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COMMITTEE PLANS TO CONNECT WITH STITH ROAD

The Merkel Luncheon Club's Good Roads committee is laying plans and making arrangements to secure the building of a good gravel highway leading from MerRel north to intersect the gravel highway known as the Stith road. To give our readers a more definite and clear understanding of the good roads work that has been done in the Merkel community, through the efforts of the Luncheon Club and its splendid Good Roads committee, we herewith call our readers attention to the following interview from Dr. M. Armstrong, an active member of the Good roads committee.

"The Luncheon Club in the summer of 1924 instituted a road campaign and Mr. Frazier was requested to buy a 10-ton Caterpillar tractor and 12-foot grader. He was anxious to do so, but feared the people would criticize him for spending \$8,000 just before going out of office, as he would have to buy some on time for lack of funds. But in his conservative way said if the people would show me they want it by signing a petition and donating \$1,000, I will be glad to buy it. This man said well we can do that. In less than an hour he presented this petition to this man when he circulated it and a number of signers and a promise to pay opposite their names aggregating \$700.00. Then the Luncheon Club appointed a committee who secured the other \$300.00 in 2 days. We got this tractor and grader. This man and T. G. Bragg got out and with the help of Tom Jenkins, C. T. Derrick and others at Noodle (who got up \$500) got up \$2,875 cash and subscriptions and purchased a used tractor for \$2,750 f.o.b. Merkel. This tractor put up 20 miles of roads in Jones county and then last spring went back and reconditioned six and a half miles of the Noodle road. Merkel and Noodle people put in a fill this side of Bitter Creek bridge at a cost of \$490.00. Commissioner Rainwater put in a 100 foot steel bridge across Bitter Creek at a cost of \$1,750, also some work, and all amounted to over \$2,900 done on Noodle road in 1925. But this ball was started rolling by Noodle men donating \$500.00 and Noodle cotton, 3000 bales, has come to Merkel by truck at 75c instead of \$1.00 per bale as before, making a saving of \$750.00 to them on marketing their cotton and nearly so much on seed hauling, besides having a dandy road to run their cars and trucks on the balance of the year.

"We made up \$500 and Commissioner Diltz went us 50-50 to work down the Dora hill, and we went out, surveyed the distance and rise and put W. H. Frazier in charge. He spent \$661 of this and made a good road, but in the next two months we are going to get him to spend the other \$339 making it better. Some of the results, for instance, Crown Hardware paid in what we asked, but had never sold implements on the divide. Last Saturday they sold three implements for \$90.00 each in one day to men from the divide. One of our gingers, Sam Swann, ginned 30 bales for one man from the divide in November.

We have turned our little used tractor over to Commissioner Diltz and he has traded it for a new one 9 horse power stronger to use in our precinct and we have the privilege of using this new one \$500 worth in Jones county at 62 1-2 cents per hour.

ART EXHIBIT FOR MERKEL SCHOOL

An exhibit of fine Art Prints will be held in the Armory building February second to fifth. The exhibit is being loaned the school free of charge for the benefit of the school's picture fund and it is planned to obtain a number of pictures for the different rooms.

This exhibit embraces reproductions of recognized Art Treasures of the world and they possess a charm that appeals to all art lovers.

Nothing adds more to the improvement of a school room or a home than good pictures. Their influence is refining, uplifting and lasting.

Buy a ticket to the exhibit and help place pictures in the local school rooms.

WALTER JACKSON COMING TO ABILENE

According to the Abilene Reporter of January 14, Mr. Walter Jackson, for the past four years Educational Director for the College Avenue Baptist church, of Fort Worth, will accept a position about Feb. 14, with the First Baptist Church of Abilene as Educational Director of that great church, whose pastor is Dr. Millard A. Jenkins.

Mr. Jackson and his excellent family are well known in Merkel, where for three years prior to January 1, 1920, they owned and ably edited the Merkel Mail. While in Merkel Mr. Jackson and his good wife were very active in both church and social work, and their many friends here will be delighted to learn that they are coming to Abilene, which brings them nearer their many friends here.

MAN FROM HERE ATTEND FARM BUREAU MEET

Among those of the Merkel community who left this week to attend the State Convention of the Texas Farm Bureau were J. C. Mason, who is a director in the organization, J. D. Daniel, F. B. Kelso, W. C. Church, J. H. Bridges, Jim Burns, Sam Mashburn, J. S. Varner, E. F. Vantreese, W. P. Mashburn and J. M. Spurgin.

Mr. V. M. Sutphen and family of Meridian, Texas, were here this week guests of the former's mother, Mrs. J. P. Sutphen, and his sister, Mrs. Tom Largent, and many friends. Mr. Sutphen and family are moving to West-laco in the Rio Grande valley.

Our next move is to appoint a committee to solicit funds and employ W. H. Frazier to supervise the graveling of road from the city limits to the south end of Stith pike. Dave Hendricks proposes to pay \$100 on this. Henry Hicks said he would give what gravel we would need to use from his southwest corner to Earl Lassiter's southeast corner free. We feel sure Diltz will go us 50-50 on this kind of proposition. We mean business. With men like J.T. Warren, R.O. Anderson, T. G. Bragg, W. H. Frazier, Jim Patterson, Chas. H. Jones on this committee you can guess the rest. Merkel trade territory with 250 miles of nicely graded roads and two good tractors and good men to run them and a wide awake Commissioner to keep it going and a good progressive Luncheon Club to back us, success is ours."

WEST TEX. TO SPEND \$40,000 AT PHIL.

Stamford, Texas, Jan. 21.—Adopting the recommendation of Manager Porter A. Whaley, the executive board of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Monday decided to send an exhibit of West Texas products to the sesquicentennial at Philadelphia next Summer at a probable cost of \$25,000 to \$40,000 and probably to operate a special train from Amarillo to Philadelphia at the close of the Chamber's annual convention in June.

The \$10,000 proposed by Manager Whaley to defray the expenses of collecting and placing the exhibit was deemed inadequate to do full justice to West Texas and a committee was appointed to arrange for additional funds. The arrangement for the special centennial train was left in the hands of Wright Armstrong and other railroad men, who for two months have been negotiating for special rates.

It was proposed to have the special carry a large amount of advertising matter relative to West Texas and make a tour through New Orleans, the Carolinas, Georgia and other states, with stops at various cities for its distribution.

Will Double Space

Space originally suggested for the West Texas exhibit at the centennial comprised 10x60 feet, but was regarded as inadequate, and it was ordered that when additional funds are subscribed that it be doubled. Assurances were given by Walter Cline of Wichita Falls that the Texas oil exhibit probably would be of the highest class and the statement was made by Manager Whaley that the magic Valley of the Rio Grande would contribute heavily to the enterprise, both in the form of products and funds.

On motion of W. P. Hallmark of Dublin, the board indorsed a campaign for better poultry and eggs to be launched soon and also gave its approval to setting apart a week next spring to be known as 'swat the rooster week' for inaugurating a widespread movement to obtain a better grade of infertile eggs that will raise the classification of Texas eggs in the East and insure better prices.

Mrs. G. M. Sharp Very Ill.

The many friends of Mrs. G. M. Sharp regret to learn that she is reported to be in a very serious condition; in fact we are informed that her recovery is considered doubtful. She has been in very poor health for several months.

Miss Loyce Dry left last week for Clarksville, Texas, where she has accepted a position with the Clarksville Times, one of the best semi-weekly newspapers in Northeast Texas. Miss Loyce is a graduate of journalism at the College of Industrial Arts, at Denton, and is well equipped and competent of rendering that splendid publication fine service.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. S. A. Duckett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris, of this city, who was operated on at a Glenrose Sanitarium recently, is now getting along nicely.

Mayor and Mrs. N. D. Cobb left first of the week for a business trip to Hearne and Dallas.

Mrs. L. P. Jones arrived first of the week from her home at Sierra Blanca for a visit with her father, Mr. J. C. Moore.

3 NEW BUILDINGS FOR MERKEL SOON

From Mr. Seth Hamilton of Hamilton & Case Grocery we learn that within the next 30 days at the out side he expects to have started the erection of a new and modern store building on the site next door West of the building occupied by the West Texas Utilities Company, the same being the inside lot where about a year ago fire destroyed one of the best business blocks in the city. Mr. Hamilton recently purchased this lot and expects to begin work building a new building as above stated.

We also learn from Mr. Max Mellinger, one of our dry goods dealers who also recently purchased the three lots adjoining the one purchased by Mr. Hamilton on the west, that he expects to begin the erection of two modern and up-to-date buildings on these lots, one 50-foot front and the other 25-foot front.

These lots are absolutely most ideally located and will no doubt prove to be fine investments for the new owners. Watch Merkel grow.

PRESBYTERIAN REVIVAL BEGINS SUN.

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:15 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at 4:00 p.m.

The series of evangelistic services will begin Sunday at 11 a.m. Rev. J. W. Joiner of Wortham, Texas, will assist the pastor in this series of meetings. Rev. Joiner will arrive in Merkel in time for the Sunday services. We urge the full cooperation of every member of the church in this campaign. Will you not show your loyalty to the church by a faithful attendance at every service possible, and take an active part in same?

Services will be held during the week at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. A cordial invitation is given the public to attend these services and we earnestly solicit the cooperation of all God's people in our efforts to build up His Kingdom. Chas. H. Little, pastor

Celebrates Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary

Mr. Marvin Smith returned first of the week from Stanton, where he had been to attend a reunion of his father's family as well as the 60th wedding anniversary of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, who some years ago were citizens of Merkel.

It was a very happy occasion and the following sons and daughters and friends were in attendance: O. A. Smith, Trent; E. Clyde Smith, Hamlin; Marvin Smith, Merkel; Mrs. E. E. Eiland, Stanton; B. F. Smith, Stanton; and W. W. Eiland and family, and his two sons and their families, all of Stanton.

NEWSPAPER BARGAINS

The Star-Telegram from now till Dec. 1, 1926, and the Merkel Mail for one year \$7.35

The Abilene Daily Reporter from now until Jan. 1, 1927, and the Merkel Mail one year \$5.00

The Dallas News, Daily and Sunday, one year and the Merkel Mail one year for \$7.00

Dallas News, daily except Sunday, and the Merkel Mail for one year each \$5.85

These prices are good until Jan. 31, 1926.

BUSINESS MEETING AT LUNCHEON CLUB

The Merkel Luncheon Club held its regular meeting Tuesday evening at Ed's Cafe with Mr. Chas. H. Jones presiding in the absence of the president, Mr. H. C. West, who is confined to his home on account of illness.

The meeting was wholly a business session and was pronounced by every one as being by far the best business meeting in some time. There was much discussion pro and con, regarding the plans of active service by the Club for the next few months, which resulted in a decision to secure the building of a gravel road leading out of town north to the intersection of the Stith gravel road. In fact it was decided that this piece of work must be done and the road committee, the personnel of which is well known, was increased by adding the names of Messrs. J. T. Warren and R. O. Anderson, local bankers.

The next question discussed was the West Texas Chamber of Commerce district meeting to be held at Midland next Tuesday. The discussion resulted in a decision to send a large delegation to that city with the avowed intention of bringing to Merkel the next year's District meeting. It will be remembered that for the past two years Merkel has been a very close contender for the meeting each year, and it is hoped and believed that we can get the meeting this year. Let every one who can make arrangements to go to Midland next Tuesday.

MRS. JOHN SEARS TAKEN TO DALLAS SANITARIUM

Mrs. John Sears, who for the past several weeks has been in very poor health, was taken to a sanitarium at Dallas where she is now under the care of specialists. Mrs. Sears has been critically ill most of the time for several weeks, and according to her physicians her recovery is very doubtful.

Box Supper at the Mulberry School House

Tonight, Friday, Jan 22, there will be a box supper at the Mulberry school house for the purpose of raising funds for play ground equipment and athletic goods. Everyone is cordially invited and those who can be asked to bring boxes.

Banks to Close at 4:00 p.m.

On and after February 1, 1926 the Farmers & Merchants National Bank and the Farmers State Bank of Merkel will open their doors for business at 9:00 a.m. and close in the afternoon at 4:00, until further notice. It

Mr. H. C. West, one of our most enterprising and worthy citizens, president of the Luncheon Club, is confined to his bed for several weeks upon recommendation of physicians. We join his host of friends in the hopes that he may soon be up and about soon, as well as sound and well.

Miss Ruth Prim of Clyde and Miss Nellie Penney of Sweetwater are guests of Miss Rennie Burns this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown of Anson were here first of the week guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. West and many friends.

Read our ad on second page of this paper!! The F. & M. Nat'l Bank.

LAST CHANCE TO SECURE MEMORIAL HALF DOLLAR

The campaign to sell Merkel's quota of Confederate Memorial Half Dollar ends Saturday night, January 23rd.

If you have not already done so, you should by all means secure one of these coins never minted by the United States with the image of a soldier upon it and this coin bears the likeness of two soldiers of the south, "Confederate Grays."

By action of Congress this coin has been minted and is now being put into circulation as a Memorial to the Valor of the Soldiers of the South. It is up to us of the SOUTH to take these coins and take them all, and take them quickly, thereby evidencing our appreciation of what our government has done to aid the financing of the Memorial on Stone Mountain.

Should we fail to accept our quota of these coins we will stand before our neighbors as a people whose professions of reverence for the memory of their heroes are a sham and a pretense; a people bereft of pride and gratitude; a people dead to patriotism and disloyal to their blood. GET YOUR COIN NOW!

C. C. CAMPBELL TAKEN TO BAPTIST SANITARIUM

Mr. C. C. Campbell who for the past several months has been in very poor health, was removed one day this week from his home here to the Baptist Sanitarium at Abilene, where he is now in the care of hospital physicians.

For many years Mr. Campbell has at different times been identified with the newspaper business in Merkel, at one time about fifteen years ago published the daily Telegram here when the town was in its boom days and for the past several years he has done valuable service for the Merkel Mail. We have found him not only to be capable and efficient as a newspaper man, but he is one of the kindest and most considerate citizens it has ever been our privilege to associate with. We join his host of good friends in and about Merkel in the sincere hopes that he may receive permanent and lasting relief in the treatment he is to receive at the Sanitarium.

Father Dies at Roscoe

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis returned Sunday from a trip to Roscoe where they were called to attend the funeral of Mrs. Davis' father, J. D. Badgley, one of the substantial and well known citizens of that place.

Their many friends extend deepest sympathy during their sad hour of bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis returned via Lorraine where they visited Mr. Davis' parents.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither of San Angelo, were here this week for a visit with the former's father, Mr. B. C. Gaither, as well as a host of good friends.

Mr. Adrian Rea, who for the past few months has been a valuable employe at the Grimes-Smith Drug Company, returned from a visit to his parents, Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Rea, at Lockney.

Mrs. Fred S. Rogers of Lamesa is here this week the guest of many friends.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK

At close of business Dec. 31, 1925

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$249,520.08
Banking House	12,500.00
Furniture & Fixtures	5,430.00
Other Real Estate	11,652.50
Stocks and Bonds	1,135.00
Assessment Gty. Fund	9,480.95
Int. Depositors Gty. Fund	8,422.66
Cash and Ex.	\$200,317.00
Prime Com. Paper	85,000.00
U. S. Bonds and	
Treas. Cert.	78,950.00
Bills of Exchange	
Cotton	57,620.20
TOTAL QUICK ASSETS.	\$421,887.20
Total	\$720,028.39
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits Earned	20,750.00
Dividends Unpaid	2,500.00
Borrowed Money	NONE
Deposits	646,778.39
Total	\$720,028.39

Banking Friendship that Encircles this Section

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. S. Swann, President	Herbert Patterson,
R. O. Anderson, V. Pres.	Assistant Cashier
J. C. Mason, V. Pres.	
W. L. Diltz, Cashier	Dallas Scarbrough
	David Hendricks



MR. EPLIN ANNOUNCES FOR COUNTY JUDGE

Mr. Tom K. Eplin, a progressive and capable young attorney, of Abilene, authorizes the Mail to place in our announcement column his name as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Taylor county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July.

Asked for a bit of biography and a declaration of some of the things for which he stood, Mr. Eplin said:

TOM K. EPLEN

"I was born in Milam county, Texas, in 1901. My parents came to Abilene in 1908 and since that time I have lived in and near Abilene. I started in the first grade in a local school and was graduated from the Abilene High School mid-term 1918. Until that time I attended school in term time and worked on my father's farm in the summer. Shortly after finishing high school I served in J. T. Leeson's Grocery, and later with Chandler & Schultz. I then entered Simmons College but was forced out because of the lack of funds. I then served one year as wrapping cashier for the Campbell Dry Goods. At the end of one year I was admitted to the civil service, and re-entered Simmons College, carrying a full course there and at the same time serving a regular shift with the local post-office. At the end of two years I entered the Texas University Law School and attended regular and summer terms until I finished my law work, making my expenses by working at a bakery in Austin. My license to practice law bears the date of March 29, 1924. Since June 1924, I have maintained my own law office over the F. & M. Bank in Abilene. All of my people were southerners, early settlers of Milam County, Texas, and I am a democrat thru and thru."

Following is Judge Eplin's formal announcement:

I hereby place my name before the voters of Taylor County as a candidate for the office of County Judge, subject to the democratic primaries.

I know the duties of the office and the service which the citizens of Taylor County deserve and must have from their County Judge. In my past experience I have found that the County Judge must deal with the unfortunate widows, orphans, and the destitute almost daily, representing the people of the County, discharging an administrative trust which is left to his discretion. Closely akin to this duty is that of sitting as probate judge. He is the chief Justice of a great probate system, and certainly no more sacred trust could be had than that of seeing that justice is given to the heirs of a decedent. He must be a man of sound business judgment as well as having the ability to judge law. As judge of the Commissioners' Court he must know the people, know the condition of the County, know their needs, with the idea of progress and building ever at the front, but seeing to it that the dollars are wisely spent and that progress is paid for by all as well as enjoyed by all. He must sit as a judge in the trial of cases, which requires a knowledge of the law and he must make decisions which are in keeping with the facts of the case. The man who overlooks such duties as these has over-

looked the heart of the service which he offers his county. I have considered all of them carefully.

I have been reared in Taylor county and know no other county as a home. I have seen the changes that Taylor county has made during the past eighteen years and I have grown up with this growth and development. I love my county and it is with pride that I can state that I have been reared here. Through my own efforts and against the hard knocks of life I pushed my way through school and along the pathway in the practice of law to my present position and I realize that just as I had to pay to get there the people of Taylor County must pay for the progress and improvements which she enjoys. I was born and reared a democrat and I know no other doctrine, and I am a firm believer in that old principle, "A government of, by and for the people." I do not believe in petty politics and I am making this race solely on my own merits.

I briefly submit the following principles for which I stand:

I know that the life of this county depends upon the farmer. When he prospers the country prospers. He is the salt of the earth and I am for his first, last and always.

The day of arguing good roads is past, we have got to have them. In my opinion it is not a question of mapping out a program and cooperating with the people in carrying it out. The people of Taylor county have already acted so far as they can. In 1923 they voted by an overwhelming majority to build roads. Shortly after the bonds were voted the aid with which to build the highways was available and now the people are waiting to enjoy some of the rewards of their part of the road building plan. Taylor County has some of the worst roads in the State of Texas and people are being directed around Taylor County for the sole reason that her roads are bad. Other counties starting later than Taylor have their roads well under construction or practically finished. Many of these counties built their roads from the bottom up, whereas Taylor County has a fine system of gravel roads, and the dumps and foundations were built to start on. We can and must have good roads and it can be done now.

I believe in systematic and efficient road maintenance. Other counties in the state have tools and equipment and keep their roads in such condition that it is a pleasure to ride over them. Taylor County can have roads that are kept in good shape, and the rural people are entitled to such roads as long as they pay their taxes. The County Judge is the man to get behind this work, and if elected I will build some roads promptly.

When sitting on the bench I believe that the County Judge should be governed in his actions by the law and the decisions as the same apply to the particular fact case, showing no partiality because of any man's creed or standing, and giving justice to all within the meaning and intent of our laws. The court room is a place for business and the matters that come before the court should be dispatched in a business way.

TOM K. EPLEN.

Clean your stove of soot by throwing half cup table salt on hot coals—Forget it and buy Diavalo Coal. Swafford, phone No. 44. It

Just received a car of Peace Maker Flour at Bob Martin Grocery Co. It

Apple Charlotte.

Soak one-half of an envelope of sparkling gelatin in one-fourth of a cupful of cold water, add one-half cupful of boiling water and stir until well dissolved; now add two table-spoonfuls of lemon juice, one cupful each of sugar and cooked apple; when the mixture begins to stiffen, beat with a wire whisk, then fold in the stiffly-beaten whites of three eggs and beat again. Turn into a mold lined with lady fingers.

Organized in the days of the Covered Wagon

NOTICE

Although we have already given away more than seven hundred 1926 MAP CALENDARS it has come to our attention that some of our very best customers neglected to get one.

For the benefit of the patrons who failed to receive one of these useful maps we have ordered ONE HUNDRED MORE and expect to receive them the later part of this month.

If you are a customer of this bank and have not received your MAP kindly call for it about Jan. 28

THE OLD RELIABLE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

MERKEL

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A Square Deal For Every Customer

K.I.S.S. Club Notes

The K.I.S.S. Club met Friday night, Jan 15th, at the home of Miss Sallie Brown with Misses Sallie Brown and Lola Dennis as hostesses. The amusements were varied and each guest was allowed to choose her own course for the evening. Fortune telling proved to be the most popular as everyone wanted to be in on that. During the evening the house was bombarded by giant firecrackers and the boys' club is thought to be the cause of it. Sandwiches, olives, cakes and hot chocolate were served to the following members: Eva Mae Johnson, Jessie and Irene Golightly, Anna Lou Russell, Sybil Smith, Stell Ledger, Hallie Puke, Lillian

Rider, Mary Hutcheson, Edith Baker and the hostesses. The following guests were also served Edna Marie Jones, Tommie Durham, Inice Brown and Madden Brown.

STATIONERY SPECIAL

200 sheets of paper and 100 envelopes to match with your name and address or monogram printed to order in blue ink for \$2.00. You may have your choice of folder or straight sheet in white, pearl gray, royal blue, pink or light yellow. You can't beat this for a stationery bargain. Makes appropriate gifts. Also have \$1.15 box. THE MERKEL MAIL. It

Notice to the Public

Beginning with the first of the year 1926 we will only do a "FIRST TO FIRST" business. All bills will be due on the first of each month. As gasoline and tires have gone so high and it takes so much money to run a credit business, we will hereafter just do a "FIRST TO FIRST" business.

Now we want to treat you right but we can't carry you but one month at a time.

Hoping you will do business with us on our new plan, and we thank you for the past business you have given us and hope you will have a prosperous year during 1926.

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Merkel Texas

SIMPLE MIXTURE MAKES STOMACH FEEL FINE

Simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adlerika, often helps stomach trouble in TEN minutes by removing GAS. Brings out a surprising amount of old waste matter you never thought was in your system.

Stops that full, bloated feeling and makes you happy and cheerful. Excellent for chronic constipation. Adlerika works very QUICKLY and delightfully easy. Merkel Drug Co. In Trent by R. B. Johnson.

Expecting car Maize Heads. Swafford, phone 44. It

TIRE SALE FOR 16 DAYS ONLY

30x3 Pathfinder Fabric	\$ 7.00
30x3 1-2 " " "	8.00
30x3 1-2 Goodyear all weather	11.10
80x3 1-2 Pathfinder Cord	9.25
30x3 1-2 " " oversize cord	10.50
30x3 1-2 Goodyear all weather cord	13.25
30x3 1-2 Heavy Duty 6 ply Goodyear	18.25

All other sizes reduced
in proportion

This is strictly a cash price, with no trade on old tires.

Sale will last until Feb. 1st. only.

Merkel Garage

ANNOUNCEMENT

In order that our motto of "SERVICE" might be bettered we have secured the services of Mrs. Geo. Ohite to take charge of our books and collections, so that the management can devote their entire time to the service of our customers.

Grimes-Smith Drug Co.

Prescription Druggists
"The Home of Good Service"
Phone 9 Front Street

EARL HUGHES CANDIDATE FOR TAX COLLECTOR

The Mail is pleased to place in its announcement column as a candidate for Tax Collector of Taylor county, the name of Mr. Earl Hughes, for the past five years deputy in the office of Tax Collector D. T. Harkrider, who announces subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

Earl Hughes was born in Mulberry Canyon, the son of Mr. John S. Hughes of this city, is 25 years of age. He is married and has one child. Since he was reared in this part of the county he is well and favorably known and will no doubt enjoy a very fine vote throughout this section.

Mr. Hughes has done more than five years service as deputy collector under D. T. Harkrider, the present incumbent, who has stated that he will not ask for

re-election. By actual experience in this office Mr. Hughes believes that he has now become better fitted for performing the duties of this important post than any other man in the county and asks the voters to give his candidacy their serious consideration.

In speaking of Mr. Hughes candidacy D. T. Harkrider, present Tax Collector, said: "During more than five years that he has worked with me in this office I have found him to be strictly honest, industrious and polite and he is thoroughly acquainted with all details of the work of the office which he is seeking. He is eminently qualified to fill the office to the satisfaction of the voters if elected."

We ask our readers when casting their vote for Tax Collector of Taylor county at the July primary to give Mr. Hughes' claims due and careful consideration.

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Complete ELGIN Watches

\$11.00 and Up

Also a good value in

DIAMOND RINGS

From \$15.00 Up

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DAMAGED SALE of goods still on, new goods arriving by express and freight and will be sold at a ten per cent discount for cash during this sale. So come and look. They're priced to sell for less money than I have sold them at in the twenty-five years I have been in business. Your trade appreciated from one and all. JNO B. BELL & SON. It

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest.

Expecting ear Maize Heads. Swafford, phone 44. It

Service

Plus Courtesy

No other three words could more forcibly convey the desire of this organization's employees to see that you get the best in automobile service when your patronage is entrusted to us.

Our foremost consideration—the satisfaction of the automobile owner has already earned for us the reputation of "Leaders of our Line"

Please visit us sometime, if it's only for an inspection or for water in your battery. We'll appreciate it just lots. Regular attention is essential to the upkeep of any motor car.

Guaranteed Repair Work
Filling Station Service
Battery Charging Service
Tires, Tubes, Accessories

Everybody's Garage

SERVICE PLUS COURTESY

John Deere Implements

We now have received our second car of John Deere Implements this season, and have samples arranged where we will be glad to show you and which have many new improvements. We carry only one line of implements. For this reason we have extras for only one line to carry. We have on hand the largest line of extras of any John Deere dealer in this territory. (Worth thinking over.) when buying a plow, the question of getting extras for it is to be considered as well as the quality of the plow.

HARNESS

We carry a complete line of Harness, collars and other leather goods and believe it will be worth your while to look our line over before you buy.

INCUBATORS

We carry in stock the "SAFTY HATCH" and also the "AUTOMATIC" incubators. If thinking of buying, we will appreciate showing you these machines.

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Among the NOTABLES

SIR WALTER SCOTT

THERE were many famous people born on the fifteenth of August, among them Napoleon, De Quincy and Sir Walter Scott.

This last, the great Scottish poet and novelist, was born in Edinburgh, in 1771. As he was a delicate child, no formal sort of education was given him and he was rather indulged in his tastes. The most predominant of these was a love of hearing the tales of adventure on the Scottish border, which his grandmother and family friends used to tell him, and to read collections of legends and ballads, of his and other countries. He studied French, Italian and German, just to read their literature in the original.

He did not begin to write very young; he seemed to have stored up tales in his head until, when he finally settled on authorship, they simply tumbled out onto the manuscript. His first was the poem "Lay of the Last Minstrel," a great success and a departure from the abstruse poetry of the period. Later, he took to novel writing, doing two and three a year, with amazing rapidity. "Kenilworth," "Ivanhoe," "Bride of Lammermoor"—taken as the basis of the opera "Lucia," later—and dozens of others were written and fairly gobbled up by an eager public. Scott made money rapidly, had a lovely home and an income aside from his earnings. Then a publishing firm he was interested in, failed, leaving him more than \$600,000 debts. Though he could have avoided paying, he insisted on earning and paying every cent, and before he died in 1832 had almost done so. (© by George Matthew Adams)

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The water pure that bids the thirsty live;
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A FEW DESSERTS

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METHODIST CHURCH

Our Sunday School and the church services were well attended last Sunday though quite a number of the "regulars" were absent.

We want to have 350 in Sunday school next Sunday. We hope that each class may report 100 per cent attendance, and that we may see many new faces at this service.

The Bible lesson for Sunday is very interesting, emphasizing the evangelistic message.

The Sunday School lessons, and all lesson material with their exposition for some weeks to come will deal with the evangelistic message. For Sunday school teachers and workers this should be a time of sowing as well as enlistment and cultivation.

"The gospel is the power of God unto Salvation," and when

its message is presented free from ceremonial accretions or arbitrary interpretations it is greatly blessed of God. It is vital and important, and we invite you to worship with us both hours Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.
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If religion is really right and worth while, it does seem that those employed to teach and train the youth of the land should at least believe in and practice the Christian religion.

It may be a wild and rotten age in which to live and we some times think it is, but if such is the case we had rather live in Merkel than any place we know of, because we believe it is the best town and community in which one can find to reside. If we knew of a better place we would go there.

If this town is not as good as it should be, who is responsible? The citizens, of course, because every nation, state and community is just what the citizenship makes it. It is no better than the citizens. If the best citizens are in charge it is a good town; if the low, vile, rotten class is in charge the town is that kind.

In this paper will be found an appeal, "your last chance to secure one of the Stone Mountain Memorial Coins," to which we call your attention, urging that you read the same. Mr. Booth Warren is the local Chairman for putting over Merkel's quota of sale of these coins and he informs us that the time limit for making a report of the number sold here is drawing near, and he with many others of our city who are deeply interested in seeing Merkel do her part in thus honoring the soldiers of the South urge upon those who have

not as yet procured one of these coins to drop into either of the banks, drug stores and other places of business handling the coins and buy one. They are actually worth 50 cents and half of the dollar you pay for one will go toward finishing the World's most noted and famous monument, Stone Mountain.

It's certainly interesting to hear some people talk about the present generation of young people, how they are on the road to hell. They may be, but who is responsible? The adults of this present generation. No one else. And of course there are things going on today that are not right, but in most cases the boys and girls are cleaner and by far more intelligent than most of their parents when they were of the same age. How about it, you fathers and mothers? Of course there is always to be heard that old maid-old bachelor gang who constantly feel that they should tell the REAL fathers and mothers how to raise their children, which is rot of the first waters. And then there are those with silly ideas who think their children are too good to associate with and play for a few minutes with the neighbors children of the community. Then there are those who have possibly raised one, just one, who has not the slightest ambition further than to hold on to the apron string of mother, one that has never had the opportunity to try its character or training, never allowed a minute of freedom where character may be tested, and where the parents have a perfect horror for the children of others. And there are those who are so little and narrow as to deny little children any pleasure, always grumbling about the little noise they make. Well, they have their reward coming, and we doubt that it will be flowery beds of ease in the Heavens.

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SEEK SETTLE VATICAN AND STATE PROBLEMS

Rome, Jan 16.—The bridging of the old chasm between the Vatican and the state can best be accomplished through mediation of the league of nations. A leading member of the sacred college is authority for this statement. The cardinal, whose identity he insists must not be made known, is of the opinion that the breach between church and state which has existed since the fall of the temporal power, could be surmounted if Italy would consent to the setting up in the confines of the city of Rome of a small papal state, over which the pontiff would hold the mandate of the league of nations.

The suggestion of the cardinal that the league offer its good offices to the Vatican and the Italian government is a new one and in Rome it is considered as answering objections to the creation of a papal state.

Cardinal Bourne, archbishop of Westminster, some years ago advanced the idea of a creation of a papal state in Rome in which the pope would exercise both temporal and spiritual powers. The subject was discussed privately during the Versailles peace conference.

Under Cardinal Bourne's plan, the holy see would be given the southern slopes of Monte Mario down to the Vatican gardens and would include the property on which the American Methodists intended to build an international institute.

The above is sufficient to give every Protestant in America an idea of the sinister motives behind the League of Nations and World Court, and while it is somewhat unpopular to make the statement, there are those who are capable and qualified to know and understand the World Court and the League of Nations, who can see and are proclaiming the dangers that lurk in those treaties, should the American Government enter as

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a member. It is nice and easy for a nation, like individuals, to sail down the stream with the tide, but nations like individuals, often times find itself in mighty bad company, where to save its honor and self respect, must fight its way out. Such will be the case with the United States when it goes into the Catholic controlled World Court and the League of Nations.

M.E. Missionary Society

Program for the Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist church for next Monday at 2:30
Topic: "Stewardship and the Lordship of Jesus Christ."

Song and prayer.
Bible lesson: If Jesus Came today, Matt. 18:19-20; 25:31-41, by Mrs. McCarter.

Reading, Mrs. McSpadden.
1. Are the things I possess my own or are there prior claims which should be recognized? by Mrs. Golliday.

2. If I am merely a steward of all my possessions, what should be my controlling motive in their use? Mrs. Coats.

3. What are the reasons for including the missionary enterprise in the expenditure of my material gifts? Mrs. Whiteley.

4. If the Lordship of Jesus is to be complete, what greater gifts than material possessions must be put at his disposal? by Mrs. Williams.

5. Personal consecration, Mrs. Beidleman.

Signing of pledge cards and miscellaneous gifts for 1926.

A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank each and every one of our friends who so kindly helped us during the serious illness and death of our dearly beloved wife and mother. May God's richest blessings be upon each one of you. Also many thanks for the beautiful floral offerings. Sam Provine, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan, Mr and Mrs. Reed Cox.

Allison-Byrom Wedding

On December 18, 1925, Rev. J. M. Fuller performed the ceremony that made husband and wife Mr. James Bowie Allison and Miss Betty Byrom.

The wedding took place at the Methodist parsonage at Seymour Texas.

Miss Byrom, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Byrom of near Trent, was teaching school at B.Y. at the time of the wedding. She is a graduate of McMurry College Academy, Abilene. She attended school there in '23, '24 and '25, having received her certificate from that place.

The groom, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Allison of Memphis, Texas, is section foreman of the State Highways in Foard and Hardeman counties. His location is at Quanah.

This young couple spent the Christmas holidays with their relatives at Memphis, Amarillo, and Anson. They spent the second week of their vacation at Quanah when Mr. Allison might keep in touch with his business there. He will continue his work there while Mrs. Allison will finish school at B.Y. In the summer she plans to join Bowie (Bugs) in their home at Quanah.

The best wishes are extended this young couple. Baylor County Banner.

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COMPERE ITEMS

By Alma Stout

Health of the community is not very good at present.

Mr. Marshall is still very sick and had not improved any at last reports.

Every one was sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Whitaker, who died on last Tuesday night. He and his family had only lived in this community a little over a month, coming to this place in November from Oklahoma. He was 77 years old. Surviving are: a wife and eight children, only four of the children were able to attend the funeral. The bereaved relatives have our sympathy.

Mr. Frank Merritt got his arm broke Saturday night while he was cranking a car, but he was doing nicely at last reports.

Mr and Mrs C. Foster and baby visited at Mrs Stout's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hobbs and family and Miss Minnie Ethel Canon from Warren visited Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and family Sunday.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Howard Sunday were Charlie and Alice Allred, Alma and Lorene Stout and Mr. and Mrs. Tarvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Marse Blankenship and children spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Allred and family.

Mrs. Spurgin is spending this week with relatives in Merkel.

Mrs. Nora Lanier and baby, who have been spending the last few months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tarvin, returned to her home in McKinney last Thursday night.

Miss Virgie Marshall spent Tuesday night with her sister, Mrs. Violet Smith.

Mrs. Spurgin, L. V. and Robert E. Spurgin spent the afternoon with Mrs. Stout last Thursday.

Those visiting at Mr. Tarvin's for a while Wednesday night were Mr. G. W. Stout and family Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Howard and children, and Charlie and

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Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin and Mr. and Mrs. Will Spurgin and baby visited at Mrs. Stout's for a while Tuesday night.

Compere ball teams will play a game of ball at Pleasant Hill next Friday afternoon. Go see the game and yell for Compere.

There will be preaching at the Presbyterian church next Sunday at eleven o'clock. Sunday school at 10:30. Everybody is cordially invited.

Mrs. George White has accepted a position with Grimes-Smith Drug Company as bookkeeper and Collector.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For County Judge:
TOM K. EPLEN

For Sheriff:
H. T. O'BAR

For County Clerk:
W. E. BEASLEY

For Tax Collector:
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For County Treasurer:
AUSTIN FITTS

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For Public Weigher:
THOS. A. BEARDEN

For Commissioner, this Precinct:
PHILLIP A. DILTZ

SALT BRANCH ITEMS

By Wynona Patton

Miss Marie Pinkley was the guest of Miss Ruba Patton Sunday evening.

Mr. Halie and daughter, of Abilene, were visitors at Salt Branch Sunday afternoon.

Prof. Allphin of Abilene was a visitor at Salt Branch Sunday afternoon.

Misses Ruth and Pauline Pinkley of A.C.C. spent the weekend with home folks and friends.

Mr. Mason Barker was the guest of Mr. Willie Hays Sunday.

The farmers are all busy breaking their land. Some will finish in a few more days. The rain last Saturday was appreciated by the farmers.

Mrs. Fortenberry and Miss Anna Walker of Cross Roads community were visitors at Salt Branch Sunday.

Mr. Ford and Mr. Stanley of Stith community were visitors at Salt Branch Sunday afternoon.

Miss Willie Newman was a

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Phillip Diltz is too well known in this community and county for this paper to extend commendation in his behalf; and likewise is his most excellent record as Commissioner too well known to need praise at our hands, therefore it is hard to make an extended write up of his candidacy. We are sure that it is the unanimous opinion so far as this paper knows, that Mr. Diltz has been very diligent, honest and efficient in the performance of his official duties. Besides this he has been fair and courteous to each and every one having business with him in his official dealings. While he has looked after the best interest of the people of his precinct, he has considered fairly the interests and rights of those residing in other parts of the county. In fact we doubt if this precinct ever had a more capable or conscientious Commissioner than he. Possibly many have been just as good, but none better.

He has served just one term and should have fair and careful consideration of his claims when the voters cast their vote for Commissioner next July.

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2 How the Holy Spirit Reveals God, Ruby Fae Golliday.
3 The Holy Spirit in our hearts (1) Evelyn Hamm. (2) Byers Petty.
4 Spiritual things revealed, by Bill Haynes.
5 The Holy Spirit both author and teacher. (1) Mary Parrack; (2) Autrey Porter.

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Talk by leader. Song.
Some Bible hints, Nina Belle Russell. Clippings. Questions.
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Mr. Petty has accepted a position with the Bragg Dry Goods Company.

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W. V. Harris and family of Eliasville, Texas, were here last week, guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris.

BAPTIST CHURCH

All regular services Sunday and through the week. Sunday School at 10 a.m. in charge of Bill Haynes.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. All B.Y.P.U.'s meet in the main auditorium at 6:15, then go to their various rooms for separate programs, coming back to the auditorium for reports and closing service which is merged into the evening preaching service.

Come and help make our B.Y.P.U.'s go.

Training classes meet Monday at 7 p.m. Ladies meeting Tuesday at 2 p.m. Prayermeeting Wednesday at 7 p.m. In spite of cold and rain our attendance

this week was fine and our young mens Bible class is still boosting.

We have received the "Standard of Excellence" award for our Sunday School again, making nine consecutive years we have held this standard in our Sunday school. Come help us get the "Advanced Standard." We can get this as soon as each department becomes a standard department. Help make your department standard. Come worship with us.

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Elder Cypert Preaches Sunday

Elder W. G. Cypert announces that he will preach at the North Side Church of Christ in this city on next Sunday morning and evening, and cordially invites all who will to hear him at either hour. He especially urges the church membership to be present.

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Since publishing the above last week, we are proud to say that most of our good customers have come in and made settlement of their accounts, for which we are very grateful. And to the few who have not as yet been in, will ask that you kindly drop in and make settlement, as we must make our final report by Feb. 1st.

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Married Monday

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Play at Shiloh

A home talent play will be given at the Shiloh church on Friday night, Jan 29th. The proceeds derived will be used to make a payment on a piano for the church. An admission charge of 25c will be made.

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I will have car of hulls and meal on track at once. See or phone me for prices off the car. L. L. Murray, Phone 265. tf

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FOR SALE or Trade—One Standard one-row Planter in good shape. Will trade for one row cultivator or sell cheap. F. M. Mullen, Rt. 1, Merkel. 1tp

FOR SALE—Good house and lot will take Ford car as part pay. J. C. Mason. 1tp

FOR SALE—Good fresh Jersey milk cow. See E. C. Richards, west of Noodle, telephone No. 9039F11. 22t2p

FOR SALE—Two single-row cultivators, also one sulkey plow and one walking breaking plow. See S. F. Haynes. 1t

FOR SALE or Trade for farm land, well improved sheep and goat ranch in Uvalde county, 1280 acres at \$12 per acre. Apply at Merkel Mail office. tf

FOR SALE—Choice foundation pen Barred Plymouth Rocks. Better hurry! \$15.00. Booth Warren at F & M Bank. 1t

FOR SALE—My home on Oak street, two lots, five room house, bath, garage, wash house and nice young orchard. For particulars see F. H. Latham. 1t

Just received a car of Peace Maker Flour at Bob Martin Grocery Co. It

Baker & Wheeler will appreciate your patronage in fresh and cured meats of all kinds in season. Call on them for fresh pork, sausage, steak, cured meats, roasts, etc. tf

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms, the Rufe Tittle place on Oak street. Apply to W. A. Whiteley, Merkel, Texas. tf

WANTED

WANTED—Hands to clear land by the acre. Also need man to do farm and ranch work by the month. Sam Butman, Sr. 15t2

WANTED—A few more milk customers, night or morning. W. S. Chinn, phone 9010F4. 1t

WANTED—Blacksmith at View at once. 75 per cent commission or would rent shop and filling station together. Plenty of work. J. J. Smith, View. 1tp

WANTED—Family for farm work. See M. P. Latimer, route No. 5. 1tp

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—A key ring with three Yale keys, all alike. Owner can get same by calling at Merkel Mail and paying for this ad. The keys were found by a small boy.

IF—If you have trouble with soot try Diovalo coal for your next order. Two cars choice in transit. Swafford, phone 44. 1t

Apple Roll.

Prepare a rich biscuit dough. Cut apples to make a cupful (chop them in the chopping bowl). Roll out the dough and put in the apples sugared and flavored to taste. Roll up and bake one-half hour. Pour over some cranberry sauce and bake ten minutes longer. Peaches, plums and cherries may be used for this pudding.

SENIOR NOTES

By Oscar

Lion Tamers' Stag Party

On last Friday night one of the wildest parties of the school year of '25-'26 was staged. This was strictly a stag party and all the necessities of a wild stag party were in evidence, i.e., wine women and song, but minus the women.

After the first hour which was spent in playing "42" and shooting billiards those present retired to different parts of town where a "hen" party was in progress. Although the stags were there but a few minutes, all concerned were thrilled and duly

After going back to the club house dainty refreshments of dill pickles, sauer kraut and wienies were served. About 10:30 a Ford Four Sedan came by the club house with the most horrible noises streaming forth that several of the stags were prone to howl but were choked down by some more of the sympathetic sufferers. About 2 or 3 o'clock a.m. all the members took their leave hoping that the Lion Tamers would have another party soon. Those attending this party were: Lewis Giles, Vernon Chaney, Leron Chaney, Delbert Polly, Weldon Wells, Andrew Jones, Maben Rogers and last, but not least, Mr. Sidney Lee Criswell.

—Boost The Annual—

It is rumored that Sidney Criswell, the Senior football star, is going to try out for basketball.

—M.H.S.—

Have you bought your Annual?

About the Seniors of M.H.S.

Did you know poor underclassmen that if all the brains of the Seniors were taken out of their heads and put in a container they would fill up a quart can?

Did you know that if the Seniors were standing one upon the shoulders of the others that they would reach away up in the air?

Last but not least, did you

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To our customers and friends—We wish to call your attention to the fact that, owing to our inability to conduct our business and extend to anyone long time credit, we will appreciate your favoring us with the prompt settlement of your accounts on the first of each month.

Our means are limited and our bills must be paid on the first of each and every month; therefore we will only be able to meet our obligations when you are prompt to pay us on the first of each month.

Thanking you one and all for the splendid business you have and are extending us, and further assure you that we shall bend every effort to give you good service, we remain yours, for service.

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NO KNIFE NO PAIN NO DETENTION FROM WORK
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RECTAL AND SKIN SPECIALIST
OF ABILENE, TEXAS

Will be at the Stephens Hotel in Merkel Monday, Jan. 25 from 12 a. m. to 5 p. m.
Phone No. 359 Abilene, Texas

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know that if all the hair from the heads of some of our noble Seniors was cut off and laid on the north entrance that it would all blow away the first time a big wind came up?

If you did not know this, gentle under calssmen, we sincerely hope you will profit by this essay.

Mr. Jackson in geometry class: "Ira, can you prove that a line through the center of a circle perpendicular to a chord bisects the chord?"

Ira: "Well I don't have to prove it; I admit it."

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

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—Farmers of Taylor and surrounding counties have used Moline Plows.

We have customers who have used their Moline Double Disc Plows over 20 years.

The Moline costs a little more than competitive makes, but they cut more, pull lighter, last longer and cost less to keep up

Plows delivered to your farm.

Terms, cash, part cash or all on fall time

Your credit is good here.

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- Gold Living Room suits**
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Remember if you buy at Barrow's you get Standard Goods. If it isn't good, we'll make it good.

Pay cash and get your discount in Green Stamps

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MID-WINTER SALE

Men's Overcoats
 OUR ENTIRE STOCK GOES ON SALE—Snappy Young Men's Coats; also Conservative ones for older men.
50% Off

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FRIDAY IS THE BIG DAY

Hope Domestic
 EVERY ONE KNOWS THE QUALITY OF THIS HIGH GRADE DOMESTIC
14c Per Yd.
 10 yard limit to customer

The prophets say "Winter will be long and cold." Two more months to wear winter clothing. Don't fail to take advantage of these low prices

Men's Wool Mixed Sox
21 Cents per pr.
 Limit Three Pair to Customer

Sale Opens Jan. 22

32 Inch Gingham
 Guaranteed Fast Colors
17 Cents Per yd.
 A Price Never Made in Any Sale

Some goods going at less than cost.

Heavy Weight Shirts and Drawers
 You Had Better Stock up, Men At These Prices
59 Cents each

Read these prices and decide for yourself:

Heavy Weight Outings
14 1/2 Cents Per Yd
 Limit 10 yards to Customer

Men's Beaver Brand Hats
 You Had Better Buy That Hat Now if you Want to Save
 \$1.50 to \$2.00
\$3.95 Each



SOX
 BUY SIX PAIR OR MORE DURING THIS SALE—YOU SAVE MONEY

Turkish Towels
 Lay in a supply to Last Sometime, as our Prices on Towels are the Lowest you've seen.

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 Extra Heavy Weight 66x80
\$2.39 Pair
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 Come Early, as They Will Not Last Long at These Prices
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 You cannot afford to Buy Less than Two Pair of these Blankets at our Low Prices.

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 YOU CAN AFFORD A NEW CAP AT OUR LOW PRICES.

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 Our line of Shoes is Guaranteed to give Satisfaction Come in and get our Prices—You must not miss this opportunity to save on Shoes.

36 Inch Percale
 All New Patterns
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 A Pant that Sells Regular at \$2.75 to \$3.00
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 The very Newest in Patterns at Prices you will be glad to hear.

Children's Sweaters
 A Nice Assortment
33 1/3 Per Cent off

Extra Heavy Turkish Towels
 Large Size 19x36 inch
19 Cents Each

Many items on sale not listed. Come expecting a treat worthwhile

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