

BIG BANQUET NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

We are informed and requested to announce that plans are being made for a mass Meeting and Social banquet by the business men and citizens of Merkel and the surrounding country, to be held in this city next Tuesday night, at which time the needs of our city, the growth and development of same will be freely discussed, and from which it is hoped that steps may be taken toward making many needed improvements, especially in the way of a cleaner and better town. It is possible that besides a splendid program of entertainment, such as music etc., some able speakers will be present to give us their ideas and experiences regarding the building and maintaining a cleaner and better town in which to live.

Merkel is one of the best and most substantial cities along the T. & P. railroad. It is surrounded by one of the best agricultural and stock raising countries to be found anywhere. It is populated with the best people on earth. Then why should its citizens not meet and talk over the needs of the town as a whole, and at the same time enjoy an hour of social mingling?

There are many things Merkel needs, and by no means least a good sewer system, which would insure the citizenship better health. And we are informed that it is possible that officials of the city will be present and attempt to secure the will of our people along this line and see if there is not a way which this vexing question might be solved.

We also learn that the banquet will likely be given under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers Club, and the proceeds in that instant be used in helping to pay for the putting down of the nice side walks which now lend the entrance of our magnificent school building, and which were it not for the efforts of the leaders of the Parent-Teachers Club would not to-day be a source of pleasure and benefit to our children.

Every public spirited citizen should not hesitate to buy a ticket to this banquet, and there by help this worthy move, and at the same time take part in the proceeds of a meeting which has for its purpose the starting of plans for a greater Merkel. In fact Merkel must step out and get in the line of progress or remain in the back ground of dead towns.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

President in charge. Prayer by Bro. Parrack. Business. Leader in charge. Subject: "Faiths Encouragement" Scripture lesson: Hebrew 11:1-10. Sentence prayers. Why is faith a necessity? By leader. Introduction, by Mr. Hancock. The Encouragement of faithful living, by Ruth Boden. The Challenge of faithful dying, by Mrs. Winnie Owen. Faith is inspired by the example of Jesus, by Elmer Landreth. Faith should aim ever to be more faithful, by Miss Ola Sharp. By seeking to bear our testimony before the world, by Joe Riney. Blackboard answers, by Mr. Jackson. Special Music, by Luena Frazier. President in charge, Benediction. Niece Hancock. President.

AID AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The aid and missionary society of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. Chas. H. Jones, Monday at 3:30 o'clock. Every member is urged to be present.

at G. M. Sharp's.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE

We will have the usual services next Sunday, we are expecting a record breaking attendance at Sunday School, get there promptly at 10 o'clock and help her break. Preaching at 11 and 7:30 in the evening, song service begins at 7:00 come and sing with us. The Crown Hardware Quartett will sing at the evening hour, we had a great service last Sunday night, our young preacher backed by the young people gave a service that will not be soon forgotten. Keep in mind the protracted meeting which begins the 1st Sunday in April be ready to do your part to make it a success, remember that many of us made this promise not long ago. I will do my best for Jesus this year.

W. M. Murrell, Pastor.

MAN EMPLOYED AT THE CITY CEMETERY

We are informed that Mr. Bickley who in 1918 kept Rose Hill Cemetery in such beautiful condition, has just been employed again by the committee in charge for the year. And we are also asked to state that any one desiring to contribute to fund for paying expenses can do so at the Farmers State Bank.

BUYS FINE CATTLE

W. H. Laney formerly this city's splendid meat market man for many years, returned recently from a trip to Fort Worth where he purchased two cars of splendid high grade White-Face cattle which will be used for restocking the ranch of Laney & Sons located east of town.

GINNING NOTICE

We the undersigned ginners will gin on the following dates Saturday, March 6th., Saturday, March, 13th., Saturday, March 20th., and Saturday April 3rd., will be our last gin day.

Guitar Gin Co.
Brown Ind. Gin Co.
F. P. Hamm Gin.

Mr. Henry Askew, splendid bookkeeper at the Merkel Lumber Company, was called to his home last week on account of a message stating his father, 65 years of age had been seriously hurt while working in a cotton gin. Later reports state that the father was taken to Temple Sanitarium where one arm which had been mangled in the gin, had to be amputated, and it is thought that he would now get along alright.

C. R. Rogers who for many years has been one of our splendid citizens, has moved to Clyde where he will reside. Some few weeks ago Mr. Rogers had the sad misfortune to lose his good wife, and which is the cause of his moving to Clyde. His many friends here wish him health and prosperity.

Not a house to rent in this town, and should there be another bumper crop made here, and the prospects are bright that there will be, there will be a great demand for homes the coming fall. Infact there must be more homes built here.

Mr. Ed Teuton formerly with the Trent State Bank, has accepted a position with the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of this city and has entered upon the duties of same. He is capable and well qualified for the splendid position, and will make a good citizen among us.

BLANTON TOO BUSY TO MEET GRISHAM

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Congressman Blanton today sent the following telegram to R. N. Grisham at Eastland, Texas:

"Just received your telegram challenging me to defend my record in a joint debate with you at Sweetwater, March 12, and at all other places in the district covering your speaking dates."

"Nothing would give me more pleasure were Congress not in session. But duty before pleasure. Should Congress adjourn before the primaries, and you are still in the race, I will then satisfy your desire for joint debates. I will not leave here while Congress is in session."

"I am daily actively engaged in helping to solve serious governmental problems, fighting against waste and extravagance and for sane economy, retrenchment, proper reconstruction, rehabilitation and return to normal."

"My record is a matter of history. Should there be no record I shall have to depend upon the good people of my district, in whom I have an abiding confidence, and they will defend my record at the polls. During the next six months every able-bodied man should produce something for his country. You will find that the people are busy and want less politics and more production."

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Classes and work for all.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Morning subject: "Universal blessings from Christ". Evening subject: "Jonah the Backslider".

Junior Union at 3:30 p. m.

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

Teachers meeting, Monday 7:30 p. m.

Ladies meetings in circles, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.

Prayermeeting and choir practice Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

Regular business meeting of the church in connection with prayer meeting.

The Lords supper will be observed by the church at the morning service Sunday.

Come and help make our services better. If you sing we need your help. If you play any musical instrument we need your help. If you can neither sing or play come and help us with your prayerful presence.

We want every Baptist in this community in our services. Others are welcome to all our services but we feel that all the Baptists should come and help and not wait to be urged.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor, Phone 194

H. M. Thompson, one of the proprietors of the City Barber Shop accompanied by his little daughter, returned yesterday from Hot Springs Ark., where he had been with his wife for treatment, and who we are glad to learn is improving nicely, but Mr. Thompson stated that it was thought best that she remain for treatment for another month yet.

H. F. Groene the genial and hustling manager of the Cozy Theatre, is in Dallas this week making bookings of the best and latest pictures for his theatre here. But that's Groene's way. Its the best always with him.

Mr. Stanford returned first of the week from an extended visit to relatives in Tennessee. He says he enjoyed the visit among the scenes of his old childhood very much.

STATE TREASURY HAS BIG BALANCE

Austin, March 3.—The State Treasury now has the greatest credit balance in the history of Texas, according to the monthly balance sheet, which was made public today. On March 1 the balance was \$16,661,738 cash and \$25,032,736 in bonds. Of the cash \$8,491,734 was credited to the general revenue fund. This is approximately half of the amount appropriated to be paid out of this fund during the fiscal year.

Funds with state depositories which were drawing an average interest rate of 4.51 per cent on March 1 totaled \$14,739,553. Interest received from State depositories during February has not been totaled.

Total receipts during February were \$15,292,111. Disbursements totaling \$8,518,051. Disbursements from the general fund were \$5,053,258; while receipts for this fund were \$9,345,900.

The greatest balance in history is the result of the large tax levy in Taxes, which is expected to produce more than \$23,000,000 according to Treasurer J. W. Baker. The constitutional limit has been reached in levying principal revenue producing taxes.

METROPOLITAN CAFE WILL ENTERTAIN TUESDAY NIGHT

On next Tuesday, March 9, we will throw open our doors to the young people, our friends and customers, from ten p. m. to two a. m. Good music, including instrumental, and delicious eats for all, and those who care may delight themselves dancing. Cordial welcome is extended to one and all.

Metropolitan Cafe

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Among the news items over looked in our last issue was a change in the Lowery & Gamble Drug firm. Mr. L. A. Arrington purchased the interest of R. J. Lowery, joining Mr. S. D. Gamble in the management of the business. They are experienced and capable drug men; enterprising, courteous, and hustlers from the word go. They are sure to succeed.

W. L. Johnson of El Paso was here this week, mixing with old friends, and visiting the family of Judge W. W. Wheeler, his father-in-law. Mr. Johnson may possibly decide to move with his family to Merkel.

The womans Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will give a chicken dinner Saturday, March the 13th. The place to be announced later. Your patronage will be appreciated.

Eat chicken dinner with the Womens Missionary Society of the Methodist Church.

Miss Ganevera Middleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Middleton, who is attending the Texas Womens College at Fort worth, was here the week end.

A furnished room for rent. See Henry Marquis, Merkel, Texas, Box 581.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS

We are indeed proud of our large number of correspondents from over the surrounding county this week, and feel sure that our readers will appreciate their splendid news items. We sincerely thank each one, and trust that we may receive weekly notes from all.

We also wish to say to each that you should sign your own name as well as one you wish to be used as correspondent.

Mr. B. Goldgar one of the proprietors of the L. & G. Store on Front Street, returned recently from the markets where he purchased more new goods for their business as they were greatly surprised at the splendid business accorded them the first week in Merkel.

BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE AT SIX

A petition was recently circulated among the business firms of the city for the purpose of all agreeing to close their doors during the Spring and summer at six o'clock, except on Saturdays. Practically every firm signed for this closing hour, and which in our opinion is good and just move, as it will give the clerks a little rest from the long days work, and those who have gardens will have a little time in which to look after same.

DOES IT PAY?

W. H. Stamps of Sweetwater, in reply to a statement sent him for a small classified advertisement in the Merkel Mail, replies as follows:

Dear Sir:
Check inclosed for amount Best 60 cents I ever spent. Sold my farm for \$13,000 on the strength of the two insertions of the advertisements. Am strong believer in printers ink.
W. H. Stamps.

Mrs. Levy, Wife of L. D. Levy the genial manager of the Burton-Lingo Lumber Company, underwent quite a serious operation last week at the Abilene Sanitarium, but from all reports is doing nicely, and will soon be able to return home.

W. H. Laney who is feeding a nice bunch of cattle here shipped a car of fat ones to Fort Worth market first of the week.

MASSAGE TREATMENT

is producing results everywhere. President Wilson was treated by Massage. With no doubt great results. Don't hesitate to try it in your case. I am here to serve you Dr. Pue, Masseuse. I am not a rubbing doctor, nor Magnetic Healer. 5t2

Fresh Cream Meal at G. M. Sharp's. tf

Mrs. J. C. Baker and children left last week for their new home at Eastland, where Mr. Baker has a splendid position with one of the large Refineries at that place.

Banker Thompson is making continued improvements about his splendid home in the way of a new garage and servant house.

County Correspondence.

We want to make the Merkel Mail just as newsy and interesting as is possible, and would like to have a correspondent in every community in the surrounding country. We will be glad to furnish stamps, paper, etc., and send the Mail free to any one who will give us the news from their community.

MAY START A NEW TEST NORTH TOWN

While we have no definite information regarding the matter there is a rumor about town, which seems authentic, that there is to be another new test in this vicinity for oil. The rumor is, that a deep test well will soon be started about four miles north east of Merkel near Stith. It is said that the test will be in charge of capable and experienced oil men, who are backed with all the capital needed to thoroughly complete the test to the deep sands.

And from this, one may judge that the faith of there being oil in this immediate section is growing stronger, and we should not be at all surprised some of these fine mornings some one of these wells would be found to be among the real "Gushers" of the great Central West Texas Oil Field.

We are also informed that drilling is going on steadily at the Sears Well eight miles north as well as on the Bland, two and a half miles southeast. Both of these tests are being watched continuously, as they are getting down toward the production area.

THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club met at the home of Mrs. T. L. Grimes with Mesdames T. L. Grimes and R. I. Grimes as hostess.

The afternoon passed all to soon as there were many busy fingers and some interesting games of 42.

Delicious Salad, Potato Chips sandwiches and coffee was served to about 15 members and a few visitors.

The next meeting will be at Mrs. Robert Hicks.

NOTICE

Owing to the numerous Bank robberies over the state we advise our costumers who have Liberty Bonds in their boxes to deposit them in our Burglar proof safe, we have one which affords ample room for them and we will be pleased to place them there. No rock or concrete vault is Burglar proof. 1t

R. O. Anderson, Cashier.

BLAIR NEWS

The farmers are getting buisy around Blair. The village blacksmith is making his hammar ring.

Blair school is progressing nicely under the care of Mr. Carroll.

Program at Blair school even two weeks Friday night everyone is invited.

Mrs. Mattie Simpson is visiting Merkel and Blair.

Sunday school at Blair every Sunday evening at 2:00 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. George Reeves have arrived at Blair Community. We are glad to have them come back home.

The Baptists have Mr. C. C. Faris back again for their preacher. Everyone is invited to come out and hear him preach.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Shilling moved to Merkel last week.

Dining at Mr. John Meeks. everyone had a nice time.

Mrs. Doan has just returned from her daughters, Mrs. May Horton, and Mrs. Blanche Horton.

Docia and Preston Doan visited their Grandmother, Mrs. Doan, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Reeves and family visited their son Mr. George Reeves.

Miss Myrtle Reeves is clerking at Jim's Store this week.

Little Dot

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.

OFFICERS
 T. J. Toombs President
 R. L. Bland Vice President
 John Sears Vice President
 R. O. Anderson Cashier
 F. Y. Gaither Asst. Cashier

STATEMENT
Farmers State Bank
 OF MERKEL

Close of Business Feb. 28, 1920

RESOURCES
 Loans \$554,256.08
 U. S. Treas. Certificates 25,000.00
 Banking House 7,850.00
 Furniture and Fixtures 4,500.00
 Stocks, Liberty Bonds 5,961.30
 Assessment Guaranty Fund 3,445.73
CASH AND EXCHANGE **415,447.14**

LIABILITIES
 Capital Stock \$ 50,000.00
 Surplus fund 50,000.00
 Undivided profits net 13,157.35
 Reserved for taxes 2,286.51
DEPOSITS **901,016.39**
 \$1,016,460.25

Line up with a Home Bank where you deal with all home people, who have had 20 years experience in dealing with West Texas and its people.

The patronage we receive is proof of the service we give.

THE HOME BANK

DIRECTORS
 All Home People
 H. L. Propst R. L. Bland John Sears
 M. Armstrong H. H. Toombs
 T. J. Toombs R. O. Anderson

familiarize themselves with the ELIGIBILITY rules of the league as well as the rules for the various events entered. These may be found in the constitution and rules of the League Read them carefully, and avoid misunderstanding at the county meet. The rules will be adhered to the letter. Teachers will please cooperate to see that they are followed.

Program Taylor County Meet
 March 26-27

Friday, March 26th, 9:00 a. m.
 Junior Boys' Basket Ball, Central Ward boys court.
 Junior Girls' Basket Ball, Central Ward girls' court.
 Senior Girls' Basket Ball, high school Girls' court.
 Friday, 10:00 a. m.
 Girls' tennis doubles, High School tennis courts.
 Boys' tennis doubles, High School tennis courts.
 Junior Spelling contest, Room 8, High School.
 Senior Spelling contest, Room 9, High School.
 Essay writing contest, Room 6, High School.
 Friday, 1:30
 Meeting of contestants in High School Auditorium.
 Friday, 2:00 p. m., High School Auditorium.
 Finals in extempore speaking.
 Finals in Rural Girls' declamation.
 Finals in rural boys' declamation
 Finals in Junior boys' declamation.
 Preliminaries in Junior girls' declamation.
 Preliminaries in senior boys' declamation.
 Preliminaries in senior girls' declamation.
 (In the above preliminaries, the contestants will be eliminated to the three best in each case, these three taking part in the finals Friday evening.)
 Friday, 4:00 p. m.
 Finals in Junior boys' basket ball, Central Ward boys' court.
 Finals in Junior girls' basket ball, Central Ward girls' court.
 Finals in Senior girls' basket ball, High School girls' court.

Friday, 8:00 p. m., High School Auditorium.

Finals in debate, rural schools.
 Finals in debate, other schools
 Finals in senior girls' declamation.
 Finals in Junior girls' declamation.
 Finals in Senior boys' declamation.
 Saturday, March 27, 9:00 a. m.
 Simmons College Athletic Field.
 1. 120 yard low hurdle, Senior boys.
 2. Chinning bar, Junior Boys.
 3. Discus throw, Senior.
 4. Running broad jump, Junior boys.
 5. 100yard dash, Senior.
 6. 30-yard dash Junior girls.
 7. 1 mile run, Senior.
 8. Shot put, junior boys.
 9. 30 yard dash, Senior girls.
 10. 12-pound shot put, Senior.
 11. 220-yard dash, Junior Boys.
 12. 220-yard dash, Senior boys.
 13. Base ball throw for distance, Junior boys.

Noon

14. 440-yard race, Senior boys.
 15. High jump Junior boys.
 16. 50-yard dash, Senior boys.
 17. Potato race, junior boys.
 18. High jump Senior boys.
 19. 440-yard relay Junior boys.
 20. 50-yard dash, Junior boys.
 21. 140 yard relay, Senior girls.
 22. 140 yard relay, Junior girls.
 23. 880-yard run, Senior boys.
 24. Run hop-step-jump, Junior boys.
 25. Pole vault, senior boys.
 26. 1 mile relay senior boys
 2s. Running broad jump, senior boys.

Roger A. Burgess,
 Director-General
 Taylor County.

STRAYED

From my place in Merkel, one dark brown horse, 16 hands high, 9 years old, limps in right hind foot, one sorrel mare colt, one year old, and white streak in face. Will pay reward for delivery of or for information leading to the recovery of the above horses.
 W. W. Wheeler.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

Farmers & Merchants
NATIONAL BANK

OF MERKEL

At Close of Business February 28, 1920

RESOURCES

Loans—Time, Demand and Cotton \$598,898.53
 Stock in Federal Reserve 1,500.00
 Furniture and Fixtures 4,500.00
 United States and Other Securities 15,834.30
 Five Per Cent Redemption Fund 312.50
CASH AND IN BANKS **270,227.86**

Total \$891,273.19

LIABILITIES

Capital \$ 50,000.00
 Surplus and Profits 29,581.28
 Circulation 6,250.00
DEPOSITS **805,441.93**

Total \$891,273.19

I certify the above statement is correct.

L. R. Thompson, Cashier

DIRECTORS

J. T. WARREN, President
 G. F. WEST, Vice President
 HENRY JAMES, Vice President
 BOOTH WARREN, Asst. Cashier
 E. D. TEUTON, Asst. Cashier

TAYLOR COUNTY TRACT MEET

On Friday and Saturday, March 26th and 27th, the county meet will be held at Abilene. From the great number of schools already registered, the meet promises to be one of the liveliest meets the county has ever had. All the events scheduled for Friday will be held at Abilene high school, all those scheduled for Saturday will be held at the athletic field of Simmons College. Simmons has very kindly treated the schools of the county the use of her grounds for this meet.

All the directors of the various events met with the county director at Abilene on February 28th. Besides arranging a program, the committee also decided to offer a bronze medal to each individual winner of any literary or athletic event and to offer silver loving cups to the teams winning first place at the meet. If the cups can be secured, the committee proposes to award a cup to the school winning the greatest number of points, to the boys' and girls' senior basket ball teams winning first place to the winning debate team, to the winning tennis teams. These cups when held for three successive years by any one school becomes the permanent property of that school.

To defray the expense of the above as well as some other minor expenses each pupil entering the meet will be charged a fee of twenty-five cents. This one fee will entitle the pupil to enter as many events as the rules will allow him to qualify for. The name of each pupil accompanied by the above fee, together with just what events each pupil propose to enter at the county meet should be mailed to Roger A. Burgess, Director-General, Merkel, Texas so as to reach him not later than Saturday, March 20th. This date is fixed in order that the directors may know something of how to plan for their events.

It is very important that all pupils entering the contests as well as their teachers should

MERKEL BOYS ATTEND STATE UNIVERSITY

Barney A. Garrett and Frank E. Smith of Merkel will both take their Bachelor of Laws degrees at the University of Texas this year. Mr. Garrett at the June commencement, and Mr. Smith at the August commencement. Mr. Garrett is a quiz-master in law, grading the work of the seniors in equity and that of the Juniors in tort.

The law department has more than four hundred men enrolled now, and about fifteen women, Mrs. Ola Heath Garrett being a student of the department. Both Mr. Garrett and Mr. Smith are members of the Cofer Law Forum, and at the open meeting to be held soon, they will be the opposing lawyers in the trial. This society has for its purpose practice in actual cases, and at each meeting a case is tried. In this way the students become acquainted with court practice and the pleading of cases. Every year one open meeting is held. Mr. Garrett is a member of Athenaeum Literary Society, of which he was president in the fall term and vice president in the winter term. Last fall he was chosen to represent the society in the inter-society debating contest. He is a member of Delta Theta Phi law fraternity. During the war, Mr. Garrett was in the intelligence service, and worked in Mexico, Arizona, New Mexico and other sections of the country. He graduated from the Sam Houston Normal Institute in 1913 and taught three years. In 1914 he taught at Roscoe, and was very active in Interscholastic League work.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Rusk Literary Society, and of "Resticusses" the B Hall organization. He was a captain in the army during the war.

We can save you money on top and seat covers. Auto Laundry one block north of Coxy theatre.

Seed Irish Potatoes at Bob Martins Grocery Co.

Lots of New Goods

WILL BE A REAL PLEASURE TO SHOW YOU
OUR SMART LINES

NEW SILK DRESSES

TAILORED SPRING SUITS

Lots of new shoes at a saving of \$1.00 to \$4.00 per pair. There have been three advances in price since we bought our shoes.

GOOD LINE MEN'S DRESS AND WORK PANTS

Men's New Hats, Ties, Hosiery and Underwear

Many new things in Silk and Wash Goods

We are One Price and Cash—which insures you against paying big profits
 Come to see us — will do you good

The Brown Dry Goods Co.

WRIGLEY'S

For mother, father, the boys and girls. It's the sweet for all ages—at work or play.

When you're nervous or tired, see how it refreshes!

The Flavor Lasts

WRIGLEY'S DOUBLEMINT CHEWING GUM

WRIGLEY'S JUICY FRUIT CHEWING GUM

WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT CHEWING GUM

SEALING TIGHT—KEPT RIGHT

Have your Laundry here Monday's as it goes out Tuesday's. Office at Hamblett's Grocery Store. 13tf

We are ready to paint your old Boat or make you a new Top, at the right prices. 13tf

Auto Laundry.

JUNIUS WRITES FROM MERKEL

Times-Herald. Merkel, Feb. 27.—Leaving Waco enroute West, for Merkel We are now domiciled at the palatial homes of Captain J. H. and Col. Sam Grayson, twelve miles north of Merkel, considered one of the richest sections of West Texas. Have met a number of former residents of McLennan County, including Mrs. Russ Horn and her daughter, Mrs. D. S. Scott, Judge Lee D. Williams, Mr. Riley Horton, Charley Sears, Bill Tiner, W. B. Helton—the merchant prince of Merkel, Col. J. T. Dennis, C. P. Church, Mr. Jackson, former editor of the Merkel Mail, that prince of good fellows, Dr. A. M. Armstrong and a host of others, all of whom extended us a warm welcome.

This is considered the most prosperous period in the history of the West; every farmer has an abundance of feed, a plethora of debts paid in full and money in the bank. New houses built and old ones repaired, the country was a whole bears prima facie evidence of unusual prosperity and kindest, most sociable and hospitable people in the state. We can cite a recent instance of their generosity and Christian benevolence. A man in the neighborhood died last week, leaving a wife and five young children. The neighbors donated money to defray funeral expenses, paid grocery bill and gave the widow over a hundred dollars, will break her land and plant her crop and aid in its cultivation. This is true Christianity, and worth more than all of the intemperate and far-fetched homilies of all of the venal blatherskites of the state.

Cotton is all picked, with the exception of a few scattering patches, and the professional cotton picker has folded his tent and like the Nomadic Arab has silently stolen away. Breaking land and sowing oats is the daily vocation of the farmer, there is a smaller acreage in wheat than last year, but a larger acreage

Attention L. & G. STORE Ladies

This is Your Opportunity

New dresses have arrived this week in Taffetas, Messelines, plain and figured Georgettes, featuring the latest models. Our prices are the very lowest.

One group to go at \$21.45 One group to go at \$24.45

Exceptional Values in Georgette Waists

Values to \$8.50 to go at\$5.95
Some at\$4.25

Pure Silk Hose in White Cardovan Navy Grey at \$1.49

Ladies Lisle Hose with seam Back, in white, Black and Cardovan Exceptional Values Only 50c

Childrens Gingham Dresses all sizes \$1.20 to \$4.75

All-Leather work shoes for men and boys

L. & G. STORE

Front Street, Merkel, Texas

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Clothes Make The Man

- ☐ A dirty, unkempt tramp, if bathed, shaved and dressed in new clothes will present the front of a gentleman.
- ☐ Just so with your HOME. Too many of us neglect our property and let it run down. Just look over your place and see how a little repairs and remodeling or painting here and there will make it modern and attractive.
- ☐ Then let us furnish the right materials for the work needed to insure the desired results. See our photo display for suggestions.

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Phone No. 74

L. D. LEVY, Local Mgr

in oats; we will give a more minute report of agricultural conditions in our next missive.

The marriage of Mr. Edgar Grayson, of Shiloh, and Miss Willie Hardy of Clyde, is the most notable social event of the season. Mr. Grayson is not only the most enterprising and prosperous of the young farmers and business men of our section, but a kind, genial and polished gentleman. Miss Willie is a bright, beautiful and cultured young lady, possessing that inherent feminine grace and refinement that has made her one of the most popular debutantes of the most exclusive social set. We tender congratulations to the happy pair, hoping that their dreams of future bliss may be realized.

Cap. Tobe Burt, Sam and L.W. Burt of Aquilla order the Daily Times-Herald sent them for twelve months, and Mrs. D. S. Scott, and Judge Lee D. Williams, of Noodle subscribed also our young friends W. B. Helton and E. H. Grayson favor us with their subscriptions.

Universal regret is expressed at the continued illness of Mrs. J. H. Grayson, a most estimable lady, who is loved and revered by us all.

JUNIUS (In Waco Times-Herald)

Last call and last add as we are winding up our business here we thought it best to notify our customers who have mattress work to be done and wanted their present factory to do it, they can rush them in or we will be gone. 13tf. Quick Service Mattress Factory

GET MORE EGGS

By feeding Martins Egg producer double your money back in eggs or your money back in cash. Martins Roup and Whitt Diarrhoea Remedies, Guaranteed by Sanders Drug Store. Feb6t13

Come let us figure with you on your next bill of Groceries. Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf

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If you have visitors, or if you know any item, which would be of interest to readers of The Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

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Farmers are getting busy for the planting of the largest crop acreage ever before planted in the Merkel country, and the prospects are good for the harvesting of the largest yield of all crops next fall.

It's a long list of names of those who pay income tax in the

Merkel country. There is also lots of happiness and plenty among those who have been so successful as to have to pay income tax. And yet there are some who frown upon the idea that they should pay the tax. And some of them made more money this last year than they ever thought they would have in their lives.

It is said that every town with a population of from 1,000 up has a Chamber of Commerce or some Commercial organization, that is every town that has a live progressive citizenship. The Merkel Board of Trade should come out of its trance, and get busy. They should see that the outside world learns of the wonderful opportunities in the great Merkel country.

Spring is coming the weather will soon be hot and disease germs will be found in abundance unless we clean up. Let every citizen in this town take it upon himself to see that his own premises are cleaned up, and not only that but that they stay cleaned up during the year.

In this city there are some four or five different church services every Sunday. Do you attend some of these services? If not why not?

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- If your eyes bother you in any way.
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Wholesale prices in the aggregate continue to advance during January, according to information collected in representative markets by the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor. Food products registered a pronounced increase, the weighted index number rising for 234 in December to 253 in January or slightly more than 8 per cent. Lumber and building materials showed 7 per cent increase, cloths and clothing nearly 4½ per cent increase, and metals and metal products nearly 5 per cent increase in January over December. Similar increases are shown for house furnishing goods and for chemicals and drugs. Farm products and fuel and lighting articles increased to a somewhat smaller extent. The large increase in prices of food commodities is due mainly to the rise in sugar and potatoes. "Bread and meat and how to get them" is ever the paramount issue in the home of the wage worker.

"Bread and meat and how to get them" is ever the paramount issue in the homes of all with the exception of the leisure class. January statistics or reports are not encouraging—that is, the slump in prices is not in evidence and the high cost of living continues to be higher cost of living.—Fort Worth Record.

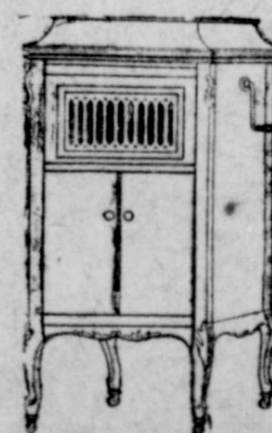
NOTICE

Owing to the numerous Bank robberies over the state we advise our customers who have Liberty Bonds in their boxes to deposit them in our Burglar proof safe, we have one which affords ample room for them and we will be pleased to place them there. No rock or concrete vault is Burglar proof. 1tc

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My dearest friends, please accept our thanks and appreciation for the many, many acts of kindness and love extended in nursing, caring for, and laying away in the cold, cold tomb, my oldest Brother. Friends, God knows I have not words to extend our thanks to you. You have not only nursed my brother in the last days, but you have helped me and my brother bear our financial and other burdens. Did any one ever have such friends? May God bless one who has been so good and kind to us in our hour of loss and sadness. May we, one and all always do our duty toward our fellow man just as you have dear friends. Again we thank you.
H. L. Holmes, Wife and Children, and Brother, M. Holmes.

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I wish to announce to the home beautifiers of Merkel that I am with Mr. Shepard at the Barrow Furniture Company, and he has a full stock of paint and paper and you can see what you are getting before you pay for it and if you need more you can get it, or if you have some over you can return it. I have done quite a bit of work since I have been here, so you can see them about my work, and when you need me phone Mr. Shepard at Barrow Furniture Company.
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IN
"The Gray Towers Mystery"
ALSO
Good Comedy

Saturday, March 6
Bryant Washburn
IN
"The Gypsy Trail"
ALSO
Good Comedy

Tuesday, Mch. 9
Paramount-Artcraft Program

Thursday, Mch. 11
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AND
Sunshine Comedy

Dont forget the chickendinner Saturday, March, 13th to be given by the Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist church.
Best Flour in Texas at A. L. Jobs, \$6.50 for next 10 days. 1t

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements are made subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July, 1920.
District Offices \$15.00
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Precinct Offices \$8.00

For District Judge, 42nd Judicial District:

E. M. Overshiner
District Clerk:
James W. Mayfield

For County Judge:
J. W. Moffett
W. E. Martin

For County Attorney:
Carlos D. Speck,
For County Tax Assessor:
Mrs. Florence Vance
Roy Parmelly

County Treasurer:
Austin Fitts.

For County Clerk:
(Miss) Fannie Tippet

For Tax Collector:
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W. H. Frazier

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WANTED—Middle age woman to work in Restaurant—Apply at Campbells Restaurant.

COLORITE—Makes old hats new. Merkel Drug Co. tf

WOOD WOOD—For sale R. L. Bland. tf

LOST—Mesh Bag, containing small change. Return to Mary Reed for reward. 1tc

Our Prescription department is complete. Merkel Drug Co. tf

LOST—Front Curtain for Dodge car, South of Merkel. Finder please return to Crown Hardware and receive reward. F. F. Cox. 27t2pd

FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red Eggs, \$1.00 for 15. 20t3pd
Lizzie Keny, Phone 9032F21

FOR SALE—Milk cows. See Charles Orr. 13-6tpd

WANTED TO RENT—Seventy five or 150 acres of land on the halves. G. L. Bishop, Merkel, Texas, P. O. Box 471. 20t3pd

FOR SALE—A good house and lot and a half just south of Mr. Joe Harris.—See him or write or see me. R. G. Grogan, Hanley, Texas, Rout 2. 27t3

Get your washing done at the Jenkins House. 27t3

Oklahoma lump Coal—Stored under shelter. Swafford, Phone 291. 27t2

Get your washing done at the Jenkins. 20t3

LOST—Fountain Pen with gold band and holder. Finder return to Merkel Lumber Co. 1tc

FOR SALE—My old home place on north side. 9 rooms, water, and light connections, and other conveniences. Grape and berry vineyard, good barn. Frank Sears. 1tp

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COLORITE—Makes old hats new. Merkel Drug Co. tf

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☐ Our listings in the city property are not exhausted. Several nice houses for sale.

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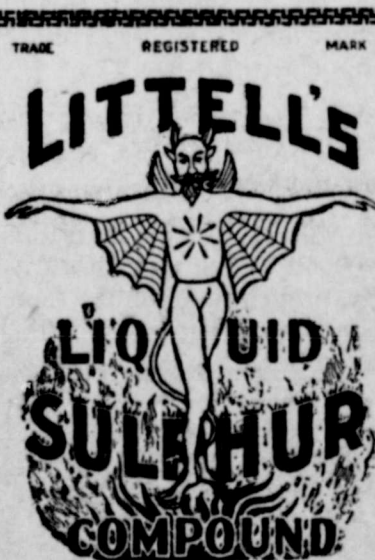
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☛ We will be glad to have you come in and give us your order for any special materials and Fixtures you may want.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES (By Ruby Hamm)

Mr. Burgess has been a frequent visitor of the English and History classes the past few days. We appreciate these visits and also the interest he takes in the classes. But as the old saying is "Time about is fair play".

What's in a Name?
Is Kenneth Sharp?
Is Grace Cook?
Can Charlie Tucker?
What time has Tom? All day
Does Iva Bragg?
Why does Miss Edith Ake-man?
Where is Murphy Thomas?
Do you hear Lucile Russell?
Why is Roy Brown?
Can Connie Peele?
Where is Autry Porter?
Why is it that Jewel Burns?

A very unusual occurrence happened in the study hall students were suddenly disturbed from their studies by a loud roaring noise. Oh! the aeroplane is here again, said someone. But with a backward glance they discovered that it was only Lewis peacefully snoring, what a disappointment.

We don't like to talk about the teachers but we do wish if they all have to have the "Flu" that they would all have it at the same time. Then perhaps there would be a chance for a holiday.

The 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades had a sandwich sale Friday to help pay for the new walks, \$33.40 worth was sold. Merkel has a High School. The high school has some rules. Merkel has some teachers who



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When the talk turns from politics to railroads, and the traveler with the cocksure air breaks in with, "There's an awful lot of 'water' in the railroads," here are some hard-pan facts to give him:

American railroads have cost \$80,900 a mile—roadbed, structures, stations, yards, terminals, freight and passenger trains—everything from the great city terminals to the last spike.

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They are capitalized for only \$71,000 a mile—much less than their actual value. Seventy-one thousand dollars today will buy one locomotive.

English railways are capitalized at \$274,000 a mile; the French at \$155,000; German \$132,000; even in Canada (still in pioneer development) they are capitalized at \$67,000 a mile. The average for all foreign countries is \$100,000.

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try. To teach some "Great big fools" Do not try to judge a senior by his or her appearance. They may be making one hundred on Trigonometry.

On account of final exams this week the seniors have postponed their party until Friday night week.

A meeting was held for all of the boys interested in base ball Doyle Garrett was elected Captain, and Lewis Swann Manager. Baseball goods have been ordered and the boys say they will soon be ready to beat anyone.

Monday afternoon the Merkel High School Basket Ball Chaps, extended their field of operation and took on Clyde High School.

Both teams, until this game, were undefeated and Merkel kept her "rep", winning by a score of 29 to 20. It looked as though Merkel was out at the end of the first half, but they came back strong in the second half and went thru Clyde. Now people stand behind your team. A good athletic reputation is a good add for any town, so come to the next game and help us win by your support.

Tom: "Oh I've got an idea".
Bill: "Well keep it, it's seldom you ever get one."

Some things are so insignificant we don't care any thing about learning them, but that isn't the reason the seniors did

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not learn Solid Geomtry.

Chaw Sir?

Chester: "Will you lend me a Chaucer?"
Jack: "Sure, Spearpoint or Beechnut?"

If a junior by chance happens to read one paragraph of English History he feels that it is up to him to argue about the whole lesson.

You have noticed that small men always have a large opinion of them selves.

Maurine: "Do you think much of Doyle?"

Christene: "Not much—Only 24 hours a day."

A lot of people are against a thing because they hate a person that is for it.

Annie May Costephens: "But I love him he is the light of my life."

Mrs. Costephens: "That's all right, but we put the lights out at ten."

Some of these days we hope they will revise the school laws and add, do not study in the study hall and do not recite in your class room and your average will be higher.

The seniors received the surprise of their young lives, Friday morning when Mr. Burgess suddenly appeared in the study hall and said "I want to see the seniors". On our downward journey we thought of all the crimes we had committed. Upon reaching the office everyone was trem-soundedbsepei yofy wyafd gwm bling and the knees shaking, sounded like a thunder storm. With faces white with fear we opened the door. "Here's a diploma man you seniors", said Mr. Burgess. Well, then our knees quit shaking, our faces became their natural color once more, and all the fright vanished as quickly as it had appeared, and we were once more, just seniors.

Ladies don't do your spring sewing before you see what the Presbyterian ladies have in their Bazaar, at West Store. Everyone come and see for yourself. Punch will be served to all who come.

Plenty of Brand, Shorts, cotton seed meal. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

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LOOK FOR THE YELLOW PRICE TICKET

SATURDAY SPECIAL---All our winter suits to select from---\$40, \$50, \$60, for Saturday Special, your choice \$25

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36 inch best grade domestic, no starch regular 45c value, Special per yard 29c
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Correct Spring styles, Serviceable and becoming, Georgette, Taffeta, Serge, Silk, and Charmeuse Satin. Prices: \$9.95, \$14.95, \$19.95, \$25.95, \$29.95 and \$39.50
You would never expect nso much style, so much quality at these Prices.

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DORA BREVITIES

Dora High school has not stopped for the "flu".

One of the teachers has just gotten back from a trip home. Miss May Saunders taught while she was gone.

Several of the sick ones are up but there are quite a few sick yet. Mr. Pob Sagely is very low at time of writing. He has Pneumonia in both lungs.

Several people in the community have sown spring oats.

There was Sunday school last Sunday but owing to sickness, there were only a few present.

Mrs. Willie Wright has gone home after visiting her father J. K. Porter for several days.

A few of the farmers around Dora are thru picking cotton, but more of them are not.

Mr. Hatton Moore has just moved into the community. We wish him well.

GOLAN ITEMS

Clyde Williams and Miss Velma Hill motored to Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Misses Dixie and Lettie Duncan visited their sister Mrs. Claude Stribling, Sunday.

Grandpa Rollins is seriously ill at this writing.

The boys basket ball team defeated the Hewman team by a score of 6 to 4 in favor of Golan Friday afternoon. The Golan girls basket ball team also de-

feated the Newman team by a score of 6 to 4.

Miss Ola Thompson had the misfortune to get her leg broken Wednesday afternoon. The horse started up as she was getting in the buggy thus causing her to fall and break her leg.

Little Miss Gertrude Byron spent the day with Audra Dell Hudspeth Sunday.

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And a Comedy

TUESDAY—

Dorothea Dalton

in

"The Ten of Diamonds"

Also

Snub Pollard

In a Roaring Pathe Comedy

THURSDAY—

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U. S. INCOME TAX EXEMPTS NOBODY

Every Person Who Had Income in 1919 Must Determine Own Liability.

MARCH 15 LAST FILING DATE.

Surest Way Is to Follow Form 1040A. Free Advice in Doubtful Cases. Severe Penalties in Law.

Nobody is exempt from Income Tax. An obligation is laid directly on the shoulders of each citizen and resident to consider his own case and to get his return in on time if one is due.

With each return showing a tax due a payment must accompany the return in the full amount of the tax or at least one-quarter of the tax.

All returns for 1919 must be filed on or before March 15.

Must Show True Figures.

In figuring up his earnings for income tax purposes a person must take into consideration all items of taxable income, and each item itself must be accurate in amount. Guesses and estimates must be avoided, for the return is made under oath.

Everybody who had an income during 1919 must now determine whether his or her net income was sufficient in amount to require an Income Tax return. The best way to find out is to get a Form 1040A and follow the instructions printed on it. That form will serve as a reminder of every item of income; and if a return is due, it tells how to prepare and file it.

One of the important points to keep in mind is that a person's net income is found by a computation prescribed in the law, and that each item of income from every source must be considered, unless specifically exempted.

Another thing to remember is that the personal exemption allowed taxpayers by law has no relation whatever to the requirement to file a return. This exemption is not to be considered until a person has figured out his net income and determined whether it was sufficient to require him to file a return. Then, if a return must be filed, he should read carefully the instructions for claiming exemption, and complete his return.

If in doubt on any point as to income or deductions, a person may secure free advice and aid from the nearest Internal Revenue office. Many banks and trust companies are also furnishing similar service during banking hours.

Heavy Penalties in Law.

For failing to make a return on time the penalty is a fine of not more than \$1,000 and an addition of 25 per cent to the tax due. For making a false or fraudulent return the penalty is a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both; and, in addition, 50 per cent of the tax. There are other penalties for failing to pay tax when due and for understatement of the tax through negligence.

Many Sources of Income.

Aside from what one may earn by his services, there are many other sources of income. If he sold any property during 1919 he must figure out the gain realized. If he rented buildings, land, apartments or rooms such rents must be considered taxable, and he may claim deductions for necessary expenses incidental to rents.

Bank interest is a common source of income and is taxable whether withdrawn or not. Any amount of interest credited to a depositor is income to the depositor.

Interest on mortgages and notes is taxable; also bond interest received from corporations.

A taxpayer who cashed his insurance during 1919 must report as income any excess received over the total of premiums paid.

Members of partnerships or personal service corporations or beneficiaries of an estate or trust must report their shares of income distributable to them whether or not actually withdrawn.

Dividends of domestic corporations must be reported. Many other forms of income are taxable, unless specifically exempted.

INCOME TAX IS DUE MARCH 15

Penalties for Delay and Failure to Make Returns—Early Compliance Urged.

All income tax returns covering the year 1919 must be filed by Monday, March 15. Each taxable return must be accompanied by check or money order for the full amount or at least one-quarter of the amount of tax due.

Cash payments are accepted only at the collector's main office; if sent by mail, they are at the sender's risk.

Residents of Texas should file their returns with, and make payments of Income Tax to, Alexander S. Walker, Collector of Internal Revenue, Austin, Tex.

Those who must file returns but have not done so are warned that the revenue law imposes heavy penalties for failure to get returns in on time or to make payments on time.

Early filing and early payments are urged, in order to relieve the internal revenue offices as much as possible of an overload on the final day, March 15.

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J. L. Ashford one of the splendid citizens residing near Trent, was here on business last Saturday.

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Remember the 10th and save your electric light discount.

Two Majestic range stoves for sale. Inquire at the Star Store It Full line of Groceries. Will appreciate your patronage. 1314 W. F. Hamblett.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bragg of the Woodruff-Bragg Dry Goods Co., have let the contract to Messrs Willis & Crockrell for the painting of their splendid home.

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Your Prescriptions will be filled accurately and by registered Druggists at the Merkel Drug Company.

Mrs. Courtney Hunt and children of Haskell, were over last week for a visit to the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Comegy, and their host of friends.

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INCOME TAX RETURNS DUE

Business Men, Farmers and Wage Workers Must File Schedules of Income for 1919.

MARCH 15 LAST FILING DATE.

Net Incomes of \$1,000 or Over, if Single; or \$2,000 or Over if Married, Must Be Reported.

The Income Tax imposed by Act of Congress on earnings of the year 1919 is now being collected.

Returns under oath must be made on or before March 15 by every citizen and resident who had a net income for 1919 amounting to:

\$1,000 or over, if single; or if married and living apart from wife (or husband); or if widowed or divorced, \$2,000 or over, if married and living with wife (or husband).

The status of the person on the last day of the year fixes the status for the year with respect to the above requirements.

Under any of these circumstances a return must be made, even though no tax is due.

Husband and wife must consider the income of both, plus that of dependent minor children, in meeting this requirement; and, if sufficient to require a return, all items must be shown in a joint return or in separate returns of husband and wife.

A single person with minor dependents must include the income of such dependents.

A minor who has a net income of \$1,000 or more is not considered a dependent, and must file a separate return.

Personal returns should be made on Form 1040A, unless the net income exceeded \$5,000, in which case Form 1040 should be used.

Residents of Texas should file their returns with, and make payments of Income Tax to, Alexander S. Walker, Collector of Internal Revenue, Austin, Tex.

How to Figure Income.

The best way to find out whether one must file a return is to get a Form 1040A and follow the instructions printed on it. That form will serve as a reminder of every item of income, and if a return is due it tells how to prepare and file it.

If in doubt on any point as to income or deductions, a person may secure free advice and aid from the nearest Internal Revenue office.

Guesswork, estimates and other hit-or-miss methods are barred when a person is making out his Income Tax return. Accuracy and completeness must be insisted upon. The return is a sworn statement. As such it must be thorough and accurate.

Salaried persons and wage earners must ascertain the actual compensation received. Overtime, bonuses, shares in the profits of a business, value of quarters and board furnished by the employer and other items which are compensations for services must be included.

It must be borne in mind that compensation may be paid in other forms than in cash. A bonus paid in Liberty Bonds is taxable at the market value of the bonds. A note received in payment for services is taxable income at its face value, and the interest upon it is also taxable.

Other Returns Due.

Every partnership doing business in the United States must file a return on Form 1065; and every personal service corporation must file a similar return.

Corporations must file annual returns on Form 1120.

Trustees, executors, administrators and others acting in a fiduciary capacity are required to file returns. In some cases, Form 1041 is used; in others, Form 1040; and still others, returns on both forms are required.

Information returns, on Forms 1099 and 1098, must be filed by every organization, firm or person who paid, during 1919, an amount of \$1,000 in salary, wages, interest, rent, or other fixed or determinable income to another person, partnership, personal service corporation or fiduciary. These information returns should be forwarded directly to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue (sorting division), Washington, D. C.

INCOME TAX IN NUTSHELL

WHO—Single persons who had net income of \$1,000 or more for the year 1919.

Married couples who had net income of \$2,000 or more.

WHEN—March 15, 1920, is final date for filing returns and making first payments.

WHERE—Collector of Internal Revenue for District in which the person resides.

HOW—Full directions on Form 1040A and Form 1040; also the law and regulations.

WHAT—Four per cent normal tax on taxable income up to \$4,000 in excess of exemption. Eight per cent normal tax on balance of taxable income. Sur-tax, from one per cent to sixty-five per cent on net incomes over \$5,000.