

## LYCEUM WAS GREAT SUCCESS

Number has the Largest Attendance. Was Pleasing And Educational

The High school Lyceum was a success. The people have shown that they appreciated the kind of clean some entertainment that a course furnishes. The was a marked success the financial point of view, netted the school important fund about \$40.00 all expenses, and all agree has been a success in further entertainment that is to excell anywhere. It is that Merkel can again is course of high grade ment to counteract that it is not so elevating and business men including 2 local pastors, deserve our for having taken the risk, with no chance of themselves, of signing guarantee that made the possible. The merchants, Merkel Mail, the various, and others should be d for having so ably help- advertise the four numbers course. For the large present at the last number day evening, the Seniors niors classes of the high deserve much credit for campaign of advertising ling tickets on the day ing the number. We wish t all who have in any way ited to the success of so enterprise.

Lyceum course is not given e money for the benefit of ol, though a little was is time with which to e equipment, but its ose is to furnish the entertainment for Merkel uld in no other way be to secure. A Lyceum hat furnishes this kind rtainment would be a even though a financial resulted. When people un what the Redpath- Lyceum Bureau gives in of programs, the finan- will take care of itself. s to be complimented in the first lyceum course n here proved a financial It is to be hoped that tronage of this course inue, so that even a bet- may be secured next

r A. Burgess, Superintendent.

## FINING IN FIXTURES

Lowery and Gamble s, have this week added ful, new soda fountain, with the newest and oths all of which adds splendid service.

## SALE WAS GREAT SUCCESS

The Sale by the ladies of the Teachers Association at the Beasley building on Friday, was as is usual, a very undertaking by the grand success. We are that the nice sum of realized from the sale cakes, and the money will be used in putting walks at the high liding. ives are for the benefit lic at large and should i the public approval nage, as was the case ter.

## METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT

That was a good day we had last Sunday. Fine attendance at Sunday School, collection over \$20 everybody in fine spirits. Come and help us grow. Don't forget the time, Sunday School at 10 a. m. Regardless of the fact that there is so much sickness in our city we had a fine congregation at both the morning and evening services. We received twenty-one new members with more to follow next Sunday. Services at the regular hours next Sunday. And don't fail to come to our song service next Sunday at seven p. m. as there will be some new features at this service, which you would not like to miss. Come.

W. M. Murrill Pastor.

A. M. Whimbley, for twenty years one of the splendid citizens of the Stith community, was in the city last Saturday, and made this office a pleasant and appreciated visit. He states that on his farm there will be produced about two hundred bales of cotton, and about one hundred tons of feed stuff. Mr. Whimbley does not raise only cotton and feed stuffs on his farm, for he states that he and his good wife easily sold enough produce, such as chickens, eggs etc., to keep things going pretty nicely. In fact he is just one of the many substantial farmers of this community, who really know the true worth of the lands of this great country. He has seen the good and the bad times, but he stays—He wins.

## WETTEST JANUARY IN PAST 35 YEARS

Rainfall in Abilene during the month of January totaled 3.02 inches the heaviest record in 35 years of the local weather observatory. It represents an excess of 2.12 inches over the normal for 35 years.

There were only seven clear days in the month, five being listed as partly cloudy and 19 as cloudy. There was rain on eight different days in the month, the heaviest being .82 inches on the fifth.

The highest temperature registration was 74 degrees on the 18th and the lowest was 18 on the 9th. There was a deficiency of 1.2 degrees for the month, compared with the 35-year normal.

There were solar halos on six different days and lunar halos on four. —Reporter.

## THE THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club had a most enjoyable meeting with Mrs. John Briggs on January 27 at three p.m. The day being ideal a majority of the club members gathered at this hospitable home and enjoyed to the fullest extent the hours spent in fancy work, conversation and the ever fascinating game "forty-two".

Delicious refreshments consisting of fruited gelatine with whipped cream and cake were served, after which a few items of business was transacted. The members of the club enjoying this meeting of the club with Mrs. Briggs were: Mesdames Rotan Cypert, Homer Easterwood, Ross Ferrier, Forrest Gaither, T. L. Grimes, Ralph Henson, Lytton Howard, Earl Lassater, Tom Largent, Geo. Miller, Mims, Bud Scott, Carl Scott and James West.

Mrs. Frank McCluer of Hollis Oklahoma, sister to Mrs. J. M. Ashby, of Merkel, Died very recently from influenza.

## WOULD MAKE IT WEST TEXAS FAIR

Would ask West Texas C. of C. to Back Move and Insure Success

That the central West Texas Fair of Abilene be made to serve all West Texas, with the West Texas Chamber of Commerce joining in to make it a complete success, is the suggestion contained in a letter from Secretary John C. Wells of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, to General Manager Porter A. Whaley of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce The letter follows: Big Springs, Tex. 2-3-1920 West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Stamford, Texas.

Dear Sir:—Attention Mr. Porter Whaley. We note Abilene is planning for a big fall fair and the writer has been wondering if it would not be a good move for West Texas, the West and Abilene people to get together on this and make it really a West Texas fair—instead of purely an Abilene fair.

We note that the people of Abilene are inviting other counties to join with them but think if the West Texas Chamber of Commerce should get behind it, it would add prestige and at the same time attract more attention from the outside world.

We are planning for a county fair and suppose most of the other West Texas counties are, and we are also planning for an exhibit at the Dallas Fair but think co-operation in a fair like this one just mentioned would only give assistance and not hinder.

With the present prospects of good crops and the interest now taken in West Texas we think Abilene might find it necessary to extend her limits and enlarge her living facilities to take care of the crowd, this would draw but we believe they are equal to the emergency.

We are taking it for granted as satisfactory to you and sending a copy of this letter to the Abilene Reporter. Hoping that by co-operation all of West Texas as may this year take its place as the best part of Texas, I am.

Yours Respectfully, Jno. C. Wells, Sec. —Reporter.

## NORTH SIDE CHURCH

G. W. Cypert will preach next Sunday Morning at eleven a. m. and in the evening at 7 o'clock. Let's have a full house, come at 10 o'clock for Bible study.

## GARRETT OUT FOR PUBLIC WEAIGHER

In the proper announcement column of the Mail will be found the name of J. M. Garrett, as a candidate for re-election to the office of Public Weigher of the Merkel precinct.

Mr. Garrett is a splendid citizen, is well known to the voters of this precinct, has served efficiently and accommodatingly in this position for one term, and feels that with his past experience he is more capable to give you better service if elected for another term. He promises the same courteous and impartial service to one and all as he had given the past and kindly solicits your vote on the merits of his past splendid record.

We ask that you kindly give his claims fair and due consideration in making up your mind for any one in the Primary.

## LIBERTY 23 YEARS GETS SENTENCE

Jones County Man Given Five Years Sentence for Murder

San Angelo, Feb. 3.—Dave Atkins soldier of fortune and for nineteen years a fugitive from justice, was found guilty of the murder of Tom Hardin, a merchant, at Knickerbocker in Mar. 1897, by a district court jury here today.

Atkins was sentenced to five years imprisonment. The verdict was returned at 3 o'clock this afternoon after the jury had deliberated eighteen hours. The case went to trial last Friday.

Atkins was arrested near Hawley, in Jones county, last September, closing a career of adventurous wanderings that had carried him into several counties in his evasion of trial on an indictment charging him with Hardin's murder. Carroll Bates of San Angelo a former Texas Ranger, was responsible for the arrest.

## B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

President in charge, N. Hancock.

Song Service. Prayer by Pastor, Ira L. Parrack. Leader in charge, H. J. Askew. Subject: Samson an old time athlete.

Scripture reading, by leader. Sentence prayers by members. Introduction by leader.

A Bundle of Contradictions, by Yates Brown.

First Episode, by Walter Jackson. Special Music, Arranged by Yates Brown.

Second Episode, by Dr. Pue. Third Episode, by Mr. Bearden.

Special Music, by Misses Lulu Belle Sharp and Ruby Campbell. Closing Scene, by N. Hancock.

Conclusion, by Ira L. Parrack. President in charge.

Business. Song by choir. Benediction.

We extend a hearty welcome to all the young people of Merkel to be with us in our B. Y. P. U. meetings each Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. When we say young, we mean all that are not more than a hundred years old, so come and lets make the Union of Merkel all that a Union can be. We have socials very often and that is something that appeals to every heart.

N. Hancock, President. H. J. Askew, Vice Pres.

## WILL OPEN NEW STORE IN MERKEL

Messrs B. Goldgar and S. Lynn former business men of Tyler, Texas, were here Tuesday of this week and closed a deal for the lease of the John Wheeler building on Front street and announce that on or about the first of March they will open a first class stock of dry goods, ladies ready-to-wear and mens furnishing in same.

They are experienced dry good men, live and energetic, stated that among many other good towns they picked Merkel as the best town in which to open their up-to-date place of business.

Besides being live, modern business men, they are believers in the value of printers ink, as is evident by their display advertisement in this issue of the Mail, and to which we call the attention of our readers.

We predict for them a splendid business.

## BAPTIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT

Sunday School 10 a. m. with classes for all, in charge of Walter Jackson a real Sunday School expert.

Preaching morning and evening by the pastor.

Morning subject: "Prayer for a Revival".

Evening subject: "Three Men who Dared to do Right".

Junior Union at 3:30 p. m.

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

Teachers meeting Monday 7 p. m.

Ladies meetings in circles Tuesday 2:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Let all pledges on new building be paid as quickly as possible and let all members who have not subscribed do so at once as the only thing that keeps the building committee from beginning work is the fact that mosey enough to begin with has not been paid in.

We must have \$6,400.00 cash paid in before Bro. Warren makes us a deed to the property where we are to build.

This money does not go to pay for the property but only to meet Bro. Warrens promise to give one dollar every time the rest of us give two dollars.

After we have secured the new property Mr Warren will give \$5,000.00 more provided the rest of us will give \$ 10,000.00.

May the lord lead every Baptist to do his full duty now while every two rollars we give makes available one additional dollar for the building.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor, Phone 194

## HIGHWAY ALMOST COMPLETED NOW

ABILENE, Feb. 4.—Excellent progress is now being made on Taylor county's new system of highways, and if pleasant weather continues the piked roads soon will be completed. All but three miles of the Bankhead highway through Abilene to the Nolan-Taylor county line has been completed.

Good progress is being made on state highways Nos. 7 and 30, through the southern part of the county. Much of these roads has been graded and graveling will begin in a few days.

The county has already obtained several army trucks for use in road work and several road drags were recently purchased. A number of concrete bridges over highways have just been completed.

## WITH McFARLAND GARAGE

Messrs Joel Counts and Jack Key experienced and capable workmen are now with McFarland Garage, and which enables Mr. McFarland to render his friends and customers the best to be found in the automobile repairing line.

J. B. Browning of the Noodle community was here first of the week and stated that he had gathered 30 bales of cotton, and had sold every bale of it, thus receiving a good price for all of it.

## A. B. PATTERSON BUYS NEW HOME

A. B. Patterson one of the proprietors of the City Meat Market recently purchased a home on Oak Street, and this week moved to same. Oak street is one of the best streets in the city, and Mr. Patterson has doubtless made a wise selection in buying his home.

Mr. Bob Popham and family have moved to Sweetwater where they will make their home.

## MAKES PLANS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Prominent Educators Meet and Appoint Com. to Make Plans for Relief

AUSTIN, Feb. 3.—Plans for the complete revision of the school system of Texas were laid at a conference of representatives of all state supported educational interests with the governor and state superintendent of public instruction here today.

The decision of the conference was that at present Texas has no school system and in order to relieve the situation which has arisen it is necessary to perfect an organization that will consider as a whole education from the kindergarten to post-graduate work in the state university and colleges.

As a preliminary step the governor appointed a committee of nine including college and university presidents and representatives of teachers to prepare plans to be presented to the conference which will meet April 24. Plans approved by the conference will be presented to the legislature in May. Proposals are for the revision of both the administration and financing of Texas schools.

## TEACHER IN CITY SCHOOL RESIGNS

Miss Alice Burns teacher in the Primary department of the Merkel School, resigned, this week on account of the fact that she is just recovering from a serious attack of influenza. She left Monday for her home at Anson. Her place is being ably filled temporarily by Mrs. Walter Jackson.

Miss Reed teacher in the sixth grade of the Merkel school has been among those who have recovered from the Flu, and is now at her post of duty a few days. Mrs. Jim V. caring for her work in the department. We also learned that Miss Alice Yates of the sixth grade is quite ill also at this time, but is improving. Last reports at her home in Jones county. She will likely return next week. Miss Merrell is substituting during her absence.

## MOVED HERE FROM EAST TEX. RECENTLY

Messrs Willis and Crockrell, Painters Paper hangers and general decorators, arrived Wednesday to make Merkel their future home. Mr. Crockrell has purchased a home in the north part of the city from Messrs Boney and Jackson.

These gentlemen come with splendid recommendations both as to being good workmen and gentlemen. You will find their card in this paper, as they believe in advertising.

## CHADWICK WINS WRESTLING BOUTS

In wrestling match in this city last Monday night between John Chadwick of Merkel and Harry Swoboda of Waco, the former came out winner, therefore retaining his championship.

We also learn that he was successful over a Northwestern and Western champion at Abilene Wednesday night.

Go to J. B. Bell and Sons for your horse jewelry and hardware, and he has the price and the goods. 30 2t pd



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Ask Our Customers

**COUNTY ROAD BUILD-  
 ING MAKING PROGRESS**

Taylor county will have some more good roads ready to use soon, according to county Judge Overshire. When seen by a reporter Friday he stated that the road now under construction, extending from Tye to Nolan county line had been graded and all except three miles of graveling had been finished and it was expected that this would be completed in a few days. Concrete drainage structures have already been installed and this piece of road will be in first class condition when it gets its final surfacing at a later date.

The expansion of the Abilene pike through Cedar Gap to Tuscola has been graded but no graveling or building of drainage structures has been done yet. On the road from Tuscola to Buffalo Gap all the grade work has been done and a little gravel has been laid. This contract was recently let to the Womack Construction Company. This road is to be extended south from Tuscola to the county lines, to be relocated along the Santa Fe track. Plans are expected to be ready in a few days to let contract for the construction of another road in the Tuscola country, running from the Glaze farm to the Coleman county line. The road thru Tuscola and Bradshaw and the Runnels county line will be relocated along the tracks of the Abilene and Southern railroad, and work will be begun as soon as possible.

The county has received a carload of iron fence posts from the state highway to be used on the county roads. The contracts for this fencing will be let on Feb. 11. The A. & S. railroad will let their fencing contract at the same time.

In precinct No. 1 on the Elm-dale road a new concrete bridge has been opened to traffic. On the Hamby road piers have been laid for a concrete bridge across Rainy creek. This bridge will be raised five feet and will have twenty foot approaches from each

side. Contract has recently been let for a bridge over Rainey creek on the Tye road.

Judge Overshire stated that the recent bad weather had caused quite a lot of interest in good roads as they never had done before. A new road from Elm-dale to Hamby is being talked, also a road to connect the pike is under consideration and is likely to be constructed some time this year.

The commissioners' court is to get two more trucks from the state highway commission soon. These trucks will be delivered at San Angelo. It is expected that five more trucks at a later date. Several new road drags have been received and "Drag Em" will be the slogan of the commissioners for the coming year in regard to the dirt roads.—Abilene Reporter.

**Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electric accounts.**

**No Worms in a Healthy Child**

All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

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I am preparing to take care of your building needs, have plenty of first class carpenters. Come and see me and let me figure your work. Estimates free  
 P. L. McClary Contractor.  
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For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, diabetes, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25. Small bottle is two month's treatment, and often perfects a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive, Street, St. Louis Mo., Sold by druggists.

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This bank basis its claims for your business its reputation for giving prompt and satisfactory **SERVICE to EVERY CUSTOMER.**

**DEPOSIT YOUR MONEY** with a bank that for more than fifteen years has conducted a **SAFE CONSERVATIVE** business.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

W. L. Burns is reported sick with the Flu this week.

Buy your Tanlac at Lowry & Gambel, Drug Store.

Miss Hattie Wells spent Monday with Campbell and family.

J. Bell and Sons for jewelry and hardware has the price and the 30 2t pd

Miss Popham and family have moved to Sweetwater where they will make their home.

Dr. McGulre the graduate optometrist fits glasses that fit. Will be in Merkel again Wednesday and Thursday, February the 11th and 12th, at Dr. Smiths office.

Miss Hattie Wells has been sick with the Flu for some few days but is reported doing very nicely at present.

**Colds Cause Grip and Influenza**  
 LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

We now have a supply of Lee Puncture Proof Casings, that are guaranteed to run seven thousand miles without a puncture. Frank McFarland Garage.

Mrs. A. Howten of Oklahoma City, visited her Brother Mr. George Howten of this city, the past week.

**Notice to Car Owners**  
 Protect your automobile from freezing and making it easy to start on cold mornings by using an electric device. Call at office of Merkel Power Company and see it.

**LAND WANTED**

100 acres on third and fourth Good teams and plow tools. No Johnson grass land wanted.

Write Chas. F. Carroll, Merkel Texas. Route, 5. 6t2c

See ads at the Arcade.

**NOW IS A  
 GOOD TIME TO BUY**

LOTS OF NEW GOODS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

**White Goods** **Silk Tissues**  
**Ginghams Shirtings Sheetings**  
**Hosiery, Shirts, Shoes, Ties**

A few ladies spring Suits --- more to arrive

**PRICES IN 60 TO 90 DAYS WILL BE HIGHER**

**We Have Plenty House Canvas**

**Fine Cotton Batting for Quilts**

**Good Reductions on Mens and Ladies Suits, Coats and Overcoats**

**Quality, Cash Buying and Selling and Good Service  
 is our bid for your trade**

**The Brown Dry Goods Co.**

**EVERYBODY'S LITERARY**

The people assembled at Blair school house Friday January 30, 1920 for a program rendered by the pupils. joyable program was given large audience.

After the program the a business meeting for the purpose of electing officers offices were as follows: M. Walker, President; Mr. Tittle, Vice President; M. F. Carroll, Secretary.

This was the first asser the Literary, but here there will be one every weeks, making the next February 13. We want e to come enjoy and take will encourage the pup teachers and show that interested in the school Don't forget the date.

**THORNTON - KYLE**

A very pretty home was solomized last Sunday at twelve o'clock at the of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Th when Miss Pearl Thorr came the bride of Mr. C. Kyle son of Mr. and Mr Kyle of Mountain Park homa.

The bride is one of M high school girls, in all her work she made an average 94% in department.

The groom was reared Mountain Park and was ly honorably discharged United States Navy.

The Rev. Parrack of and following the ceremony reception was held at the the bride.

The young couple will their home at 921 Bry Ft. Worth Texas after

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 "LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative of Constipation. It relieves p Constipation. It should be taken regularly for 14 to induce regular action. It S! Regulate. Very Pleasant to per bottle.



# News From the Economy Store

We have just received a large selection of new spring silk and georgette dresses in the very latest effects. Also a large and beautiful line of Millinery direct from where style is originated. ☞ Be sure to see our line of

**PARIS STYLE LATEST MODES AND EFFECTS  
IN SPRING SUITS**

We are representing the **JUST RIGHT CORSETS** and have a large and complete stock

# The Economy Store

Where You Economize : **E. SIEGEL, Proprietor**



## THIS IS LEAP YEAR

MRS. HOUSEWIFE :

☞ Why not "propose" to Hubby that he build that HOME he promised you in those happy days of courtship.

☞ Perhaps he doesn't know just how much a HOME means to you—how you would love to have a pretty little bungalow of your own.

☞ Just call and look over our display of "HAPPY HOMES" each with a floor plan and cost. Your "Dream Home" is here in life-like reality.

☞ We find women so interested in home planning that it is always a pleasure to serve them.

**BURTON-LINGO CO.**

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### AN AMERICAN SAFE AND SANE

Roger W. Babson, the noted American statistician and economist, said in a recent address that one of the things greatly needed in modern business was religion. He advocated a return to the spirit of the Pilgrims, "thrift, intelligence and judgment." Moreover, he declared that the most profitable investment an employer can make is his interest shown in his employes. This would be his plan of procedure: "Pick out two or three employes and invest your time and money in them. Some one of them will become a gold mine for you. Don't follow the crowd." He said the biggest bank biggest store or biggest factory meant nothing if the employes of such institutions were not giving their full heart interest to their work. The solution of the industrial problem, he said, was to be found in educating the workers regarding their work, in making them feel the spirit of the thing produced. "The country has gone crazy on extravagance and over materials," he said, "and a period of depression is sure to follow. I believe the limit in consolidation and expansion has been reached and that we must now devote our time and thought to the education of the laborer."—Ft. Worth Record.

### AUTO LAUNDRY

We are pleased to announce to the Automobile owners of Mer kel and the surrounding country, that we are prepared to wash, clean and polish your cars, do upholstering and top work. We also have with us a thoroughly experienced painter and upholsterer, who can make your cars look as good as new. We can also upholster and refinish your furniture.

We are located at the Polly Blacksmith Shop.

Auto Laundry

The Arcade gives service.

Dr Johnson, Dentist has offices with Dr M Armstrong.

Bring your hides to Patterson Brothers Meat Market.

The largest electric sign in the world advertises

## WRIGLEY'S

on Times Square, New York City: it is 250 feet long, 70 feet high. Made up of 17,286 electric lamps.

The fountains play, the trade mark changes, reading alternately WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT, DOUBLEMINT, and JUICY FRUIT, and the Spearmen "do a turn."

This sign is seen nightly by about 500,000 people from all over the world.

Sealed Tight  Kept Right A7



## STAGE IS SET FOR OPENING OF GREAT FORT WORTH SHOW

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION AND RODEO, AS WELL, WILL BE GREATEST EVER WITNESSED IN THE SOUTH. EXHIBITORS POURING IN FROM MANY STATES.



OKLAHOMA CURLEY

Buildogging a Bramah Steer, Leonard Stroud Hazing for Him.

The stage practically is set at Fort Worth for the opening of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, which will be held, March 6-13. Already blooded livestock from many sections of the country is being penned in the great exhibit sheds at the rear of the Coliseum Building and there is every evidence that the exhibition will eclipse all previous efforts and prove to be the banner livestock show of the South.

Not only in cattle but in sheep and hogs does the entry lists, which closed Feb. 21, give promise of a larger and better exhibition than any that have been made below the Mason's and Dixie's line. The exhibit halls will be filled to capacity before the gates are thrown open.

And the Rodeo! From all parts of the country riders and ropers of nation-wide fame have been arriving to compete the various events of Fort Worth's great Rodeo, which promises to be the peer if not the superior of any in the land. Champions at all of the big shows throughout the West last year have signified their intention of being on hand. Eddie McCarty, world's champion bucking horse rider, an honor he gained at the Cheyenne show, has been at Fort Worth for several months. His famous string of bucking horses has been wintering on Buck Sansom's ranch near the city. Leonard Stroud, Hugo Strickland, Yakama Canutt, Oklahoma Curley, Bryan Roach, Jack Fretz—these are some of the riding celebrities who will buck against the world's champion at Fort Worth. And all of them have defeated him one time or another.

Ruth Roach, the girl trick rider, who won such popular approval at the Fort Worth Rodeo of last year, again will be a contestant. She will have even stronger competition in her classes than in the past. Kittle Canutt of Colfax, Wash., and Florence King of Los Angeles, Cal., will be among her strongest opponents.

The Horse Show premium list has been increased materially in order to attract some of the best talent in the country. W. H. Furse again will be Horse Show manager. The Horse Show, as usual, will be held in connection with the Rodeo. W. J. Kennedy of Sioux City, Iowa, will be the judge.

M. Sansom, Jr., secretary-manager of the show, is highly pleased with the magnificent showing and looks forward to the record attendance of history for this spring's show. If fairly good weather is accorded, he is confident of capacity crowds at every performance.

As witnessed a bunch of Brahma steers as could be gathered in all of South Texas has been assembled for the steer riding events. Steer riding is strictly an innovation of the Fort Worth show and it has proved nearly as popular as the bucking horse riding.

The Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show has been noted for paying practically 100 per cent of the premiums offered. In other words, practically every class has been so filled that no award has gone begging. The coming exhibition almost is certain to be another 100 per cent show.

The Fort Worth show also is keeping its record of good fortune in having only the highest type of judges in every department. Seldom has there been a murmur from an exhibitor over the manner in which the livestock have been "tied."

The great Loos twenty-car carnival is on the grounds and will be thrown open early March 6. This carnival is by far the best ever pitched on the Coliseum grounds. Many splendid new attractions have been secured. In fact, there will be something to see, something to interest everybody every minute they spend at the Coliseum during the spring show.

This will be a "clean" show. However, there will be a sales division on regular stock yards for bulls from the line. The sales features are better than in past years.

## RIDING TALENT OF AMERICA TO SEEK AWARDS IN RODEO

CHAMPIONS OF MANY SHOWS WILL COMPETE AT FORT WORTH, MARCH 6-13. TRICK RIDING AND ROPING PROBABLY WILL BE BEST EVER STAGED



TOMMIE KIRAN SAYS  
Good Morning Judge.

That the Rodeo, the great wild west feature that will be the night attraction of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth, March 6-13, will far surpass all previous efforts and be unique among like events throughout the West and Southwest is the hope and belief of the show management.

A real galaxy of stars of the bucking horse riding world, the very best talent in the entire country, will be on hand for the opening of the show, to compete for the big prizes that have been set aside for the different events.

The Fort Worth Rodeo undoubtedly will have the best exhibition of trick riding and roping ever staged in the United States. Harry Walters, world's champion trick rider, will compete, while Leonard Stroud, dethroned from the championship at Cheyenne last year, will endeavor to recover his lost laurels. Tommy Kiran, who won second at the Cheyenne show, already is on hand, ready for the show to start. And there will be a number of other famous riders and ropers in the competition.

Eddie McCarty, who won the world's championship at bucking horse riding at Cheyenne last year, has come to compete for laurels at the Fort Worth show. He also has brought fifty of his hardest bucking horses, famed throughout the land. These have been on Manager Sansom's ranch near Fort Worth for the past three months, being put in shape to be more dangerous and tricky than ever.

Among the famous bucking horse riders who will compete in the classes of the Fort Worth show are Leonard Stroud, former champion; Hugo Strickland, who won first at the Fort Worth Rodeo three years ago; Jack Fretz, last year's winner; Yakama Canutt, first winner at the Stampede at Calgary, Canada, last year; Lloyd Saunders, Los Angeles, Cal.; Oklahoma Curley, who won second place at Fort Worth last year, and numerous others.

Bob Tadlock, known to stockmen throughout the Southwest, will be Rodeo Manager. His splendid success last year and his popularity with riders and the public as well gives promise of even better things this spring. He will be assisted by a committee consisting of Bill Rominger, Gil Whittington, Wad Ross and Marvin Thompson.

Girl riders will come in for even stronger notice this year than ever before, for the competition in the riding classes will be much stronger. Ruth Roach, famous trick rider, of course, will be a favorite but she will have hard competition in Kittle Canutt of Colfax, Wash.; Florence King of Los Angeles, Cal.; Dolly Mullins of Universal City, Cal., and others.

A string of "forked" Brahma steers, the very wildest and strongest the management could secure, will be on hand. Steer riding was an innovation with the Fort Worth show and a very popular one. Steer riding has vied with bronc riding and wild horse races in popularity at the past two shows. And a cutting contest, for a prize of \$1,000, also will be of great interest, particularly to the Cattle-men in attendance.

J. George Loos is arranging his twenty-car carnival on the Coliseum grounds. This carnival has more variety than in the past and has several features that few visitors to the stock show have ever seen.

Entries to the livestock classes of the stock show close Feb. 28, and those already received show beyond the shadow of a doubt that the exhibition will be the finest ever made in the South. The show is strictly a "clean" one this year, ticky cattle being permitted for private sale only.

The dairy show promises well, according to the entries received. Substantial increases were made in the premium list and Texas dairymen have not been slow to respond to the opportunities thus offered.

This will be a "clean" show. However, there will be a sales division on the regular stockyards for bulls from below the line. Sales features promise well.

## ENTRIES FOR BIG FORT WORTH SHOW CLOSE ON FEB. 28

SHEEP AND HOG EXHIBITIONS ARE BEING GIVEN ESPECIAL ATTENTION THIS YEAR—POULTRY SHOW TO BE UNDER CONTROL OF STOCK SHOW.



Entries for all classes of livestock in the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, which will be held at Fort Worth, March 6-13, will close Feb. 28, according to official announcement of M. Sansom Jr., secretary-manager, and so stated in the premium lists that have been spread broadcast to prospective exhibitors throughout the land.

While the cattle classes have been simplified and the greatest and most representative exhibit in history is anticipated, with contestants from many states, other livestock departments of the show have not been neglected. Around three times as much money as in the past has been hung up in the sheep department. J. B. Jones, Texas A. & M. College, has been secured as manager of the sheep and goat department and, after a thorough canvass of the situation, declares that the exhibition will be far and away better than any previous one ever held at Fort Worth. G. R. Warren of Sojora will officiate as superintendent in the sheep department. The judges will be: R. S. Matheson, head buyer for Swift & Co. at Chicago, carlot sheep; W. J. Kennedy, Sioux City, Iowa, fat wethers; R. F. Miller, Texas A. & M., registered sheep; E. M. Peters, Sojora, goats.

Special classes have been made this year for Angora and milch goats.

A. L. Ward of Paris has been made superintendent of the students livestock judging contest, which will be divided into two sections this year—one for college and one for vocational schools. Strong competition is expected in both classes. Prof. H. W. Mumford of Ann Arbor, Michigan, will be judge of the contest.

George P. Lillard of Arlington, former president of the Texas Swine Breeders' association, has agreed to act as manager of the swine department. D. W. Williams of Texas A. & M. will be superintendent, while Eck Gentry, Armour & Co.'s head buyer at Chicago, will judge the carlots. Prof. H. W. Mumford of Ann Arbor, Mich., will judge the pens and barrows.

Especially effort is being made to build up a fine barrow show and early indications are that it will be all that is hoped for. Additional appropriations have been made for this class.

W. H. Furse will again be department manager for horses and W. J. Kennedy of Sioux City, Iowa, will be judge.

Tom Hines of Venus has been appointed manager of the mules, jacks and jennets department. W. T. Wheeler of Baird superintendent, and Captain Tuck Hill of McKinney, judge.

C. C. Miller of Fort Worth will be department manager for poultry, which is under direct control of the stock show this year. Walter Burton of Arlington will be superintendent. The poultry show promises better than ever this year.

Carnival features of the stock show will be better in every detail this year. J. George Loos has twenty carloads of paraphernalia and has been accorded extra space on the Coliseum grounds for the handling of many new amusement devices, a number of which few of the stock show visitors have ever seen.

No detail is being overlooked to make this year's show the best in history from every standpoint. Work of preparation was begun early and competent men are handling every department.

The Rodeo, the big night performance of the stock show, gives greater promise even than last year. The best bucking horse and trick riders, the champion ropers and the best cow-girl performers of the country have been lined up.

A purse of \$1,000 has been set aside for the cutting contest, which again will be a big feature of the Rodeo.

This will be a "clean" show. However, there will be a sales division on the regular stockyards for bulls from below the line.

The sales events, both public and private, promise exceptionally well.

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### POSTMASTER EXAMINATION

At the request of the Postmaster General the United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held at Abilene, Texas on Feb. 18, 1920 for the position of postmaster at Merkel, Texas. This office has an annual compensation of \$1700.

To be eligible for this examination an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must actually reside within the delivery of the office and have so resided at the time the present vacancy occurred.

Applicants must have reached their twenty first but not their sixty-fifth birthday on the date of the examination. Application form 2241 and full

information concerning the requirements of the examination may be secured from the postmaster at the place of vacancy or from the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. Applications should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington, D. C. time to arrange for the examination of the applicant.

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Cattle can be seen on my farm 3 miles East of Merkel on Mer- kel and Abilene Pike. J. T. Warren. 1t

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electric accounts.

P. L. McClary contractor for the erection of the big garage which Messrs Propst & Ferrier are going to build on Front street, returned last week from Fort Worth and Dallas, where he had been in search of material

### SURVEYOR

George R. DeNise, a civil en- gineer and U. S. Deputy Mineral Surveyor with former offices at Denver, Colorado, has located at Sweetwater with offices in the Crane Building. Mr. DeNise is experienced in water storage, ir- rigation, road work, and land or mineral surveying and comes with the best of references. For surveying or consultation work address: George R. DeNise, Civil Engineer, Sweetwater, Tex.

### NOTICE TO NURSES

Wanted all nurses and practi- cal nurses and those who will help in sick homes to leave your names with Secretary of Red Cross as we are having calls for help. This is not a charity call, you will be paid for the work. Mrs. W. A. McSpadden Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Eoff, and Mrs. W. L. Barbee have been very sick with the Flu, the past week, but are reported improv- ing nicely.

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in 6 Acts  
Also  
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#### MONDAY—

"THE GOLDEN TRAIL"  
A story of the Early days  
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A Two reel Billy West Comedy.  
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#### WEDNESDAY—

Charlie Chaplin  
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"THE BANK"  
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The Texas Girl  
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A WESTERN DRAMA  
Also  
A Universal Western Comedy  
And  
Hearst News

#### TUESDAY—

William Desmond  
in  
"ST. DANNY U. S. A."  
Also  
A Pathe Comedy

#### THURSDAY—

Blanche Sweet  
in  
"FIGHTING CRESSEY"  
A Jessie D. Hampton Special  
in six acts  
Also  
A Lyons Moran Comedy

#### MRS. McCLARY PASSES AWAY

After continued illness for many years, Mrs. Mary Ann McClary, wife of J. O. McClary of community died Monday week at the family residence. She was born in the state of Florida, in the year 1859, and which she came to Texas. She had been a devoted Christian for many years having united with the Missionary Baptist Church early in life. She leaves a loving husband three children and scores of kind friends who mourn her demise. The children are: J. W. and P. L. McClary of Merkel and Mrs. Lula Bratcher,

of Fort Worth, all of whom were present when the end came. Everything to alleviate her suffering was done it seems, but to no avail.

The remains were tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery at 10 a. m. Tuesday, with Rev. Parrack, pastor of the Merkel Baptist church performing the funeral services.

We join a host of friends in extending deepest sympathies to the bereaved family, during this, their sad hour.

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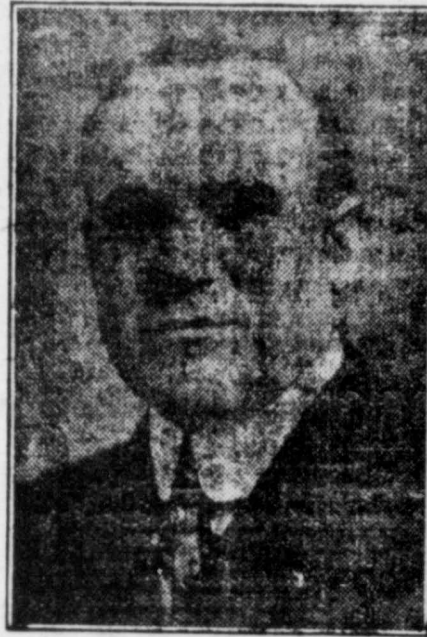
If your eyes are giving you trouble better consult Dr. McGuire the graduate optometrist, who will be in Merkel again Wednesday and Thursday, February 11th and 12th at Dr. Smith's office. Prices Moderate.

J. W. Wheeler of Ada Oklahoma was here recently for a visit to his brother, who had been sick for some time.

Best eats at the Arcade.

## \$55,000 IN PRIZES INCLUDED IN STOCK SHOW PREMIUM LIST

M. SANSOM JR. SECRETARY-MANAGER OF FORT WORTH EXHIBITION—ALL DEPARTMENTS ARE AMPLIFIED. SHOW DATES: MARCH 6-13.



M. SANSOM, Jr.  
Secretary-Manager

A larger premium list than ever before in history, amounting to approximately \$55,000, has been hung up for the various classes of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, which will be held at Fort Worth March 6-13. Many new classes have been created and the exhibition has been amplified in every way.

M. Sansom Jr. is secretary-manager of the show again this year. Mr. Sansom is a leading stockman, with a wide knowledge of the needs and likes of the stock industry of the Southwest. He is being assisted in the preparations for the show by R. H. McKinley, assistant secretary-manager, and Claude R. Hamilton, advertising and concessions manager.

Early appointments for the various cattle divisions of the show are as follows:

Cattle—John I. Burgess, director in charge; Harry D. Henderson, general superintendent; Ward Farmer, department manager; Dr. N. F. Williams, official veterinarian.

Shorthorns—G. E. King, Taylor, superintendent; Dale Bellows of Maryville, Mo., judge.

Herefords—John P. Lee, San Angelo, superintendent; F. W. Natta, Fowler, Ind., judge.

Aberdeen Angus—W. H. Hill, Christoval, superintendent; P. J. Donohue, Holbrook, Iowa, judge.

Red Polled—J. W. Mann, Waco, superintendent; John C. Burns, Texas A & M., judge.

Jerseys—E. A. Corbett, superintendent; Hugh Van Felt, Wate'oo, Iowa, judge.

Holsteins—Mrs. Juliette B. Crabb, superintendent; W. L. Blizzard, Stillwater, Okla., judge.

Carlot Cattle—George Mills, St. Louis, and William F. Fletcher, Kansas City.

A unique feature of this year's premium list is that it has a classification for Brahma cattle. This has never been done at any previous stock show in the world.

G. E. King of Taylor, Texas, will be superintendent and Henry Howell of Fort Worth, judge.

Every department of the great exhibition will be improved this year. The live stock exhibition easily will be the best ever held in the South, according to the best-posted authorities. The Rodeo will stand alongside of the very best in the land and, in many features, will outclass all others, even the superb Cheyenne Round-up.

J. George Loos has a twenty-car carnival ready to open at the Fort Worth show. This carnival will be the best ever seen at the stock show and will include several attractions that will be brand-new to stock show visitors.

The stock show has taken over direct control of the poultry show and the event bids fair to eclipse previous performance, both in number and quality of entries.

Exhibitors, on entering the Coliseum grounds, should go immediately to the window of the building marked "Information." There, they should ask for Hamilton and they will be directed immediately to their proper department manager. System will be the keynote of the handling of this year's show.

This will be a "clean" show. However, there will be a sales division on the regular stockyards for bulls from below the line.

Dates of cattle auction sales during the show have been set as follows: Aberdeen-Angus, Tuesday, March 9, 2 p. m.; Hereford's, Wednesday, March 10, 2 p. m.; Holstein, Thursday, March 11, 9:30 a. m.; Shorthorns, Thursday, March 11, 2 p. m.; fat steers, Friday, March 12, 9:30 a. m.; Jerseys, Friday, March 12, 2 p. m. C. M. Evans of Texas A. and M. will be superintendent of the sales department.

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#### DEATH RATE FOR YEAR 1918 HIGHEST ON RECORD

Washington, Feb. 2.—The death rate in the United States for 1918 was the highest on record according to the Census Bureau's annual mortality statistics issued today, which shows 1,471,367 deaths for the year representing a rate of 18 per cent per 1,000 population in the death registration area of thirty States and twenty-seven cities with a total estimated population of 81,868,104.

Of the total 477,467, or over 32 per cent were due to influenza and pneumonia, 380,996 having occurred in the last four months of the year, when an epidemic of these diseases prevailed.

The other principal causes of death were organic diseases of the heart, tuberculosis, acute nephritis, Bright's diseases and cancer, which together, were responsible for 391,391 deaths, or nearly 87 per cent of total during the year.

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Walter Darr of Arlington, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. P. McClary, is in Merkel preparatory to locate in the city.

Well, "hello" to everybody, just wanted to let you know that the Quick Service Mattress Factory is now ready to make your old beds over. We will be here for just a few days. Call 189 and let us tell you about Quick Service Mattress Factory in Merkel Texas. . . .

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bratton of Fort Worth, were here last week having been called on account of the death of the latter's mother, Mrs. J. O. McClary, at which occurred Monday February second.

#### \$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Catarrh being great influenced by constitutional condition requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

#### Gaines County Land \$6.00 Per Acre

Unimproved land in Gaines County, Texas, for sale at \$6.00 per acre and purchaser to assume in addition \$1.50 per acre due the State School Fund. Terms \$1.00 per acre cash the remainder on as long terms as desired at 8% interest.

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# Merkel Dry Goods Company

As our buyer, Mr. Rose, is now in the eastern market making extensive purchases for our entire stock, we wish to call your attention to the daily arrival of our big assortment of early Spring Ready-to-Wear. Also we wish to assure you that we can take care of your wants throughout our entire stock.

## SPORT COATS

First, We now have a beautiful line of Sport Coats to show in medium and short lengths in golf cloth, bolivia and kitteneer, in the new shades.

## SUIT DEPARTMENT

Second, We are showing one of the most beautiful lines of ladies Coat Suits that will be shown throughout the entire season. Tricotine, serge and wool poplin. Styles, the new ripple tail, semi-box and russian, featuring the new novelties in vest, waist finishings and colors.

## DRESS DEPARTMENT

Third, We wish to call your attention to our beautiful line of ready-made Dresses in georgette, crepe de chine, taffeta and silk poplin in the latest styles and all new shades.

SILK and STAPLE DEPT.--Don't fail to see our beautiful line of dress goods, including silks, suitings and new spring gingham

## MILLINERY DEPARTMENT

Our buyer, Miss Mariam Mitchell, is now in the east making large purchases for this department, and within the next few days we will have in stock to show you one of the largest and smartest lines of headgear that will be shown throughout the entire west, featuring Gold Medal Pattern Hats.

# WERKEL DRY GOODS COMPANY, Merkel's Big Cash Store

### The Mistletoe Kiss

By J. E. SHERWIN

HERE never was such a doll. It was the very acme of toy invention, classic of features, graceful of form, appeared in materials duplications of the latest modes of fashion. Flexible of joints, some inner mechanism moved eyes and lips, and then it talked—talked? Bless you! yes, in the clearest childish accents. No one did all these things, for Warren Brill asked the price, man replied:

"Five dollars, sir."

"Aspirated Roy Burton, who accompanied Brill on his Christmas tour.

"Like it," said the latter.

"You've gone clear daffy," read Burton. "You've got no sense at home."

"That's so," replied Warren in an hesitating way, "but, you know, he grew flustered—Miss

Nellie Deere? Surely you're not giving that grown up girl?"

"No!" answered Brill, "I'm terrified like a frightened rabbit. I wouldn't dare to offer it."

"I was thinking of presenting it to her little niece, Dorothea Miss Deere won't resent such a liberty. Of course I'll be friendly."

"Why?" interrupted Burton, "it's not fittingly mild. Why, every time you're with Nellie the way she shows her regards

do you positively—ed War-face was map of me. "You know how happy you just put aside,"

esman. "I shall want some records made and I'll see you

bold scheme," solloquized and proceeded straight back store. He sought out the "Now, as I understand it," a regular baby phonograph side the doll makes it say cute things, when you option?"

it," acceded the clerk. can have a special record

We can attend to that

net Nellie on the street the Christmas, and she men- fact that she had been very pointed as to the Christmas ad received, it being strag- sized.

ooke Warren eagerly, "I t layout of trees down at yesterday, Miss Deere, thing to do the rest of on't you deputize me to ttle ones a good time?"

ed at the Deere home and various packages. He trim the tree. He

operated the talking doll to even the wonderment of Mr. and Mrs. Deere, who at ten o'clock indulgently retired.

Warren began to act nervous. He had placed a new record specially

by his side, his finger on the button. Nellie was looping a string made to order inside the doll. He set it on a chair of holly near the folding doors. She looked at him strangely as he said:

"Miss Deere—Nellie, I have something to say to you—that is—yes—something to tell you, and can't say it. Won't you please listen to what my little friend here, the doll, will say for me, and then maybe—maybe you'll say something, too."

"Dear Nellie, I love you. I know that you are a star high above me, and the best man in the world unworthy of you; but I can give you every luxury and add the greatest one of all—love. Say it's not altogether hopeless."

Nelly blushed peony red. Then she smiled slightly, almost quizzically. She moved four steps. They brought her directly under the mistletoe. Warren arose to his feet.

"Oh, Nellie!" he cried, "you— you didn't get under that mistletoe on purpose?"

She hung her head embarrassed, yet inviting. He stole to her, brave as a lion. He circled her waist with his arm. She snuggled closer; he

pressed his lips to hers.

"Oh, a merry Christmas to all the world," he jubilated expansively, and in the accents there was the cheer of a happy, happy man.

We will pay the highest market price for your butter. Patterson Brothers Meat Market.

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electric accounts.

Mr. A. J. Barbee, Wife, Baby and neice, Lois Wheeler, are down with the influenza, but at last report they were all doing very nicely except the Baby.

13 BALES OFF 20 ACRES W. C. Perkins citizen of the Butman community was here recently and dropped in and had the Mail continued to him for another year. In speaking about the fine crops produced in this country last year, Mr. Perkins informed us that he had gathered 13 bales from twenty acres in cotton last year.

FAREWELL RECEPTION On January 30, 1920, a farewell reception, under the auspices of "The Kings Daughters" honoring Mrs. T. A. Johnson, was given at the home of Mrs. Amy Sears.

The rooms were beautiful in their decorations of pot plants, cut flowers, and class colors of pink and green.

The significance of the occasion was emphasized by the name of the honoree and that of the class in glittering silver letters, outlining the archways.

Promptly at three o'clock the guests began to arrive each one eager to do homage to the much beloved guest of honor.

An informal receiving line, in which a number of the class found themselves, greeted each arrival.

After mingling with friends and enjoying a social half hour, the guests were ushered into the dining room, where they were served a delightful course which consisted of sandwiches and coffee. As each guest found her place at the dining table she was decorated with a badge of the class colors, just at this time the seductive strains of the victrola charmed each hearer.

Mrs. Lyton Howard and sister Miss Burkett rendered many beautiful vocal and instrumental numbers.

A special feature of the evening was a reading by Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, given in her usual delightful manner.

Miss Pery added to the enjoyment by giving several beautiful and well rendered instrumental solos.

Throughout all the merry making there was sadness over the departure of our friend and class mate, Mrs. Johnson. She was one of the first members of this class and always proved loyal and faithful. Our regret over the loss of this dear member is inexpressible however we earnestly hope that she will find pleasant, happy association in her new home at Coleman, Texas

As each guest departed she registered in a guest book, presided over by Mrs. Annie Lon Ferrier.

Among the out-of-town guests were Miss Houghton of Souix City Iowa, Miss Mae Burkett of Abilene and Mrs. Virgil Touchstone and little daughter, Mollie Frank of Chillicothe, Texas.

The occasion was on long to be remembered by each one present Hoping to meet Mrs. Johnson again and renew the several relations, we reluctantly said good-bye.

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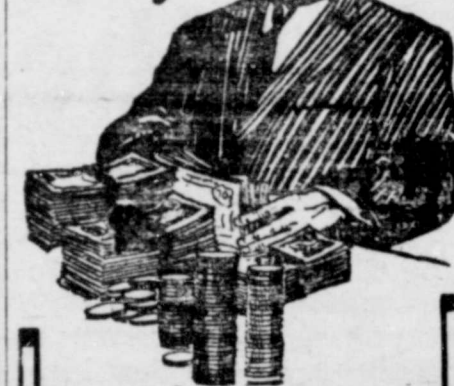
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Good Western and Good Comedy

Monday, Feb. 9

Smashing Barriers No. 10

ALSO

"Wolfville Western"

Big "V" Comedy, Fox News

AND

Mutt & Jeff

Wednesday, Feb. 11

Vitagraph Program

WITH

Harry Morey

IN

"The Man Who Won"

ALSO

2-Reel Big "V" Comedy

Saturday, February 7

Paramount Program

WITH

Mary Pickford

IN

"Captain Kid Jr."

ALSO

2-Reel Paramount-Artcraft Comedy

Tuesday, Feb. 10

Paramount Program

WITH

Ethel Clayton

IN

"Women's Weapons"

ALSO

Good 2-Reel Comedy

Thursday, Feb. 12

Fox Program

WITH

Peggy Hyland

IN

"The Merry-Go-Round"

ALSO

2-Reel Sunshine Comedy



**The Merkel Mail**  
 Published Every Friday Morning by  
 THE MERKEL MAIL PRINTING COMPANY, INC  
 THOMAS DURHAM, Editor and Manager  
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How many farmers in the Merkel country two years ago had ever dreamed that they would ever be called upon to pay an income tax. Yet it is a fact that there are a number who are so listed.

If it be true that if the Ground Hog comes out on February 2nd and sees his shadow, it means six more weeks bad, cold weather, then there are many farmers in the Merkel country and West Texas, who will have a cold, gloomy time finishing the job of gathering the hundreds of bales of cotton which are yet in the field.

We are not in the real estate business, but we have faith in the future development of our town and country, and would like to ask, where is that fellow we heard to remark shortly after our arrival in the city that, "real estate values were too high here now, higher than they would ever be again. We predict that farms, many of them around Merkel, will sell before another year passes, at as much as \$25 per acre advance over present prices, and we want to say further, that the man who buys at these advanced prices will make a wise investment.

Merkel is situated right in the center of one of the best, most fertile farming and stock raising sections of this the greatest state in the Union, and naturally has a large trade territory, thickly settled with as progressive and well to do set of farmers and stock raisers as are to be found anywhere, but her trade territory is being widened continually, even into other nearby counties, as the citizens of those counties learn of the up-to-date, wide-awake business men of Merkel, and that through their enterprises and push this city is becoming known as one of the best trading points and commercial centers in this section of the country.

One year ago about now, a two years drouth, the like of which

many old timers say they had never witnessed before, had just been broken, and there were many vacant homes and business

houses in this city, as there was in every town throughout the West, but it is different today. Practically every business house

is now occupied, and there is a crying demand for more homes in this and every other West Texas town. And not only are the business houses and homes of the West every one occupied, but the occupants are prosperous and happy. They have more money today than at any time in the history of the country.

Hon. Thomas W. Perkins, publisher of the McKinney Dailey Courier-Gazette, is a native Texan and for a quarter of a century prominent in the political and editorial circles of the state. Speaking of a brother editor who recently crossed the great divide, the McKinney editor said "Mary Jane Cox is dead. He was a familiar figure in Texas newspaperdom for a third of a century. For the past few years he has not been attending the meetings as formally. He died at San Marcos on the 20th, being engaged in the newspaper business at the time of his death. All the old time press gang remember and love him. Being of a kindly, friendly disposition, he always had a smile and a cheer for his fellow workers. We liked Mary Jane, having known him for thirty years. Gone but not forgotten. Peace to his ashes." M. J. Cox spent more than forty years of a picturesque life in the newspaper business under Southwestern skies. He founded thirty of forty weeklies and he edited twice that number during his long career in the harness. The Merkel Mail was a Cox newspaper for a time. Cox knew West Texas. He knew East Texas. He knew South Texas. He was ever on the go, ever optimistic, ever planning big things for the town filling "long felt wants", never had a good word for his fellow editors. He did not accumulate a fortune but he had lots of fun in his life and did not leave an enemy

hind him when he passed away.—Ft. Worth Record.  
 According to "old timers" M. J. (Mary Jane) Cox established the Merkel Mail about 30 years ago and at that time published a splendid paper standing for the progress and development of the town and surrounding country.

**RICH MAN, POORMAN, BEGGARMAN, THIEF, DOCTOR, LAWYER INDIAN CHIEF**

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## COZY THEATRE

and STUDIO

## THE BARROW FURNITURE CO.

(By R. Kenneth Eyans)

People coming to Merkel quite often remark about the "swell furniture store" of Merkel. One or two chance remarks like this would not mean much, but when it is general there's a reason.

First Merkel people and surrounding country are demanding the best for their homes.

It's a strange fact but Mr. Barrow of the furniture company tells the writer of this industrial article that most of the best furniture that is sold by him goes to the farming districts; which is a mighty good boost for Merkel, take it any way you like. It shows that the rural population are succeeding; that they are a thrifty, home-loving people, and that kind of a citizenship in the rural districts will make any town good.

The Barrow Furniture company of Merkel is one of a chain of stores with headquarters at Stamford. Several years ago the local merchant sold to the Barrow Furniture people, and today this establishment has a larger floor space than any other business in the city. The main floor space which by the way is a beautifully arranged display room, is 50 by 120 feet; the store also has a warehouse 25 by 100 feet.

A. T. Sheppard, the local manager, took the management some twelve months ago; he was formally with the firm that sold to the Barrow concern.

Such lines as the Axminster and Velvet rugs, the Hoosier Cabinets, Macey Sectional Book Cases are handled. Also the Sherwin-Williams Paints which everyone knows stands high as standards in the paint world.

They have the exclusive undertaking business of Merkel, Mr. Sheppard being a licensed embalmer.

A good line of wall paper, Window glass, are carried and picture framing is done to order.

It is surprising to note that such is the class of the Merkel Furniture store, that quite a number of sales of the better class of furniture is made to people of Abilene; it shows the policy of this store to carry the best.

Another thing is interesting to note right now during these days of high prices of everything is that the furniture world have provided an imitation leather that looks just like the real leather and is guaranteed by the manufacturers of leather furniture to wear as good as the real article though it sells only about from three to four dollars cheaper than the real stuff.

All kinds of furniture is hard to buy now; one going into business now would hardly get started by the first of next March and then he would only have half a stock; so one can see what an effort it is to keep up a stock the class and magnitude of the Merkel Store. It is a business Merkel can well be proud of.

When you need any thing in the furniture line you need not go to other places; you need not look further for this company has what you want at the fair price.

This firm believes in this section of the great southwest; they are interested in the development and the upbuilding of the community. It's manager, Mr. Sheppard, is a man who gives his time and energies to the town he loves, and to the country he believes in.

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# If It's Furniture

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Paints, Picture Framing, Wall Paper, Hoosier Kitchen Cabinets  
Macey Book Cases

## The Barrow Furniture Co. of Merkel, Texas

A. T. SHEPPARD, Local General Manager



# THE MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

(By Vivian Hutcheson)

Last Friday afternoon the Merkel school was over joyed when it was reported that the Trent basket ball boys and girls had arrived for it had been doubtful as to whether or not they would come. Both Merkel and Trent teams showed much enthusiasm. The girls played a close game with a score of seven and nine in favor of Trent. When the boys game started it was not long until they were making it hot for the Trent team. The game ended with a score of forty and four in favor of Merkel.

People back your boys and girls with your money and your presence at their games.

Friday night Mr. Miller Principal of the High School, rewarded the boys and girls for their hard work by giving them a party. Mr. Cary proved himself to be a very successful entertainer for the girls ???

Everyone had an enjoyable time and departed at a late hour.

Mr. Miller was very prompt Monday morning to tell the high School that the teachers had got a raise. We Seniors thank him for the tip. Chester is now our perescope and to be safe we have learned his signal for silence. But as to the teachers misfortune the raise is only a small platform in the back of the study hall.

Thanks to the Parent Teachers Association we no longer have a horror for the rainy days, for they have just had three cement walks laid. Too we can form a much better line now on pretty days.

The last number of the Lyceum was a great success. There was a contest between the Juniors and the Seniors to see who could sell the largest number of tickets for the Lyceum. Tuesday morning Mr. Burgess announced that the Juniors had sold forty two and the Seniors thirty one. There was much rejoicing among the Juniors, but at the close of the contest Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock Mr. Burgess announced the Juniors sixty and the Seniors seventy. Then there was much wailing and gnashing of teeth among the Juniors.

This number was such a success that the signed amount was exceeded by \$45.00 which showed that Merkel would ever after have a Lyceum course.

## MIXED MAXIMS

Actions lie louder than words. 'Tis a mean door that has no peep-hole.

Happiness is the ability to recognize it. It's a wise girl who knows her own mind.

Happiness is always a memory in an anticipation.

**Nineteen-Twenty Senior Blues**  
They took away our privileges, They left us not a thing, They call this true school re-

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# Barrow Furniture Co.

ligion,  
Oh, death, where is thy sting?  
No more parties can we stage,  
No study hall eating, good cheer to bring,  
And yet, we live on in this state,  
Oh death where is thy sting.

## STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! YOUNG PEOPLE

We need you at the Epworth League each Sunday 6 p. m. A real live program will be rendered by the Leaguers, and every young person, "Not excluding the older person who considers himself young," in and around Merkel is not only INVITED but URGED to come and take part with us. We need your co-operation and help to make the League a success and a helpful organization for the young people.

### Program

Leader, . . . . . Frank Counts  
Opening Song  
Prayer  
Reading, . . . . . Lorena Dry  
Instrumental Solo, . . . . . Lola Armstrong.  
Original Talk, . . . . . Elmer Landreth.  
Business.  
Song.  
Benediction.

## NEW SUITS, NEW STYLES

My new spring and summer suit samples have just arrived, and I extend a cordial invitation to one and all to call and see them, make your selection before they are all picked over.

Mrs. C. L. Cash

Mrs. A. Howten of Oklahoma City, visited her Brother Mr. George Howten of this city, the past week.

## ANNOUNCES FOR PUBLIC WEIGHER

To the voters of Precinct No. 5:  
I take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for reelection to the office of Public Weigher. I am serving my first term and have labored hard under the most adverse circumstances to carry out my oath of the office to the letter and to treat the people with justice and the utmost consideration at all times. The abnormal crop conditions have worked a hardship on me in the labor problem, as well as on every one else in need of labor. I have labored to be impartial in the discharge of my duty. If I have deserved the confidence imposed in me for the first term, I trust that no act of mine has caused a change of that confidence. My friends have insisted that I again make the race, and with a confidence that I have performed my duty to the utmost, I have consented to run for re-election.

From the bottom of my heart I thank the people who favored me before and trust that I may be re-elected by an increased vote.

Yours to serve,  
J. M. Garrett.

## BUYS TAILOR SHOP

We are informed that Mr. C. C. Seckman one of the oil men residing here has purchased the Tailor Shop which has been conducted in the Rose Barber Shop building for some time and is rearranging and fixing same up in nice order, and besides has the same in charge of a competent Tailor, who is capable of turning out first class and up to date work.

Mr. Seckman is like most successful business men, believes in advertising, and in this regard we wish to call your attention to his display advertisement in this paper

## B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Song, Prayer, Song.  
Business and Records.  
Scripture Reading, Psalms 1  
Group-American-Subject "A Boy whose Dream came true"  
Prologue, James Swann.  
Memory Verse, Entire Union.  
Sword Drill.  
Leaders Ten Minutes.  
Song.  
Closing Prayer.

## PAYS FOR HOME THIS YEAR

E. L. Vantrees was among the large number who came in last week and renewed up for the Merkel Mail for another year and in speaking about the good crops of last year, remarked that he made more than he had in five years. In fact he said that he had paid for his farm this



**COW FEED**— Will have car of Hulls about 10th to 12th. Also few sacks of meal. Can Deliver. T. J. R. Swafford, Phone 291. f6t2

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**FOR SALE**— A few fat Shoats. Earl Lassiter. f6t1

**FOR SALE**— One four horse power Gasoline Engine, also 1, seven horse Electric Engine. J. E. Reagan. f6t2pd

**FOR SALE**— Bunch of White Face Cattle for \$700.00 consisting of 1 registered Bull, 3 years old, \$250, 6 High grade cows 4 to 8 years old, bred to above Bull, \$75.00 each.

Cattle can be seen on my farm 3 miles East of Merkel on Merkel and Abilene Pike. J. T. Warren. tf

**FOR SALE**— Buick 6 touring car in A 1 condition, for \$1200. Used little over one year. J. T. Warren. tf

**FOR SALE**— One standard and one case Planter, one Standard Cultivator, also Good Work and Buggy Mare. See Bradley at Stith or J. H. Highsmith 4 miles East of Stith on Rt. 4. f6t1pd

The following announcer are made subject to the of the Democratic Primar July, 1920.

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For County Judge:  
W. B. Oliver.

For County Clerk:  
(Miss) Fannie T

For Tax Collector:  
D. T. Harkrider  
J. N. Routh.

County Commissionery of Pre  
S. A. (Sid) Coa  
W. H. Frazier

Tax Assessor:  
Mrs Florence V

County Treasurer:  
Austin Fitts.

County School Superintend  
Jhon F. Odor.

## MRS. HOUGHTON ENTERTAINS

On February 3rd. the Daughters were very royally entertained by Mrs. Geo. Houghton. A goodly number of the class present, together with guests, and after the session Mrs. Sublett rendered violin solo, which was enjoyed and appreciated by everyone present. The splendid readings by members of the class, after which Houghton assisted by Houghton and Mrs. Ga served delicious sherbert, and coffee.

The afternoon came to a close too soon as such a splendid noon was spent in this place.

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# ANNOUNCEMENT

We take pleasure in announcing to the good people of Merkel and surrounding country that on or about

## March 1st

we will open in the John Wheeler building, on Front street  
**A First-Class Dry Goods, Ladies Ready-to-Wear and Mens Furnishings Store**

and kindly suggest that you wait for and see our stock and get our prices before buying your spring bill of goods, for our plan will be to sell for CASH ONLY, which will enable us to sell you goods for less money, as we will eliminate the expense of keeping bookkeepers and the other overhead expense incidental to the credit business.

Remember---We will appreciate your business, and make it a saving to you to buy your goods from us.

## B. Goldgar & S. Lynn

**We Sell for Cash**

**We Sell for Less**

## Invest Your Money in Land. It Is An Investment that is Safe

120 acres four miles west of Blair. 3-room house, well, fine tank, 70 acre in cultivation, for only \$32.50 an acre, some terms. Not rented.

133 acres five miles north of Merkel. This is extra fine land and the cheapest buy in all this country

114 acres as level as a floor and absolutely high grade. Attractive terms.

Remember we have a section a short distance west of Noodle.

Some very attractive listings in the Dora section.

See us for listings in City property.

## Merkel Realty Co.

W. O. BONEY

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