

## SCHOOL RUNNING LOW ON FUNDS

Forced to Charge Tuition in Order to keep School going Nine Months

The Board of trustees of the Merkel school had a very prolonged and interesting meeting last Wednesday night. The time was spent in wrestling with the present financial situation. The board was unanimous in desiring that all that is possible be done to keep the school up to the standard. The school will run for the nine months. No promotions will be made except at the close along with the others. To run the school nine months the board will be compelled to charge tuition of all pupils for the eighth and ninth months. The rate will be \$2.00 per month for those in the first second, and third grades, \$3.00 per month for those in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, and \$4.00 per month for those in the seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades.

Merkel is up against the same financial proposition that Sweetwater, Anson, Haskel, Snyder and other west Texas towns that are over-crowded. These towns have all had to raise from three to five hundred thousand dollars to tide over the crisis of this year and run a nine months term. No town can afford to do less than this if it hopes to give its children what they deserve and demand at our hands. Any thing else will cause a town to lose all its rating in school matters. This we cannot afford.

The situation in Merkel has been brought to this point by several causes which the board wishes the public to understand. The number of children attending school has increased over last year by approximately 200 pupils. This necessitated the employment of three teachers more than last year to care for this increase. This the board could not raise. There yet remains \$800 unpaid taxes for this year. gain the teachers salaries had to be raised about 25 per cent and with the raise some still get less per year than do section hands, delivery-wagon drivers, soda clerks, and other occupations requiring no special training whatever.

This increase running expenses has, in spite of the small raise of one-fourth in property valuations made last fall, put the board up against a financial crisis not faced in Merkel since the year 1915-16. The board has worked hard at this, and needs the heartiest co-operation of all Merkel people to tide over this unavoidable crisis. The people of Sweetwater, Anson, Haskel, Satamford, Ballinger, and Snyder have responded nobly to this critical time in the schools of Texas. Merkel cannot afford to do less for her children. The board and superintendent will be glad to go into further details in explaining this situation if some patrons desire more detail.

It is rather unfortunate that tuition should be charged, but there is no other way around it and it is to be hoped that this will work no financial hardship on any parents. The employment of three more teachers after the opening of school and the delinquent taxes has made this financial shortage. The board has left some of the rooms with more pupils than they should have, in their effort to economize and tide over this extraordinary year.

We ask your fullest co-operation in this critical time that the schools of all West Texas towns be passing through.

The board of trustees, Burgess, Superintendent, Public School.

## MERKEL PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS

Both Farm and City Property in Demand with more City Deals Made

Among the realty deals recently made in this section we learn of the following:

L. R. West purchases a farm of J. L. Milsap for the sum of about \$10,000. He moved to the farm and will make this country his future home.

J. H. McDonald recently purchased a couple of splendid lots located on Oak Street, and is preparing to build thereon a handsome new and modern bungalow.

Mr. Johnson employed by the Texas & Pacific railroad at this place recently purchased a residence of W. W. Campbell, and has moved into same.

W. O. Boney & Walter Jackson recently purchased the G. R. Gasaway 160 acre farm located on the divide.

J. F. Wheat of Ranger is showing his faith in the future of Merkel and the Merkel community by buying from W. O. Boney an 80 acre farm, as well as the old King place on Oak street also some residence lots in the city.

W. H. Stevens purchased the home of J. P. Sublett in the north part of the city.

W. Z. Price buys from W. H. Stevens, a splendid rooming house, located just north of the Tabernacle, on the north side of town.

Will Patterson recently purchased the residence he now occupies in the east part of the city.

A. R. Booth who recently moved to our city and became associated with the Bob Martin Grocery Company, also purchased the home of G. W. Boyce, and with the subscription of the Merkel Mail, becomes a full-fledged citizen.

## METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT

We reached our goal in the Sunday School last Sunday with five to spare. 205 present, then we fixed a new goal to be reached the first Sunday in April, (Easter Sunday) 250 can we reach it? Who will dare say we can't? Now for the 250. Come to Sunday School. Then we had 78 present at the Senior League Sunday evening. Keep an eye on those young people they are doing things. Sunday night they will have charge of the entire service, and present a program that will not only be interesting but uplifting. Come and see your own boys and girls in active service Sunday night 7:30.

Preaching Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, subject: "Leadership of the Spirit".

Keep the coming meeting in mind to commence the first Sunday in April. A great prayer-meeting last Wednesday night, 7:15 present, come and worship with us.

W. M. Murrell, Pastor.

### A BOX SUPPER

We are requested to announce that there is to be a box supper at the Salt Branch School house on next Friday night, the 19th. Everyone invited to come, bring a box and buy several after getting there. Proceeds for the school.

Born to M. and Mrs. Harry Barnett on the 13th, a bouncing baby boy.

## SCHOOL PROGRAM ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Friday evening, at 8 o'clock the following program will be given at the high school auditorium, March 19th. This program is to be given by the school children to the Parent-Teachers Association. The children thus want to show their appreciation in entertaining the members of the Parent-Teachers Association. All the public, whether members of the Association or not are urged to be present for the program which will not be long. Following is the Program:

1. Welcome Address, Tracy Campbell.
2. Piano Solo, Lillian Craig
3. Playette, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades.
4. Reading, Juanita Beene
5. Poppy Drill, 2nd and 3rd grades.
6. Talk on Co-operation, Rev. W. M. Murrell.
7. Dutch Song, Tommie Durham and Charlie Largent.
8. Piano Duet, Hattie and Mary Proctor.
9. Song, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades.
10. Folk Drill and song, 3rd grade.
11. Reading, Iris McClary
12. Announcements.
13. Japanese Drill, 1st grade
14. Chorus, High School girls.

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

## ITEMS TAKEN FROM THE MAIL OF 1909

The following is a synopsis of the interesting happenings as published in the Merkel Mail just 11 years ago this week.

Fire practically destroyed the stock of furniture of W. H. Dickson, which was located in the building belonging to Geo. F. West.

Announcement is made in this issue of the moving of the Merkel Mail to its present location, and which place has been its home continuously from that time.

Announcement is made that C. M. Largent returned from the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show with his pockets bulging with premium money. And not only was Mr. Largent happy over the twenty-one premiums won by his fine Hereford cattle, but upon his arrival home he was further made happy to learn of the arrival of a fine big baby boy. We also note that according to the daily papers that Mr. Largent's fine cattle took many prizes at the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth last week.

A lengthy write up is made of the meeting of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce which seemed to have just about died. But with the efforts of a number of ladies who were present, it was decided that this organization should "never die". And new officers were elected as follows, who made plans for carrying on the work for the next year: President, E. L. Woodruff, Vice President, J. D. Gaither, and Dr. C. M. McCauley, Secretary.

School Board and School teachers enjoy social meeting. One that likely still lingers plain in the minds of those of our citizens who were present. The members of the school board were: I. S. Allen, Geo. S. Berry, J. T. Warren, J. T. Cogan, A. L. Hogue, and G. H. Adams. B. W. Hudgins was superintendent.

H. E. Petty was proprietor of the city Barber Shop.

Brown and Mashburn purchased the Palace Cafe, and was

## THE SIXTH GRADE RENDERS PROGRAM

The 6th grade in Miss Reed's room rendered the following interesting and splendid program on last Friday afternoon, every pupil bringing up their part nicely—The program:

Song . . . . . By the Room  
Questions and answers . . . . .  
Audrey and Lucy Mae  
Jokes . . . . . Hazel Lee Rainboldt  
Story . . . . . Opal Patterson  
Reading . . . . . Hallie Pike  
Story . . . . . Nola Provine  
Riddles . . . . . Ima Landreth  
Weekly News . . . . . Dorris Pike  
The Sixth grade is expecting to get on the honor roll this week. Miss Reed promised the "talker" a whipping. Nearly everyone is fairly shaking in their "boots" as Miss Reed is giving so many demerits. But let us hope the cloud has a silver lining, and will turn the dark side over, so she won't go too "strong". It is indeed a dangerous position.

HELP WANTED—The noise is yet to come, we are to have history exams Thursday. Will someone give us help?

A question was asked this morning in history and everyone seemed to know it. The question was; who was the first settler in Merkel?

Some day we may elect a congress whom we won't feel like cussing three hundred and sixty-five days in the year. Yes, some day.

## WILL DRILL WELL NORTH OF MERKEL

Bland has Showing- Sears Continues Flowing, but drill Is Going Deeper

Considerable interest is again evident among the people of this city and surrounding country over the fact that this immediate section is to get two new tests for oil within a very short time. The C. & H. Oil development Company of Atlanta, Ga., recently made a location on their lease which is located about four miles northeast of Merkel and about three miles of the Sears well, and have also completed all the arrangements for water, the derrick, tools, casing etc., and it is expected that everything will be in readiness within a few weeks to start the drill on this site, which geologists of national reputation have pronounced as very promising for a great gusher.

Another fact which seems evident that these people have much faith over the belief that the Sears well has proven this section as an oil field beyond a doubt, is that they are preparing to spend from \$40,000 to \$60,000 in drilling this well on their small acreage.

We also learn that the casing for the test on the Hutchinson tract about 4 miles northwest of this city, is being hauled out, and that it is expected drilling will be started on this deep test within a short time.

The writer had the pleasure of a visit to both the Bland and Sears Wells this week, and found the crew on first engaged in underreaming at about 2,350 feet, with a slight showing of oil and a right smart little gas showing. Both the Company officials and the drillers are very

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## BAPTIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT

Sunday School 10 a. m. with Mr. Jackson and his trained helpers in charge.

Over 200 in school last Sunday. Lets make it 250 next Sunday.

Morning subject: "For or against Christ" Evening subject: "Obstacles in Gods way".

Junior Union 3:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U. Special program at Blair.

Ladies Missionary meeting at Church Tuesday 2:30 p. m.

Our meeting begins with the Sunday services and will continue 10 days or two weeks with two or three services daily.

Mr. M. H. Keith of Waco will have charge of the song services and will also direct personal workers. Mr. Keith is a man that has had training and experience that fits him in a particular way for this work.

We invite all singers and all Musicians in the town to help us have good singing during the meeting. Mr. Keith is a good director or leader but he will need the help and cooperation of the local talent.

We want you to come whether you have any musical talent or not come and pray and work for the glory of the Lord.

Unless otherwise announced during the week we will have 2 services daily. Morning services 10-11 just one hour, evening service begins at 7:30 with a song and praise service. It is hoped that cottage prayer meetings will be held in various parts of the town afternoons.

All who come to help or to be helped will be welcomed.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

## MISS LUCY TRACY WINS HIGH HONORS

Will Graduate from Expression Department Simmons College this Year

Special to The Merkel Mail.

Abilene, March 15.—In one of the most delightful programs of the entire season, Miss Lucy Tracy, of Merkel, Senior in the Expression Department of Simmons College gave a graduating recital in the auditorium Thursday night of last week before a large and appreciative audience.

Miss Tracy gave the play, "A Doll's House," by Henrik Ibsen, and for an hour and fifteen minutes she held the undivided attention of her audience as she enacted her parts of the different characters in the play. She was probably best in the roll of Nora, as her voice and general manner were best suited for that character. Members of the fine Arts and English faculties of the College declared that Miss Tracy's work was remarkable both from the standpoint of memory work and presentation and that her efforts reflected credit both on herself and her instructor.

Miss Tracy's home is in Merkel. She has been a student in Simmons College for the past three years, and for the past two years she has been a student in the Expression department under Miss Townley, head of the Oratory Department. She is one of the most popular young ladies in Simmons College and is considered one of the most accomplished student of the department of Oratory has graduated from the College.

Miss Tracy will appear on the program at the regular weekly meeting of the Lion's Club of Abilene Thursday, at which time she will give a number of readings.

### Other Comments

The beautiful flowers she received was only a small token of the love and esteem with which she is held by those who know her best. Her sweet, loving disposition and thoughtfulness of others has made her the joy and idol of her schoolmates. It may be well said "To know her is to love her". The bright faces of the students of Simmons College proved they were as happy over Lucy's success as if they had achieved greatness for them selves. Not only has Miss Lucy completed her course in expression but at the close of the present term of school she will receive the College degree. Merkel is and may well be proud of Lucy and we predict for her a bright and happy future for she possesses those traits of character that go to make true womanhood as was heard said of her. "Oh! for dozens of girls like Lucy".

A lover of girls

## THE PRESBYTERIAN ANNOUNCEMENT

We desire a full attendance of the membership next Sunday for a matter of importance. You will be interested in that matter don't fail to come. The public is cordially invited to worship with us. We had a glorious service last Sunday and quite an improvement in attendance. Don't have to be pulled; help push. It is the Lord's work and if you believe in it we want you to help in whatever way you can. If you cannot come then pray.

C. C. Dooley.

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 R. O. Anderson ..... Cashier  
 F. Y. Gaither ..... Asst. Cashier

**STATEMENT**  
**Farmers State Bank**  
**OF MERKEL**

Close of Business Feb. 28, 1920

<b>RESOURCES</b>	
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
<b>CASH AND EXCHANGE</b>	<b>415,447.14</b>
	\$1,016,460.25
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	50,000.00
Undivided profits net	13,157.35
Reserved for taxes	2,286.51
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>901,016.39</b>
	\$1,016,460.25

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just after the second half got into hearway, Tuscola like one or two others thought that they had it when the first half was over, but they didn't. Now the M. H. S. team is claiming central West Texas Championship, no team barred, just let them step over to Merkel or pay us enough and we will beat them at home. The Merkel girls lost their games Friday but that was due to the fact that they didn't have the boys here to yell for them. The girls have vengeance in their hearts and are going to Abilene to get back their lost victories, so let's go and give them a backing they have never had before. What do you say? Eh?

**Base Ball**  
 The baseball fans had better get busy now for M. H. S. is going to put out a winning team. The boys are at work on the grounds and back stops, after this work is completed we hope to have some hard workouts and a team that will make as good a record as the basket ball team

**Think of It**  
 Doyle Garrett not being nominated for the best looking boy in the class.

Miss Annie Smith telling Ches-

ter he acted like a freshman. Annie asking Miss Smith if Milton didn't writh Byron's Pilgrim Progress. Rubye Hamm studying english in chapel. Agnes Risetr not getting over her lessons. Murphy Thomas dreaming she made 90 in trigonometry. Vivian Hutcheson wearing a house shoe to school. Lorena Frazier writing a book on child Psychology. Tom Allday imagining himself a great man. Christene Collins attending all classes and being on time for one week only. Maurine Cobb not knowing the difference between a joint-quit and a Tulip. Pulia McDonald weighing 200 pounds. More than half of the faculty attended chapel. **Don't Argue** Each argument a fight provides, bear this in mind my friend, an argument may have two sides but it has but one end. A man wants a whole lot of credit for the fact that there are a lot worse men in the class than he is.

**CONDENSED STATEMENT**  
**Farmers & Merchants**  
**NATIONAL BANK**  
**OF MERKEL**

At Close of Business February 28, 1920

<b>RESOURCES</b>	
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
<b>CASH AND IN BANKS</b>	<b>270,227.86</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$891,273.19</b>

<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Capital	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	29,581.28
Circulation	6,250.00
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>805,441.93</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$891,273.19</b>

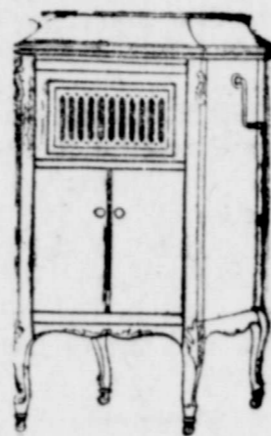
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L. R. Thompson, Cashier

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**HIGH SCHOOL NOTES**  
 (By Chester Hutcheson)

The pupils of the M. H. S. enjoyed an inspiring and enthusiastic talk from Rev. C. C. Dooley Monday morning. We always extend a cordial invitation to him and all other pastors or business men, to come cheer us up and give us a good start each Monday morning.

Miss Lucy Tracy of Simmons College visited the study hall Friday afternoon and gave us several readings which were most thoroughly enjoyed. Miss Tracy has just made an illustrious graduation in expression at Simmons.

The Parent-Teachers Association is going to render a program at the High School Auditorium Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock. All of you come and bring someone else it's free. Let's go and see what the Association is going to do, this is an organization that is doing things. They have already put walks around the building (as you have doubtless heard), but that isn't a "starter" to what they will do if you will come and boost them. Remember the time Friday night at 8 o'clock.

**Extra to the Notes**

The Seniors of M. H. S. are going to give you the time of your lives Wednesday, March 24 at the Cozy Theatre. See "His Model Wife" this is the comedy of all comedies in one act. It will be a yell from start to finish Proceeds to go to benefit of senior class so let's have a full house Wednesday evening. Admission will be announced later.

**M. H. S. Champs get Loving Cup**  
 The M. H. S Champs still hold the title of being undefeated. The team went over to Abilene Friday to meet Tuscola on the A. C. C. court. This game was for the purpose of deciding the county championship. The winning team was to get the loving cup, and Merkel won the game. Both teams showed some excellent team work, and at the end of the first half the score was 14 to 10 in favor of Tuscola but the champs came out of the hole

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Most pupils do not get into trouble because they are naturally bad, it is because they try to see how close to the danger line they can go without stepping over it

It takes more courage to admit that you are wrong than it does to insist that you are right.

To make his grades a Senior schemes for he cannot fail to pass, but now a days it surely seems a fellow must go to the extremes if his department is 90 and his dailies 85.

This is a queer world in which the man who profits by his mistakes gets more credit than the man who never makes any.

**Brace Up**

When report cards come around to taunt, don't quit and loose your nerve; though you may not get what you want, you will get what you deserve.

**A Sissy**

He slow to help his fellow man assistance he won't lend, yet he expects more favors than he's willing to extend.

**A Very Strange Thing**

Once upon a time there were 15 seniors who did not think they knew more than their teachers.

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The following prices go into effect at 8:00 o'clock Saturday morning March 20th, and closes at 10:00 o'clock Saturday evening, April 3rd.

Helitrope Flower 48 pound sack	\$3.30
Cake Flower 48 pound sack	3.35
Purity Lard 8 pound bucket	2.40
White Cloud Lard 8 pound bucket	2.40
Pure Lard 60 pounds	17.80
Pure Lard 10 pounds	3.00
Snowdrift Lard	2.60
Cottolene	2.75
Crisco	2.10
D. S. Meat	.24
Bacon	.28
Karo syrup, White 10 pounds	.90
Karo Syrup Blue 10 pounds	.90
MaryJane 10 pounds	.90
Koo Koo Syrup 10 pounds	.95
Farmal syrup 10 pounds	.90
Farmer Jones Syrup 10 pounds	1.10
Crockett & Wiles Syrup 10 pounds	1.75
5 pounds Peanut butter	1.60
2 pounds Peanut Butter	.65
Swift White soap 6 bars	.25
White Flier Soap per bar	.6
Joy White Soap per bar	.6
1 gal. Peaches	1.00
1 gal. Plums	.90
1 gal. Blackberries	1.40
1 gal. Apples	.86
Manor House Coffee 3 pound can	1.60
Folgers Coffee 3 pound can	1.60
Royal Special Coffee 3 pound can	1.60
5 pound Jack Frost Baking Powder	.90
1 pound Jack Frost Baking Powder	.20
1 pound Calumet Baking Powder	.25
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### BLAIR NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Sublett of Stith Mr. and Mrs. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Christopher visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes.

Uncle John Deavenport of Denkin has been visiting his relatives here the past week.

Nina Provine visited her sister Mrs. Vera Doan Saturday night.

Blair high school is planning to have a big play soon.

Miss Mary Campbell the school teacher of Blair visited her home folks Sunday and Saturday.

Mr. O. W. Walker and family visited Sears Well Sunday.

Miss Ima Johnson of Big Springs visited her folks at Blair.

Miss Lillian Range is very sick causing her larger sister to miss school.

Uncle Johnny Hughes was seen riding in a car Sunday guess he will buy one soon.

Miss L. V. Range is real sick this week hope she will get along fine.

Little Dot

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.

The Auxiliary society of the Presbyterian Church met at the home of Mrs. G. J. Jones Monday afternoon. The Bible study conducted by the president was very interesting to all present. Business being disposed of the society spent a short time socially during which delicious refreshments were served by Mesdames Grimes and Arrington. The society will meet next Monday afternoon with Mrs. Levy each member is especially urged

to be present as some important business is to be discussed in which every member should have a part.

### NEW SHOE SHOP

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### THE THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday club met at the home of Mrs. Earl Lassiter Thursday afternoon, March the eleventh. In spite of the disagreeable weather a large number of club members and guests motored out to this hospitable home near Bettis Heights, and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. Those who were in an industrious frame of mind spent the time sewing while others who came for an hour of recreation spent the time in merry conversation and 42. At the close of the afternoon, the hostess assisted by Mrs. G. Jones and Miss Lassiter, served delicious refreshments of ice tea salad, pickles, saratoga flakes, and pecan pie with whipped cream to the following club members and guests: Mesdames Arrington, Cypert, Easterwood, Gaiter, T. L. Grimes, Robert I. Grimes, Hancock, Hicks, How-

ard, Chas. Jones, Miller, Meador, Burl Scott, Swafford, and James West. The out of town guests were: Mesdames Lenton Brunson, L. Pemberton, and Miss Tigham, all of Midland.

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The following announcements are made subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July, 1920.

District Offices ..... \$15.00  
County Offices ..... \$12.50  
Precinct Offices ..... \$8.00

For District Judge, 42nd Judicial District:

E. M. Overshiner

District Clerk:

James W. Mayfield

For County Judge:

W. E. Martin

J. W. Moffett

For County Attorney:

Carlos D. Speck,

For County Tax Assessor:

Mrs. Florence Vance

Roy Parnelly

County Treasurer:

Austin Fitts.

For County Clerk:

(Miss) Fannie Tippet

For Tax Collector:

D. T. Harkrider

J. N. Routh.

County Commissioner of Prec. 2

S. A. (Sid) Coats.

W. H. Frazier

County School Superintendent.

John F. Odor.

John R. Hutto

For Public Weigher:

J. M. Garrett

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### WILL DRILL WELL NORTH OF MERKEL

Continued from page One optimistic over this well, and in fact say that within the next 100 feet they feel confident of bringing in a real producer.

At the Sears Well we found the crew busily finishing the drilling out of the hole a twenty-foot 6 3/4 inch casing. They were just down to the bottom of the hole which is around 2,750 or 2,800 feet deep, and the drill had just entered a very hard substance, and under which it is possible may be found the pool of liquid gold. But not withstanding the fact that the officials of the Company are confident of having encountered oil in paying quantities at about 2,490 ft., they are going on down to 3,500 or deeper if necessary in an effort to reach even greater production.

We found the well flowing as it has been for several months, water with considerable oil, which is coming from the 2,490 feet sand between the casing. The oil some 50 barrels of it, was being drenched from the slush pool off the water, into a large tank and from it pumped to the boiler and is being used for fuel.

We would not be surprised to witness within the next few months seeing many more derricks all over the surrounding country and from which the golden fluid will soon be flowing.

Get your Screen Doors at Burton-Lingo Lumber Co., before the spring rush. It

For sale, Hereford Bulls, one registered 18 months old, a plum good one \$250.00, 2 high grade 12 months old each \$100 J. T. Warren, Merkel, Texas. tf

### FOR DISTRICT JUDGE 42nd JUDICIAL DISTRICT

The Mail is authorized to announce Judge W. R. Ely, of Baird, as a candidate for the office of District Judge, for this the 42nd Judicial District, subject to the Democratic primary in July.

Judge Ely is the present incumbent of this office, having been appointed to this position some few months ago, and according to those in a position to know, is making a splendid record. He asks your careful investigation as to his record and ability to fill the position. He has been one of Callahan County's most splendid attorneys for many years and with his splendid education and years of practical experience, he is without question, highly qualified to perform with satisfaction, the duties of this position.

He has the endorsement of a large number of the bar whose names you will see in Judge Ely's appeal to the voters, and which will be found on another page of this paper.

We kindly ask your careful consideration of his claims before casting your vote for this office.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Auxiliary wish to express their sincere thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to our Bazaar. We especially thank those who contributed who are not members of our church or auxiliary. Our sales and donations amounted to \$77.80.

Mrs. Henry West  
President.

We are glad to announce that Messrs Willis & Cockrell, practical painters and paper hangers have their headquarters with us and any one desiring can leave orders for them with us. It  
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Sunday March 21st to be rendered at Blair, Texas, at 3:00 o'clock.

- Leader: Mr. Walter Jackson.
1. Introduction by Leader.
  2. Male Quartette.
  3. A study of words—Yates Brown.
  4. The two changes—Miss Althea Chamberless.
  5. Vocal Solo—Miss Althea Boden.
  6. The Agents—Elmer Landreth.
  7. The Instrumentality, the holy spirit uses in regeneration is the word—Mrs. Walter Jackson.
  8. Reading—Miss Lucy Tracy.
  9. Frequency—H. J. Askew.
  10. Conclusion.
  11. Male Quartette.

Music by a good orchestra. We invite church members and all others to go with us to Blair next Sunday. Your presence will be an encouragement and an inspiration to this band of young people, training themselves to do work for God, in spirit and truth.

In order to fill our appointment everyone should be at the Baptist Church at 2:00 o'clock sharp.

N. Hancock, President,  
Miss Ola Sharp, Secretary.

M. E. Cannon and C. P. Henrix, representing the Southern Motor Manufacturing Association, of Houston, returned to this city first of the week from a trip to Lamesa and other north western points in the interest of their firm. They report a nice business.

## Cozy Theatre

Wed., March 24

### "HIS MODEL WIFE"

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In the "Fatal Fortune"

Also other Good Pictures

Saturday Night, March 20

**WALLACE REID**

In "You're Fired"

Also Good Comedy

Monday, March 22nd

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"The Invisible Hand"

Starring ANTONIO MORENO with all his noted skill and resourcefulness in the greatest of all Detective and Mystery Photoplay Stories, with all the spice and adventure of a Secret Service man hunt In the Air, On Land and Under the Sea.

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William S. Hart

IN A

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IN A

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**Slim Summerville**

IN A

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DON'T MISS IT

Tuesday, March 23

Ethel Clayton in "Vickey Van"

AND

Harold Lloyd in "Bumping Into Broadway"

Thursday, March 25

Peggy Hyland in "A Girl in Bohemia"

ALSO

Other Good Pictures

Oklahoma lump coal—Stored Just received a car of Mare-  
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### CLASSIFIED ADS.

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### ORCHESTRA ORGANIZED HERE

We are glad to learn that through the efforts of H. M. Rose and others, there has been organized in this city a splendid six piece Orchestra, composed of the following splendid musicians Mrs. Litton Howard, Piano; who is well known to our entire citizenship, and therefore needs no introduction. H. M. Rose and Earl Thornton, Cornet section. Both of these gentlemen are old timers and well known musicians. Mr. Arthur Clark, Violin; Fred Harrell, Trombone; and Claude Comegy Saxophone. All capable and experienced orchestra players.

If there are other musicians in the city who would like to become identified with this orchestra group they will be welcomed.

### WE HAVE THEM BOTH

A young man stood on a street corner, idling away a few moments of time.

Across the way, on another corner stood another young man similarly occupied.

A lady came down the street, neatly and tastefully dressed. She passed on.

"There goes one of the sweetest women in town", remarked the first young man to a friend.

"Say sport, that Jane's got some figure", said the second fellow to his friend.

But it is all a matter of breeding and taste.

We have them both in this town.

West Texas has furnished Jno. J. McGraw and the New York Giants another player in big league baseball. This time, it is William White of Swenson, Texas. Young White has been playing with the Simmons College team at Abilene, and was considered one of the best catchers as well as hitters that has ever attended the College. McGraw got hold of White's reputation and wired him to meet the team at San Antonio at once for

spring practice. Jessie Winters, of Stephenville, Texas, who was on the pitching staff of the Giants last year, has also reported to McGraw at San Antonio. Winters also began his baseball career at Simmons College, and he was helping to train the Simmons team when called to San Antonio last week.

For engineering and surveying address, Geo. R. DeNise, Sweetwater Texas. 20tf

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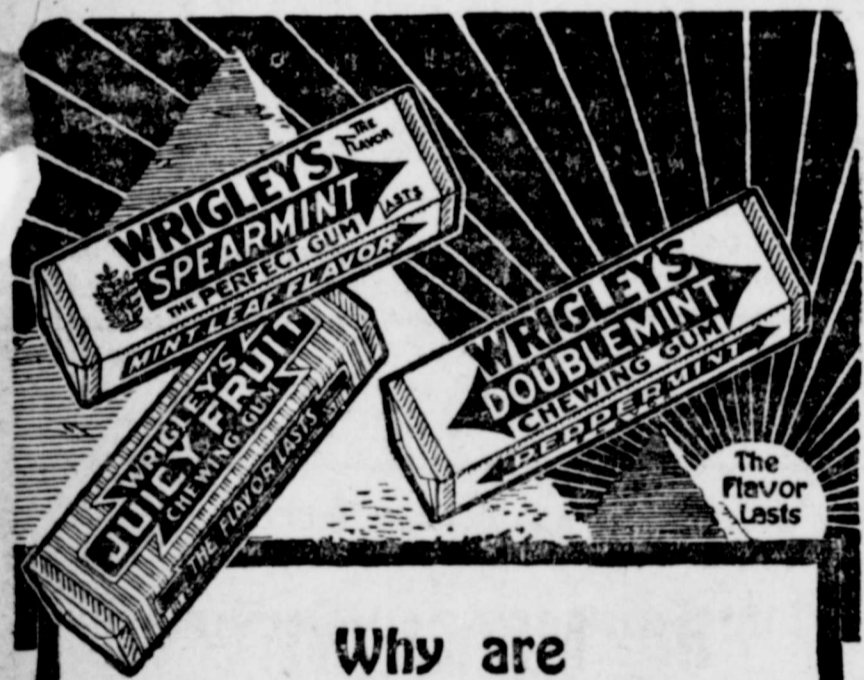
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A Fort Worth family, who could not get a room anywhere else tried to rent quarters in the jail. Fort Worth is slow. If Honey Grove had a jail with 100 spare apartments all could be rented within a week. The city could earn big money by building a roomy jail.—Honey Grove Signal. Since John Barleycorn moved away building of jails is a languish industry. John was a large contributor to the population of jails and poor houses and reformatories and penitentiaries. As a builder of asylums for the insane and prisons for lost derelicts, John never had an equal since Time began. He isn't coming back to Texas.—Fort Worth Record.

"President is a democrat and a southern Democrat as well," says the Weatherford Democrat. "He was elected President largely by southern votes, and it is a shame that any Republican candidate for any office is permitted to come into a Democratic and southern community and indulge in vituperation of the greatest statesman of the day." The Democrat takes the hide off of Senator Harding for his attacks on the President in his Fort Worth speech. There are Texas Democrats who have villified the President, impugned his motives and denounced him as a solocist and a menace to Republican institutions. What of these?—Fort Worth Record.

When you want to buy a Monument for that grave, See A. L. Jobe who represents one of the best Marble Companies in the United States. 27tf



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☐ See us for Wagons, Buggies, Implements, Shelf Hardware, and in fact, anything you may need in the hardware line. We have the goods and our prices are right.

# Groceries

☐ We now have a car of that good American Beauty Flour. It makes the kind of bread they all praise. We have a full line of fresh Groceries always on hand. Try us for groceries, we will please you—and save you money.

# Crown Hardware Company

## ANNOUNCEMENT

☐ We wish to announce the arrival of our Spring shipment of our new line of paint, manufactured **EXCLUSIVELY** for the Wm. P. Cary Co. and labeled

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and we are back of this paint, to make it good. None better, and but few as good.

☐ Just arrived, six cars of every kind of Lumber. We are able to furnish you with all kinds of Building Material, and are going to split the **PROFIT** with our customers.

☐ If you are going to paint or build be sure to figure with us. We are Pioneers in the Lumber Business, in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and in fact many states in the United States and able to look after your wants and extend to you every courtesy and accomodation in keeping with good business principles.

☐ Do not fail to call and see our new line of paints, and do not forget that we still have De Voe's line of paint, Texico Roofing and all kinds of builders hardware.

## Merkel Lumber Co.

### LITTLE ITEMS THE REPORTER OVERLOOKED

Last Friday a fivver crashed through a plate glass window of West's store. Various reasons have been assigned for the accident by parties who witnessed it. There are those who say that the driver was inexperienced and lost control of his car. While others state that the car was traveling at such a rate as to render the brakes ineffective. After going over the matter, we believe the cause to be this:

One of the aggressive clerks of the store had filled the window with a popular brand of confection, at reduced prices, and had placed in a conspicuous place a placard: "Only 5c" The driver, one of our progressive farmers, who has gotten ahead through the practice of thrift, ever on the alert for bargains, saw the sign and for the moment forgot his fivver. The fivver seeing the sign also, mistook the window for a jitney station. So the driver and the fivver both went in.

Thanks have been profusely lavished upon the ladies who so kindly contributed the dainty hand-work and the delicious sandwiches, which made the Presbyterian Bazaar so profitable an adventure. But no mention has been made, however, of certain young men who contributed also to the success of the affair. So here is the story. Articles for the sale were collected and arranged for display late Friday evening, but Saturday morning found a horrified committee gazing on a number of hideous articles comingled with their tastily display of ready-to-wear. To each of these was attached a large tag offering, as an incentive to thrifty buyers, greatly reduced prices. One item a pair of greasy overalls, bore a tag which proclaimed loudly, "Was \$2.50 now .99". A pair of cast off shoes was reduced from \$4.50 to \$1.79. Other tempting bargains were: thrift stamps, a purloined cap, but the list is too long.

The local contributor

### SCHOOL CENSUS

All children living in the Merkel Independent School District during the month of March and who will on September 1, 1920 be seven years old and under eighteen should be enumerated. If the school census missed your children, send for a blank at once, and return to me filled out. It is important that all are enumerated. School phone, 174. 1913 Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

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

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# THE LAST CALL TO THE Economy's Great Spring Sale

This is absolutely the last week of our great sale. You may ask your neighbor and your friend and those who visited our store during the last two weeks and they will tell the very thing. If you want to get something new and for less money be sure and come to the Economy Store where we show something new every day.

Just received a new line of beautiful dresses and waists, something you never saw before---up to the minute in the very latest modes, and very reasonable prices.

For Saturday and Monday special we will sell Hope Domestic, regular 40c grade, at ..... 25c  
Ten yards to a customer only

## ALL LADIES SPRING SUITS 33 1/3 PER CENT OFF FOR SATURDAY ONLY

One lot of mens \$15.00 Silk Shirts Saturday only .....	\$9.90
One lot of mens 50.00 blue serge suits .....	39.75
One lot of mens 16.50 shoes Saturday only .....	9.90
One lot of ladies 35.00 silk dresses Saturday only .....	19.75
One lot of mens summer union suits Saturday only .....	95c
One lot of childrens white dresses Saturday only .....	2.95
One lot of mens novelty hats \$6.50 value .....	4.90
One lot of waists, \$2.50 value, for Saturday .....	95c

One lot of Ladies Waists \$2.50 values ..... 95c  
One lot or Waists, Georgette, Crape, and Silk, \$8.00, \$10.00 and \$12.00 values ..... \$3.95

**EXTRA EXTRA SPECIAL**  
\$1.50 Blue Chambray Work Shirt, 2 pockets, Special ... 95c  
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\$3.00 Mens Extra Heavy Blue O'Alls ..... \$2.45  
1 lot, Mens, Womens, and Childrens \$3, \$4, and \$5 shoes \$1.95  
One Lot of \$2.00 and \$3.00 Shirts ..... 95c

# THE ECONOMY

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Auto Laundry.

We have just received a nice line of genuine Cut Glass. Merckel Drug Company. tf.

### DORA BREVITIES

There was a good size crowd out for Sunday School last Sunday.

There was a singing Sunday night at Mr. Tom Bloxoms. Everyone had a nice time. Speaking of nice times who

who did not have a nice time Saturday night at the party at Mr. Henry Malon's?

There was a small mistake made in last weeks Dora Brevities. It should have been Mr. Marshall Porter instead of Mrs. Marshall Porter who carried R. L. Porter to Sweetwater.

People sure are finishing gathering their cotton now. Others are putting up land.

Mr. Jim Rhodes came out from Sweetwater in a new Chivolet car a few days ago, some one said: "there is another man on foot" maybe he is and maybe he isn't I don't know.

Spring surely isn't very far off as the peach trees are blooming. Zebur.

### GOLAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Thompson and dittle sons, Leon and Eugene, visited his father Sunday.

Misses Edith and Elvina Hudspeth were guests of Miss Birdie Jeffry Sunday.

Eugene Williams and Miss Edna Cox attended Sunday School at Newman Sunday.

Little Miss Ruth Thompson visited Gertrude Byron Sunday.

Earnest McRight and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cox.

Claud Stribling and family visited the lady's father W. T. Duncan Sunday.

Miss Edna Cox very charmingly entertained many of her friends with a musical Saturday night. Music was furnished by Messrs Gus Kaiser at Sylvester, Robert Jones and Eugene Williams. All report a nice time.

G. M. Byron attended the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth last week.

Grandpa Rollins is reported better at this writing.

Miss Ola Thompson is spending the week with her brother Herbert Thompson.

Audra Dell Hudspeth visited Miss Nola Herron Sunday. Sunshine

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Program for Week Beginning Friday, March 19

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Ora Carew

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A new Universal Feature in 6 Acts

EXTRA--A Good Comedy

SATURDAY--

Texas Guinan, The Texas Girl

In "The Spirit of Cabin Mine" Western Drama

ALSO--Hoot Gibson in "Hair Trigger Stuff." A very exciting Western Drama  
A Mack Sennett Comedy and News Weekly

MONDAY--

Neal Hart

in

"Square Shooter"

Gale Henry, the Funniest Woman Living, in

"Dont Chase Your Wife"

A roaring 2-Reel Comedy

Also

Mack Swain-Ambrose Comedy

WEDNESDAY--

"Lightning Bryce"

The Serial Sepreme

"The Railroad Raiders"

A Thrilling Western

And a Comedy

TUESDAY--

Mac Marsh

in

"A Child of Paris Streets"

And Snub Pollard

Pathe Comedy

THURSDAY--

Dorothy Dalton

in

"The Flame of The Yukon"

The greatest Picture Dorothy Dalton ever made

A 7-Reel Special. Don't miss this

Extra--A Good Comedy

# New Arrivals This Week

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☐ New pattern and tailored hats from Elzee, Arbee and King Bee.

☐ New spring suits from the famous Sunshine and Peggy from Paris models.

☐ New dresses of taffeta, crepe de chine, tri-colette and georgette crepe combinations.

☐ New blouses and skirts in all wanted materials and colors.

☐ New spring clothes for men and young men are here. Our styles are right and prices attractive.

☐ New draperies in cretonne, silkoline, sat-teen, scrim, curtain, net, and irredescent madris, colors to match your paper and rug. Priced ..... **25c to \$1.50**

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### JUDGE ELY

TO THE VOTERS OF THE 42ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT:

It is my purpose to undertake to see each of you personally before the primary, but due to the tremendous amount of business in the courts now, and that court is in continuous session in this district, it is possible I shall not have the pleasure of meeting all of you. But in any event I invite a thorough investigation of the record I have made, and in addition to the endorsements of the bar of three counties, I refer you to the bar of Taylor County and to the jurors who have served in District Court since I have been office.

I did not seek this office, but since I have made the sac of giving up my business to accept the position under appoint very naturally I would appreciate an endorsement of the peop my record is such as to meet with your approval. If you approv the service I have given you and elect me, I promise to continue a policy of prompt dispatch of business, courteous treatment of all, lawyers, litigants and jurors alike, and that your Courts shall be conducted in a business-like and economical manner.

Trusting that I may meet and get acquainted with you, and that you will vote for me, I am,

Very respectfully,

**W. R. ELY, Judge,**  
Of the Forty-Second Judicial District.

**ALEANY BAR.**

To the Voters of the 42nd Judicial District of Texas, Composed of the Counties of Shackelford, Taylor, Callahan and Stephens:

The undersigned members of the Bar of Shackelford County beg leave to say that we are informed that Judge W. R. Ely of Baird, Callahan County, Texas, the present Judge of said District, is a candidate to succeed himself in the office named.

We unqualifiedly endorse the candidacy of Judge Ely. We have practiced in his court during the short time that he has been on the Bench, and we do not hesitate to say that we believe that judge Ely possesses the qualifications necessary to make an able and excellent Judge of the District Court. He is not a "Hair trigger" Judge. He does not go off half-cocked. He thinks before he decides. He listens to argument of counsel, and gives due consideration to the authorities adduced. He is learned, honest, endowed with an uncommon amount of common sense. He is court ous to counsel and litigants. He is fully aware that every lawy and every litigant in civil cases, and every person charged w crime in his court has certain rights that the court is bound respect.

We believe if elected Judge Ely will so conduct the business of the court that each of us will be glad that we have signed this endorsement, and that the people of he 42nd Judicial District will be pleased that they have a fair, upright, able Judge.

(Signed) A. A. Clark, M. S. Long, S. Webb, G. B. King,  
S. C. Coffee, J. A. King.

**BRECKENRIDGE BAR**

We, the undersigned members of the Bar of Breckenridge, Stephens County, Texas, most heartily endorse the administration of Judge W. R. Ely, Judge of the Forty-Second Judicial District.

We fully commend his course, since on the bench and endorse him for re-election, feeling that this District is very fortunate in having Judge Ely for its District Judge, and we unhesitatingly commend him to the voters of this district and ask that he be nominated and re-elected. Jno. W. Mackey, Fred M. Bortoff, James G. Harrell, R. F. Windfoh, W. C. Veale, C. O. Hamlin, C. M. Caldwell, H. A. Leaverton, A. J. Thuss, Jno. F. Evans, jr., G. O. Bate-man, C. H. Fulwiler, Davis Ball, T. Edgar Johnson, Robert E. Bowers, O. A. Arnold, J. N. Snell, Delos T. Bowles, H. R. Clark, Jno. W. Hill, E. L. Routh, King & Jackson, Frank H. Booth, W. O. Seale, R. W. Scott, G. G. Shannon, K. K. Scott, M. E. Daniel, E. F. Ritchey, E. Y. Boynton, R. L. Caton, Ben R. Sleeper, Padelford, Turner, Doyle and Bouldin, W. P. Sebastian, A. L. Green, Chas. H. Clark, W. D. Benson, Ben J. Dean, J. C. Touchstone, Nelson Puett, McCartney, Foster and McGee.

**CALLAHAN COUNTY BAR ENDORSEMENT**

We the members of the Callahan county Bar, heartily endorse Judge W. R. Ely to succeed himself as Judge of the 42nd judicial District. He is young, ambitious and capable, with experience both at the bar and on the bench. As a practitioner he was successful, and as a Judge he is fair, conservative and capable.

We ask the voters of his district a fair investigation of his merits and their active support at the election.

F. S. Bell, B. L. Russell, Otis Bowyer, R. L. Surles, R. L. ander, J. Rupert Jackson, J. R. Black, County Judge L. J. burn, L. W. Green, W. C. Tisdale.  
Political Advertising.

Every lady should take advantage of the Electric Cookery demonstration that is being held in the Coner Building, Beasley block.

We serve Ice Cream every day at the sanitary self serving store.

Pure East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup. Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf

The home of D. Beasley is undergoing a nice coat of paint by Willis & Cockrell, which greatly adds to its splendid appearance.

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Wm. Elliot went down to Fort Worth this week as a delegate to Odd Fellows State convention.

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experienced grocery man, having been in the business for several years before coming to Merkel. We feel sure that he will succeed in his new undertaking, and most respectfully call your attention to his advertisement in this paper.

Mr. Rogers has been one of Merkel's splendid business men and citizens, and while he has not given out his future inten-

tions, we join a host of friends in hope that he and his estimable family continue to make Merkel their home.

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