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14,192 BALES HAVE BEEN WEIGHED HERE

According to the records at the local cotton yard there had been received up to noon Thursday of this week 10,442 bales of cotton, while at the Farm Bureau yard there had been received 3,750 bales; making a total of 14,192 bales to-date.

At the beginning of the season, this paper predicted that 15,000 bales would be received here, and from the above we believe that yet the amount will have been received before the end of the year shall have gone.

And while the price of cotton has been mighty good the entire fall the price this week has been higher than at any time since the memorable fall of 1919-20. Some cotton sold this week as high as 35 cents and better.

One man brought in four bales one day that brought him almost \$800.00. All of which leads one to realize that the cotton farmer is this year the best off of any among our citizenship. We rejoice with him in his prosperity.

BIG SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT DEC. 7

The splendid program under auspices of the Parent Teacher Association, announced last week to have been given by the Expression and Music Departments of the school on Friday evening November 30, at the school auditorium, has been changed to take place on Friday evening, December 7th at the High School Auditorium.

This is going to be one of the best and most interesting entertainments the people of Merkel have had the opportunity of attending for some time, and every one is urged to keep the date and place in mind, that they might attend and help the Parent-Teachers Club carry out their plans and work of helping the school, which is a help to every child attending school.

CHRISTMAS CARDS—AND SUGGESTIONS

The Christmas card is just what you are looking for to remember your Sunday school Class with for Christmas; Xmas Cards is the very way to tell that friend that you have not seen for so many years that you would like to see him. If you wish to express to acquaintances of yore, your heartiest wish of happiness for them another year, the New Year card is what you want. Then to the business man or woman, the merchant, the banker, the real estate agent, the furniture man, or any one in business, an Xmas card is what you want to remember your customers with to thank them for their business and to solicit their trade for another year. The Merkel Mail has just what will suit each of you. The most beautiful line of cards to be found in any place—for the right price—for quality and service. Let us have your orders at once. Only 30 more shopping days—remember that.

The Merkel Mail.

City Marshal Jinks Winter and wife are the happy parents of a bouncing baby boy, born on the fifteenth Inst.

Elder W. G. Cypert will leave Saturday for Tuscola, where he will preach Sunday morning and evening.

ENTERTAINMENT AND BOX SUPPER AT NOODLE.

The public is cordially invited to attend the entertainment and Box Supper to be given at Noodle School Building, Friday, November 23 at 7 o'clock p. m.

The following subjects will be discussed: Parent Teachers Association, and the teaching of Manuel Training and Home economics in this school.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING

To Be Held At Merkel, Nov. 25, 1923 At 3:00 P. M.

Subject: The Young People's Work in its Entirety.

3:00 Welcome Address: Holland Teaff, Merkel.

3:05 Devotional: Jno. B. Winn, Trent.

3:10 Leader: Flois Casey, Live Oak Church, Nubia.

3:15 Its Relation to the church: Burrell Jones, Abilene.

3:25 Its relation to the Pastor: Pastor Powell, College Heights, Abilene.

3:40 Its relation to Christianity: Harriett Gatlin, College Heights, Abilene.

3:50 Its relation to the Young People Themselves: Ruth Grey, Caps.

4:00 Special Music: Arranged by James Tucker, Abilene.

4:05 Reports from Representatives.

4:20 Business Session.

4:30 Adjourn.

Note: Each union in Taylor County is requested to have a representative present as spokesman, who shall be able to either give a written or oral report of the work in their union.

"Come thou with us" Come all.

Leland Oran Neill, Field Sec'y.

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Announcement is made that Rev. O. B. Tatum, local Baptist minister, will preach at the Baptist Church next Sunday morning and evening.

Every member is urged and expected to be present at each and all services.

Thursday Club

The Thursday Club was delightfully entertained last Friday afternoon by Mrs. Dee Grimes at the home of her mother Mrs. T. G. Bragg.

The home was beautifully decorated with huge yellow and white chrysanthemums. After the guests had arrived score cards were passed and places were found for the favorite game of forty two.

After several games of '42' had been enjoyed a salad plate consisting of chicken salad, cheese straws, stuffed dates, saltine wafers and tea with a beautiful chrysanthemum as a plate favor was served to the following members and guests: Mesdames. R. O. Anderson, R. Ferrier, Tom Largent, Roy Largent, F. Y. Gaither, Lige Gamble, T. L. Grimes, R. I. Grimes, S. A. Grimes, Chas. Jones, Robert Hicks, L. B. Howard, Booth Warren, L. B. Scott, Frank McFarland, John West, Earl Laster, James West, Warren Smith, C. M. Largent, John Browning of Ft. Worth and Misses Iva Bragg and Lucy Tracy.

Mr. S. G. Houston of Abilene was here this week mixing with friends and incidentally looking after his farms near here.

Will sell you a good Radio set cheap, aerial and everything. Apply at Mail office.

2ND. LYCEUM AT COZY NEXT WED.

Players, singers and funsters, thrown in for good measure, are the Music Makers, who will give a program on Wednesday evening, November 28th at the Cozy Theatre, under the auspices of the Cemetery Association. There are four young men in this group, each bubbling with youth and enthusiasm which is reflected in their program. It is a succession of numbers each more enjoyable than the one preceding. Their appearance here will be one of the most delightful events of the local Lyceum season.

The brass quartet work given with an arrangement of trombones and cornets is the outstanding feature of the program. The very highest type of music is chosen for this quartet work, including such selections as "The Soldiers Chorus," from Gounod's "Faust," Wagner's "Bridal Chorus," the "Phiests' March," from Athalia and Schubert's "March Militarie." The manner in which the instruments are handled shows true artistry, and will please the most discriminating musical taste.

The vocal numbers have punch and snap, and keep the audience wanting more. While there is not the classical atmosphere to these groups, they are nevertheless popular with every group of hearers. And in addition to these musical features, there are readings and dialogue, and clever comedy skit of American College life, which provides many good laughs. Then for further novelty, there are numbers on the Saxophone, banjo or guitar.

Attractive costuming adds to the enjoyment of the program presented by these Music Makers, and altogether their entertainment promises to be one long to be remembered.

This is the second number of the Lyceum Course being given under the auspices of the Merkel Cemetery Association. The program will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. The number will be preceded by pictures, the house being open at seven o'clock. This number will equal if not surpass the most excellent number given at the Cozy Theatre on October 30th. Bring your season ticket. Admission without season ticket will be 20, 40, and 60 cents. Wednesday November 28th at eight o'clock at the Cozy Theatre.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Regular services Sunday. Ladies Bible Study Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock. Prayer services Wednesday night at 7 o'clock. An invitation is extended to all to attend each service.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel will be held in the office of the bank on Tuesday, January 8th, 1924 at 2 o'clock p. m. for the election of five directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before it. L. R. Thompson, Cashier. 234

Messrs. Ira Huss and Holland Teaff, local managers of the West Texas Utilities Company, were among the many from here attending the big celebration at Roby yesterday, in honor of establishing Electric Service over the Roby and Northwestern Railway from Roby to Merkel.

BADGERS LOSE ONE BUT WIN TWO MORE

The last ten days have been busy ones for the Badgers. On November 12 they met Hamlin and in a game where Merkel out played them but lost, some of Merkel's men played the best game of football they have ever played. The score there was 13 to 6.

Then on November 16 the Badgers took a sweet revenge and poured it on Baird for the second time this year, beating them by the consistent playing of "Boots" Smith, the pilot for the Badgers.

Monday 19th, the Badgers piled up the biggest score of the year defeating the Rotan Mules 65 to 6. The game was fast and much better than the score indicates. The scores in the 1st quarter was 20 to 6. Rotan having scored on an intercepted pass.

Our boys went into the game out weighed 30 pounds to the man but made up for it by their fighting spirit. This game was featured by the work of the Badger ends. Six of the ten touchdowns being made by them. C. R. Williams showed real class as a broken field runner when he scored his first touchdown, by zigzagging 40 yards through the whole Rotan bunch. C. R. made 3 touchdowns. Toombs made two and Polly one. Patterson and Acuff both came in for 2 each. Smith showed good generalship at quarter and the Chaney boys were at their best in carrying the ball and as interference.

The Badgers play one more game Thanksgiving at Rotan. Lets all go over and see it.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

We are delighted with the good services and the congenial spirit prevailing throughout our Church work. Every department of the church seems to be organized and pushing forward. The social spirit is fine. The church feels that she has a definite service to perform. It feels that its purpose is to help humanity and wants your help in its efforts to help others. We want to know you better so come out next Sunday, shake hands and say you are ready to help in the greatest work on earth today—the work of bringing the world to Christ.

"If you knew you would die on Monday, what would you do on Sunday?"

T. J. Rea, Pastor

BANK CLOSING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned banks will open their doors at 8:00 o'clock in the morning and close at 5:00 in the afternoon, until further notice.

Farmers State Bank
F. and M. National Bank.

Just received Hulls, Meal, Cakes, Alfalfa, poultry feed and dairy ration. (Cheap dairy feed if you want it.) T. J. R. Swafford, South Side.

Rev. Fred S. Rogers, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church returned first of the week from Cumby, Texas, his old home, where he had been called to conduct the funeral of a deceased friend.

W. Z. Harris, a citizen of this country from 1900 to 1914, but who for a number of years has been residing at Garland, Dallas county, is here this week shaking hands with old friends and looking after his farm near Merkel.

NEW GROCERY ON KENT STREET

Mr. W. D. Ramsey, of Trent, and his family have lately moved to Merkel and has this week opened in the building owned by Judge N. D. Cobb, on Kent St. a nice up-to-date line of groceries. We call attention of our readers to his advertisement in this paper.

STORES TO CLOSE FOR THANKSGIVING

While we have not heard of a petition having been circulated whereby the business men were to sign up for closing their stores on next Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, we judge that such is unnecessary from the fact that for many years it has been the custom to close all business houses the same as is done on Sundays, hence this paper takes the liberty to announce same after having talked with several business men who favored closing.

And, it seems to this paper if there is a time other than Sunday and Christmas, when all business should cease it is on Thanksgiving, and surely there never was a time within the history of this part of the country when the people have been more abundantly blessed than they have been during the present year, for in all probability there is more wealth and less poverty in this community at present than ever before.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, let us not forget the house of God and His worship. Sunday morning, Nov. 25 the spirit of Thanksgiving will be in our service.

Sunday school promptly at 10 o'clock. Our attendance last Sunday was good. Let us make it near perfect next Sunday morning. Preaching morning and night. Every one welcome to all services. Fred S. Rogers.

PREACHER GETS AWFUL POUNDING

As is the custom with the Methodist people in most towns throughout this section, and especially the custom of that church's membership in Merkel the local pastor, who has only been assigned to the work here for the past three weeks, was given a real old fashioned, Methodist Pounding on last Monday evening.

Promptly at 7:30 p. m. a large part of the membership had assembled in the parlors of the church, bringing with them great loads of the best and finest eatables, such as Hams, whole sacks of flour, sugar, home canned fruits, etc. In fact it was the biggest lot of "good eats" this writer ever saw presented to any one—yes sufficient to make a man believe that a preacher did not have such a bad time after all.

And besides the above, an excellent and interesting program of music, readings, and talks was rendered, which was highly appreciated by those present.

We would also mention that Rev. Rea, is fast becoming acquainted with the membership of his church as well as with the entire citizenship of the city, and every one is proud to have him and his excellent family among us, and we feel sure that he has a bright and successful year's work in the ministerial field before him, and which will rebound to the good of the town and community.

UNION SERVICES FOR THANKSGIVING

The time draws near when our nation according to custom offers thanks to God for the manifold blessings of life. Merkel always takes part in everything for the spiritual uplift of her people. As our custom is to have union Thanksgiving services, this year the service will be held at the Methodist church. Rev. Fred S. Rogers, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church will preach the sermon. A program committee composed of Mrs. Tom Largent, Mrs. James West, and Mrs. Burl Scott will arrange the music and other features of the program.

Let every one be on hand at 10 o'clock, promptly, and make this one of the best services we have ever had. As a community we have much to be thankful for this year. Our blessings have been bountiful, so let us reverently acknowledge I who has given so much to us and crown him Lord of All.

SCHOOL TO GET TWO HOLIDAYS

As is the custom throughout this country, the Merkel Public School will take a holiday next Thursday and Friday on account of Thanksgiving.

Some of the teachers will take advantage of the two days holiday and visit with home folks, where their homes are not far away, and some anticipate attending the State Teachers Meeting which will be in session at that time in Fort Worth.

POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE WED

At the home of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Allen, on last Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Rev. Sam Morris, of Abilene, pronounced the words that bound in holy wedlock, Mr. Vestal F. Hicks, and Miss Ethel Allen, with only a few close friends and relatives present.

Both the contracting parties are among our most excellent young people, and have scores of friends with whom this paper joins in extending congratulations and good wishes to them for a long, happy and prosperous journey through life.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston left last Friday for an extended trip to South Texas and the coast country; expecting to possibly be gone until next spring. We join their many friends here in wishing for them a pleasant and enjoyable trip. Later—According to a letter to a friend here, received first of the week, Mr. and Mrs. Huddleston had met with considerable car trouble, and were tied up at Paint Rock, on their way, and where they expected to remain with friends until about Monday.

According to the daily press Rev. M. C. Hays, former pastor of the Merkel Methodist church south, was assigned by the Central Texas Conference in session at Temple last week, to Killeen, Texas.

Mrs. W. G. Cypert left Thursday morning for Dallas to visit her daughter, Miss Hollis Cypert, for a few days, and from there she goes to visit her daughters, Mesdames Wraughton, and Cook until Christmas, at Port Arthur.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

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This bank is equipped to render complete Banking Service to business men, farmers and concerns large or small

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THE HOME OF GUARANTEED DEPOSITS

MT. PLEASANT DOTS

It seems as though we are going to have some more rain, for clouds are darkening the sky. But we won't get cross at the wind and rain for the sun will shine again; so hurrah! for the rainy day.

Monday was the beginning of the second month of school and we hope to make this one of the best schools Mt. Pleasant has ever had.

The teachers, Miss Middleton and Miss Bickley spent the weekend with their parents at Merkel.

Mr. W. H. Brookerson, D. J. Anderson and families spent Sunday on Elm Creek.

Miss Evora Hodo spent Sunday afternoon with her friends Miss Addie and Mr. Belon Sedberry.

Mr. F. T. Hogan and family visited relatives in the I. X. L. community Sunday.

There was a party at Mr. Marion Logan's Saturday night. Every one that was there had a nice time.

There was a singing at Mr. E. M. Massey's Sunday night. A large crowd attended and every one enjoyed the good singing.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Subject: Sins forgiven, a ground of Thankfulness.

Leader, Mabel Toombs.

Song Service.

Announcements.

Scripture (Ps. 103 1-5)

A word about original sin, by Brannic Bailey.

Personality and human tendency, Rosie Laney.

Atonement for sin, Ethel Wilson.

Confession of Sin, Joe Ridenbach.

Freedom from Sin, Loring Hamblett.

Victory over sin, Roberta Gay.

Prayer

A ground of Thanksgiving, Blanche Durham.

Solo, Cyrus Pee.

League Benediction.

PHILATHEAS HAVE A THANKSGIVING PARTY

As the Philathea Class began a contest for attendance Sunday a party was had Monday evening to start things off with a splash!

The Philatheas, 28 in number answered invitations, written in the old Puritan style and were assembled in the Philathea rooms at eight o'clock.

The rooms were made very attractive and pretty with baskets and vases of chrysanthemums. The window draperies were caught here and there with golden autumn leaves, and a band of orange paper frill at the tops. Over the doors hung autumn leaves of yellow, brown and gold. A profusion of ferns, corn stalks with ears of corn peeping out, were about the rooms. Brightly colored floor pillows were scattered here and there. And with a mellow glow shed by shaded lights, it was a scene most pleasing to each.

Mrs. R. A. Burgess and Miss Blanche Durham, having charge of the entertainment, first presented, with the help of three chosen members, five character parables. These were acted out and other members guessed what parable they portrayed. A "Parcel Post Delivery" game was so interesting that there was a general up roar of laughter. Fortunes were found by each by finding their numbers at the end of a string and pulling tiny envelopes from a huge Pumpkin. The fortunes were many and varied.

A very delicious refreshment plate of individual pumpkin pie, topped with whipped cream and coffee, with small baskets filled with salted nuts was passed. A card of yellow, with the inscription, "Ye Philatheas, of ye year of 1923, was tied to the tiny baskets.

When all had finished, Mrs. Burgess asked all to stand, then to follow her. She led them to the kitchen where the dishes were left.

A very happy evening was spent and perhaps soon another party will be had.

Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Rea were very pleasant visitors, and the class was so glad to have them present.

Program For Woman's Missionary Society

1. Hymn.
2. Bible lesson--Jesus the son of God, John 11 18-30. Mrs. San defier.
3. Prayer.
4. Missionary topic.
5. The Wesley house as a Gospel center, Mrs. S. A. Freeman.
6. Another talk with general information, Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford.
7. What is a Wesley House? Mrs. C. B. Smith.
8. Song.
9. Closing prayer.

PREACHING AT WHITE CHURCH NOV. 18TH

There will be preaching services at White church Sunday, November 18. Morning service 11:00 a. m. Also services at night. M. R. Pike, Pastor Merkel Circuit.

Just received at the Necessity Store, boys, a big line of fire works. Get 'em before they are all gone. It.

Coughs that wear you out

making you feel weak and ill, rasping your throat and lungs until they are sore--break them up now before they cause you more serious trouble. Dr. King's New Discovery breaks up coughs quickly by stimulating the mucous membranes to throw off clogging secretions. It has a pleasant taste. All druggists.

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COME IN and TALK it over.

Never missed a dividend-- Never assessed a shareholder

BOX SUPPER AT WHITE CHURCH NOV. 30TH

There will be a box supper at White Church School house on Friday night, November 30. Every body is cordially invited and are urged to come.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Childers of Nubia on Sunday morning a fine 10 pound baby girl. Mother and baby are doing fine.

SERVICES AT UNION RIDGE

Sunday Nov. 25th will be our regular day at Union Ridge. Let everyone be present for Sunday school at 10:00 o'clock and stay for preaching at the 11 o'clock hour. Lets start the new conference year with a determination to do the will of the Master in every undertaking.

M. R. Pike, Pastor Merkel Circuit

Read the Classified Column.

Only 30 More Shopping Days Before Christmas

And this is to remind you that in this store you will find most anything you may need for any emergency--or, say, to fit you up for that trip "back home,, this Christmas.

FOR MEN AND BOYS

A new Suit, Over Coat, Hat, Shoes, Shirts, Ties, Collars, Bathrobe, House Shoes, Handkerchiefs, Hose, Gloves, etc.

Everything you would want to fit you up just right. You will find many valuable things for Christmas gifts here. Come in and let us show you. Give something useful this Christmas. And listen, men and boys, The Price is the thing here.

See us for decorations and trimmings for your Christmas tree at home. Come to see us.



FOR LADIES AND GIRLS

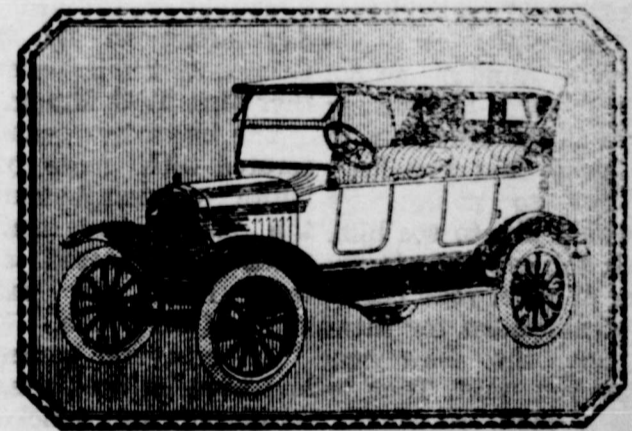
You will find a complete line of most anything you might need such as Nice Wool and Silk Dresses, Coats, Coat Suits, Hose Skirts, Waists, Sweaters, Shoes, etc. Also a nice line of the latest Low Cut Shoes. Yes, everything that will make you comfortable and happy, and at prices that will further please you, when the good quality is considered.

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In addition, it is up-to-the-minute in appearance. It is finished in an enduring black, rich and deep in lustre. A high radiator,

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With this handsome exterior, it combines every mechanical feature essential to open car utility.

This car can be obtained through the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan.

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COME TO ABILENE
BIGGEST DRESS SALE

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\$20.00 to \$25.00 value at **\$ 9.95**

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Dick Cypert, who has been here for ten days visiting his parents left Thursday for Port Arthur.

W. L. Matlock, of Boon County Arkansas, came in last week and is spending a few days with his brother L. D. Matlock, before going to Blackwell, where he and family will locate.

With every 25 cents worth of Nyal products purchased at the Merkel Drug Company we will give 100 votes in the beautiful Doll Contest. tf

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wimberly of Abilene, were here one day last week, mixing with friends and incidentally looking after their farming interest near here.

Rev. Thos. J. Rea, splendid new pastor of the First Methodist church was called Baird, his former pastorate last Saturday to conduct a funeral of a deceased member of the church there.

It is always better for the borrower and for the depositor to do business with a conservative bank. The Farmers and Merchants National Bank solicits your business on that basis and will have plenty of money to supply the needs of its customers. tf

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We Are Headquarters For used Ford Cars, Goodyear tires and tubes, Texico oils--a full line of accessories.

Red Ball stage line from Abilene to Sweetwater, have made our Garage a regular stopping place, both going and coming. For any information wanted call and see us, or phone us.

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APPLES! APLES!

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Come in and let us show you our samples the best in the world for the money. Come in and be convinced. Mrs. C. L. Cash, phone 180. tf

See the big doll in our show window to be given away on December 1st Merkel Drug Company. tf

Just received at the Necessity Store, boys, a big line of fire works. Get 'em before they are all gone. tf

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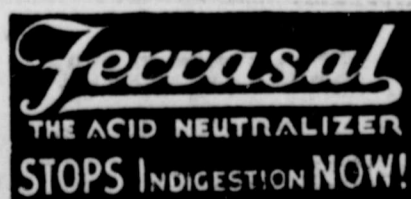
Mr. and Mrs. Emory Buttler, of Lubbock, are guests of their daughter, Mrs. Roger A. Burgess this week, while enroute to South Texas where they will spend the winter.

Messrs. S. D. Gambell, Dr. R. I. Grimes, Clyde Sears and Geo. Woodrum, left first of the week for a hunting trip to the southern part of the state.

Dallas Man Recovers From Paralysis

"I was stricken with general paralysis followed by impact bowels on April 16th. Hiccoughs set up, which continued for seven days. I tried every remedy suggested to me without results. I started taking FERRASAL and the first dose stopped the hiccoughs for two hours. I repeated the doses and the hiccoughs had entirely stopped by morning and I have not had them since. I kept taking FERRASAL night and morning and was able to be up in two weeks and had regained the use of all my faculties in one month. I have had no trouble with my stomach or bowels since and my general health is improving daily." D. Hardie Cox, R. 8 Box 640, Dallas, Texas.

Acid Stomach and Constipation caused Mr. Cox's trouble. They are health's greatest enemies. FERRASAL gets at the source of the trouble by neutralizing the excess acid in the stomach and expelling it from the system. TAKE FERRASAL NOW. 50c per box. It will help you or your money refunded.



50c per box at Merkel Drug Co.

NOTICE HUNTERS

Hunters are respectfully asked not to hunt and otherwise trespass on any lands owned or controlled by the undersigned. Most respectfully, John Sears. tf

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NEW Grocery NEW

I have one of the cleanest, nicest little groceries you have seen. Most anything you could wish for, just opened up on Kent St. My motto is,

"Be Just--Be Clean--Serve."

When you need anything in my line, I shall be glad indeed to get a part of your business. I can assure you that you will always get a fair and square deal. I'll do you as I wish to be done by.

Call to see me on West Side of Kent Street.

W. D. RAMSEY

A Thanksgiving Wish From

BARROW'S

WE ARE INDEED grateful to our many friends and customers, who have made it possible for us to enjoy a splendid business during the year of 1923, and we sincerely wish for each and every one, the greatest amount of joy and happiness, that should be yours, on Thanksgiving Day.

Our Store will be Closed all day THANKSGIVING

See Our Ad Next Week

Barrow Furniture Company

BRING US YOUR CREAM

Beginning next week we will buy your cream, testing on **Tuesdays and Fridays** of each week. Highest market price Paid.

WEST COMPANY

WHO WANTS ME?



I am one of **Madame Hendren's Twenty Dollar Dolls**

I walk—I talk and go to sleep when you want me to. I will be given away **Absolutely FREE!**

With each twenty-five cent purchase of **Nyal Toilet Products** made at our store between now and Dec. 1st, you receive 100 votes. The little girl having the largest number of votes to her credit on December 1st can take me home without paying a single penny.

Get your father, mother, sister, brother and friends to vote for you.

Any little girl under thirteen years of age is eligible. Enter your name as a contestant. Don't waste a moment's time.

You can see me at the address shown below.
MERKEL DRUG CO.
Merkel, Texas

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE OR TRADE-- My farm in Gains Co. Merkel property preferred. Dan Ridenbauch, Loraine, Texas. 16t3

FOR SALE--Full blood mammoth Bronze Toms, \$7.50 each. Mrs. Laura Brown, Trent, Texas, route 2. 16t2p

WOOD FOR SALE---About 50 loads of good dry pole wood, at \$2.50 per load of about a cord. W. A. Buford, Trent, Tex. 13t2p

FOR SALE--Bundle Maize. See Reece Hail, Route 1. Phone 9040F23. 1tp

FOR SALE-- For a few days. Will sell my home place near Shiloh. 106 acres about 90 in cultivation. Can give terms. Also a few other farms for sale. Sam Grayson, Phone 17. 1t

FOR SALE--Milk Cow--be fresh in a few days. Gave 8 gallon of milk the last calf. See J. O. Hallmark on the old Marlow place. 1tp

FOR SALE--Have a few fine mammoth White Turkeys for sale. Phone or see W. R. Sumpter, Rt. one. 1tp

LAND FOR SALE--336 acres three miles of McCauley, 86 acres in cultivation, nice orchard. Will sell cheap or trade for land close to Merkel. Homer Patterson. 1t.

FOR SALE--15 Rose Comb and Single Comb, Black Minorca Cockerels, \$1.00 each, if taken this week. To Fanciers, these cockrels would be worth from \$5.00 to \$10.00 each. L. R. Thompson, Merkel. 1tpd.

MILK COWS--Have a few more good milk cows for sale, well worth the money. A. W. Hunter, Merkel, Route 5. 23t2p

FOUND
FOUND--Brown leather purse, at the tent show. Owner may get same by giving proper description and paying for this notice. Merkel Mail. 1t.

FOUND
FOUND--A boys coat, at the big tent show. Call at the Merkel Mail office and pay for this local and describe the coat. 1t.

WANTED
WANTED--To sell 80 acre farm good improvements, 1 mile from Merkel. Small cash payment with good terms. E. L. Horton, Abilene, Phone 346. 23t3.

WANTED--To buy a good double disc plow. See S. F. Hayes, Merkel. 1t.

LOST
LOST--Between school building and Mrs. Amy Sears residence, lower part of gold pencil, with initials F. Y. to B. D. on it. Find or please phone 150 or return to Miss Bonnie Duke at Mrs. Amy Sears and receive reward. 1tp

FOR RENT
FOR RENT--Furnished Bed Room. See Mrs. S. A. Huskey. 1t

With very 25 cents worth of Nyal products purchased at the Merkel Drug Company we will give 100 votes in the beautiful Doll contest. 1t.

FORDS FOR SALE--Have some good Ford Cars for sale. Marvin Boney. 1t.

"THANKSGIVING"

Next Thursday, November 29th, will be another day that we will give thanks to our Maker that we are permitted to live in a land of Liberty and Freedom.

We wish also to thank our friends and customers for their liberal patronage since last Thanksgiving, and assure future service.



The Turkey and Chicken dread to see the last Thursday in November and Xmas Day. But we have a large supply of Incubators that will deliver the goods and have them ready for those days. All sizes, 80 to 400 Egg.

Poultry Supplies of all Kinds

Liberty Hardware Company

"Only Exclusive Hardware Store in Merkel, Texas"

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Some people spend more going to tent shows that come along during the year than they contribute to the church during the entire same length of time. But that's their business.

Read the Classified Column.

Groceries For Thanksgiving

On next Thursday, as is the usual custom of the people of this nation, they will halt the business of the day; meet in public and private and give thanks for the bounteous blessings of the year.

You will also prepare splendid feasts and invite your friends to come and enjoy same with you, and we take this opportunity of reminding you that in this store there are so many items that you will want to help you make your

Thanksgiving Dinner

As good as you planned to make it, and the best way is to come to the store and look over the complete display, get our prices and make your selections in person; however, we will be glad to fill promptly any order that you might send us. Let us also extend our thanks for past business, and solicit your future orders.

Bob Martin Grocery Company

Just received Hulls, Meal, Cakes, Alfalfa, poultry feed and dairy ration. (Cheap dairy feed if you want it.) T. J. R. Swafford, South Side. 1t

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. John West are extending congratulations over the arrival at their home on the 17th a baby girl.

Coming to ABILENE Dr. Mellenthin
SPECIALIST
in Internal Medicine for the past twelve years

Does Not Operate--Will be at Grace Hotel Wednesday and Thursday December 12 and 13. Office Hours: 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Two days only.

Dr. Mellenthin is a regular graduate in medicine and surgery and is licensed by the state of Texas.

He visits professionally the more important towns and cities and offers to all who call on this trip free consultation, except the expense of treatment when desired.

According to his method of treatment he does not operate for chronic appendicitis, gall stones, ulcers of stomach, tonsils or adenoids.

He has to his credit wonderful results in diseases of the stomach, liver, bowels, blood, skin, nerves, heart, kidney, bladder, bed wetting, catarrh, weak lungs, rheumatism, sciatica, leg ulcers and rectal ailments.

If you have been ailing for any length of time and do not get any better, do not fail to call as improper measures rather than disease are very often the cause of your long standing trouble.

Remember above date, that consultation on this trip will be free and that his treatment is different.

Married women must be accompanied by their husbands. Address: 211 Bradbury Bldg. Los Angeles, California. 23t3p

LAYING HENS PAY
Make 'em Lay and Pay--Feed MARTIN EGG PRODUCER. And get more Eggs or your money back
Martin's Roup Tablets, Blue Bug Remedy and Taroline Guaranteed by SANDERS DRUG STORE

AUCTIONEER
Sales conducted in any part of Taylor County and satisfaction guaranteed in every instance.

Sales will be started on Saturday at one o'clock, north of W. F. Hamblett's Store. Any one who has anything to sell have it on the ground at one o'clock.

L. W. BEATY
Merkel, Route 1

REBUILT TYPEWRITER BARGAINS

(Terms like Rent) Special Discount for Cash UNDERWOODS REMINGTONS L. C. SMITHS WOODSTOCKS ROYALS OLIVERS ALL MAKES

USED MACHINES ACCEPTED AS FIRST PAYMENT Satisfaction Guaranteed or Payment Refunded

WE REPRESENT JOHN YORK OF DALLAS TEXAS

PREVENTION
better than cure. Tutt's Pills taken in time, are not only a remedy for but prevent SICK HEADACHE biliousness, constipation and kindred diseases

Tutt's Pills

REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS FIRE INSURANCE

There is just one day when it is wise to insure. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow may be too late. Today, the day Before you may suffer a loss by fire, or Theft, is the one wise day to cover yourself fully with insurance.

Today we can protect you from tomorrow's possible loss. Today is the only day you can be sure you are in time. Call on us today--be insured in time.

W. O. BONEY
MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.

COZY THEATRE

Matinee Saturday 2 to 5:30

Friday

"JAN OF THE BIG SNOWS"
A Goldwyn Special
From the Book by
James Oliver Curwood

Also—

Comedy and News

Saturday

WILLIAM RUSSELL
in
"Fighting Mad"

Also—

Fox Sunshine Comedy
And— Mutt and Jeff

Monday and Tuesday

PAULINE FREDERICK
in
"Roads of Destiny"

Also—

Comedy
And— Travelogue

Wednesday and Thursday

THE MUSIC MAKERS
A Dixie Lyceum Male Quartette in
Music, Song and Mirth
Admission 20c, 30c, and 60c
House open at 7 o'clock, program begins
promptly at 8, auspices Cemetery Ass'n.

Cotton Raisers To Receive \$4,207,702

The Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association will send checks to members of the association for a total of \$4,207,702.27, as a distribution of sale receipts, John T. Orr, president said Monday. The distribution will be started Dec. 15, and is on the basis of 150,000 bales, in addition to more than \$1,000,000 due members of the previous advance of \$70 per bale, which has not yet been drawn by some of the members.

This distribution will bring the total cash distribution to association members to more than \$13,500,000 Mr. Orr said. —Exchange.

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Read the Classified Column.

CITATION ON APPLICATION

The State Of Texas
To the sherriff or any constable of Taylor County--GREETING: You are Hereby Commanded, to cause to be published, once a week, for ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county which has been continuously and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year; the following notice:

The State of Texas
To all Persons interested in the Estate of Jack Trent Anderson, Sr., deceased, you are hereby notified that R. O. Anderson has filed in the County Court of Taylor County, an application for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of said Jack Trent Anderson, Sr. deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in December A. D. 1923, the

same being the 17th day of December A. D. 1923, at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

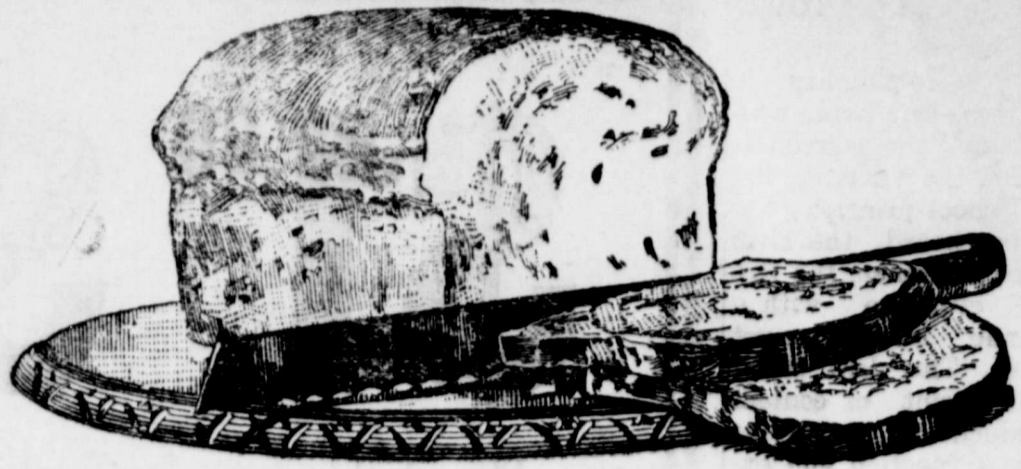
HEREIN FAIL NOT, But have you then and there before said Court on the first day of the next term thereof this writ with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND And seal of said Court this 20th day of November, A. D. 1923.

W. E. Beasley, Clerk
County Court, Taylor Co. Tex.
By Bessie Briggs, Deputy.

Now is the time to get all those clothes dolled up for Thanksgiving. We positively guarantee not to have any gas odor. Mrs. C. L. Cash. Phone 180.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Latham returned first of the week from an extended trip to Dallas.



Most housewives in Merkel will serve one or more varieties of delicious, wholesome pastries on Thanksgiving day. It is so economical, to let do this part of your work.

Just a look at our nice line of cakes, pies, bread and cereals to cause you to use them, and a trial means that you will be better pleased. Place your order early for your Thanksgiving Fruit Cake. May this Thanksgiving be your best and most economical.

The Quality Bakery

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

IN JUSTICE COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY TEXAS TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OF TAYLOR COUNTY TEXAS, GREETING

You are hereby commanded to summon Izella Logan, Feme Sole, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some Newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published there in, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published to appear at the next regular term of the Justice Court of Precinct No. 5 in Taylor County, Texas, to be holden at the Court house, thereof in Merkel, on the 4th Monday in December 1923, the same being the 24th day of December A. D. 1923; Then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 21st day of Nov. 1923, in suit, numbered on the Docket of said Court No. 37, wherein J. N. Shelton is Plaintiff and Mrs. Izella Logan is defendant, said petition alleging that defendant contracted with plaintiff for a house to store her said household goods, junk, and sundries of every kind and nature, at a rental of \$6.00 per month, and Plaintiff has stored said stuff for a period of 12 months at \$6.00 per month, and she is now due the plaintiff \$72.00 for storage.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof, of this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand, this the 21st day of Nov. A. D. 1923.
W. W. Wheeler
J. P. Prec. No. 5, Taylor County, Texas.
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RAWELIGH'S PRODUCTS
When in need of any of the celebrated and well known Rawleigh Products call on me at the McGhee Hamburger stand on Main Street or Phone 147. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. E. B. Barnes. 16t8p

Read the Classified Column.

Intermediate League Program
Subject: Living a life of Thanksgiving.
Leader: Anna Lou Russell.
Song
Scripture lesson, leader.
Appreciation, Louis Tucker.
Reading, Lola Dennis.
Thankful heart, Maza Chaney.

Prayer.
Living on thanksgiving, Erma Lee Rea.
Announcements.
League benediction.

We often hear one say there is a time for all things. So let us remind you that now is the time to have your clothes cleaned and pressed, before you decide to use them--then it will be to late. Mrs. C. L. Cash Tailor Shop.

Mrs. Howell Britian of Abilene, is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Religion should be home, and parents and live their religion homes generally have fluence not only over the children, but through the community. There is not to Sunday and "public school" religion and those who practice such, are generally better known than they imagine.

Read the Classified Column.

Magnolene Ford Oil

Reduce that vibration in your FORD CAR, when starting, stopping or backing.

MAGNOLENE FORD OIL

Reduces carbon formation and oil consumption.

For Sale By

Magnolia Filling Station
McFarland Garage

Merkel, Texas

We Drain Your Crank Case Free.

Elliott Audit Company

AUDITS AND SYSTEMS
Income Tax Consultants

R. C. WINTERS, Manager

PARK OFFICE BUILDING, Abilene, Tex
TELEPHONE NO. 318

—Being in West Texas, we can give more efficient service and save you traveling expenses which Dallas or Fort Worth firms must charge. We solicit your Income Tax work on the basis of equal efficiency with other firms, and the fact that we are more accessible to you as our office is in West Texas.

LITTLEFIELD LANDS—All tillable and ready to plow. This beautiful tract of land is located 30 miles northwest of Lubbock on the Sante Fe, in the shallow water belt. It is especially adapted to cotton raising. Can be bought for \$2.00 per acre cash; 10 years on the balance 6 percent. After first payment nothing but interest until 1927. We are exclusive agents for this land. WEIR & GLOVER Abilene, Texas.

XMAS IS NEAR

Only 30 Shopping Days till Xmas

We Have for Your Selection Many New Articles, Such as:

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| CUT GLASS | MESH BAGS |
| SILVERWARE | DIAMONDS |
| SHAVING SETS | DIAMOND RINGS |
| SMOKING SETS | SALT and PEPPER SHAKERS |
| CIGARETTE CASES | SILVER VASES |
| BOOKS | FOUNTAIN PENS |
| BIBLES | WRITING SETS |
| THERMOIS BOTTLES | EVER SHARP PENCILS |
| CASSEROLES | EAR BOBS |
| CIGARS | BOOK ENDS |
| PIPES | CANDLE STICKS |
| CLOCKS | BUFFETT SETS |
| VANITY PURSES | |

A BIG SELECTION OF

Brunswick Phonographs

SANDERS DRUG STORE

HOW TO BUILD UP
OUR TOWN

Building a community is everybody's job. The home owner, the landlord, the merchant, the housewife, the minister, the doctor, the school principal, the governing board, the civic societies, the policemen, the fire men--in fact, everyone with a distinct home interest must play his part. The local newspaper is the point of contact through which these various interests must function and express themselves. The home is a mirror of the community, in its living, and a great deal of upbuilding of the town is done through town inter-activities in the home. We aim it to dollars out of it to the some foreign

the foreign cor home town dol an appeal to cup- aged as safe and buying. For themost made in secret--direct ne circular, the book- sguised mimeographed systematically prepared t mail salesmen, with al "follow ups" destined act and carry away to stant bank account the ey of the unthinking. The y secrecy of the appeal is its n condemnation.

It is amazing to note how slow is the average newspaper reader to appreciate the value of frank and open newspaper advertising. Not only in this way is the housewife enabled to learn what the market has to offer, but in the frank open advertisement lies an absolute security from exploitation. Newspaper advertising is the house-

\$1⁰⁰ SALE ⁰⁰ 1\$

Watch this space for Real Bargains each week 'till January you'll find many items of high grade Merchandise Specials at less than wholesale cost. Saturday and next week (while they last) we will offer Extra Special values for \$1.00 Upstairs the one dollar specials are:

- 28 \$2.50 wash blouses, each, for.....\$1.00
 - 30 1.35 to \$1.95 Ladies' Gingham Dresses for.....\$1.00
 - 24 1.25 and \$1.50 Childrens Gingham Dresses for.....\$1.00
 - 12 3.00 to \$5.00, Childrens Coats, sizes 3 to 6, for..... 1.00
 - 18 1.95 Ladies' Black Satteen Petticoats for..... 1.00
- Among the Extra Specials down stairs, Sweaters are marked 'way down.
- 25 Pair Ladies' \$2.50 Kid Gloves, white and colors, for....\$1.00
 - 10 dozen Childrens 25c Black Hose, all sizes, five pair, for... 1.00
 - 5 dozen Men's and Boy's Hats, worth \$2.00 to \$4.00, for... 1.00
 - 3 dozen Men's Shirts, worth \$1.50 to \$2.00, for..... 1.00
 - 3 dozen Ladies' Oxfords, worth \$2.50 to \$3.50, for..... 1.00
 - 3 dozen Men's Overall, large sizes only, worth \$1.50..... 1.00

Woodroof-Bragg Co.

"The Place Most People Trade"

"GODLESS SCHOOLS" DO NOT EXIST

Washington, Nov. 8.--The ringing words of the Rev. A. Mason Brown, delivered in the annual "Scotch Night" sermon of the first Presbyterian church of Providence, R. I., have received much favorable comment in Capital City educational circles.

Speaking of the campaign being waged against the public school by those who would abolish it in favor of sectarian schools, Dr. Brown said:

"See to it that it does not succeed. Don't stay asleep at the switch too long. Do what you can to defeat it and preserve the American school.

"I am sick of hearing that we have Godless schools. Take the public school child who is brought up in a good home, and has an hour a week in Protestant Sunday school, and he is one of the best. Search the records of the prisons and reformatories and you will find few of them there.

"The school is not the place to teach religion. No state has ever succeeded in teaching religion. And just as we can't teach religion in the schools, neither should we allow it to be attacked there. Pray for your children. Teach them yourselves and don't turn them over to any society to be taught."

WANTED--A good milk cow. Call at the Merkel Mail. Itp



Constant hacking makes the cough worse

STOP it now with Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey--or it may become chronic. Nothing so quickly loosens phlegm, soothes dry throats and stops coughing. Made of the very same medicines the best doctors prescribe combined with the good old-time standby--pine-tar honey! Its taste is pleasing, too! Keep Dr. Bell's on hand for the whole family.

All druggists. Be sure to get the genuine. DR. BELL'S Pine-Tar Honey

Anemia

FORCE enriches the blood, thereby is a potent aid to nature in rebuilding persons who are thin, pale, weak or invalid.

Force TONIC
It Makes For Strength

wife's weekly insurance. The day has passed when the advertiser dare be dishonest. The statements in an advertisement are shouted from the rooftops. They are to be easily checked up. They become the guarantee of service and of honest dealing. The direct-by-mail ap-

peal is like the secret whisper passed from ear to ear but without any general publicity that ensures complete honesty of statement. As a rule, its underlying principle is sinister. To supplement and become a part of any well-organized campaign it has its value, but standing a-

lone it should arouse suspicion rather than confidence.--Ex.

Just received Hulls, Meal, Cakes, Alfalfa, poultry feed and dairy ration. (Cheap dairy feed if you want it.) T. J. R. Swafford, South Side.

..... FORDS! FORDS!

Have few 1924 model Ford cars at the right prices. W. M. Mitchell, Sweetwater, Texas. Itp

Just received at the Necessity Store, boys, a big line of fire works. Get 'em before they are all gone. It.

Fresh, Good Store News

From Brown Dry Goods Company

THE NEWEST OF THE NEW

LADY! We have the new Suede Strap Pumps. [Oxfords that will prove to you, at first sight, their distinct pleasing difference to others. They sell at sight because they are right.

MOTHERS! We have the "Yea Old Time Comfort Kid Straps and Ties." **MEN!** Our \$7.50 black satin finish Kangaroo Straight last Shoes are unmatched

ARRIVED YESTERDAY

New York Ties for men and St. Louis Neckwear for Ladies. Ladies New Coats and Dresses just here.

Mens Suits and Over Coats, All-Wool
SUITS \$18.50, 27.50, 32.50 \$35 O'Coats \$18.50, \$24, 28.20, 29. 50

Boys and Girls we Give You FREE
A Pencil Receiver with your Shoes or Suit at the time you buy

THE BROWN D. G. COMPANY

"Quality Merchandise"