week.
 Mrs. Stella Williams and daughter, Mary Estella, of Clyde, Texas, are visiting in the home of Mrs. Effie Rider and Miss Florene Rider.
 Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Bolls and little daughter, Ruth, of Borger, Texas, are spending a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bolls.
 Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Hulsey and children and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey in San Angelo.
 Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore and Miss Oleta Moore spent the week-end in Granbury visiting Mrs. Moore's sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Murphy.
 Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McMurray and children of Floydada and Mrs. Floyd Jaynes and little daughter of Tahoka are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays this week.
 Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sharp of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bourn of Winters were here Sunday and

Monday to visit their parents, Mr and Mrs. J. P. Sharp.
 Mrs. Clarence Eoff has just returned from a three weeks' visit with friends and relatives in El Paso, also with friends at the Peacock ranch at La Cruces, N. M.
 Mr. and Mrs. John Burfeind have as their guests the latter's mother, Mrs. I. H. Vinson, a brother, a nephew, also a niece, Miss Marvis Vinson, and a friend, Weldon Gibson.
 A. J. Tucker arrived Tuesday from Pueblo, Colo., for a short visit home. His brother, Taylor, has accepted the position of director of the municipal band at Memphis, Texas.
 After a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meeks, Mrs. Palace Barnes of San Antonio, left Saturday for Tyler where she has accepted a position with a law firm.
 Van Hines McSpadden was up from Austin to spend Sunday and the Memorial Day holiday with his mother, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden. The latter returned with him for a visit.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe and son, Jack, have returned to Merkel to make their home. Mr. Lowe continues in the state ranger service, however, his headquarters remaining at Falfurrias.
 Mr. and Mrs. Guy Darsey and little daughter returned to Austin Monday, Mrs. Darsey and daughter having been guests here for several days in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm.
 Those visiting in the home of Mrs. A. J. Hartley this week are Mr. H. K. Hartley from Hollene, N. M., Mrs.

Velma Hartley and children, Mary Heller and Raymond, and Lucille Hartley of Plainview.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bickley have returned home after spending the past several months with their son in Lubbock, Texas. Their daughter, Miss Annie, who has been teaching school at Moro, is also at home for the summer.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell left Saturday for Canyon and Amarillo. At Canyon they will be present for the graduation of Mr. Campbell's niece, Miss Sallie Mary Campbell, from the Northwest Texas Teachers college.
 Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Turner and daughter, Mary Lou, of Irving, Texas, visited in the home of J. B. Foster and other relatives here and brought with them Mr. G. F. Tur-

ner, who has been with them a couple of months.
 When Miss Joyce Jones, who had been attending school here since the first of the year, returned Friday of last week to her home in Bagwell, she was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins and Miss Christine Collins, who are spending the week with relatives in Bagwell and Clarksvill.
CARD OF THANKS.
 We thank all those who had a part in helping us bear our sorrow in the death of a father and grandfather. Flowers, words of sympathy and deeds of kindness were such as we cannot forget.
 Mr. J. E. Tucker, Husband and Children.
 Office supplies—Mail office.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE
 FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Poland China pigs, ready to take away; can be seen at my farm south of Blair. John S. Hughes.

WANTED
 FURNITURE repaired and exchanged. J. F. Campbell and Son, next door to Blake's Dry Cleaners.
 WROUGHT-IRON RANGES rebuilt and repaired reasonably. J. T. Darsey.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, June 2.—Buyers on the Fort Worth market evidently did not need many of the plain and common grades of cattle and were inclined to reduce values—particularly on steers that made up the bulk of the cattle supply. No good steers were included in the offering. Some of the light calves drew bids that were lower, even though the offering of calves was not large.
 Receipts, 2,200; 400 calves; slaughter steer bidding slightly lower; other cattle about steady; no good fed steers; bulk of value to sell from 2.75 to 4.00; fat yearlings 5.75-85; medium yearlings 4.50; good fat cows 3.00; some higher; butcher grades 2.25-50; bulls 1.75; package lots stocker calves and yearlings 3.00-4.25, about steady; slaughter calves about steady, early bids on light calves showing weakness; heavy fat calves to butcher buyers 4.50, cull calves 1.50.
Will Preach at Blair.
 W. G. Cyfert will preach at the Church of Christ at Blair next Sunday at 11 o'clock. All are invited to hear him.
Rainfall Over Half Inch.
 Sunday night's rainfall was gauged at 5.8 of an inch by Grover Hale, volunteer weather observer, bringing the total for the first five months of 1932 to 14.66 inches.

LEST YOU FORGET

WE DO



When you are in need of job work, think twice before you send it out of town. If you will have the Merkel Mail do your work, you will get some of this money back.

THIS IS SOMETHING FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT

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THE MERKEL MAIL

THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY JUNE 3 AND 4

Strawberries fresh quart	15c
ORANGES, dozen	19c
APPLES, large size, dozen	29c
New Spuds 7 pounds	10c
GREEN BEANS, pound	4c
BLACKEYED PEAS, fresh, pound	4c
SUGAR cloth bag 25 pounds	99c
TOMATOES, No. 2 can, 3 for	25c
Pineapple No. 2 can, R & W sliced or crushed	15c
CORN, No. 2 can, R & W, 2 for	25c
ICE CREAM POWDER R & W, 2 for	15c
PORK & BEANS, B & W, 3 for	23c
PEAS, No. 2 can, Kuners, 2 for	25c
TUNA FISH, R & W fancy, each	20c
Wesson Oil Pint	23c
BRAN FLAKES, R & W, each	10c
TEA, R & W, 1-4 pound package	19c
MARSHMALLOWS, R & W, 1 lb. pkg.	23c
SALAD DRESSING, G & W, pint	19c
SOAP New giant size, all brands, 5 for	23c
BACON, sliced, pound	15c
CREAM-O-COTTON	
Compound 8 lb. pail	55c
JOWLS, pound	6c
Cheese Cream, pound	15c

"IT'S A GREAT LIFE IF YOU DON'T WEAKEN"

By Jack Rabbit



