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On the "Broadway of America"

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ON-TO-DIVIDE MOTORCADE TO START 7 P. M.

Effort Made to Interest Large Delegation in Trip to Home Products Show in This Entertaining Community.

A committee of three, with Stanley King as chairman, was appointed at Tuesday's luncheon of the Lions club at Ed's cafe to organize an "On to Divide" motorcade Friday night for the Home Products show at that place. Other committee members named by President Roy Reid are Byers Petty and S. P. Nesmith.

It is planned for every one that is going to Divide Friday night to meet at the City hall at 7 o'clock, the motorcade to leave from there.

Last fall a large delegation from Merkel visited the Divide Fair as a token of friendship and goodwill toward the people of that section and it is confidently expected that an equally large crowd will go this trip.

Four new members, bringing the club roster to 38, were received at this week's meeting: Spencer Bird, Dr. Earl Thomason, W. W. Wood and Arthur H. Lawson.

One of the features of the luncheon was the presentation by President Reid of a special Lions' button to Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, who was declared the most useful member of the club during the last six months of 1935.

Honor students from the four High school grades were guests: Billie Wood, eighth grade, whose average was 96; Fredia Farmer, ninth grade, average 96; Sylvan Mellinger, tenth grade, average 96, and Clifton Bellamy, eleventh grade, average 97.

Other guests of the club luncheon were Supt. H. D. Norris of the Divide school and Messrs. A. D. Methvin and C. R. Allen, district representative and parts and service manager, respectively, of the Chevrolet Motor company.

Place Texas Centennial Stamps on Sale Here

Texas Centennial stamps have been on sale at the local post office since Friday of last week and have proved popular with all classes of mail patrons here.

While requisition for a supply of these stamps had been made in a previous order, Postmaster Wrenn Durham states that the department had exhausted their supply at that time.

With the likeness of General Sam Houston on the left, and on the right the face of Stephen F. Austin, colonizer and "Father of Texas," a picture of the Alamo rises between the two heroes. The new stamp is bluish-purple and similar to that extent to the familiar George Washington stamp.

GEORGE LEEMAN ACQUIRING FAME IN MUSICAL CIRCLES

Friends of the family will be interested in learning of the success and fame acquired in musical circles of New York by George Leeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. J. Leeman, who formerly lived here, and a nephew of Mrs. W. J. Sheppard. (Ed Leeman will be remembered as a former editor of The Mail.)

The following clipping from the Duncan (Okla.) Eagle tells of his career:

George Leeman, former Duncan youth, is rapidly forging to the front in musical circles, his latest success being a place with Morton Downey, famed Columbia Broadcasting Company artist.

Leeman will furnish the arrangements for Downey, who is on the air each Wednesday at 9:45 p. m., Oklahoma time.

He is also connected in a similar capacity with Buddy Clark, another Columbia artist, whose band may be heard each Tuesday and Friday afternoon. Some of his arrangements are in the hands of publishers and will be released soon.

People who lived in Duncan 25 years ago will remember George Leeman as "the musical genius who received so many favorable mentions throughout

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Automobile accidents in 1935 in Texas caused a toll of 1,823 deaths, a new high total, as reported by the bureau of vital statistics.

Corsicana won out over Dallas and Waco at the state meeting in San Angelo in selection of the next convention city for the Odd Fellows and Rebekah assembly.

A \$1,000,000 exposition building on the site of the democratic national convention hall of 1928 will be started soon, Mayor Oscar Holcombe of Houston has announced.

Texas maintained 17,693 inmates in 19 eleemosynary institutions during the past fiscal year at an average monthly cost of \$19.02, according to report of the state board of control.

Bob Crosby, of Roswell, N. M., former world's all-round cowboy, was seriously injured in the mounted football game at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show Wednesday night.

Reports of poll tax collections to Comptroller George H. Sheppard indicate that Texas' voting strength for the current election year would approximate a peak of 1,370,000 attained in 1924.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattlemen's association ended its convention at Amarillo with the selection of Fort Worth as the next convention city and election of H. G. McGill of Alice president.

Kenneth Rausin, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rausin, was fatally injured when he fell beneath the wheels of a car his mother was driving as it was backed down the driveway of their home.

Lieut. L. C. Dewese of the Houston police force sustained a flesh wound in the leg when his pistol accidentally discharged as he rushed to catch a train at Dallas en route to Leavenworth with some prisoners.

Allen Academy at Bryan was the only Texas honor school of 27 named by the war department from which three honor graduates may be designated annually for the United States naval academy entrance examination.

New AAA Chief.

Washington, Mar. 19.—Howard R. Tolley, a former aide to AAA Administrator Chester C. Davis, has returned to Washington to direct the soil conservation program and become acting administrator while Davis goes to Europe on a farm survey trip.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Reid, Trent, Saturday, Mar. 14, 1936.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mayfield, Sunday, Mar. 15, 1936.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch, Tuesday, Mar. 17, 1936.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith, Wednesday, Mar. 18, 1936.

PLAN PLANT, SHRUB SHOWER FOR BUTMAN

Mulberry Canyon Starts Active Preparations for Annual Picnic and Rodeo; Dates Probably July 9-10.

An enthusiastic group of picnic-minded people of Mulberry canyon gathered Friday night, Mar. 13, for the purpose of discussing the annual picnic. Sam Butman, Jr., acted as chairman of the meeting and sentiment in response to the question, "Will we have our annual picnic?" was unanimous in favor of having it again this year.

Jim Cook was elected general manager; Dave Anderson first assistant, and W. C. Perkins, second assistant manager. Others named were: Sam Butman, Jr., J. L. Cargill and Tommie Russom, concessions and finance; E. H. Cordill, Mrs. Mary Russom and John Russell, public speaking; Mrs. Alma Collins and Mrs. Mora Garner, in charge of home products and needlecraft; Dave Anderson, Lindsey Walden and Jess Anderson, stage entertainment; Jimmie Dell Perry, Homer Nuby and Mrs. Ada Mae Butman, publicity; Mrs. Will Butman and Mrs. Fay Denton, decoration, and Miss Lotie Butman and Mrs. Lota Butman, general hostesses.

Besides these committees, the various groups are selecting sub-committees to help in their particular part of the program.

No effort is being spared by these men and women of Mulberry canyon to do their part toward the celebration of Texas' one hundredth anniversary of independence and to this end greater preparations than ever before will be made for their annual picnic and rodeo, the dates for which have been tentatively set as July 9 and 10.

Candidates for the various precinct, county, district, state and national honors are expected to be on the grounds where they will be furnished with loud speaker equipment and given ample time to get their claims before the people.

PLANT AND SHRUB SHOWER.

For the purpose of collecting plants, shrubs and flower seeds for planting on the grounds, this group has announced a plant and shrub shower on Friday of this week at Butman. An extensive beautification program is under way at the Butman school and tabernacle, the grounds of which are to be further enhanced by planting many additional native shrubs and flowers.

In connection with the shrub shower, a varied program of entertainment is being planned, including a fiddlers' contest and jugging contest to start at 7 p. m. There will also be a two-act play.

An invitation is extended to everybody to "lay down your shovel and your hoe, pick up your fiddle and your bow" and be with the crowd. Anything donated in the way of shrubs, plants, flower seeds or any (Continued on Page Four)

Go to Mineral Wells For Roach Funeral

W. H. Roach, president of the State National bank at Mineral Wells and a brother-in-law of Grover Hale of this city, died Sunday after an illness of one week.

Funeral services were held at Mineral Wells Monday morning and interment followed at his old home, Lipan, 20 miles south of Mineral Wells, in the afternoon.

Grover Hale had gone down before death came. Mrs. Hale went down Sunday, accompanying Joe P. Self, cashier of the Farmers State bank, and his wife and daughter, Joy Sue. Mr. Roach and Mr. Self were close friends as well as having been well acquainted through banking connections.

May Secure Auto and Drivers' Licenses Here

Those who have already filed applications for drivers' license may call at the city hall any time this week and secure their official license, as Omer Patterson, deputy tax collector, will be there through Saturday.

Motorists and truck drivers may pay their 1936 auto taxes as well as secure drivers' licenses here during the remaining days of this week.

CITIZENS URGED TO CLEAN-UP FOR CENTENNIAL

Beautification and Clean-Up Programs Go Hand in Hand; Special Awards to Schools and Filling Stations.

Work of cleaning up premises in cities and towns goes hand in hand with highway beautification. In an effort to promote both causes, Mrs. John Dreesen, of Abilene, division chairman of the organization for highway beautification, is urging the citizens of Taylor county to clean every nook and corner as well as the highways for the Texas Centennial.

In a letter to Mrs. Asa Sheppard, chairman of the local highway beautification committee, not only are the above two points stressed, but attention is called to the awards offered by the state highway department for the most attractive school and filling station located on a state or federal highway, the awards to be based on competition within counties.

Her letter follows: The state highway department, assisted by the citizens organization for highway beautification, has been very busy for the past few months getting Texas ready to receive the thousands and thousands of visitors who will be seeing our state for the first time in the next few months.

Here are a few of the things we hope to accomplish. Have our gasoline stations attractive and in good shape; the dumping grounds gone from sight; city and town entrances cleaned up and beautified; junk yards removed to side streets or well fenced or screened by evergreen hedges; all public buildings in neat repair with well kept landscaped grounds surrounding them; and especially do we appeal to the housewife and the school children to burn all waste paper so that it will not blow about to mar the beauty of our landscape.

Also we are asking the citizenship of Texas to help us preserve all flowers, shrubs and trees on our highways; to remove the unsightly "boot-leg" sign boards hanging on the citizens' fence lines just off the state highway right of way, or nailed to trees, injuring them; to have the rural homes cleaned up and beautiful, perhaps build attractive gate entrances from the highways to their property with the name of the place on the entrance; to see that all historic spots are beautified and marked.

Last, but not least, to place many (Continued on Page Four)

Largest Bull Named Hereford Champion

In the judging events at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show at Fort Worth, C. M. Largent and Sons of Merkel were, as usual, major winners in the Hereford division, showing the champion Hereford bull, Publican Domino 10th, and winning four first places of the seven classes for bulls.

Publican Domino 10th, a very attractive animal, was the first prize winner in the class for bulls calved May 1, 1932, to April 30, 1933. This bull weighs more than 2,000 pounds.

A silver carving set, a special trophy given annually by the American Hereford Journal, was presented to C. M. Largent and Sons Wednesday after the completion of the Hereford judging at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show.

The award was made by Frank Farley of Kansas City, staff member of the Journal, and was given for the best 10 Herefords, each of which had been exhibited separately. The award last year went to Robert M. Hazlett of Eldorado, Kan., who owned several of this year's prize winners.

Regulations Govern WPA Work Projects

Because many are not aware that only those certified as eligible by the WPA and NRS offices in Abilene may be used on the WPA projects in this precinct, there has been some confusion and misunderstanding.

Neither County Commissioner A. J. Canon nor W. D. Hutcherson, who is project superintendent, have any authority to employ any others than those who have been properly registered and certified.

PROCLAMATION

By The Mayor

The week of March 29th to April 4th, inclusive, has been designated as Spring Fire Prevention Clean-Up Week.

This is Centennial Year in Texas and a Spring Clean-Up Campaign should receive the enthusiastic support of every man, woman and child. First, every citizen should have a wholesome pride in his home city, its streets, playgrounds, parks and buildings. Homes and surroundings freshly painted, with well kept lawns and gardens, increase property values and intensify community interest. Cleanliness creates cheer, courage and confidence. Secondly, because every dollar in property destroyed by fire, which frequently is the result of "careless" housekeeping in the home and in the average place of business, is a serious drain upon our present economic condition. Thirdly, and humanly most important, because in the past ten years entirely too many of our citizens have lost their lives due to carelessness in their daily use of fire, and the preservation of human life is an important matter.

Now, therefore, I, W. M. Elliott, Mayor of the city of Merkel, do hereby designate the week of March 29th to April 4th, inclusive, as Spring Fire Prevention Clean-Up Week and most respectfully call upon all departments of the city, Civic Clubs, Patriotic Clubs and our people in general, to take an active part in this Clean-Up Campaign.

In testimony whereof, I hereto sign my name and seal of office this 6th day of March, A. D. 1936.

(Seal) W. M. Elliott, Mayor.

Attest:
Yates Brown, City Secretary.

Many From Here Pay Visit to Stock Show

A large number from here have visited the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show at Fort Worth this week, and, while the following list is not complete by any means, among those who have gone were:

Mrs. Warren Smith, Misses Fannie Belle and Sis Boaz and Mary Collins; Messrs. D. H. Vaughn, Helt Vaughn, Twyman and John Collins, Cramer Reynolds and A. C. Sears; Miss Floy Stölp, Lester Patterson; J. T. Warren, Hollis McCoy, P. H. Douglass, Charlie Jones, Charlie Curb, Tom Jinkens; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent, Mrs. W. J. Largent; Miss Billie Derr and Mrs. Beulah Spence, the latter of Trent; Mr. and Mrs. John West and daughter, Doris Gay.

Was Present When Lincoln Shot.

Alhambra, Calif., Mar. 19.—Mrs. Anna L. Sweet, 91, who sat in Ford's theatre a few feet from the presidential box on the night that President Abraham Lincoln was shot, died Saturday.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, March 31, 1916.)

Mrs. I. S. Allen, after spending several weeks in Denton, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald are moving this week to the residence purchased by them from E. M. Brown on Oak street. The McDonald residence will be occupied by W. T. Winter, a recent attaché of the Anchor Mercantile force.

On last Friday night Miss Vera Jenkins gave a surprise party for her brother, Claude, who spends most of his time at the farm near Dora, but was home this particular evening. The main amusements for the evening were "42" and Flinch. Refreshments of chocolate and cake were served. Those present were Misses Callie Lou Owen, Wilma Smith, Ruth Howard, Florence Holmes, Beatrice Nidever, Agnes Lassiter, Charlie Bell Thomas, Ruth Wheeler, the hostess; Messrs. Robert Rainbolt, Richard Davis, Lee Daniels, Sidney Coats, Arthur Derrington, C. D. Bradford, Z. T. Lamar, Herschel Lamar and Claude Jenkins.

MRS. W. F. DUPREE.

One of the most pleasant social afternoons enjoyed recently was that in the home of Mrs. W. F. Dupree Monday from four to six, when the Metho-

MARCH 27 SET FOR CEMETERY WORKING HERE

Lot Owners and Every Friend of Rose Hill Cemetery Urged to Co-Operate; Streets and Alleys Already Scraped.

Those who have had occasion to visit Rose Hill cemetery this week have noted that the streets and alleys in both directions have been scraped and graded. This was done through courtesy of County Commissioner A. J. Canon, who furnished the county scraper for the work.

With this necessary preliminary as a starting point, a group of interested citizens have suggested a general cemetery working and to this end ask through the columns of The Mail the co-operation of every lot owner and friend of Rose Hill cemetery.

For special reasons, Friday, Mar. 27, has been designated for this one-day cemetery working. Those who can are urged to come to the cemetery on that date, as early as 8 o'clock, if possible, and to work in concerted manner in giving the entire grounds a thorough cleaning to rid it of weeds and rubbish.

Another reason for the selection of this date is that many of the farmers and residents of surrounding communities, who have loved ones at rest in Rose Hill, may unite in the general cemetery working.

Dee Grimes at Head of Merchants Association

As president of the Merchants Trade Extension association, Dee Grimes will head activities of Merkel's summer program of rodeos and baseball games this year.

He was elected at a meeting day night of the newly elected board of directors of the association. S. D. Gamble was named vice-president; C. J. Glover, secretary, and Joe P. Self, treasurer.

With the entire board of ten directors serving as a finance committee, the campaign to raise the budget for the 1936 program, which is the first order of business, will get under way the early part of next week.

Dee Grimes is known as an enthusiastic and energetic worker and the experience he acquired as director and treasurer last year coupled with his natural ability well equip him for leadership in the important activities of the Merchants association.

Taft's Double Dies.

Buffalo, N. Y., Mar. 19.—James J. Dempsey, member of the Buffalo police force forty-six years, who was known as a double of late President William H. Taft, died here Thursday.

dist ladies aid held their monthly social meeting.

The program, as printed, was carried out in full, after which refreshments of cream and cake with punch were served.

The members and the guests present for the afternoon were Mesdames Wesley Edwards, H. M. Morris, W. P. Garvin, H. C. Burroughs, T. A. Johnson, P. T. Allday, J. L. Harris, H. C. and J. L. Williams, R. A. Martin, E. W. Permitter, N. D. Cobb, Geo. Brown, C. E. Conner, E. P. Beene, Ben T. Merritt, F. E. Church, W. P. Browning, Ross Ferrier, William O'Brian, J. J. Shelton, W. B. Foster, Will Armstrong, G. H. Adams, G. J. Jones and R. L. Moore. Miss Myrtle Dupree most charmingly assisted her mother in entertaining during the afternoon.

A telegram from T. J. Coggin of El Paso on Monday morning brought the first news of the death of his son, Andrew Coggin, early Monday morning from pneumonia.

SHETLAND PONY FOR SALE.

One thoroughbred Shetland pony, absolutely gentle for children to drive and guaranteed safe; also set of harness and surry. See me if interested. W. Parten.

LOCAL NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Fay Burks of Vivian, La., who is on a visit with her parents, was operated on at West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, Monday night for appendicitis. She was reported to have stood the operation nicely.

Messrs. Joe Nalley and Buster Edwards left Monday night for a fishing trip in Old Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tiner had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Tiner of Lamesa and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Buchanan of Moran.

The M. E. revival will begin on Fifth Sunday and run through Easter Sunday.

Brother Long of Abilene will fill the M. E. pulpit next Sunday evening at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Terry had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Beasley and little daughter, Patricia Anne, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith of Merkel.

Mrs. J. M. Williamson of Hebron was week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McRee, Jr., and Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., and on Sunday they were all guests for Sunday dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louie McRee.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Reid are announcing the birth of a girl on Saturday, Mar. 14, weighing 8 pounds. She has been named Alma Gene.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Adrian of Lorraine were guests on Wednesday of last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian.

Mrs. Floyd Reneau of Winters was a week-end guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Reneau.

Mrs. W. Hale and daughter, Miss Edith, of Eskota, spent the week-end visiting friends here.

Mrs. Clinton Reese and little son, Jerry, of Millersville, were recent guests in the home of Supt. and Mrs. Scott.

Miss Thelma Nalley left Friday for Austin where she has employment.

Misses Winnie and Vaneta McDonald of Merkel spent the week-end visiting in the home of their brother, Louis McDonald.

Mrs. Granville Price and son, Jimmie, of Roby, visited a number of days recently in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Forrester.

Miss Gay West of Merkel was the week-end guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Deb Derrington spent the week-end with relatives at Sylvester, and Mrs. Derrington remained over for a visit of a few days with her mother, Mrs. Powell.

ALLEN-REAVES.

Miss Lillian Grace Reaves, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Reaves, and Hallie Allen, son of Mrs. H. H. Allen, of Cisco, were married at the M. E. parsonage of Merkel last Sunday afternoon. They have many friends who wish for them a happy married life.

ST. PATRICK'S NOTE AT PARTY.

A St. Patrick's motif was favored

in all appointments for the missionary society and ladies' Sunday School class entertainment for which Mrs. R. B. Johnson was hostess on last Friday afternoon. The house was tastefully decorated, carrying out the green and white theme; green glassware was used to serve the green and white cake with green and white jello. Games and music were enjoyed and a general discussion of plans for the year's work followed.

The guest list read: Mesdames Jehn Payne, W. W. Riley, R. B. McRee, Sr., R. B. McRee, Jr., Ann Boone, E. Rogers, R. Reeves, H. Kegans, C. R. Shannon, M. G. Scott, A. Terry, J. C. Randal of Quanah and John West of Merkel.

Gasoline Contains 1,000 Different Ingredients

A number of interesting facts about gasoline not generally known to the public have been revealed by one of the world's top producers and refiners of oil, in connection with a series of advertisements begun recently in The Mail.

"In adopting the phrase, 'Kept in Step with the Calendar,' as our newspaper advertising theme for 1936," explains W. R. Huber, Gulf's advertising manager, "we believe that few people realize that gasoline is a mixture of more than 1,000 different substances, and that certain of these chemical properties must be carefully controlled according to weather conditions to give the best possible performance."

"It is impossible for anyone to manufacture a single gasoline which will start easily in Maine in February and which will not cause vapor-lock in Texas in July. It is expensive to manufacture and market different gasolines for different climatic conditions, but to properly serve the motorist's best interests, this cannot be avoided."

"That Good Gulf Gasoline sold in Massachusetts in summer is not the same gasoline sold there in the spring and fall. And this, in turn, is not the same gasoline sold in winter. Further, more, our gasoline sold in Ohio in winter is not the same as the gasoline sold in Florida in winter."

"Gasolines that are ideal for quick starting in cold weather may be quite inferior in hot weather. To insure perfect performance and the highest mileage throughout the country and at all seasons, That Good Gulf Gasoline is 'Kept in Step with the Calendar'—hence all of it goes to work—none of it goes to waste."

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.

Commission as Texas Ranger for Official Of Chevrolet Motor

Dallas, Mar. 19.—Governor James V. Allred of Texas has commissioned William E. Holler, vice-president and general sales manager of Chevrolet Motor company, a Texas Centennial Ranger in recognition of his eminence in the automobile industry and his friendship for Texas.

The official presentation of Mr. Holler's commission took place Saturday in Dallas at the grounds of the Texas Centennial exposition. General Manager Webb of the exposition made the presentation.

"I deeply appreciate the honor conferred upon me by Governor Allred," said Mr. Holler at the ceremony. "The magnitude of the Texas Centennial is much greater than I had realized before seeing it. Millions of visitors from all parts of the United States will unquestionably see this magnificent exposition during the summer. I hope to be one of them and think the whole Southwest should be complimented for arranging such an interesting and instructive exposition."

The celebration and exposition will start June 6. Twenty-five million dollars are being spent on grounds and buildings. Most of the buildings are being constructed for permanency. The site is the grounds of the Texas State Fair.

A beautiful and permanent stadium seating 50,000 people will attract sports of high caliber. The exposition counts on 12,000,000 attendance this summer.

TWO PAPERS FOR \$1.50.

The Semi-Weekly Farm News costs \$1.00 per year—the Merkel Mail, \$1.00 per year in Taylor county, (\$1.50 outside of Taylor county): both papers for \$1.50 in Taylor county, \$2.00 elsewhere. Send in your order, whether new subscriber or renewal.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

We will appreciate the privilege of ending in your subscription to the ending magazines. On a great many of them, if you want to include your subscription to The Mail, we are in position to make special clubbing offer. See us before you renew.

We fill all doctors' prescriptions. Vick Drug Co. Night Phone 40.

Surplus seed, livestock and farm products may be sold through a want ad in The Mail.

Adding machines rolls 15c. or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For sale at Merkel Mail office.

Miserable with backache?

WHEN kidneys function badly and you suffer a nagging backache, with dizziness, burning, scanty or too frequent urination and getting up at night when you feel tired, nervous, all upset... use Doan's Pills. Doan's are especially for poorly working kidneys. Millions of boxes are used every year. They are recommended the country over. Ask your neighbor!

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Close of Business March 4, 1936.

Table with 2 columns: RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Resources include Loans, Time and Demand (\$162,578.86), Overdrafts (281.68), Real Estate on Hand (7,000.00), Furniture and Fixtures (6,000.00), Stock in Fed. Res. Bank (1,500.00), Interest in Fed. Dep. Ins. Corp. (985.96), Bonds and Warrants (\$48,836.50), Bills Exchange (Cotton) (11,204.02), Cash and Exchange (311,874.28). Available Cash: \$71,414.80. Total: \$549,711.30. Liabilities include Capital Stock (\$50,000.00), Surplus (10,000.00), Undivided Profits (6,733.17). Deposits: \$482,978.13. Total: \$549,711.30.

The above statement is correct.

Booth Warren, Cashier.

In growing numbers the people of this community are being served directly and indirectly, by this bank. Customers over our trade territory know that any assignment, large or small, will be capably and carefully fulfilled when entrusted to us. We have been more than thirty two years building that confidence... it is one of our most valuable assets.

DIRECTORS:

J. T. Warren, Henry C. West, Sam Butman, Sr., W. S. J. Brown, Booth Warren

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Long Distance Rates REDUCED Sixth Time



1. AFTER 7 EVERY NIGHT person-to-person long distance charges are now lower, except on some shorter calls.

2. ALL DAY SUNDAY long distance rates are reduced on both person-to-person and station-to-station calls.

These reductions apply on calls to points more than 100 miles distant, and to many shorter calls. In the past the only reductions were those after 7 at night on station-to-station calls.

This is the sixth time in 10 years that the telephone company has lowered long distance charges. Other reductions were made in 1926, 1927, 1929, 1930, and 1935. Ask Long Distance for the new rates to any point.

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The Merkel Mail

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and Sponsored by the Senior Class of '36—Miss Alycen Ater, sponsor.

The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Clifton Bellamy. Society Editor—Eva Faye Bush
 Assistant Editor—Ora Derrick. Sports Editor—Murry Toombs
 Joke Editor—Felix Stalls

INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE NEWS.

On Saturday, Mar. 21, the athletic end of county meet will be played. For the past several weeks the members of the various teams have been working out shaping into the condition for the various positions. The sponsors of the different groups have at last been able to check the eligibility of those players who have shown up well in games and practice.

Nell Arnwine, Nell Pruitt, Janet Hayes, Mattie Lou Ford, Thelma Patterson, Lorene Whisenhunt, Coehne Morrison, Opal Buzbee, Pauline McAninch, Betty Grimes, Janell Black and Earlene Kelso are the ones who will contest for volley ball honors.

Those who will form the nucleus for boys' playground ball are Marvin Hunter, Lewis Kyle, Vernon Mansfield, Clyde Kribley, James Hagler, Jack Russell, Frank Dye, L. B. Gibson, O. D. Blair, W. I. Wozencraft, Roy Lee Martin, Dick West and Etyl Church.

The girls' county meet baseball team is fair this year. Miss Stuart is sponsoring the girls' baseball team. She is doing all she can to get together a good team. However, many of the good ball players are too old or have something the matter with them, such as a broken back or the appendicitis. With all the injuries, etc., Miss Stuart has gathered these girls together: Mabel Murray, Hollis Perry, Wilma McAninch, Dorma Lee Shelton, Margaret Dunn, Dorothy Sue Bird, Joyce Hayes, Groven Ford, Margie Melton, Vernie Lee Nolan, Mary Jo Russell, Frances Higgins and Comora Hughes.

County meet is almost here! The spellers had a tryout this week and T. L. Reid, Lela Higgins and Ora Derrick are the three highest ranking contestants. With county meet just two weeks away, some hard work has to be put out. Later on, another tryout will be had to determine the two to represent Merkel at county meet at Abilene. May the best man win!

SPANISH CLUB.

Last Thursday night "Las Cucarachas" met in a regular session and put on an entertaining program.

The program was as follows: the entire group sang "Buenas Noches Damas" and "La Cucaracha;" Juanita Huskey told in Spanish "Little Red Riding Hood," and Billie Dunning told two jokes in Spanish.

"Las Viajeras," a short three-act play, was given in Spanish by club president, Ora Derrick, Mabel Maddox, Winston Polley, Etyl Church, Sylvan Mellinger and Billie Dunning. Harold Morgan, Clifton Bellamy and Winston Polley highly entertained the club with 5 pieces of music. Winston also led the group in singing "Rancho Grande" in Spanish. Mr. Myers was a special guest.

Chili and crackers were served to about 45 members.

Las Cucarachas plan to go on a weiner roast next month instead of a meeting at school.

CHORAL CLUB GOES TO ABILENE.

About fifty girls climbed into the new school bus and left for Abilene promptly at 12 Saturday. The trip going was very enjoyable spent by singing and other bits of amusement.

When they reached Abilene, the girls took their assigned places and listened to a few instructions by Mrs. Haynes, sponsor, and Mr. Burgess. They heard a short number given by the elementary chorus of Abilene, then took their places upon the stage. When the curtain arose, the Merkel Choral club girls were standing in two rows across the stage.

Opal Buzbee announced the numbers to be sung. Then the girls sang "Invitation of the Bells," "Rolling Along" and "The Garden Lullaby."

The girls saw Sweetwater's one-act play given.

The bus left for Merkel about 2:30. The girls all agree they will never forget the trip back. The bus was empty again by 3 o'clock.

Naturally all girls, as well as the sponsor, were confident that the singing was splendid, but the reporter wished to know what others thought about it. Mr. Burgess said it was beautiful. He stated that no other chorus won over Merkel. Miss Martin said she thought the girls did nicely. Mr. Myers said he, too, was proud of the M. H. S. Choral club.

Our Seniors

Billie Woodrum.

"Toots" has attended Merkel High school four years. Although he has been absent from school a great deal because of sickness, he has always stayed near the top of his class. He has played tennis three years. This year he is a member of the M. H. S. Players' club and is secretary of the Senior Boys' club. He has played the violin three years. Billie's perseverance and ability will always keep him gainfully employed.

John Leonard.

John has attended Merkel High school four years, coming to us from Mt. Pleasant. He is vice-president of the Senior class and we could hardly get along without him. He has played baseball one year. This year he is a member of the M. H. S. Players' club and is editor-in-chief of the "1936 Badger". John is very studious and ambitious and wishes to become a lawyer.

LETTER OF ORDER.

Merkel, Texas, March 11, 1936. Century Grocery Company, Fall City, Iowa.

Dear Sir: I love you. I can't help it. Please send me 10c worth of love, \$1.00 worth of honey, and Hatty Mae Dwiggins and a bag of nuts.

Yours truly, Horace Boney.

CHAPEL PROGRAM.

On Thursday of last week the students met in the M. H. S. gymnasium for a program which featured the Choral girls. For the first time, the girls wore their Choral club dresses. They sang three numbers: "Invitation of the Bells," "Rolling Along" and "The Garden Lullaby."

Mr. Burgess then presented the extempore speaker, Clifton Bellamy, who won first place in the boys' contest in Abilene's special tournament, gave a very effective talk on "The Fall of Goliath." Willie Mae Nelson spoke on "The Fall of The Alamo." Mr. Burgess then gave a talk on the purpose of the work which is being done on the Merkel High school.

Several visitors were present.

A TRUE TRUE STORY.

Dear folks, we hope you will appreciate this because it was only through extreme effort and enormous expense that we have been able to obtain this valuable manuscript. It is brought to you through the courtesy of the Badger Weekly staff and with the compliments of the True Story Manufacturing company, Hotcha, Texas. This is not only possible and probable, but absolutely true.

One day Mrs. Burgess chanced to be in Dragg Bry Goods and saw a beautiful piece of green crepe.

"What a marvelous, magnanimous, stupendously lovely dress that would make," she said.

"Its beauty is amazingly colossal," replied her husband (being a "yes" man).

"I must have a dress of that material," said Mrs. Burgess.

No sooner said than done. Her husband reached in his pocket and drew out a five dollar bill. Mrs. Burgess took four yards of the material and had a frock made at once—and sure enough its beauty was incomparably illustrious. She hung it in the closet, the bottom being about a foot from the floor.

To her surprise, on opening the closet a week later, she found that the material had stretched to the extent that the dress touched the floor. With a sigh, she took it to the dressmaker, who cut off a foot from the bottom, making the dress the same length as before. Mrs. Burgess wore the dress to church, and on pulling it off, hung it in the closet as before. The next Saturday when she opened the closet door the dress was again dragging the floor. Again she took it to the dressmaker, who cut off another foot of material from the bottom of the dress. Again Mrs. Burgess wore the dress to church and hung it in the closet.

The next Saturday the same thing took place—and the next—and the next—and the next. Each time the dressmaker cut off a foot of material, Mrs. Burgess placed it carefully in a box and kept it.

This went on for a long time; and, as Mrs. Burgess was extremely fond

of the dress, she continued to wear it to church every Sunday.

One day several months after the dress was bought, Mrs. Burgess went, as usual, to get the dress out of the closet and take it to the dressmaker for the necessary alteration. But when she opened the closet door, to her surprise—the dress was gone! Only the empty hanger hung on the rod!

"What could have become of my stupendous, magnanimous, amazingly colossal dress?" she thought.

After many hours of deep concentration, she called to her husband to help her solve the mystery. Being well practiced in solving problems, this sleuth soon found the solution. He went to the box where his wife was keeping the material that had been cut from the bottom of the dress. With a tape measure, he measured every piece, then added up to find the total amount of material in the box—and lo—four yards of material were there!

"Why that is all I bought—four yards," said Mrs. Burgess, puzzled. "Yes, here is your whole dress," replied the sleuth. "You have cut it all off at the bottom. The dressmaker must have cut off the last foot of material in the dress last Saturday."

"Then what did I wear to church last Sunday? I thought I wore this dress!"

And neither of the two has been able to figure it out yet. Can you?

BLAIR ITEMS

Mark Malone has been on the sick list since our last news letter.

Mrs. Odie Moore and attractive little daughter left the past week for Port Arthur to visit with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell and Mrs. Stanley Stamford of Merkel motored over to Cerlsbad sanatorium to visit with the former's brother, Hugh Mayfield. Mrs. Stamford stopped over at San Angelo and visited with her mother, Sunday afternoon.

Burdette Orr of Dora was in our midst on business Monday.

Mrs. Susie Doan spent the past week with her grandson, Edward Farmer of Butman, who has been ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Petty and children and Mr. Hays of Vera, Texas,

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spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore.

Rev. Ted McGehee delivered two interesting discourses at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Melton graciously entertained with a prettily planned party honoring her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Cecil Melton, on Mar. 2, with a bridal shower. Many nice gifts were received by the honoree and after a pleasant game hour, Mesdames Tom Melton, Vernon Melton and McEvers were hostesses for the refreshment hour. Some twenty guests enjoyed this hospitality.

Rev. J. R. Mayhew, M. E. pastor, is to fill his regular appointment Sunday, Mar. 22. All are invited to attend these services.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Frazier and Mr. and Mrs. Gentle and family of Huntsville, Ala., are visiting with their brother, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison, for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton and children have returned home after a ten days visit with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wilson and other relatives of Red Spring.

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Overdrafts	463.04
Bills of Exchange	827.04
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	21,975.25
Other Real Estate	10,106.18
Other Assets	1,906.50
F. D. I. C.	733.70
Customers Bonds Deposited	1,300.00
CASH AND AVAILABLE CASH:	
Bills of Exchange	\$ 3,492.75
Commodity Credit Corp.	10,684.70
U. S. Bonds and Warrants	30,215.42
Cash and Due From Banks	77,699.40—122,092.27
Total	\$240,431.64
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Income Debentures	25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	2,908.96
Cashier's Checks	266.90
Customers Bonds Deposited	1,300.00
DEPOSITS	170,955.78
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ANOTHER MILE POST.

With this issue, The Mail, "your home town newspaper," begins its 47th year of service to this community and section.

The paper, founded by "Mary Jane" Cox, one of the most colorful of early-day newspaper men of the Lone Star state, has under the several succeeding managements ever been loyal to the best interests of the city as a trading center, a cattle town, reputedly one of the best cotton markets on the T. & P. railway, and well known as a city of schools and churches, with an educational structure worthy of a city many times its size.

The progressiveness of the city has been best exemplified in latter days by the sponsoring of the summer program of free rodeo and baseball games, which have established Merkel as one of the most wide-awake towns in all West Texas.

To preserve this spirit of loyalty in advancing the welfare of Merkel, the editor of The Mail and force pledge themselves anew to even greater effort in the two primary functions of a newspaper: to publish general and local news and to aid in everything that tends to the welfare and upbuilding of the community as a whole.

Wants Information for Cattle Brand Exhibit

Gus I. Ford, historical supervisor of the Cattle Brand exhibit for the Texas Centennial, at Dallas, is seeking information about cattle brands, both early and present ones. He wants suggestions of brands from citizens from every community and hopes to make the exhibit truly representative of every period of the state's history.

If any one in this section has any information regarding brands which should be displayed in this exhibit, please write to communicate with Mr. Ford at the above address.

Five Local Firemen Witness Tower Drill

By invitation of Ray Roe, chief of the Abilene Fire department, five members of the local department witnessed a tower drill at the South Side Station and a sheet drill at Station No. 1, in Abilene, on Wednesday.

Those going over were: Chief N. A. Howell, President George E. Caple and Secretary Thaxton Neill of the association and Grisham Dowell and Dean Higgins.

Beautification

wayside parks along the highways that the tourist may draw aside from the traffic and rest, or perhaps prepare a meal and enjoy our Texas weather and landscape. When we have accomplished these things, our state will be a comfortable, interesting and a beautiful place in which to travel.

This cannot be accomplished without your cooperation. This is your state and we know you will want to have a part in this great work. Our slogan, "Clear away all unsightliness in Texas," should be talked in our schools and every group in the state. Articles in our newspapers every week for the next few months, until the citizenship has become beautification conscious, would help. Native seeds and plants cost little, and what could be more attractive on our rural school and church grounds than groups of native cedars, Spanish Dagger, Sumac, Wild Plum and agave, with a planting of Blue Bonnet, purple plum and other wild flower seed?

Butman Picnic

(Continued from Page One.)
thing that will help to beautify the grounds will be greatly appreciated. A committee consisting of Miss Lottie Butman, Mrs. Kallie Anderson, Mrs. Mora Garner and Mrs. Mary Russom will be stationed at Wood grocery here all day Friday to receive gifts from those who cannot come out Friday night.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

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

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

- CHAS. (CHARLIE) ORR.
HOUSTON ROBERTSON.
A. J. CANON (Re-election.)
D. A. DILTZ.

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, Jones county:

- F. F. VANTRESE.
L. R. CADE.

For County Clerk:

- (MISS) VIVIAN FRYAR.
CLARENCE L. DARDEN.

- E. D. (Dean) DAVIS.
W. B. HALE.

For Sheriff:

- S. H. (Sid) McADAMS.
BURL WHEELER.

- MERVYN MEEKS.
ROSS L. MILLER.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:

- CLYDE SHOUSE (Re-election.)

For District Clerk:

- MISS BELLE WELLBORN (Re-election.)

For County Attorney:

- ESCO WALTER.

For County Tax Assessor-Collector:

- C. O. (Pat) PATTERSON.
W. F. BOUNDS.

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RURAL SOCIETY

BUSY BEE CLUB.

The Busy Bee club met with Mrs. Guy McClain on Thursday, Mar. 12. The president, Miss Celia Hester, gave an interesting report on a recent meeting of the Tye club. Miss Hester also led a discussion on the making of tufted bedspreads.

One new member, Mrs. Johnny Cox, was enrolled, and the following members were present: Mesdames W. J. Higgins, Sam Martin, Bill Hays, J. S. Pinckley, Misses Celia Hester and Ruth Pinckley and the hostess. One visitor, Mrs. Frank Ramsey, was present.

The next meeting will be Mar. 26 in the home of Mrs. Jess Higgins.

GOODMAN HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Goodman Home Demonstration club had a regular meeting Mar. 10 at the Goodman school house. Miss Jewel Faulkner, the county demonstrator, met with the club, giving demonstrations on light weight covers. She gave many good points on making feather quilts and wool quilts.

Mrs. P. A. Cooper was elected reporter.

Those who attended were: Mesdames Houston Tiner, Mae Seago, John Windland, E. C. Cade, Gordon Howell, Carl Bonneaux, H. L. Barnes, Nancy Vessell, G. Tiner, P. A. Cooper.

On Feb. 18 a mattress demonstration was given at the home of Mrs. Elmer Rainley, when a nice mattress was made. Each lady that came brought a covered dish and a delicious dinner was served to Mesdames J. W. Tiner, Bruce Hughes, John Windland, Houston Tiner, Mae Seago, E. H. Grayson, Carl Bonneaux, P. A. Cooper. Miss Jewel Faulkner, the demonstrator, met with the club also, but Mrs. Carl Bonneaux and Mrs. Mae Seago gave the demonstration on making the mattress.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On Sunday, Mar. 8, the sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters of Mrs. L. A. Blackburn showered her with a birthday party of the covered dish style and with a generous array of presents, all coming in the nature of a surprise.

Dinner was an open air affair about a flat covered trailer used as a table and laden with a variety of food, including beef roast, boiled ham, dressed chicken and turkey, and all that goes with them, also cakes and pies in unlimited quantities and varieties.

The following children were present: B. B. Reynolds, Sr., son, and Mrs. D. J. Dunlap, Mrs. Effie Jones and Mrs. May Cargill, daughters; Ray, B. B., Jr., and Clayton Reynolds, Harold and Alvis Vancill, Andrew Dunlap, William B. Cargill, grandsons; Mrs. Agnes Grimes, Annie Lee Miller, Mrs. Hattie Wood, Hazel and Isabelle Dunlap, Eva May and Rachael Vancill, Annie C. Cargill and Mattie Reynolds, granddaughters; Ernest Ray Reynolds, Ralph Ray and Jack Dempsey Miller, great-grandsons; Elberta, Farina and Johnnie Marie Reynolds, Fay Mojene Miller and Margaret Leggett of Slaton.

Games of "42", an outing on Castle Peak by some of the younger folks and hunting on Mulberry by others were some of the diversions of the afternoon.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

A regular meeting of the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club was held Friday in the home of Mrs. Denzel Cox, with the president in charge of the business hour.

Miss Vara Crippen, county demonstration agent, was present and demonstrated patterns for tufted bedspreads and how to have a comfortable bed.

Mrs. W. C. Lee and Miss Mary Belle Douglas received birthday presents.

A refreshment plate consisting of tuna fish sandwiches, pickles and ice tea was passed to Mesdames W. A. Harris, J. L. McRee, M. F. Carey, W. C. Lee, W. C. Burleson, J. H. Clark,

S. G. Russell, Jr., Lige Harris, D. Cox, Misses Norma Patton and Mabel McRee, members, Misses Vara Crippen, Hattie Pike, Mesdames Lee Cox, Dewey Sandusky and Cecil Guthrie, visitors.

The next regular meeting of the club will be held in the Dale Burleson home.

PARTY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Blanton entertained the young people of Stith with an enjoyable party Friday night.

Those present were: M. J. Shaw, Sam Burns, Barney Sherry, Johnnie Berry, Durward Arnwine, Hoyt Watson, Marvin Berry, Roxie Shaw, Annie Mae Burns, Daisy Shaw, Johnnie Burns, Martha Jo Arnwine, Helen Nixon, Quincy Garner, Louis McCaleb, Frances Bowen, Leslie Welch, Jimmie Wallar of Stephenville, Skinny Dabose of Anson, Edgar Louis Berry, Lanier Cook, F. J. McDonald, Albert Evans, Frank Mundy, Dollie Berry, Bill Nixon, Roosevelt Blanton, Faye Varner, Nell Arnwine, Warren Shaw, John Shaw, Roy and Edgar Hines, Roy Mashburn, Carl Woolsey, Elmer Woolsey, Ollie Berry, Roy Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mashburn and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunagin and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mashburn and children and the two Misses Dabose of Anson.

GOODMAN 4-H CLUB NEWS.

Miss Jewel Faulkner, Jones county home demonstration agent, came to Goodman school house Tuesday, Feb. 18, and organized a 4-H club for the girls, with 25 present. The following were elected as officers: president, Annazel Seago; vice-president, Lemont Cox; secretary-treasurer, Libby Brown; song leader, Lemont Cox; reporter, Lillian Grayson; sponsor, Mrs. C. W. Seago. Miss Faulkner made an interesting talk on 4-H club work.

On Feb. 27 the club had a meeting with their sponsor, Mrs. C. W. Seago, with 22 present. Libby Brown was el-

ected wardrobe demonstrator and Edna Earl Maples, garden demonstrator. The girls were eager to equip their sewing boxes according to Miss Faulkner's instructions.

Miss Faulkner met again with the club on Mar. 10, and most all of the girls had their boxes filled and their cup towels started. Miss Faulkner demonstrated the kind of hems and stitches which would be most serviceable, also giving an interesting talk on the vegetables to be grown by 4-H club girls.

CARD OF THANKS.

We hereby extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who so tenderly ministered to our mother's needs during her illness and death, and also to those who sent flowers and spoke words of comfort and consolation or helped us in any way in our hour of sorrow.

- W. H. Palmer.
R. L. Palmer.
Mrs. O. B. Annis.

Honor Roll

WARREN SCHOOL.

Names of pupils on the honor roll of the Warren school for the fifth month are reported as follows:

First grade-Venice Marie Brewer, 96; Emma Jo Ely, 96; Evelyn Jones, 94; James Land, 93.

Second grade-Melvin Cross, 92.

Third grade-A. C. Brewer, 92.

Fourth grade-Lou Jane Land, 94; J. R. Baker, 93; Mitchell Chancy, 92; Marjorie Griffin, 91; Alvarie Smith, 91.

Fifth grade-Jeanette Neff, 96; Orval Ely, 95.

Sixth grade-Loyce Chancy, 93; Winnie Cross, 93.

Seventh grade-Winona Kelso, 93; Earl Cross, 92.

Eighth grade-Euveta Smith, 92.

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New Spuds, No. 1, 5 lbs. 25c Oranges, 2 dozen 25c

TOMATOES No. 2 cans 25c 4 tins

Corn, No. 2 cans, 3 tins 25c Kraut, large cans, 3 for 25c
Peas, No. 2 cans, 3 tins 25c Pork & Beans, 5 tins 25c

Matches 2 cartons 25c (12 boxes)

Matches, Diamond, carton 25c Lye, Greenwich, 3 tins 25c
Soap, P & G, 6 bars 25c Soap, Crystal White, 6 bars 25c

Pinto Beans, 5 lb. Sack 25c

Cake Flour, Softasilk, pkg. 25c Catsup, 2 bottles 25c
Dog Food, Pard, 3 cans 25c Mackerel, 3 cans 25c

Salmon Hi Grade 25c Pinks, 2 cans

Pineapple, 3 small tins 25c Orange Juice, per can 15c
Tomato Juice, 3 cans 25c Grape Juice, pint 18c

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Arthur Rogers, who was seriously burned several days ago, is not doing so well. J. W. Rogers, his father, of Clyde, visited his son recently.

O. R. Douglas and M. L. Douglas were called Sunday to the bedside of an uncle in Longview. J. L. Douglas was also called but could not go, as there was sickness in his home.

Miss Lavern Harwell is very slowly recovering from burns she received several weeks ago.

Mrs. Lillie Williams and children of Big Spring were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas.

The Union Ridge school children sang last Tuesday night at Merkel.

Miss Mabel McRee was in Abilene on business Saturday.

Mrs. Lee Ponder and children have been on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and daughter saw the play given at Butman last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey and daughters visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey of White Flat.

Mrs. M. F. Carey is on the sick list.

Mrs. W. A. Douglas of Stanton is visiting relatives here and in Merkel and Abilene.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Boils and little daughter, Frankie Mae, of Whittenburg, came down Sunday, Mar. 8, for the birthday dinner of A. J. Stapleton. They left Wednesday to visit overnight with Mr. Bolla's parents, at Wellington, on their way back home.

Mesdames V. B. Sublett and Stanley King joined Mrs. Elmer Lowe of Abilene for a visit Tuesday with Mrs. Lowe's sister, Mrs. Andy Pruitt, in Colorado.

Mrs. Onie Brewer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Johnson, who came to Merkel a month ago for her health, returned Tuesday to her home in Birmingham, Ala. greatly improved.

Ross Ferrier, Jr. left Saturday night for Texarkana to accept a place in the ticket sales department of the Southwestern Greyhound Bus lines.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Russell, Jr., of Midland were here to spend the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Russell.

Messrs. Joe Self and Roy Reid and Postmaster Wrenn Durham attended the luncheon tendered Harry Hines, chairman of the state highway commission, by the combined civic clubs of Sweetwater last Friday noon.

Mrs. Ross Wheeler returned home Sunday from San Antonio where she had been in a sanitarium for a long

time, and she is greatly improved. Her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Freeman, drove down to accompany her home.

Mesdames Dan Laughter, Don Davis, Charlie Williams and L. A. Hawkins, all of Abilene, were guests one day this week of Mrs. M. V. Mitchell.

Mrs. Sam Swann and daughter, Patsy, returned Tuesday from a week's trip to Leonard and Dallas. Mrs. Swann in company with her two sisters, Mrs. H. I. Smith of El Paso and Mrs. Ray Simmons of Carlsbad, N. M., who stopped here for a day and night visit with her, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Powell at Leonard first and then returning stopped over in Dallas for a day and night.

Miss Mildred Hamm, who has been seriously ill in a sanitarium at Austin, is slowly improving. Upon receipt of the first news of her illness, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm, went at once to be at her bedside, Mrs. Hamm remaining. Later Mr. Hamm and another daughter, Miss Beth, went to Austin and Mrs. Hamm accompanied him home. Miss Beth remained with her sister.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler left Wednesday for Dallas where Dr. Sadler will attend the conference of the Dallas Southern Clinical society.

While the new Methodist parsonage

is being constructed, Rev. John H. Crow and family are occupying the stucco cottage across from the old parsonage.

A. T. Sheppard was in Waco on business the early part of the week.

Manager S. P. Nesmith of the Queen theatre enjoyed a fishing trip on the Devil's river the latter part of last week. He was accompanied by his brothers-in-law, Homer Hodge of Winters and Sandefer Hodge of Stamford.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

Retail Grocers' Week To Honor Independents

A six day educational campaign is being conducted to bring the independent retail grocer back into the picture of community life he enjoyed when he was a cross-road merchant. The occasion is National Retail Grocers Week, which began on March 16 and runs through the 21st.

It is a nation-wide campaign and in celebrating the week, the grocers are decorating their stores and offering special attractions to their customers.

National Retail Grocers Week was

originated in Chicago, in January, by the National Association of Retail Grocers as a celebration for the independent grocers. The Texas Retail Grocers association in close affiliation with the National, is sponsoring the program in Texas.

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.

Grand Opening of Herring and Touchstone Grocery and Filling Station AT BLAIR Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21

We Will Carry A Complete Line of Staple and Fancy Groceries, Patent Drugs, Hardware Sundries, Auto Supplies and Gasoline and Oils—We Will Render You The Best of Service and Courteous Treatment at the Lowest Prices Possible at all Times. We Want Your Trade And Ask that You Give Us a Trial.

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Coffee and Cakes Will Be Served All Day Saturday FREE

Below We Quote a Few Prices—See Regular Red and White Ad for Other Prices

Fresh Prunes, gallon can	25c
No. 1 Re-cleaned	
Pinto Beans, 7 pounds	25c
Early Riser	
Coffee, guaranteed good, 1 lb. package	15c
Bacon, good No. 1, dry salt, pound	16c
Stayleys Golden	
Syrup, gallon can	53c
Spuds, 10 pounds	19c
Sugar, pure cane, 25 pounds	\$1.29
Peanut Butter, full 2 lb. quart jar	25c
Table Salt, 3 boxes	10c
Shortening, 4 lb. carton	50c
Queen of the Plains	
Flour, every sack guaranteed, 48 lb. sack	\$1.69

THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAR. 20-21

Strawberries, pint	15c
Oranges, 216 size, doz.	25c
Apples, Delicious, doz.	19c
Turnips, 2 bunches	9c
Mustard, 2 bunches	9c
Spinach, pound	5c
Spuds, U. S. No. 1, 10 lbs.	23c
Supreme	
Salad Wafers, 1 lb. box	17c

COFFEE

Red and White, pound	29c
Mart, pound	25c
Early Riser, pound	15c

Pure Cane	
Sugar, cloth bag, 10 lbs.	52c
Red and White	
Cake Flour, pkg.	25c
Supreme	
Peanut Butter, 24 oz. jar	25c
Del Dixi sour or drill	
Pickles, quart	15c
Blue and White	
Cocoa, pound	12c

FLOUR

Red & White, 24 lbs.	\$1.00
Red & White, 48 lbs.	\$1.85

Bird Brand	
Shortening, 4 lb. carton	50c
Red and White	
Pineapple, No. 1 can	10c
Red and White	
Peaches, No. 1 can	11c
No. 2 1-2 can	17c

SunSpun	
Salad Dressing, 1 qt.	22c
Red and White	
Tea, Tea glass free	25c

Lux	
Flakes, package	10c
Lux	
Toilet Soap, 2 bars	15c
Red and White	
Soap, 6 giant bars	24c
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Sliced Bacon, pound	31c
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FOURTH INSTALLMENT.

SYNOPSIS . . . Six persons are in an inner office of the law firm of Dawson, McQuire and Locke at Philadelphia. A master hearing in the divorce case of Rowland vs. Rowland is under way. Mrs. Rowland, represented by her lawyer brother, Mr. Willard; Mr. Rowland, the defendant, and his attorney, Mr. Trumbull; the court clerk and Mr. Dawson, the master, are the six persons. There is a new development in the case. After failing to defend himself against the charge of adultery in earlier hearings, Mr. Rowland digs up evidence, and asks the court's permission to produce witnesses and resist the suit. Judge Dawson overrules the heated objections of Mr. Willard, and orders the witness brought in. Rowland's lawyer goes to get the witness but finds her dead—chloroformed. She is Mrs. Barbara Keith, wife of a prominent Philadelphia business man, Judge Dawson phoned for the police. Detective Tommy Rankin is assigned to the case. He is now questioning all of the parties involved in the case. NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

Rankin's voice showed his disappointment. "The door isn't latched," he announced. "I was afraid of that. Somebody in these offices has fastened the catch, which means that the whole world could have entered from the outside."

It was coincident with this startling discovery of the unlatched door that the telephone operator appeared at the door from the library to announce Dr. Sackett. The black-garbed coroner's physician entered behind her. He was followed by a photographer from Headquarters, and then by Johnson, the fingerprint expert. As soon as introductions had been made, Dr. Sackett, assisted by Dr. Clark, began his examination of the body. While Johnson was producing an insufflator and a magnifying glass from his

kit for the detection of prints, Rankin cautioned him:

"Pay particular attention to the knobs of both doors and to the windows."

The expert acquiesced with a grunt.

"While they're busy in here, we'd best continue the investigation in the library," Rankin suggested. "It's too crowded."

Accompanied by the two men, he carried Mrs. Keith's pocketbook with him into the next room. It had been on the desk before her, a fine petit-point bag.

In the library, Rankin went to the door into the main office, and beckoned Jenks.

"Here's your first job, Jenks," he said. "I want you to quiz the entire force in there and learn what you can of their actions. I'm especially interested in finding out who came in here today—anyone at all, whether employees or clients—and when they did so."

Mr. Dawson shook his head. "If it's your object to learn who opened that door to fifteen-o-five," he observed, "I fear that won't help you much. You really have no idea when it was unlocked; it might have been done some other day, by any of a dozen callers, who recently used the library."

"Except, Mr. Dawson," the detective countered, "that the criminal couldn't have foreseen until today—possibly not until Mrs. Keith arrived—that she would be in there, waiting alone. Do you recall the last time you noticed the latch open?"

"I haven't had occasion to try it for weeks; in fact, I haven't been using the office at all for longer than that. I'm only certain it wasn't opened by my key."

Rankin shrugged and spread his arms in a brief, comprehensive gesture.

He continued his instructions to Jenks. "See if any of the staff re-

members finding the door locked more recently than Mr. Dawson does."

"O. K., Tommy," Jenks promised. "Anything else?"

Rankin drew out his watch and nodded toward the library window and the towering structure visible across the street.

"That's another thing we mustn't overlook," he said; "the chance that some employee in those offices observed some suspicious acts over here. See to it the people on this side of the building are questioned early in the morning."

As soon as Jenks departed to carry out his orders, he opened

Mrs. Keith's pocketbook. Mr. Dawson and the court clerk watched him as he placed on the library table a gold vanity case with the chased initials B. W. K., lipstick, a key ring of five keys, a handkerchief and a nail file. Another compartment held tickets to a charity ball and a checkbook which Rankin put aside for future scrutiny. Beneath what appeared another handkerchief, he found a small bottle of clear, colorless liquid.

Even before he uncorked it, a reeking pungent odor revealed its contents to be chloroform. The cloth was actually a thick cotton pad, still damp from its saturation with the drug. The bottle, large enough for 4 ounces, was half empty. It lacked a label and the distinguishing marks of any drug-gist.

Mr. Simpkins made the first surprised comment.

"Why, that must be the . . . stuff the criminal smothered her with, Mr. Rankin!" he exclaimed excitedly. "Why do you suppose he

hid it in her purse? Surely that's a dangerous thing to do."

The detective shrugged. "Why not? He couldn't carry it around and this is as safe a way to get rid of it as any."

Pocketing the checkbook, he returned the other articles casually to the handbag and addressed Mr. Dawson.

"I think I'm ready now to inquire what the others, besides your force, can tell me of the tragedy," he announced. "I'll question your partners first."

"Neither of them is here, Mr. Rankin," the lawyer informed him. "Mr. Locke is in New York on an important case—gone since Monday. Mr. MacQuire is playing in a golf tournament this afternoon."

"Then I'll question the immediate parties to the hearing, and their lawyers. One at a time; if you'll be good enough to have Mr. Trumbull come in, I'll start with him."

When summoned, Allen Rowland's attorney entered the library from Mr. Dawson's office. Although

still under thirty-five, he looked at least five years older.

After Mr. Dawson introduced him, the detective began without further preliminaries.

"Perhaps I can best make progress with this case, Mr. Trumbull"—he motioned him to a chair—"by clearing up what happened here this afternoon before the meeting. But

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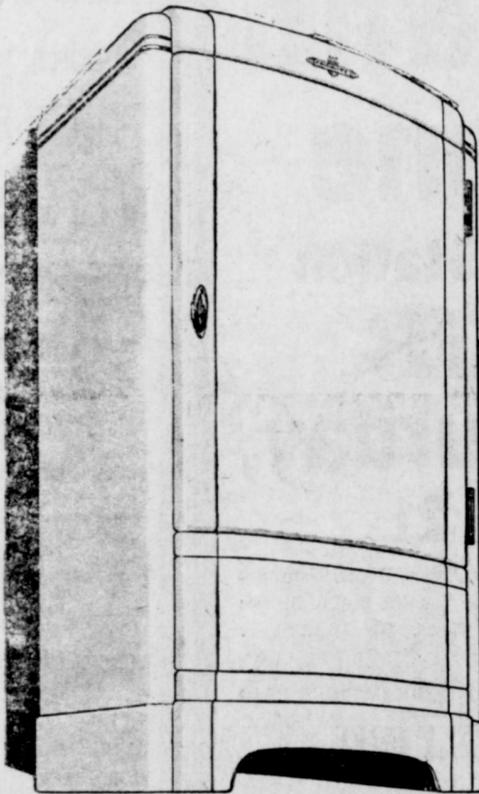
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Elaborate Centennial Celebrations make it especially interesting to travel Texas this year! Every section offers interesting attractions—over 100 that come once in a century! Bend the calendar pointer at the right. For more detailed information, write the Chamber of Commerce at the cities you are interested in.

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VISIT THESE INTERESTING CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS
(March 13 through April 28. Revised to March 1)

- MARCH 13-22—FORT WORTH—Southwestern Exposition and Fair Stock Show.
- MARCH 17—CRYSTAL CITY—Spinach Festival.
- MARCH 27—GOLIAD—Pontifical Field Mass.
- MARCH 28—AUSTIN—Texas Centennial Bazaar.
- APRIL 24—AUSTIN—Texas Round-up.
- APRIL 3—COLLEGE STATION—Cotton Festival.
- APRIL 4—BELTON—Texas Literary Parade. (At which 100 Texas writers representing 100 years of Texas will review literary achievements at Mary Hardin-Baylor College.)
- APRIL 6-9—PLAINVIEW—Panhandle Plains Dairy Show.
- APRIL 10—DALLAS—Seasonal Fair.
- APRIL 10-11—GEORGETOWN—Agricultural and Cultural Fete.
- APRIL 12-21—HOUSTON—San Jacinto Association Celebrations. (Ten-day festival, parades, banquets, concerts, and patriotic events, including Catholic field mass of great national importance.)
- APRIL 14-16—SANTON-TAFT—San Patricio County Celebration.
- APRIL 15—VICTORIA—Field Mass and Picnic. (Commemorating a mass held on the banks of the Guadalupe in 1859 by Alonso de Leon.)
- APRIL 15-21—EL PASO—Schools' Centennial—Participating in the History of Texas.
- APRIL 17—PAYMONDVILLE—Texas Cactus Fiesta.
- APRIL 17—KINGSVILLE—Historical Celebration. (In heart of world's greatest cattle domain, the King Ranch.)
- APRIL 20-25—SAN ANTONIO—Fiesta de San Jacinto. (Gay festival of San Jacinto, Battle of Flowers parade, April 21.)
- APRIL 21—DALLAS—Texas in the Making. (Cost of \$50.)
- APRIL 21—SPRING—"Rose Window" Operation.
- APRIL 21—ROWIE—Centennial Talk Festival.
- APRIL 21—EL DORADO—Centennial Picnic.
- APRIL 21—LULING—Caldwell County Centennial Celebration.
- APRIL 21—RAILS—Crosby County Centennial Bazaar.
- APRIL 21—TEMPLE—San County Music Festival.
- APRIL 22—CROCKETT—Texas Under Six Flags. (Picnic.)
- APRIL 25—EAY CITY—Centennial Play Day.
- APRIL 27-MAY 3—VERNON—Historical and Industrial Review.
- APRIL 27-28—CROWELL—Foard County Jubilee Celebration.

For dates beyond April 28, write State Headquarters TEXAS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS Dallas, Texas



SLOAN-OVERTON.
Mrs. Mary Overton and Lawrence Sloan were married early Saturday evening in a pretty twilight setting at the home of Rev. W. G. Cypert, the Rev. Cypert officiating. They were unattended.
Mrs. Overton made her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Comegys, and was an employee of Minter's Dry Goods company, Abilene. The groom is a traveling salesman for a wholesale drug house. The Mail extends sincerest congratulations to them both.

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY.
Miss Bonnie Church was assisted in entertaining her Sunday School class last Friday evening by Miss Anne Lee Blake. A St. Patrick's day theme was given emphasis in all party arrangements. After an enjoyable evening of games Saint Patrick's sandwiches, olives, punch and Shamrock cookies were passed and each guest given a green hat to wear.

Those present were Misses Louella Gray, Billie McGehee, Gertie Lou Pee, Comora Hughes, Dorma Lee Shelton, Dora Marie Gaither, Tommie Evelyn Grimes, Dorothy Lee Shannon, Mary Joe Russell, Anne Lee Blake, Bonnie Church, Helen Heeter, Messrs. Forrest Glen Barnett, Joe Young, Ben Ferguson, Billie Eteyl Church.

VOTA VITA CLASS PARTY.
Mrs. Roy F. Reid graciously opened her home Tuesday afternoon for a meeting of the Vota Vita class.

Mrs. Byers Petty brought a very interesting devotional on the question "Who are our neighbors?" She then called on Mrs. Ted McGehee to begin a prayer which was closed by Mrs. Sam Swann. Mrs. Wilson read the minutes of the last meeting and visitation reports were heard.

After questions and answers on Bible dreams, angel cake and green ice cream were served to the following: Mesdames Swann, Baze, Jinkens, Wilson, Teaff, Walker, Miller, Morgan, Haynes, Joyner, Leach, Petty, McGehee and the hostess.

PHIATHETA CLASS PARTY.
The hospitable Butman home was opened to members of the Phiatheta Sunday School class on Tuesday evening when Miss Lottie Butman entertained. Mrs. L. A. Watts, class teacher, brought an interesting devotional, after which all joined in singing many favorite hymns and Mr. Butman was prevailed upon to relate tales of the sea in connection with his favorite song. Many games were enjoyed and dainty sandwiches, pickles, cakes and tea were served to Mesdames Watts, Bicknell, Henslee, Toombs, Kenneth Pee, Cyrus Pee, Ferguson and the hostess.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER.
Members of the "G. U. M." club were delightfully entertained in the home of Mrs. W. W. Wheeler on Saturday afternoon at six, when Anne Leopard and Mary Nell Morgan were co-hostesses, entertaining with a St. Patrick's dinner.

A most interesting afternoon of games followed. A color scheme of green and white Shamrocks served as favors.

A selected menu served upon a table laid with lace was greatly enjoyed by Pearl Mathews, Joyce Fulton, Wilma McAninch, Dorothy Sue Bird, Mary Nell Morgan and Anne Leopard.

PALETTE CLUB PARTY.
Members of the Palette club and guests were delightfully entertained in the home of Nadine Clack on Friday evening of last week when Misses Nadine Clack and Vernell Bland were co-hostesses in entertaining with a pretty St. Patrick's party.
After enjoyable games were played, a color scheme of green and white was given emphasis in a refreshment plate of dainty sandwiches, cookies, and punch with miniature Shamrocks as favors.

The following members and guests were present: Misses and Messrs. Opal Buzbee, Tracy Woods; Janet Hayes, R. D. Ely; Lucile Crick, John Malone; Robbie Walker, Roy Hagler; Vernelle Sublett, Odell Crow; Willie Mae Nelson, Ben Subett; Nadine Clack, John Leonard; Vernell Bland, Weldon Davis; Ina Mae Berryman, Clifton Bellamy.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
I have moved by insurance office to the E. L. Wilson Jewelry store back of the Farmers State Bank.
F. E. Church.

We fill all doctors' prescriptions. Vick Drug Co. Night Phone 40.

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
There were 640 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, as compared with 569 on the previous Sunday and 727 on the same Sunday a year ago.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. BTS at 6:45 p. m. WMU at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.
You are cordially invited to worship with us.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. This will be the only service at this church Sunday, as it is the pastor's day at Baird.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. You are cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The Gulf station on the highway is now under the management of Odell Eoff, farmer of the Noodle section and well known for his interest in baseball activities of his home community and the Inter-Community league. He will be assisted by Morris Horton, previously connected with the station. Odell states that he will, of course, continue his farming operations also.

Having sold his interest in the Wheeler and Vaughn market to Ross Wheeler, D. H. Vaughn retired from that firm with the close of business Saturday night. At present he is assessing city and school district taxes, but has not announced his further plans. Ross Wheeler will continue the business as Wheeler's market.

John Dunn, who has been actively interested in the produce business here for several years, having formerly been local manager of the Merkel Produce company, has installed a 3,000-egg incubator at his home and will engage in custom hatching and the sale of baby chicks, as well as buying chickens, eggs and produce.

Houston Business Men Coming on April 8th

A special train carrying about 100 Houston business men will stop here for 25 minutes on Wednesday morning, April 8, arriving at 7:55 a. m. The five-day tour of Central, West and Southwestern Texas is sponsored by the Houston Chamber of Commerce.

In a letter to J. T. Warren, president of the F. & M. National bank, advising him of the trip, W. N. Blanton, vice-president and general manager of the Houston business organization, referred to the fact that he started in chamber of commerce work 19 years ago as secretary of the commercial club here.

Death Claims Aunt Of Mrs. John Hughes

Miss Mary Snow, age 91, who had lived here four years, having come to Merkel from Pyatt, Ark., died at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home of her niece, Mrs. John S. Hughes, and husband. She had been ill for about two weeks.

Funeral services were held at White church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, with Elder M. J. Richardson, pastor of the Primitive Baptist church at Robert Lee, officiating. Interment was in the White Church cemetery. Pallbearers were: E. O. Carson, Spencer Bird, W. L. Whately, A. D. Barnes, D. Teaff and Joe Stalls.
Mrs. Hughes and three other nieces and five nephews survive.
Miss Snow had been a member of the Missionary Baptist church for 77 years.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's day, preaching 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. by Brother A. J. Rollins, young people program 6:45 p. m.
For the Wednesday evening service at 7:45 o'clock, we will have one of the young preachers from A. C. C. You are cordially invited to all of these services.

The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. NYPS at 7 p. m. Preaching 7:45 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting each Wednesday evening. We had good services over Sunday. Come and worship with us.
R. T. Smith, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

"Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name." We surely have a lot to praise the Lord for. The revival meeting closed Sunday night, but the result is still lived on in the lives of the people who attended. We all received a taste of heaven Sunday, as Brother Bill Dowell preached on "The Resurrection" and the importance of it, in the morning service, and then, "Preparation for Meeting God," in the evening. Something good in store for you Sunday. Everyone come.
Preaching services Saturday evening 7:45, Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Prayer service Wednesday evening 7:45. Come and hear the old time gospel preached.

Merkel Drill Team At Roby Invitation

Mrs. Tressie Goldsticker, district manager of North Texas, invited the members of the drill team and officers of Merkel Grove No. 563 to attend the meeting of Roby Grove held on Monday evening, Mar. 16, in the W. O. W. hall at that place.

Mrs. Mae Seago, captain of Merkel drill team, and the following members conducted the class initiation of ten candidates: Mesdames Irene Barnes, Lillie Barnett, Bertie Coats, Nancy Polley, Lila Rea, Carl Bonneau, Sallie Mathews, Misses Maurine and Clara B. White, Lillie Claude Barnett and Norma Patton. Messrs. Barnes, Barnett, Seago and Bonneau accompanied these members.
Interesting talks were made by members from Sweetwater, Rotan, Merkel and Roby Groves. Special music was rendered by Misses Smalley and Minor.

A refreshment plate carrying out the St. Patrick colors was passed to one hundred in attendance.

Salt Branch P. T. A. Meets Friday 7 P. M.

The Salt Branch P. T. A. will meet Friday, Mar. 20, at 7 p. m. for a short business session, after which tryouts for junior and senior declamation will be judged.

This will be followed by an interesting program given by the outsiders. One outstanding number on the program will be a one-act play given by students of Merkel High school, "The Judgment of Daniel." There will also be some music.
Every one is invited.

MATHISON-DERRINGTON.

On Thursday evening, Mar. 12, Miss Ona Fay Derrington and Dowling Mathison were united in marriage at the home of Elder W. G. Cypert, who officiated for the ceremony.
The Mail joins many friends in extending best wishes for their happiness and prosperity.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

CROSS CHILDREN MAY HAVE WORMS

Watch for upset little stomachs, bad breath, fretfulness, loss of weight, itching around nose and anus. They may have pin or round worms. Whites Cream Vermifuge has safely and for years, reliably expelled the worms and toned the delicate tract. Whites Cream Vermifuge recommended by druggists.

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Getting Up Nights

If you suffer from Getting Up Nights, Nervousness, Leg Pains, Swollen Joints, Excitement, Headaches, Loss of Appetite, Stomach, Itching Acidity due to Functional Kidney or Bladder troubles, try the Doctor's guaranteed prescription, Cystex (Rim-tex). Must bring new vitality in 48 hours and satisfy completely in 5 days or money back. Guaranteed Cystex costs only 30¢ a dose at druggists.

List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The petit jury list in 104th district court for next week includes the following names:

Ira Cross, E. L. Criswell, J. F. Russon, Joe Risinger, L. T. Toombs, W. M. Elliott, Merckel; Roland Jones, L. V. Hood, Ira Richardson, Norman Osborn, R. S. Fields, Sr., J. W. Hunt, W. B. Ponder, Ernie Raney, A. F. Morton, J. T. Blanton, A. A. Heathington, G. E. Cutler, T. L. Hiner, D. A. O'Neal, G. J. King, Jr., Geo. W. P. Coats, J. L. Wood, H. E. Kunz, J. E. Williams, A. M. Roberts, Tstbam Ramirez, W. M. Wyche, E. W. Curtis, Jas. M. Wheeler, L. E. Derryberry, R. E. Bradford, (colored), Henry Cumby, R. Downing, Will Henderson, (colored), Abilene; A. R. Lightsey, G. W. McIver, A. G. McCulloch, Guion; H. V. White, Lee Wilson, P. T. Landers, Ovalo; Ray Allen, J. W. Dunn, Jr., Wingate; S. A. Rippey, J. B. Mc-Bee, Monroe Graham, Tuscola; S. H. Boyd, Rankin; W. G. Westmoreland, C. A. Robeson, Buffalo Gap; J. J. Smith, View.

Birthday Surprise For A. J. Stapleton

On Sunday, Mar. 8, A. J. Stapleton was surprised with a birthday dinner, of which he was totally unaware until he saw the huge cake topped with 48 candles as the family was being seated at the well laden table. He was also the recipient of many useful gifts.

Those present, besides the family, were: Mr. and Mrs. Gus McCormick, Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Smith and two small children, Verdene and Melara Gene, and Misses Inez, Ruby Ernest and Mildred Smith.

Because of car trouble Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bolls and little daughter, Frankie, of Whittenburg were too late for the dinner.

We fill all doctors' prescriptions. Vick Drug Co. Night Phone 40.

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QUEEN THEATRE

Merkel, Texas

"Showing the Pick of the Pictures"

Friday-Saturday Gene Autrey in "MELODY TRAIL"

"Fighting Marines," No. 1 and Comedy, "Lucky Sweed."

Saturday Night Preview 11 P. M. Monday and Tuesday Shirley Temple in "THE LITTLEST REBEL"

Also Good Two-Reel Comedy

Wednesday-Thursday Sylvia Sidney in "MARY BURNS, FUGITIVE"

And Shorts: "Musical Memories" and "Accent on Girls."

Don't Forget Thursday Night

New R & R Texas Theatre

Sweetwater "West Texas' Finest"

Friday-Saturday Eddie Cantor in "Strike Me Pink"

Sunday-Monday "Rose Marie"

With Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy

Tuesday-Wednesday Gene Raymond, Wendie Barrie and Helen Broderick in "Love on a Bet"

Thursday Only "F Man"

With Jack Haley and Grace Bradley

R. & R. RITZ

Friday-Saturday Hoot Gibson in "Swiftly"

Sunday-Monday "The Three Musketeers"

With Walter Abel, Paul Lukas and Margot Grahame

Wednesday is Ritz Bargain Day

Judge N. D. Cobb Announces Candidacy

Justice of the Peace N. D. Cobb, appointed by the commissioners' court of Taylor county to fill the unexpired term of the late Judge W. W. Wheeler, has authorized The Mail to announce his candidacy for election to this office for the regular term, subject to the July primaries.

From 1908-1914 Judge Cobb served as county commissioner of Taylor county and justice of the peace of precinct 5, which offices were combined at that time. He has been a resident and taxpayer in precinct 5 since 1904 and also served the city of Merkel twice as mayor.

Before coming to West Texas, he was county school superintendent in Franklin county for six years and during his residence in Merkel served four years on the school board of this district.

Judge Cobb asked The Mail to state to the voters that he would appreciate their vote in the summer primary and, for those whom he does not get to see personally, he asks that they consider his experience and familiarity with the duties of the office and consider his announcement in this paper as an appeal for their influence and support.

Adding machine rolls 15c, or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For sale at Merkel Mail office.

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Describes Translation Of Jewish Passover

Rev. Joseph Cohen, a Christian Jew, will present an explanatory pageant of the Jewish Passover at 11 o'clock Sunday morning at the First Baptist church. He will describe the translation of the Passover into the Lord's Supper.

Rev. Mr. Cohen, a Southern Baptist convention missionary to the Jews, is touring the South. He spoke in Abilene last week on three occasions, at University Baptist church, at the First Baptist church and at the South Side Baptist church. A week ago Sunday he spoke to 2,500 people at the First Church in Lubbock in two services.

Although of the Jewish blood, he has been a Christian for 17 years.

His lecture will be illustrated, and the speaker will display gold and silver dishes like those used in the original Passover suppers.

Rev. Mr. Cohen is the author of the book, "Jewish Christian Tragedy."

Attractive Features Opening Day at Blair

Special features are announced by Herring and Touchstone for the formal opening Friday and Saturday of their grocery store and filling station at Blair, with an array of special prices as an added attraction.

Coffee and cakes will be served all day free.

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FLOUR!	Crackers
Light Crust 48 lb. sacks 2.00	A-1 Saltines 2 lbs. 19c
Hill Billy 48 lb. sacks 2.00	Peanut Butter
Bewely's Best 48 lb. sacks 1.90	2 lb. jar 29c
American Beauty 48 lb. sacks 1.90	Soap
Gold Medal 48 lb. sacks 2.00	Palmolive or Camay
Pillsbury's Best 48 lb. sacks 1.90	Per bar 5c
Shortening, 8 lb. carton \$1.00	
Corn, White Swann, No. 2 can 15c	
FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES!!	
Florida N. Potatoes, lb. 5c	Large yellow fruit Bananas, doz. 15c
Mustard Greens, Turnips & Tops, Green Onions, Beets, Radishes, Carrots and Lettuce 5	Fancy Winesaps Apples, 2 doz. 25c
Well Bleached Celery, stalk 15c	Dalicious Apples, doz. 15c
Fancy Mexico Tomatoes, lb. 15c	Medium Size Calif. Oranges, doz. 15c
Sweet Potatoes, peck 35c	Seedless, Med. Size Grapefruit, 3 for 10c
K. C. Baking Powder, 25c size 18c	Large Size Limes, dozen 27c
Salt, regular 5c size, 3 for 10c	
Catsup 14 oz. bottle 2 for 25c	Beans Red Kidney No. 2 can, 2 for 25c
Milk Small Size 3 for 10c	Oats White Swann Full 3 lb. box 19c
Coffee Maxwell House 3 lbs. 79c	Salmons Fancy pinks Tall can, 2 for 25c
	Tomatoes No. 1 can Each 5c
	Pickles Sour mixed Full ot jar 15c
	Mackerel Tall cans 3 for 25c
	Apples Fancy Pack No. 2 1-2 cans 15c