

## MAYOR URGES CITIZENS TO CLEAN UP

Some two weeks ago the State Health Officer issued a Clean-up Proclamation to the citizens of Texas, and designated a "Clean-up Week", which was observed by numerous towns over the state; but owing to the fact that a protracted revival was in progress here, and not wishing to interfere with same, I did not ask for this to be done in Merkel then. But, now realizing that the Spring season is fast approaching and believing that general clean up of the streets, alleys and around the homes and business districts of the city would be found to the welfare of the citizens, give our city a nicer appearance to the passing stranger, and last but not least, assist in the measure in preserving good health of our citizens, I hereby designate the week beginning Monday April 4, "Clean-Up Week", and earnestly urge and request every business man and resident of the city to take the time to thoroughly clean up all rubbish, etc., from around their places of business, homes and alleys connecting with same. We are doing so we will not only improve the appearance of our city, which will leave a favorable impression with visitors who pass this way, but better than all, in doing so we will make more certain the health of our own families and those of our neighbors.

Kindly remember now, that the week beginning Monday April 4, is designated as "Clean-Up Week", and that you can just pile up your trash and refuse in the alleys, or where the City Waggon, which will run on Friday and Saturday, of next week, can get to it and same will be hauled away free or charge to one and all. J. J. Stallings, Mayor.

## BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENT

Sunday School 10 a.m. with classes for all. 312 last Sunday in spite of cold and threatening weather. Goal for Sunday 350. "All do their duty we will have that many or more. Never has a church in a town as small as Merkel had greater opportunities than we have now.

We are soon to go into one of the best equipped buildings to be found anywhere, and we go in with the best trained bunch of teachers to be found. Our work is more encouraging than ever. In addition to the training classes in our Sunday school work we have just had 35 to pass examination in "Training in Church Membership" a B.Y.P.U. book.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. Subject "Keeping Faith with God".

B. Y. P. U. at 5 p.m.

No evening service on account of welcoming new pastor at Presbyterian church. The church voted Wednesday night to accept the invitation of the Presbyterian church. The church with them Sunday night and help to welcome the new pastor.

Training class Monday 7:30.

Corner-Stone laying under the direction of Masonic Lodge Monday 3 p.m.

Ladies Meeting Tuesday 2:30.

Prayermeeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The church will likely set a time for meeting Sunday and will decide about whether we will ask a visiting minister to come and help us in case we find we cannot get the help we had counted on.

Come find a place to worship and work. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

When you want Groceries try A. L. Jobe.

## IMPROVEMENTS AT THE POST OFFICE

A nice large Parcel Post window has been added this week to the fixtures in the Post Office, which will enable Postmaster King to render even more efficient service to the patrons.

M. E. Cannon who for some time last year was actively connected with the Commercial Motor Company of this city, but who for some time has been in Abilene where he was looking after the company's interest, has returned to Merkel this week, accompanied by Mrs. Cannon, and has taken the management of the Commercial Motor Company's business here. He is a most excellent gentleman and we are glad to have him and his wife as citizens of Merkel again. The Commercial Motor Company's offices is again located in the Stucco Garage opposite the Cozy Theatre which is among the best in this part of the country.

## MAY OPEN DRY GOODS STORE HERE

Albert Mendlovitz, of Kennedy, Texas, who up until recently had charge of the dry goods store known as the Economy Store, for Messrs. Freidman and Mellinger, also of Kennedy, was here first of the week on business. And in this connection, we are informed that Messrs. Freidman and Mellinger have secured a lease on the Corner building recently vacated by the Commercial Motor Company, and will within a short time open a new and complete stock of dry goods in same, with Mr. Mendlovitz as manager.

We understand these gentlemen are experienced dry goods people, having several stores over the state, and during Mr. Mendlovitz's short stay here he made many friends by his honesty and gentlemanly manners.

## HONORING THE THURSDAY CLUB

The real spirit of Spring was manifested in a party Saturday afternoon complimentary to the Thursday Club given by Mrs. Earnest Mimms at the home of her mother, Mrs. S. W. Johnson. In the living room where the guests were greeted, beautiful spring flowers were artistically arranged in baskets and vases. 42 was the diversion of the afternoon, dainty little bluebird score cards being passed for the five tables arranged for this fascinating game. At the conclusion of eight interesting games a delicious yellow and white refreshment plate consisting of pressed chicken with mayonnaise and aspic, cheese balls, potato chips, beaten biscuits, wafers and orange ice was passed by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Sandifer, Mrs. Johnson and Miss Mona Margaret Jones. The guests enjoyed this delightful hour with Mrs. Mimms were: Mesdames Johnson, Sandifer, Ferrier, Arrington, Gaither, T. L. Grimes, Robert Gimes, Gamble, Hancock, Hicks, Howard, Lassiter, Tom Largent, Weaver, McFarland, Meador, Miller, Scott, Jones and Mrs. Ingram from Midland, Texas.

## To The Ladies of Merkel

If you are especially particular about your cleaning and pressing, and appreciate high-class work, let me have your delicate wardrobe, we clean suits of all kinds, furs and plush goods, kid gloves, taffetas, in fact everything wearable. No Gas odor, one day service if desired. L. P. Ligon, phone 218. tf

## LAY CORNER STONE AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The Merkel Masonic Lodge, assisted by members of visiting lodges, will lay the corner stone of the Merkel Baptist church on Monday afternoon. All Masons are urged to be present at the lodge room at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The ceremony will begin at 2:30. The leading address will be delivered by Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Simmons College, Abilene. The Blue Lodge will be in charge. Every Mason is urged to attend. The Knights Templars will appear in full regalia.

A large attendance is expected. This is said to be the first ceremony of the kind ever had in Merkel. Besides the principal speaker, other short addresses will be made.

The building is nearing completion and will be open for inspection. It is a meeting house adequate to take care of all phases of modern church work. Leading members of the denomination say there is not a town in Texas the size of Merkel with a better arranged and better constructed building. It is hoped to have it ready for services within two weeks.

Remember the time for the corner stone laying is 2:30, Monday afternoon, April 4. A large delegation from Abilene and Trent has promised to attend. The occasion promises to be of interest from beginning to end. Everybody is invited.

## COMM. CLUB TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

As per previous announcement, the Community Club is scheduled to meet at the High School Auditorium tonight (Friday), and as there are many important matters to come up which will be of interest to the majority of our citizenship, it is urged that all who possibly can attend.

There is no question but that the Community Club can and will prove of great benefit to Merkel and the surrounding community. But for the organization to be a success it must have the full cooperation of a majority of the people.

At the meeting tonight a report of the different committees will be made and besides, an interesting program of music, readings and speeches will be rendered.

Let every one who can from the country, come out and take part in this organization, as it is as much yours as those living in town.

## METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE

Our attendance at Sunday School last Sunday was fine in spite of the cold day, of course we are expecting it to be better next Sunday, 10 o'clock is the hour. Please be on time. Preaching at 11 a.m. by the pastor. The Junior League will meet at 3 o'clock and the Senior League at 6, the regular prayermeeting next Wednesday night in charge of Business Men's Class. The Kings Daughters in charge of the prayermeeting last night had 94 present, come to prayermeeting. On account of it being the first day of the new Presbyterian pastor in Merkel we will have no service Sunday night and request that our entire congregation attend the Presbyterian church Sunday night and give this new pastor a warm welcome to our town. W. M. Murrell, pastor.

## PRESBYTERIAN SPECIAL SERVICE

Next Sunday, April 3, Rev. Fred S. Rogers will be in his pulpit at the Presbyterian church. This is an announcement of importance to all loyal members of the church, and an urgent appeal to be present at the services of the day.

Sunday School services will begin promptly at ten o'clock and will be followed by the preaching service at eleven. Let the Sunday School on this day feel the impetus of your presence. Resolve now to begin the new fiscal year by including the Sunday School in your Sunday program. Nothing so much deserves your hearty co-operation as this service; nothing will be of such vital assistance to your daily life as regular attendance upon this service.

For the evening service we will hold our customary welcome service to the new pastor. To this service we cordially invite the pastors and the members of the other churches of the town. And a cordial invitation is extended the public to be with us on this evening. A special musical program has been arranged for the occasion. Rev. W. M. Murrell will extend the welcome to the Christian fellowship of Merkel, and H. C. West will welcome the new pastor to the fellowship of the church.

Let us urge you, once more, to remember these services. Come and worship with us.

## TWO CONVICTED IN WHEELER'S COURT

Two boys arrested first of the week charged with taking casings and other parts from an automobile which had been left by the road side between here and Blair one night recently by the owner who had trouble and had gone for help to get pulled in, we are informed, were fined and given short jail sentences in Justice Wheeler's court Wednesday. Hon. Carlos D. Speck, county attorney of Abilene, was here to represent the State in the matter.

## PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary met with Mrs. C. H. Jones on last Monday afternoon. Two very interesting topics were read from foreign Mission on Japan, usual program was carried out.

Next meeting will be at the home of Miss Amanda Curtis and Mrs. T. M. Smith. Every one come. First Monday, April fourth.

Everything you need for home auto repairing. Gaskets, cement, cotter keys, lock washers, wiring and a line of guaranteed Ford parts. West Company.

Miss Lola Armstrong, who is attending Texas Woman's College at Fort Worth, was here first of the week spending a few days with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Heeter will regret to learn that they are to soon depart for Cleveland, Ohio, where they will reside in the future. We join their host of friends in extending them best wishes in their new home, and commend them to the best people of the community in which they are to locate.

## LITTLE FOLKS HAVE EASTER EGG HUNT

At the invitation of little Miss Verna T. Beasley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Beasley, the following little folks enjoyed a nice dinner and Easter Egg hunt at the home of the former on last Sunday: Bill and Beth Hamm, Lena Rose and Joe Black Misse and Rogene Dye, Flechie Seigel, Marie Stanford, Perry, Norma and Boy Shannon, Winnie and Alt Bayless, Merle Greene, Clemotine McDonald and Guy and Finis Cade.

B. C. Gaither returned first of the week from a visit to his daughter at Tuscola; he being the presiding officer for the school trustee election to be held here Saturday, caused him to return home earlier than he anticipated.

Let us Clean, Press and repair your old clothes, or better still let us sell you a new one. Cash Tailor Shop. Phone 180.

## GRAND JURY WARNS PARENTS OF GIRLS

Bonham, Texas, March 29.—The Fannin County grand jury has made its final adjournment. Among other things the jury said that it deplored the practice of young girls being allowed to stay out late at night in automobiles without chaperons, and volunteered the information to parents that grand juries and courts could not correct this evil that same should have attention from the parents.

The grand jury returned seventy-five true bills.

Tom Keenan, a well to do citizen of Lamb county, who also owns a nice farm near here was in Merkel last week, and while here dropped in to have the family weekly visit him for the next year.

## WORK ON ADDITION TO COZY THEATRE TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK

Manager Groene of the Cozy Theatre announces that construction work on the extensive addition which he has been making preparations for since January 1st., will actually start first of next week, and owing to the fact that the dismantling of the present stage will be necessary in beginning the excavation work, there will be no show next week until Friday and Saturday, which condition will likely prevail each week until the completion of the extensive additions planned, which will be in the early summer.

## METHODIST LADIES ATTEND DISTRICT MEETING

The following ladies of the Merkel Methodist church attended the Abilene District Woman's Missionary meeting which met at Baird today: Mesdames H. A. Sanders, Geo. Brown, Eli Case, L. R. Thompson, Thos. Durham and Beene.

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## THE OIL GAM NOW LOOK

Despite the fact that Bland well is now the abandoned column of this community owing to the fact that it is a fact tary rig, which was in our last issue, is loaded and hauled o Sears tract, where it that a new test will be short distance southwest o original Sears No. 1. An sides the interest created by this fact, it is reliably reported that after many weeks of expense, hard work and worry, the Stith well by the C. H. Oil and Developing Company has been cleaned of all obstructions, and that drilling is likely to be resumed immediately. This is indeed good news to all the people of this community, and especially are the workmen at managers of this company ve happy over the fact, for they have labored long and hard save the test, which they believe will prove a producer while, if they can only send drill down to the precious The people of this c have complete faith in the Oil and Development Co. ing every thing they bring in a producing c from this test, and we c them in their final good getting the well cleaned

## METHODIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Woman's Missionary Society met last Monday afternoon at the Church. A very interesting program from the Missionary Voice was carried out.

The principal subject for this afternoon was the Tenancy problem. "Where does Tenancy lead" was very interestingly discussed and the facts that less homeless people are a roving, irresponsible band and are almost impossible to christianize. Mrs. Beene and Mrs. Pee very sweetly sang "The Blessed Book" There were several other interesting numbers on the program "The Romance of Old Clothes" by Mrs. Martin, a poem to the Treasurer by Mrs. Sanders and also Missionary notes by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Bailey. This was a very interesting program and we were glad to have large number of members present. There were 22 present at this meeting and we hope and ever urge that every member of the Society be present next Monday afternoon. There will be a little surprise awaiting you next Monday afternoon.

## YOUNG COUPLE ELOPE

On last Sunday evening just before the regular preaching hour at the Methodist church, Mr. Earl Stevens and Miss Gertrude Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cox of this city, very quietly stole away from friends and relatives and drove to Trent where the pastor of the Methodist church of that city spoke the words that made them man and wife.

We join their host of friends in wishing for them a life of much happiness, prosperity and usefulness.

Word has been received in Merkel this week to the effect that Mrs. Hayter, wife of H. C. Hayter of Snyder died in that city Sunday morning, March 27. We understand Mr. Hayter and family formerly lived in Merkel and that he is now County Clerk of Scurry county.

Bring me your Eggs Chickens. A. L. Jobe.

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Is rapidly adjusting itself to the new conditions, and we have faith that the obstacles yet to be overcome are not such as will block our pathway to progress and prosperity.

However unwelcome is this period of readjustment, we are thankful that it came at a time when the farms of the nation were well supplied with food and feed. Bins are full; and, in spite of past discouragements, hopes are high and the future smiles brightly ahead.

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- L. BLAND ..... Vice President
- O. ANDERSON ..... Cashier
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- L. DILTZ, Jr. .... Assistant Cashier

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According to the facts as compiled by the United States Department of Commerce, there had been ginned in Taylor county of the 1920 crop of cotton, 40,000 bales, as compared to 42,000 for the previous year 1919.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Crowley left for their home in Denison Monday after a pleasant visit with J. H. Craig and family and other friends.

Try a Sack of our 45% Meal. Swafford & Leslie. 1t4

Save the pieces—Lenses matched, Frames repaired, Glasses fitted on 30 days free trial. E. L. Wilson, The Jeweler. tf

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Give us the news and help us make the Mail the good paper you would like it to be.

Hot weather is here, refresh yourself at the Merkel Drug Co. Fountain. Everything strictly sanitary. tf

Gold Plume Coffee at Bradshaw & Sublett's. tf

Corn and Corn Chops, at G. M. Sharp's. tf

Mrs. C. W. Holman, of Granite, Oklahoma, is visiting her sister Mrs. J. H. Craig. Mrs. Holman is in poor health, but hopes the Merkel climate will be very beneficial to her health.

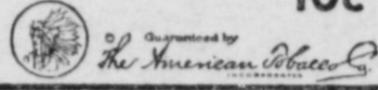
White and grey shorts. Also bran. Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf

Plenty of Fresh Vegetables every Saturday morning at Bradshaw & Sublett's. Call early before it is all gone. tf



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Rev. A. A. Baker in his usual impressive manner spoke the words that bound together in holy wedlock Mr. W. L. Brown of Abilene and Miss Mary Alice Reed of near Blair. The happy event taking place at the home of Rev. A. A. Baker in this city Saturday, March 25.

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Mrs. John Bullock of Abilene and Mrs. Ray S. Baird of Loraine, spent the week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meeks.

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### PREACHING AT BLAIR

Rev. O. F. Smith of Tuscola, will preach at the Baptist church at Blair, next Sunday at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend each of those services.

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The Methodist Woman's Missionary Society will entertain with a surprise meeting in Primary Room of the church Monday at 2:30. The admission for every woman who is a member to bring some one who is not a member. Don't miss this program, a rare treat for all.

Base ball goods and fishing tackles at the Merkel Drug Company. tf

Just received a fresh car of Kimbell's Extra High Patent Flour. Bradshaw & Sublett tf

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Just unloaded a new car of flour, Meal and Feed stuff, at W. W. Wood's Cash Grocery. It

Banker, Homer Easterwood, of Trent, was here yesterday, and made this office a very pleasant and appreciated call.

Plenty of feed such as Bran, Chops etc. at Bradshaw & Sublett's. tf

### MOVED

The Service Garage has moved from the corner of Edwards and Elm streets to the Beasley building across the street from the Cozy Theatre. Would be pleased to serve you if in need of work in my line. Work guaranteed. Ed Gant. 1t2p

PIANOS AND VICTROLAS Delivered to your home in Merkel or Vicinity. See Geo. A. Smith, agent for Abilene Hall Music Company. tf

### SEE THE RIO GRAND VALLEY

If you want to know anything about the Rio Grande Valley country see some one who has been there. If you want to go down and look at the country, see H. D. Simpson, who goes about every two weeks, and who will be glad to make reservation for you. tf

### The Merkel Mail

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A nasty, dirty, filthy back alley is an eye sore to any community. Let's clean them ALL up real good.

Its a poor citizen who will not take time once or twice a year in which to clean up around his home premises.

Many gardens and some crops in this section of the country was damaged by the freeze of Sunday and Monday nights.

The Mayor has issued a clean-up proclamation. Be a good citizen and clean up around your premises, and at the same time help preserve your own good health.

To say a good word about a neighbor or friend not only makes the party doing the talking feel good, but often times helps the other party to success. While to speak lightly or in a way calculated to injure the character of some not only makes you feel bad but some times brings defeat and unhappiness to one or more persons.

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Geo. Houghton left last week Marlin Wells, where he goes his health, having suffered some time from Rheumatism.

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Anything, anytime, any color, and guarantee the job. L. P. Ligon, phone 218. tf

FOR SALE—Single row planter and Cultivator. See Austin Robertson, Route 1, Merkel. 2tp

FOR SALE—Rowden Cotton seed. Also Barred Rock Eggs. Joe K. Higgins, Route 1. 25t4p

WANTED—A few more milk 4, scatter customers, deliver earn night. Phone 246, Mrs. J. Campbell. 25t2

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FOR SALE—5 room house, 3 lots. See me at the Gem Confectionary. 11tf

FOR RENT—5 room house. Possession on the 18th. W. H. Reese. 11tf

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Good Hupmobile. Will trade for Merkel property. W. H. Reese. 11tf

SEE OUR COAL—Just unloaded car nice Coal suitable for Cook Stoves or Heaters. Swafford & Leslie. 1t

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PLENTY COW FEED—Bran, Shorts, Meal, Hulls and Hay. Phone 203 before twelve or call at the COAL YARD on Kent St. in afternoon. Swafford & Leslie. 1t2

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Have two good Jacks for sale or would trade them for mules, mares or cows. J. H. Grayson, Trent, route two. 1t2p

HOUSE FOR RENT—A three-room house for rent at \$5.00 per month. See Mrs. I. C. Holden. 1tp

WANTED—To buy a second-hand wood Windmill. T. W. Collins, Merkel. 1tp

#### NOTICE

Beginning April 1st, we will be at the ICE HOUSE until 12 o'clock each day except Sunday. Phone orders in early to 203. Merkel Ice & Coal Co. 1t2

#### NEW BARBER SHOP

We are opening a new and up-to-date barber shop in the Daniel building next door to W. W. Wood Grocery on Front Street, and will give you first class service at the following reduced prices: For Hair cuts 35 cents; for Shaves 20 cents. We open for business Saturday April 2. Call and give us a share of your business, and save a little money these hard times. Petty and Higgins. 1t

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#### CONDENSED STATEMENT

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MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business February 21st, 1921.

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$298,075.84	Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
U. S. Securities	16,120.94	Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	8,501.37	Undivided Profits	11,259.38
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00	Circulation Acct.	5,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	500.00	BORROWED MONEY	NONE
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00	REDISCOUNTS	NONE
Other Real Estate	3,000.00	BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
Five per cent Red. Fund	316.16	OTHER LIABILITIES	NONE
CASH & SIGHT EX.	196,292.03	DEPOSITS	447,036.96
Total	\$529,256.34	Total	\$529,256.34

J. T. WARREN, President L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier.

#### DIRECTORS

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Friday	April 1	Saturday	April 2
Douglas Fairbanks	"Bride 13"	Marguerite Clark	Sennett Comedians
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"Flirting With Fate"	Kaufman Featurette	"All of a Sudden Peggy"	"The Star Boarder"
		Mutt & Jeff in "Come Home"	
COMING	Tom Mix in	"The Texan"	

#### NICE COUNTRY HOME BURNED

On last Tuesday night at about ten o'clock the beautiful home of Willie Joe Largent, three miles north was destroyed by fire. And while the home was totally destroyed we are informed most all the household furniture was removed and saved from loss.

It is said that while the origin of the fire is not known for certain, it seemed very probable that it originated from an electric wire. No insurance was carried on the building and same is therefore a complete loss to young Mr. Largent, and we join with a score of friends in extending sympathy in his heavy loss.

#### ATTEND FINAL ROUND-UP AT ABILENE

Quite a number of Merkel Baptists attended "The final Round-up Meeting" of the seventy-five million campaign for this district, at Abilene, yesterday, and among them we learn the following were in attendance: Pastor Parrack and wife, Mrs. H. T. Merritt, Walter Jackson and wife, Mrs. J. S. Swann and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Gold I Coffee at Bradshaw & Co. tt

Mrs. I. S. Allen and daughter Mrs. Fay Lyons and husband, all of Dallas, were here this week for a visit to friends and relatives.

Just received a fresh car of Kimbell's Extra High Patent Flour. Bradshaw & Sublett tf

White and grey shorts. Also bran. Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf

Peace Maker Flour, at G. M. Sharp's tf

Will take your laundry as late as Thursday noon. Cleaning and Pressing every day. L. P. Ligon, phone 218. tf

Just received shipment Kimbells Extra High Patent Flour, Shorts, Bran, Cream and Pearl Meal. See me for prices. A. L. Jobe. 1t2

Fan belts for Buick, Studebaker, Oakland, Dodge, Ford, Chevrolet and Overland Cars. West Company. tf

### Don't Miss Our List of Specials

Friday and Saturday Only

15c Powder Puffs	10c
15c Cake Violet Glycerine Soap	10c
30c Talcum Powders	25c
25c Talcum	19c
60c Face Powders	49c
25c Bottle Lemon, Vanilla or Strawberry Flavoring	19c
25c Bottle Peroxide	19c
50c Bottle hand and face Lotion	35c
25c Bottle Glycerine	19c
20c Can Boric Acid	10c
25c Bottle Turpentine	15c
25c Bottle Castor Oil	15c

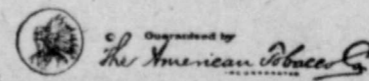
Special Prices on Sponges and Chamois for your Auto

SANDERS  
A Good Drug Store



#### CIGARETTE

No cigarette has the same delicious flavor as Lucky Strike. Because Lucky Strike is the toasted cigarette.



Miss Jessie Sutphen splendid teacher in the city schools, returned first of the week from a week-end visit with friends in Fort Worth. While there Miss Sutphen also had the pleasure of attending Grand Opera, in Dallas.

We have just received 300 automobile socket wrenches. Don't wait until too late to get yours. West Company. tf

#### EX-VICE LECTURE AT A

Placards have been placed in the windows of the business houses here announcing that Hon. Thos. R. Marshall, Vice-President under Woodrow Wilson, will lecture at the Auditorium Simmons College, Saturday night, April 2, at eight p.m. on the "Problems Confronting our Country today."

He is one of the big, clean and broad minded men of the nation and will no doubt interest all who hear him.

#### MAYFIELD-TEAFF

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff, Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church, in his usual impressive manner, on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock spoke the words that made and wife Mr. J. W. Mayfield and Miss Ruby Teaff, the Merkel's most popular and the young people.

The bride is a charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff of this city, and by her charming ways and high character has won a wide circle of admiring friends.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield of this city also, and is a young man of unquestionable honor and sterling character, capable and efficient for conducting most any line of business which he may choose to follow.

We join the large host of friends in extending congratulations and best wishes.

Joe Bailey Toombs son of Mrs. T. J. Toombs suffered a fractured skull Thursday when he fell while at play with other boys, but we are glad to learn he is getting along and is expected to soon.

We clean and press, Ladgents suits for \$1.50, no gas odor, one day service desired. L. P. Ligon phone 218.

#### HEBRON NEWS

Well Easter came bringing with it a cold north wind that made all want to stay close to the fire.

The young people enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt at the home of W. M. Carey's Sunday afternoon.

The freeze has given the farmers more work to do in the way of planting over, but most all seems to be in good spirits as there is yet plenty of time. But we are hopeful that there is plenty of fruit left on the trees as will be hard to experience two fruitless years together.

Hebron played ball with Kale last Friday resulting in the score of 6 to 5 in favor of Hebron.

Singing at Hebron next Sunday. Our young folks have organized a singing class. We appreciate very much the interest Mr. Lee Eason is taking in helping our boys and girls. We invite all to come and help us.

Some of our boys met at Mr. Hill's Sunday night and practiced singing. Mr. Hill has been sick but is improving now.

W. M. Carey's family has been on the sick list.

This community seems to be swarming alive with Farmer's Bureau Men, and here's hoping that they may accomplish some good for the sure enough farmer needs it.

The school children killed a large rattler near Mr. Carey's home just before the northern came. The reptiles seem to be getting quite numerous.

Frank Hale and W. M. Carey motored to Anson Monday.

Powers Hodges of Trent spent Sunday night with home folks.

Mrs. Len Sublett visited her mother in Abilene Sunday.

Arlit Hodges and family Merkel have been visiting C. roll Worthan and family.

#### A Woman Wrote The Canby N Minn., December 10, as Foll

"Many subscribers ask what you think of the new 'The Best' exterminator. I have used it for two days and it has completely exterminated the cockroach. I used Rat-Snap for two days and it has completely exterminated the rat. Sold and guaranteed by Merkel Drug Co., Lib. Co. and J. T. D."

ugh Notes be  
we propose, take a tip that  
Mr. Burgess knows.  
Is our Revival Week antique  
or unique? We had our first  
splendid sermon Monday morn-  
ing but according to reports we  
have had no conversions. Tues-  
day morning the Senior, Junior,  
Sophomore and the Freshman  
classes, who were making an  
average of 90 per cent or above,  
went to the Cozy Theatre to see  
some "land slides" which were  
shown to try to convince us of  
the value of the higher heights.  
We are to enjoy these intellec-  
tual heights all this week. And  
Oh boy! how we did enjoy that  
orchestra music. Why can't  
these players come often?  
What happened to the County  
Meet? Too easy! Merkel got  
out.

ard to get. Well it's hard  
a Geometry lesson, but  
does the good stuff come

**Spanish Program**  
On last Thursday night, under  
the direction of Miss Deal, the  
Spanish classes of Merkel High  
School presented an extensive  
program in Spanish. Two plays  
Spanish, one in English, one  
no solo "La Paloma" by Mary  
Star and a tableau of "Juan-  
ita" by Aiva Wheeler and Wren  
Durham. While the Spanish con-  
versation was intelligible to  
many, the gestures made clear  
the meaning of the words.  
Funny happenings at the  
County Meet. Weston explain-  
Mary Francis, his absence  
the Auditorium while she  
was making. The truth about  
the matter was that Weston  
wasn't in town trying to make  
up his lack of lunch. Carle-  
ton kept hearing his name  
called from the opposite  
side of the tennis court during  
the game of doubles. Finally  
a very attractive Abilene  
girl said "Hello Carleton."  
Weston waved back. Finally  
Merkel rooster standing near  
Carleton made a discovery and  
said "Carleton, who is that girl?"  
"No, I've never seen her before."  
"She's not waving at you."  
"Whose tennis shoes is Weston  
wearing?"  
"Oh Lord! they're mine and  
have my name on them too."  
John A. to Mr. Ashby—"Why  
don't you build a fire in this  
room?"  
Mr. Ashby—"There is plenty  
of hot air in here without it."  
**Impossibilities**  
What is so rare in a day in



# IMPLEMENTS

The Implement season is here and we are here with the goods. We have Double and Single Row Planters and Cultivators in John Deere line. Also Section Harrows, Go-Devils and other implements now in season you will find here. Full line of extras. Don't fail to see us for Oil Stoves, Ice Cream Freezers, Screen Wire, Hoes, Files, Shelf Hardware and Amunition. We have the goods, and our prices are right.

# GROCERIES

As good as can be had, and prices always as low as they can be sold. Try us for groceries. Use our American Beauty Flour and Meal. There is none better. Free delivery.

# Crown Hardware Co

The Baracca Class met in the Methodist Church Sunday school class room on Monday night, March 28, for the election of officers for the next quarter. Several inspiring talks were made by different members, then came the election as follows:

W. G. Leach was re-elected as teacher; John McDonald, assistant teacher; President, Jerome Hutchenson; Vice-President, Cyrus Pee; (Secretary-Treasurer, Wren Durham; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, L. T. Toombs; Press Reporter, Joel Counts; Critic, Paul Smith; Sargent at arms, Joe Riney.

The new officers immediately took charge and after some other business was transacted, a real treat was enjoyed by all, then came adjournment.

West Company, whose supply advertisement has been running in The Mail, are making ample provisions to back their claim to the largest assortment of accessories in town. They have received this week a large shipment of supplies, which will add materially to their already well-rounded stock. Before accepting as a fact the statement that 'It's not in town' it will pay you to see them. tf

**THURSDAY CLUB**  
In spite of a brisk norther blowing, the Thursday Club had a delightful meeting this week with Mrs. Geo. L. Miller. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in playing 42.

The house was attractively decorated with spring flowers. An appetizing plate of chicken salad, bread and butter sandwiches, toasted cheese wafers, olives and coffee was passed.

After a few delightful selections from the victrola the guests bid their hostess a reluctant good-bye. Visitors present were Mrs. R. L. Bland, H. F. Groene, Mrs. Ollie Shaffer of El Paso, Mrs. Ernest Mims. Club members: Mesdames Arrington, Brown, Gambill, Grimes, Gaither, Howard, Hicks, McFarland Scott, Thompson, Winter, West, Weaver, Jones and the hostess.

We strive at all times to please. If we do not tell us. If we do tell others. Cash Tailor Shop. Phone 180.

Why Mr. N. Windsor (R. I.) Put Up with Rats for Years  
"Years ago I got some rat poison, which nearly killed our fine watch dog. We put up with rats until a friend told me about Rat-Snap. It surely kills rats, though house pets won't touch it." Rats dry up and leave no smell. Prices, 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by Merkel Drug Co., Liberty Hdw. Co. and J. T. Dennis.

June? For a Monday morning chapel to extend over ninety minutes.  
If the Seniors were to get quiet in the study hall: Mr. Miller would want them to wake up; Miss Smith would tell them a joke; Miss Whorton, although she noted the absence of whispering, would still call out, "At-

ention, please, or your deportment will be lowered"; Miss Carlisle would declare they were in need of English; Miss Deal would call for a volunteer to read to them in Spanish; Mr. Burgess would cease "s'posing" for his dream would come true. J. J. rushing into a store: "Hurry up give me a five cent mouse trap, I want to catch a train."

**We are Juniors**  
We provide for all knowledge, upon us every grade depends. The school itself is built upon our toil, because of our constant work, our school ranks first. We are your true friends, we are Juniors.

**Baseball Item**  
Soon we'll see the runner slide the bat and ball we'll hear collide—at Trent.

After the school's over, after the last sad day, after the faculty meeting, it doesn't help to pray. After a thousand chances after the final fall, bitter the wall of the Senior "Failed after all."

Pasture with good grass and water, \$1 a month. J. F. Loran. Phone 9032F3. 25t2p

**A TEXAS WONDER**

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25 Small bottle. Send for testimonials to D. E. W. Hall, 2026 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

**RAT-SNAP**  
KILLS RATS  
Better Than Traps For Rats  
Writes Adams Drug Co., Texas  
They say: "RAT-SNAP is doing the work and the rat undertakers are as busy as pop corn on a hot stove." Try it on your rats. RAT-SNAP is a "money back" guaranteed sure killer. Comes ready for use; no mixing with other food. Cats and dogs won't touch it. Rats dry up and leave no smell. Three sizes: 35c for one room; 65c for house or chicken yard; \$1.25 for barns and outbuildings. Start killing rats today.  
Sold and Guaranteed by  
Merkel Drug Co., Liberty Hdw. Co. and J. T. Dennis.

**SCHOOL BOND ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the Fire Station in the town of Merkel within the Merkel Independent School District, on the second day of April, 1921 to determine whether the bonds of said district shall be issued to the amount of \$2,500.00 payable 10 years from their date, and bearing interest at the rate of 5% per annum, for the purpose of constructing a sanitary toilet system of metallic or concrete material in the school building of said district and equipping said school building, and whether there shall be annually levied, assessed and collected on all taxable property in said district for the current year and annually thereafter while such bonds, or any of them, are outstanding, a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity.

B. C. Gaither is hereby appointed manager of said election which shall be held as nearly as possible in conformity with the general election laws of the state of Texas.

No person shall vote in said election unless he be a qualified voter under the constitution and laws this state, and a taxpayer in said Merkel Independent School District.

Those in favor of the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax shall write or print on their ballots "For the Bonds and the Tax" and those against the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax shall write or print on their ballots "Against the Bonds and the Tax."

Said election was ordered by the board of trustees of said Merkel Independent School District by order passed on the 2nd day of March, 1921, and this notice is issued pursuant to said order. Dated this 2nd day of March, 1921. R. O. Anderson, President of Board of Trustees of said District and J. M. Dry, Secretary of the Board of Trustees. 1114

Mrs. Clarice Palmer, wife of F. L. Palmer and sister to Mrs. Frank Demere and Mrs. A. J. Pannell, died at Bisbee, Arizona, Wednesday, March 30.

Buy your Corn, Millet, Sudan and Garden Seed at A. L. Jobe's Store. 1t2

Ladies or gents suits, thoroughly renovated, steamed and pressed for 75c. One day service. L. P. Ligon, phone 218. tf

**SALE!**

**BARGAINS IN--**

- Electric Ranges
- Washing Machines
- Vacuum Cleaners

Selling Below Cost while they last. See us NOW

Let us demonstrate one in your home Everything Electrical.

**MERKEL POWER CO.**

American Public Service Co. Preferred Stock for sale at this office

--- OH BOY ---  
**Look Who's Coming TO MERKEL**  
**MONDAY April 4**  
And All Next Week

**MORASCA'S LIBERTY PLAYERS**  
**BIG TENT THEATRE**

Don't Fail to See our Opening Play

Don't look for the Band—we have no band. We give you a Clean show in the Tent and not on the street.

**Ladies Ladies Ladies**

On Monday Night, and Monday Night Only, in order to introduce this company of Ladies, Gentlemen and Children to you, you are absolutely FREE. Just bring 5c for your War Tax.

**ADMISSION** Adults 30c plus 3c war tax, total 33c  
Children 20c plus 2c war tax, total 22c

Doors open 7:15 — Show starts 8:00 P.M.

Forget the date—April 4th—and All Next Week  
Come out and give us a Trial.