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COUNTY MEET A GREAT SUCCESS

Many Merkel Entries win First Places and High Honors in the County

On last Friday and Saturday the County meet of the University Inter-Scholastic League was held at Abilene. About thirty schools were represented at this meet, there being two hundred pupils entering the various contests. It was the biggest, and by the contestants said to be the best meet ever held in Taylor county. They were there from the four corners of the county.

On Friday the basket ball games, spelling, declamations, and debate were held. Vena May Jackson of the Merkel School won first place in the Junior Girls' Declamation. The Merkel Senior boys' basket ball team had already won the county championship. The Silver Cup they won is now on exhibition in the High School here. The Junior boys tied with Abilene for first place in the 440 yard relay. All the declaimers, spellers, girls' athletics and Junior boys' track acquitted themselves with honor. The competition was strong and even with this, Merkel won her share of first places. No entries were made from Merkel in the Senior boys' athletic events.

The meet moved off with as little friction and as promptly as any meet ever held in the county. A good spirit was shown throughout. One of the lessons tended to be learned at these meets is to become a good loser as well as a good winner. The next meet will be held also at Abilene on April 16-17th. The winners at the county meet will then represent Taylor county in competition with the winners from the other eight counties of the district.

OIL COMPANY BUILDS HOME ON THEIR LEASE

P. L. McClary local building contractor reports just having completed a couple of residences for the C. & H. Oil Development Company on the latter's lease near Stith, which will be used by the employes while drilling the deep test there.

BEASLEY BROS. BUILDING GARAGE

Dirt was broken Monday for the erection of a big, fine, modern Garage by Beasley Brothers on their lot just on the corner east of the Woodrum Hotel. It will be 50x140, framed, with Stucco finish on the outside. It will be one of the largest and most modern in this part of the country, and will be ideally located on one of the best corners in the city.

In erecting this new garage the Messrs. Beasley Brothers will vacate their present building in the heart of the business district, and which is more suitable for many kinds of other business.

ATTENDS DISTRICT MEETING

The following members of the Merkel Methodist Church went down to Abilene Tuesday where they attended a district meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society which met with the members of that city.

and wife, and Brown, Dr. Armbrister, N. D. Cobb, Beene and Wil-

BAKERY ITSTALLS MOD. EQUIPMENT

The proprietor of the Merkel Bakery is without doubt to be classed along with those who believe in the progressive age, for he has just this week received and installed some of the very latest machinery for his bakery to be found. A new bread mixer and cake and candy machine are the new apparatuses installed this week. They are run by electric power and among the latest inventions used in the bakery business.

We have the best bakery along the T. & P. Railroad west of Fort Worth, and our citizenship is and should be proud of same.

START WORK ON BAPTIST CHURCH SOON

The sum of \$5,998.45 was the sum raised during the past week for the building fund for Merkel new Baptist Church. The deed to the new property has been made and delivered to the trustees, and Pastor Parrack states that the work of moving back the residence on the corner will soon begin and then work on the church will follow immediately.

The residence to be moved back will be nicely fitted up for the parsonage.

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.

BAPTIST REVIVAL ADDS MEMBERS

Great Work is being Accomplished By this Christian Organization

The Baptist revival continues with increased interest and attendance; there having been received up to Wednesday morning of this week a total of 27 additions to the church since the revival began. The service last Sunday afternoon for men only was well attended, and Rev. Parrack drove home a gospel message that will long remain in the minds of his hearers.

And on last Sunday night the building was filled beyond its utmost capacity, and every one highly appreciated the most excellent song service led by Evangelist Keith, as well as the masterful sermon which followed by the pastor.

On next Sunday there will be the regular services, both morning and evening with special song service. And in the afternoon there will be Baptismal services at some convenient place to be announced later.

Rev. Parrack extends to one and all a most cordial invitation to attend any and all of these services.

CLOSING NOTICE

Beginning on April 8th, the Farmers & Merchants National Bank and the Farmers State Bank will close at 4:00 p. m. except on Saturdays, until further notice.

L. R. Thompson
R. O. Anderson.

CONTRACT LET ON HUTCHENSON TRACT

Derrick Expected to be Built As soon as the Material Can be Had

According to reports, the contract has been let for the erection of the rig for the deep test on the Hutcheson tract four miles from the Sears well, and it is expected that work will begin on same within a short time.

This test will be put down by the Farmers & Merchants Oil Company, of Alcester, South Dakota, which company is connected with the Security Banking & Investment company of Fort Worth, according to reports.

TOOLS SHIPPED FOR TRENT TEST

According to Mr. Geo. Houghton, he has a message from Mr. Brock, Vice President of the Company that is to put down the Trent well, stating that the tools for this test had been shipped from Penn., and that drilling on same would likely begin within a short time.

On last Wednesday night of last week at the Baptist revival the offering for that service was given to the Seniors of the Merkel High School, and which amounted to a little over ten dollars.

AT GEM THEATRE FRIDAY APRIL 2ND

"A Gun Fighting Gentleman" Harry Carey's newest production, booked for the Gem Theatre on Friday shows this popular Universal star in a role that his admirers like best to see him in

Carey and Jack Ford, his director, are responsible for the scenario, thus proving their ability to conceive a screen story as well as act and produce it. Kathleen O'Connor, a popular Universal serial player is seen in the opposite feminine role.

At the outset of the story, John Merritt formerly a Wyoming rancher, now a beef magnate in Chicago, finds that the ranch of "Cheyenne Harry" Buford interferes with his scheme of territorial empire, and tries to buy the land. When Harry refuses to sell, Merritt tries to force. Failing in this he employs a crafty lawyer who succeeds in causing the land to revert to the Merritt estate.

Cheated of his birthright Harry journeys to Chicago to meet Merritt and receive justice at his hands. His journey is in vain, and all he brings back from his trip is a memory of his humiliation by Merritt's pretty young daughter, Mary, who has made him the butt of a joke at a dinner party in her home.

"Cheyenne Harry" decides to take the law into his own hands to regain what is rightfully his. How he accomplishes this; how he outwits Merritt and his crowd; how he makes his pretty daughter sorry for the insult, and how he finally finds love and happiness are told in the photoplay.

SCHOOL DAMAGED BY FIRE SATURDAY

Merkel Fire Department was Very successful Fighting the Fire

On last Saturday afternoon about six o'clock Merkel's High School building came near being destroyed by fire. Had it not been for the heroic work of the fire department, the building and all of its contents would have been a total loss. How the fire started is not certain, but owing to the fact that it began between the ceiling and the upstairs floor, it is believed that the fire was due to defective wiring. There had been no fire in the building since the day before, and even if there had been, the flame could not have started in the middle of the building entirely away from the flues that all go into the outside brick wall.

Two rooms are badly damaged by the fire, and all the rooms on the east side of the building are damaged more or less by water. The damage, though not yet determined, is fully covered by insurance. These fire damaged rooms are closed awaiting the insurance adjuster. The children formerly reciting in these two rooms are now housed in the little chapel, this having been deeded into two class rooms.

Due to the help of the high school boys, the building was put in shape cleaned and dried out ready for school Tuesday morning. All is moving as before the fire now. The board will very likely not have any permanent repairs done until after the close of school in May.

Had it not been for the good water pressure from our splendid water system, the untiring efforts of Merkel's excellent volunteer fire department, there is no doubt but that this fine school building would now be a smouldering mass of brick and mortar and the Mail feels sure that every man, woman and child in this city and surrounding country extends to the Fire Boys deepest thanks and appreciation for their brave and efficient work.

ISSUES CLEAN-UP PROCLAMATION

By the authority vested in me as Mayor of Merkel, I hereby designate and proclaim, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 8, 9, and 10, as clean-up days in this city. We desire and expect everyone to cooperate in this work.

Clean-up and burn everything that will and should be disposed of, and pile up all cans, bottles, tins, irons etc. on the alleys and they will be hauled off.

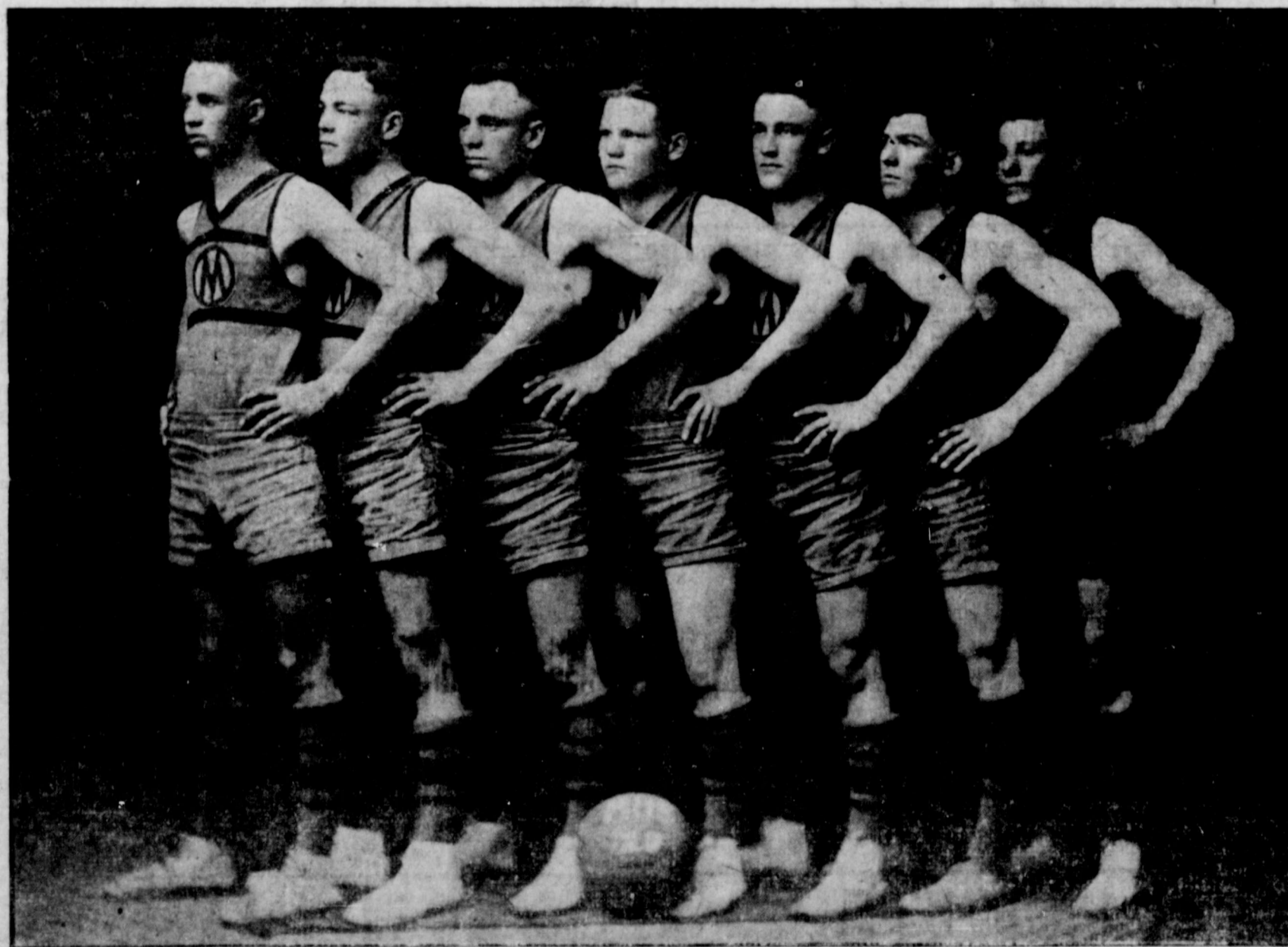
J. J. Stallings, Mayor.

PRESBYTERIANS BUY NEW MANSE

A deal was consummated last week whereby the Presbyterian Church of this city purchased the residence known as the Britton property, a splendid modern bungalow located close in on the south side, which will be known here after as the Presbyterian Manse. The property was chased from H. L. Houghton the sum of \$3,000.

Read the Merkel Mail

WEST TEXAS CHAMPION BASKET BALL PLAYERS



Wade Darsey Chester Hutcheson Bill Stevens J. J. Russell Doyle Garrett Raymond Ferguson Roy Stevens

The Basket Ball season is over and the time to rejoice is here. The Merkel High School boys have had many hard fights during the past year, but they have finished admirably. They have finished with such high honors that they are now rejoicing and Merkel is proud to claim such men as make up the team. For the benefit of those who wish to know a list of all games and their results are given below:

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| Jan. 30—Merkel vs. Trent, at Merkel, 40 to 5 | Feb. 20—Abilene vs. Merkel, at Abilene, 10 to 7 |
| Feb. 6—Tye vs. Merkel, at Tye, 44 to 7 | March 1—Clyde vs. Merkel, at Merkel, 29 to 20 |
| Feb. 13—Merkel vs. Caps, at Merkel, 39 to 12 | March 12—Merkel vs. Tuscola at Abilene 33 to 21 |
| Feb. 16—Merkel vs. A. C. C. at Merkel 39 to 17 | |

Besides these games the Merkel team offered the Forest Ave. High School of Dallas \$100 to play at Merkel. This High School claims to hold Texas championship. Since they refuse to play Merkel they should lose their record. However, Merkel is satisfied with holding the West Texas championship. She holds this by virtue of the fact that she is undefeated. And further, that she holds the championship cup for Boys Basket Ball in Taylor county, and also by having carried an ad. in the foremost papers of Texas, claiming West Texas championship, and no challenge.

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	3,445.78
CASH AND EXCHANGE	415,447.14
	\$1,016,460.25

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

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

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

TRENT COUPLE MARRIED HERE LAST SATURDAY

Mr. Royce E. Dowdy and Miss Dorris Hamner, both prominent young people of Trent, were happily united in marriage, at three p. m. last Saturday by Rev. Geo. W. Cypert; the ceremony taking place at the latter's home in this city.

We join a host of friends in extending congratulations and best wishes to the happy young couple.

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank will be glad to deposit in its money safe, any bonds or securities registered and left with it for safe keeping. Customers keeping bonds in private boxes, who wish this additional security should register bonds with this bank. This bank will at all times render it's customers every service that can be had by any bank. Come in and talk it over with us, Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

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

FINISHES AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Barney Garrett, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett, returned last week from Austin, where he finished with high honors, his course in law. We join his host of friends in congratulating him on his splendid success, and wish for him unbounded success in pursuing his chosen profession.

He expects to enter the practice of law in the near future in the city of El Paso.

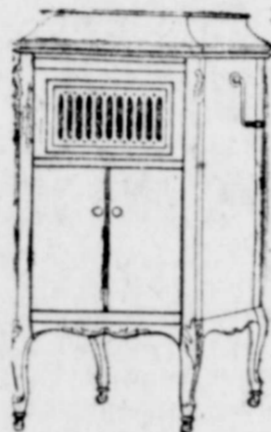
We can save you money on top and seat covers. Auto Laundry one block north of Cozy theatre.

Miss Florence Crawford neice of W. I. Avery returned home with the latter after his visit to friends and relatives at Oplin, Callahan county.

I have charge of the J. H. Couch pasture and want some stock to run on same. Phone 9032F3.

Shorts and Brand at G. M. Sharp's.

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Each record guaranteed to play 1,000 tunes without changing needle.

Come in and see them.

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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	29,581.26
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

LOCAL NEWS

F. J. Smith is among those subscribing for the Mail, sending same to his son F. E. Smith.

Light Crust Flour at G. M. Sharp's.

Miss Bessie Tucker who is attending Simmons College, spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

Our Prescription department is complete. Merkel Drug Co.

COLORITE—Makes old hats new. Merkel Drug Co.

Mrs. J. T. Warren left Monday for Waco, where she will visit her daughters in that city, one of whom is attending Baylor University.

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

Auto Laundry.
 Messrs Tom Largent and J.L. Winter were among those of our citizens who visited the Pecos fields last week. They report purchasing some acreage there.

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

Miss Blanche Durham after spending several days between terms with her parents here, left Monday for Dallas where she is attending Southern Methodist University of that city.

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.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. Walker an oil man of Waco, was here this week looking after his large interests.

Just received a car of Marshall Neill Flour. None better, at Bob Martins Grocery Co.

L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank left on Monday morning Sunshine Special for a business trip to Dallas. He was accompanied by Mrs. Thompson.

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.

J. R. Curb of Route three was in the city recently and made this office a pleasant and appreciated call, enrolled himself for the Mail for the next year.

Take your chickens and eggs to W. P. Duckett, he will pay you 20 cents per pound for your hens and the highest market price for your eggs.

Mr. Canon with the Southern Motor Manufacturing Association, returned first of the week from Houston, in which city the head offices and great plant of the Association is located. He reports much progress going on in the factory, and expects to soon have one of their Cars and Trucks, the Texas "Ranger" on exhibition here.

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.

WE HANDLE 'EM ALL

If you want oil Stock for Burk-Kirby of Abilene, Comanche Refining Stock, at Comanche, Bear Rubber Stock of San Antonio, and in fact most any kind of stock which may be in the market, call on us, room 12, over Bragg Company.—P. M. Christopher.

COME SEE THEM

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YOUNG MEN'S NEW SUITS

THE SOBER STYLE MAN'S SUIT

Good Line of Fine Pants
Dandy line of men's shirts in silk, cheviots
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Lovely styles in dress fabrics---Just most
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MAKING THE HOME AT- TRACTIVE

A few trees, one or more groups of shrubs, a few beds of flowers, properly placed in the yard or on the lawn, may be the means of greatest diligence in farming and more pride in community life. Men and women are influenced by the local environments. A great deal more are children susceptible to surroundings.

Painting the farm house has often meant more confidence in the home, more pride in family life and greatest interest in the environment of the farm. Who does not like to live in a nice house even if it be small, plain but comfortable and striking to the strangers who view it from a distance? Most assuredly the children of the home have higher ideals for family life when the home is beautified and the grounds in keeping with community standards.

As a rule, people who make no special efforts to have attractive homes seldom have them. Appreciation is always more or less in proportion to the hardships and sacrifices necessary to accomplish results. People who have had trials and disappointments in paying for homes and making them comfortable and attractive usually enjoy them and realize their value. Those who feel too poor to have comforts and conveniences are not able nor willing to build up their homes and raise their standards of life.—Farm and Ranch.

NOTICE CORRESPONDENTS

We wish to call attention of our correspondents to the fact that it is necessary that they sign their own names to their correspondence. Not that same will be published, but for our own protection. Hereafter no communication will be published where the correspondent fails to sign his or her name as well as the name you wish signed as correspondent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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
W. R. Ely, of Baird.

District Clerk:

James W. Mayfield
J. Knox Fuller

For County Judge:

W. E. Martin
J. W. Moffett

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:

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

ROADS LEADING TO PLEASURE

Good roads and motor vehicle have been the means of increasing land values and making country life desirable and enjoyable. Farmers who live near the good roads and who have automobiles and trucks are able to get to town with their products and take home comforts, conveniences and necessities back to the farm. Under such conditions boys and girls may attend high school in town; motor in on Sunday to hear special sermons at the urban churches and belong to town civic, social and commercial organizations, if they chose.

The politicians are not the only class that like to get in touch with farmers. Most commercial, educational and religious organizations in cities and towns are anxious to cooperate with farmers to mutual advantage. If farmers and their families have roads and automobiles they may enjoy country life with city advantages as often as they wish to visit the city. With young people this may mean interest in and respect for farming. What advantages for social, educational and religious association have city boys and girls over those living a few miles in the country where there are good roads!—Farm & Ranch.

A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, diabetes, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25. Small bottle is two month's treatment, and often perfects a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive, Street, St Louis Mo., Sold by druggists.

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OUR GROCERIES

Are not better than the rest
But they are as good as the Best

There is not an old piece of merchandise in the house. Our stock is complete and our prices are right, and our list of satisfied customers continues to grow.

We invite you to call and inspect our stock, get our prices, give us a trial this month, and you too, will become one of our regular satisfied customers.

Bradshaw & Sublett

Front Street

Phone 195

The Mayor of this city has announced and proclaimed April 8, 9, and 10 as clean-up days in Merkel. In this he should have the unlimited and hearty cooperation of every man, woman and child within the bounds of the city limits. It is the moral duty of all to do all in their power to make this city free from the possibilities of any thing that would likely make our town an unhealthy place in which to live.

KILL THE BLUE BUGS

And all kinds of Blood sucking insects, by feeding Martins Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Sanders Drug Store. Feb 6/26



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Entered at the postoffice at Merkel Texas as second class mail matter.

It's pitiful to meet one of those self conceited, high headed gentlemen about town, whose position has given him the idea that he is so all-wise. Every town it seems has one or two of such half breeds.

Some people are so pessimistic that they think there is graft and crookedness in everything that has a slight tingle of boost about it. But its owing to which way the boost is coming. If it is their way it's alright.

A. A. Kinard, lecturer and organizer, with the Seate Department of Agriculture, was here first of the week in the interest of that work.

Just a few bushels cotton seed left. This cotton made better yield than other mebane seed under same conditions. See me, or phone 291.—T. J. R. Swafford. 2t4c

G. R. Gazaway one of this community's best fixed and staunch citizens, was in the city Wednesday and while here had us send the Mail to relatives in East Texas for a year, that they might keep posted on the progress of our splendid country.

J. T. Vantrees, one of the splendid citizens residing in the Stith community, was here Wednesday on business, and dropped in and had us send the Mail to relatives in his old home state Tennessee. Mr. Vantrees reports having made a fine crop last year, and states that he and his wife will start on a trip to their old home state along about July.

Gem Theatre

The House of Good Pictures

Program for Week Beginning Friday, April 2

FRIDAY—

Harry Carey, "Cheyenne Harry"

in
"A Gunfittir' Gentlemen"
A Story of the Great Cattle Range in the West
ALSO—A Lyons-Moran Comedy

SATURDAY—

Texas Guinan, The Texas Girl

In **"Boss of the Rancho"**
HOOT GIBSON, in a Western Drama. A Comedy and News Weekly

MONDAY—

A Western Drama

A 2-Reel Bulls Eye Comedy

And

Mack Swain-Ambrose Comedy

WEDNESDAY—

Neal Hart

in

"The Old Mission Trail"

Also

"Lightning Bryce"

and Spauhts Vodaire. 4 acts
High Class Vaudeville

Again we call your attention to our Splendid Features Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Selected Features. See them.

TUESDAY—

William Desmond

in

"The Waifs"

A Thos. H. Ince Production

EXTRA

Snub Pollard in a
Roaring Pathe Comedy

THURSDAY—

Lillian Gish

in

"The Tiger Girl"

A powerful Photodrama

Produced by D. W. Griffith

Also

A Christie Comedy

WORK RESUMED ON THE PROPST-FERRIER GARAGE

P. L. McClary contractor for the erection of the large brick and stone garage, which is being built by Messrs Propst and Ferrier on Front street, has re-

sumed work again with a force of men, after considerable delay incidental to being short of labor and material.

He hopes to be able to carry the work steadily to completion now without further delay.

Read the Merkel Mail everyday

WORK ON CEMETARY PROGRESSING NICELY

Mrs. R. O. Anderson being one of those having charge of the Cemetary work reports that work moving along nicely, and that the people are generously donating to this worthy move where they have been seen. More than \$500 being raised in one day.

This a work that every person in and around the city should be interested in, so if you have not seen the committee hunt them up and make a liberal contribution.

THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club met with Mrs. Geo. L. Miller, Thursday afternoon, March 25th, at three o'clock. The afternoon passed rapidly as the guests enjoyed the fullest extent the hours spent in various kinds of needle work and several interesting games of 42. Four tables being in play. Nineteen Club members and guests enjoyed the afternoon of lovely hospitality with the charming hostess. At the close of the afternoon Mrs. Miller, assisted by Mrs. Groene, served delicious banana ice cream and Woodrow Wilson cake.

ADVANCE PRICES FOR ALL TAILORING WORK

Owing to the recent advance in gasoline and other necessities incidental to the tailor business we are forced to make the following advance in our prices.

- Mens List**
Suits cleaned & pressed \$2.00
Pants cleaned and pressed \$1.00
Suits spotted and pressed \$1.25
Suits pressed \$1.00
Silk Shirts .50
Collars cleaned and pressed .25
Pants .50
Hats cleaned and blocked \$1.75
- Ladies List**
Suit cleaned and pressed \$2.00
Coat cleaned & pressed \$1.50 up
Plain skirts clean & press \$1.00
Pleated skirts clean & press 1.50
Dress cleaned & pressed 1.50 up
Waist cleaned and pressed \$1.00
Gloves cleaned & pressed .25
Sweaters cleaned .1.00

H. Freeman
Cash Tailor Shop 1t

J. R. Bull and a family of Crosbyton, are here for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cypert and other relatives.



QUESTIONS

that stump Dad (to mother's amusement) often indicate how well the youngster is doing in school. If your youngster is lagging in school, let us examine his eyes. Our examination is scientific, careful and honest. If your child doesn't need glasses, we'll gladly say so. If he does, we recommend

Dr. C. E. McGuire, of Ballinger

Will be in Merkel at Dr. Smith's office, Thursday, April 15

FOR SALE—Early picked good mebane cotton seed at \$2.00 per bushel at ben.—J. W. Teaff, Merkel, Texas. 2t3p

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Double row cultivator, first class condition. J. B. Lilly. 2t2p

FOR SALE—Two Sorrel Mares 3 and 5 years old, about 16 hand high, one has mule colt. See W. L. Meeks, Route 5, Merkel, Texas. 2t2p

FOR SALE—One Single row J. I. Case Planter. Apply to Albert B. Rains, Merkel, Texas, Route 1. 2t2p

WOOD WOOD—For sale R. L. Bland. 1t

FOR SALE—My Merkel home Price \$5000. Cost of improvements. Write Dr. O. F. McMaster Port Lavaca, Texas. 13tf

FOR RENT—Two rooms, unfurnished. See Nicholson, at the Joe Harris Place. 1tp

FOR SALE—Four good young horses, well broke, also wagon and harness. See W. E. Lowe, Merkel, Texas.

FOUND—A ladies purse, with money in it. Owner can get same by calling at the Merkel Mail office and properly describing it and paying for this notice.

LOST—Senior class ring. Will pay liberal reward for same. Finder return to Merkel Mail.

Coal and cow feed all the time If you don't find me leave orders with Mr. Mayfield at scales. Swafford. 2t4c

I have a registered Jack a horse and jersey mail for service at Boney Stable. See Tom Jenkins or L.L. Huddleston. 2t6p

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Good five room house on two east front lots. Price \$1250 cash. T. W. Clark, Anson, Texas. 26t2p

FOR SALE—Three Cultivators, two cotton planters, and one hundred bushels of Lone Star cotton seed. J. W. Childress, Phone, 9038R3. 3tpd

FOR SALE—Registered Duroc Jersey bred Gilts. Cholera immune. Will farrow in March, April and May. For particulars write Chas. W. Trigg, Box 1272, Vernon Texas. 19t4

FOR SALE—About 100 bushel of good cotton seed for planting, at \$2.00 per bushel also one Columbus Carriage and pole in good condition. Price \$50. See Sam Grayson, at Shiloh. 26t2p

Milk cows for sale see Chas. Orr, Rt. 3, Merkel, Tex. 26t8p

FOR SALE—Hereford Bulls. One registered 18 months old, A plum good one for \$250.00. 2 high grade 12 months old each, \$100.00 J. T. Warren, Merkel, Texas. 1t

OATS FOR SALE—About 200 bushels of clean, bright oats.—S. F. Haynes. 1tc

LOST—Bunch of keys with small chain attached, Phone P. L. McClary at 19. 1tp

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Model R Hupmobile car, has been run about 12,000 miles, in good repair, if interested call Phone 77, Trent, Tex. 2t2p

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ROCKERS—A splendid assortment of the famous Parsonix rockers, none better.

DAVENPORTS—The Pullman line is given up to be the best, come select yours now while we have just the style and finish you want.

REFRIGATORS—We have just received a large shipment of refrigerators, the kind that stays cold, and is efficient in and select the size you want now, help bring in the H. C. L. by conserving food, conserve food by using a Refrigerator.

RUGS & LINOLEUM—We still have a splendid assortment of Rugs and Linoleum that was bought several months ago and we can save you at least 25 per cent over the present prices, would be glad to show you our stock of floor covering.

PAPER—We are receiving new patterns in wall paper almost every day, we now have some of the prettiest patterns we have ever shown, a large assortment to select from, prices reasonable.

PAINT—We are well supplied with paint and can supply your wants, let us figure your paint bill.

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We will appreciate any business you might give us.

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Easter Specials JUST ARRIVED

Another wonderful assortment of ladies georgette waists specially priced val. to \$9 at **\$4.50** and **\$5.95**
Fancy voil dresses at **\$8.75**

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Silk Dresses at **\$19.75** and **\$24.45**

Childrens white organdy dresses, sizes 6 to 14 at **\$1.50** to **\$2.75**

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TELEPHONE No. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Merkel
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The Mayor says clean up. Be
a citizen and do it.

It was a record breaking
crowd that attended the revival
meeting at the Baptist Church
last Sunday night. The house
was filled to the overflowing
point. And Rev. Parrack delivered
a forcible and splendid gospel
sermon.

The man who is so narrow in
his political views as to think
the other fellow a "crook" be-
cause his views are different, is
a poor citizen and can not expect
to command the respect of the
majority of the good people of
the community.

Announcing that next Sun-
day he would preach on the sub-
ject of "Liars", a Texas minis-
ter advised his hearers to read
in advance the 17th chapter of
Mark. The following Sunday he
rose in the pulpit and announced
"Before I begin my sermon on
liars, I should like to know how
many read the chapter I sug-
gested... A hundred members of
the congregation held up their
hands. "Now", said the preach-
er, "you are the very persons I
want to talk to. There isn't any
17th chapter of Mark."—Cap-
pers Weekly.—Sterling City
News-Record.

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ed accurately and by registered
druggists at the Merkel Drug
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an Eclipse Mill.

☐ We also handle other makes of windmills, and a
full line of Pipe and Fixtures. Call on us for windmills and
mill supplies.

☐ Plenty Poultry Wire, Screen Wire and Oil Stoves,
all of which are now in season.

☐ See us for Wagons, Buggies, Implements, Shelf
Hardware, and in fact, anything you may need in the hard-
ware 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.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Wm. P. Cary's Blue Ribbon Paint
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 Lum-
ber. 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.

Mike H. Thomas well known
Texas cotton man, reminds the
cotton growers "that American
manufacturers of machinery for
yam mills and weaving mills
have orders booked for the next
two years for machinery to
China and China is mixing our
cotton with hers and is develop-
ing into one of our staunchest
and best customers". This is the
advice of Mr. Thomas to the
holders of Texas cotton: "Cot-
ton is destined for very much
higher prices and I advise hold-
ers to sit steady in the boat and
let the consumer digest a por-
tion of what he has bought and
then he will enter the market
for the remnant of this crop.
Hold fast, look cheerful and
smile for the world must have
the cotton that we own." If the
world must have it then the
world should be made to pay for
it.—Fort Worth Record.

We understand the Bazaar by
the Kings Daughters of the
Methodist Sunday school, was a
grand success on last Saturday,
every article offered for sale
was taken long before the day
was gone, and the sum of \$80.00
raised, which will be used in re-
pairing the interior of the church.

FOR SALE

One Gin consisting of four 70
saw Munger, double rib huller
breast, Hydraulic, double box re-
volving press. The gins are new
only ginned one crop. of 2000
bales. 70 horse power Frost Boil-
er; 50 horse power Engine; in-
fact everything to complete a
first class gin. Same being locat-
ed in fine farming country, being
in the town of Zephyr, Brown
County, Texas. Abstract title
clear of all indebtedness. If in-
terested make me an offer. The
property must be sold and I can
give terms. For further infor-
mation see me at the Merkel
Lumber Company, Merkel, Tex-
as. H. J. Askew. tf

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

C.V. Bigham, of Alvin, Texas
was here last week for a visit
with friends and relatives.

M. A. Adams who is with the
Southern Motor Manufacturing
Association, of Houston, return-
ed last week from an extended
trip to Nolan county.

Just received a car of Mare-
chal Neill Flour. None better, at
Bob Martins Grocery Co. tf

Misses Ina Faye Barbee, Vera
Baze and Ruth Hollaway, visit-
ed the week end with Miss Eula
May Ayers in Abilene.

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.

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BIG SHOWING FOR EASTER

Mr. Siegel, our buyer returned from the market last week, where he purchased and brought back with him on his return, a Big Line of Ladies Easter Dresses and Waists, absolutely the very latest designs and best colors.

Also a new shipment of ladies Brown and Black Sweed Pumps in Baby Louie Military and extreme French heels. We invite you to be sure and come in and see these and many other new Easter goods.

Another Shipment of Schloss Bros. Suits.

THE ECONOMY

ITEMS FROM SHILOH

Your erratic scribe has been rusticated near the beautiful hamlet of Shiloh, the past week. Visiting the hospitable homes of Captain J. H. Hughes and Col. Sam Grayson. We were royally entertained and had a most pleasant time generally.

The children of Mrs. J. H. Grayson presented her with a fine gold watch a beautiful token of filial affection, that Mrs. Grayson highly prized.

Col. Sam Grayson is being urged by his numerous friends to offer for County Commissioner. An honorable man and good citizen whom we have known intimately for twenty years in McClennan county. If he had an enemy we never knew him.

Clyde Devers of Italy, is visiting his parents this week.

A large number of relatives from Shiloh visited the palatial home of Col. J. J. Alexander and wife at Anson last Sunday. The occasion being a family reunion. Those present were: J.W. Winter and wife, Frank Hale, W. H. Durstine, Atkin, Nobles, W. Roundtree, and others too numerous to mention. A sumptuous repast graced their hospitable board, and all present had a most enjoyable time.

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Premier Vacuum Cleaners

- ☛ Will relieve the Women of the drudgery of House Cleaning, which means a lot to Health and Happiness of the Home.
- ☛ Beginning Monday, April 5th, we will have with us Factory Demonstrators to demonstrate FREE to the ladies of Merkel the usefulness of the Vacuum Cleaner.
- ☛ Discard the broom and watch your wife smile.
- ☛ Call early for your Free Demonstration.

PHONE 202

MERMEL POWER COMPANY

Miss Mamy Moore who for a number of years was with the Texas State Bank of Ft. Worth, but now with the Humble Oil & Refining Company came in home last week for a visit with friend and home folks.

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

T. A. Johnson formerly Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel, but now with the Coleman National in a similar position, was here over last Sunday on business and mixing with his many friends.

Home dried fruit at G. M. Sharp's. tf

Miss Myrtle McDonald spent Friday and Saturday with friends in Abilene.

Southern Syrup at Campbell's Cash Grocery. tf

Messrs Austin Fitts, County Treasurer, and candidate for reelection, Judge E.M. Overshiner County Judge, but candidate for District Judge, with County Commissioner H. E. Myers, of precinct 1, were here last Saturday, the former two look after political fences, and the latter to meet old friends.

Robin Rest Corn Meal at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

J. H. Bridges and wife returned last week from a visit to friends and relatives at White-wright, Texas.

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

Messrs Willis & Cockrell painters and paperhangers have just finished the papering and painting the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Beasley.

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

WRIGLEY'S

Here's to teeth, appetite, digestion!

The flavor lasts—and the electrically-sealed package brings

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to you with all its goodness perfectly preserved.

Sealed Tight—Kept Right!

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WRIGLEY'S DOUBLEMINT CHEWING GUM

WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT CHEWING GUM THE PERFECT GUM

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Spring Time

Spring means time to clean yards, house, gardens, etc., build chicken houses and yards, dig flower beds, fix up water lines, keep Mr. Fly out. We have

- Poultry Netting
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- Shovels
- Forks
- Hoes, Rakes, Sprinklers
- Water Hose, Mops
- Garden Plows
- O.C. Oil
- Windmills, Pipes and Fittings

If you want anything in Hardware come and see us. We might have just what you want. We want your business.

Liberty Hardware COMPANY

CHURCH DONATES TO THE FIRE BOYS

In appreciation of the efficient and heroic efforts the fire boys demonstrated in fighting the fire at the Merkel high school building Saturday night before, Rev. Parrack announced at the beginning of the services at the Baptist church last Sunday night that the offering at that service would be given entirely to the Merkel Fire Boys, to be used as they pleased in buying equipment etc., and the handsome sum of \$50.00 and a few cents was cheerfully given.

BUTTER AND MILK ORDER IS ISSUED

AUSTIN, Tex., March 30—Orders fixing the legal units in which butter and milk may be offered for sale in Texas have been issued by the state superintendent of weights and measures, effective April 1.

The orders provide that butter may be sold only in pounds of sixteen ounces, half pounds and quarters. This does not apply to butter in bulk. Milk may be sold only by gallons of 231 cubic inches half gallons, quarts pints, half pints and gills.

CELEBRATES SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

Tuesday March 29th., being their seventh wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Largent celebrated with a one o'clock luncheon, inviting Mesdames Rufus Grisham, Lytton Howard, Earl Lassiter, Ergeal Meador, Tom Largent, and C.M. Largent. The table was artistically decorated with flowers and cut glass, and the carefully selected menu consisted of, sliced pork roast, French fried potatoes en casserole, hot biscuits, ice tea pear salad, ambrosia and after dinner mints.

The afternoon was very pleasantly spent in conversation and listening to selections on the Victrola, after which Mrs. Largent took the ladies to the Sears well before they returned to their respective homes.

EASTER SERVICE EPWORTH LEAGUE

The power of an endless life, Frank Counts.

Sentence prayers for the success of the revival starting Easter Sunday.

- Song "Christ is Risen".
1. The Easter Story found in John 20:1-18—Lorena Dry.
2. Sayings of Christ on the endless life—Mary Eula Sears.
3. Are we risen in Christ?—Elmer Landreth.
4. Piano Duet.
5. The Price Christ paid for our Souls—Joel Counts.
6. Christ shall Reign—Mason Pee.

PRESBYTERIAN NOTICE

We cordially invite everyone who has not a regular church at home to worship with us next Sunday morning at a special Easter service. We will have a communion service. An opportunity for those who might wish to unite with the church will be given. There will be special music.

Let us have a record attendance at that time. Come to Sunday school. Be loyal to your congregation. We need you and have a place for you. Be a booster for the work. C. C. Dooley, Pastor.

J. E. Lawther, Ex-Mayor of Dallas, was a business visitor in Merkel this week.

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

Remember

That every added subscriber helps to make this paper better for every body

EASTER SPECIALS

Our girls are working every night adding new numbers to our already big Millinery Showing. One hundred new pattern and tailored hats came by express this week. All have been marked special for Friday and Saturday.

LADIES SPRING SUITS

Our entire stock of suits will go on sale Friday and Saturday at a discount of 10 per cent.

No extra charge for alterations.

EXTRA SPECIAL

Plain and fancy silks on sale at less than wholesale cost



MEN AND YOUNG MENS SUITS

Arrived in time for Easter. If it's Style you want come to us, you'll find the latest and snappiest patterns in Hart Schaffner & Marx, Schloss and Styleplus all-wool clothes.

If it's Economy you're after you'll find it pays to buy these well tailored lines, they cost less because they wear longer.

COME TO OUR STORE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY FOR BARGAINS

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METHODIST CHURCH AN- NOUNCEMENT

Sunday School at 10, o'clock, be there on time and help reach the goal (250). Can we do it? Well come and see for yourself. Thirty six young men in the Barracca Class last Sunday morning, with the young ladies class a close second, more than fifty in these two classes. The primary department is growing in both interest and numbers. Let all our parents make a special effort to have your little fellows there Sunday morning on time.

Our protracted meeting will commence Sunday morning with a special Easter service. The sermon will be in keeping with the occasion, let all our people join heartily in this service. We especially invite all the christian people of the town to join us in our revival, that we may have a great spiritual uplift among the Christian people, and that the unsaved may come to know the Lord in the fullness of joy. Even ing service at 7:30.
W. M. Murrell, Pastor.

T. N. Smith, employee of the Barrow Furniture Company, received a sad message yesterday that his brother, Walter Smith, of Cleburne, Texas, had died very suddenly. Mr. Smith left this morning to attend the funeral of his brother. Mr. Walter Smith was a traveling salesman and often came through Merkel and is acquainted with many of the merchants of this city, who will likely be very sorry to hear of his death.

Read the Merkel Mail everyday.

CHAS. RUSSELL MAKES ADDITIONS TO HOME

Contractors have just completed making extensive improvements on the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Russell, on Oak Street, which adds much to the comfort and splendid appearance of same.

C. A. Miller one of this city's splendid barbers who is with the H. M. Rose barber shop, returned first of the week from a visit to his parents at Athens, Texas.

FOUND! FOUND!

A pair of ladies pumps. Owner can get same at Jobe's Store by describing them and paying for this notice. 2t

Have two 4 burner Perfection stoves. Want to trade one for wood or coal cooker, or sell. Mrs. Swafford, phone 291. 2tc

Willis & Cockrell have the contract for the painting and papering of the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Clark.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM FOR APRIL 4th

Devotional meeting—The church in the home.

1. Leader Willie Swann.
2. We have almost lost the significance of the church in the home Yates Brown.
3. Where is a church when it is not in session? Wilma Garrett.
4. Solo Althea Boden.
5. The meaning of the truth for our daily living. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd parts Bro. Parrack.

B. Y. P. U. will render their program at Noodle and Shiloh Sunday, April 11.

BLINDNESS IS PREVENTABLE

It is estimated that one half of all blindness in the world could have been prevented. Throughout the nations there is an effort being made to educate people to this fact. You will have only one pair of eyes. Can you afford to neglect them? You may not need glasses, but if a careful examination shows that you do, wear them. See Dr. McGuire at Dr. Smith's and Grimes office, Thursday, April 15 and see better.

PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

The Presbyterian Auxiliary met with Mrs. R. L. Bland this week. Sixteen members of the Auxiliary were present. All took interest in the bible study. They will meet with Mrs. Butler next week.

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

INSURE YOUR PROPERTY

NOW

It matters not how careful you may be, the fire bug will creep upon you unawares. We have an example in our school building. No one knows how it caught. It started in a part of the building least expected. Your property may suffer the same fate.

We handle reputable lines and can give you the best of service.

Merkel Realty Co.

W. O. BONEY

WALTER JACKSON

Welcome April -- Cupid's Month

Yes, 'tis the time when little Cupid is working overtime, and remember a good photograph of that wedding party or dinner, or bridal couple, is something you cannot overlook. We are prepared to give you the best in this line of work.

Kodak Finishing Done Promptly and Neatly

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ITEMS TAKEN FROM MAIL 11-YEARS AGO

The following is a synopsis of some of the happenings in Merkel eleven years ago, as taken from the Mail published on April 2, of that year.

Among the first items we noticed was a column and a half write-up of a regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and Civic Improvement League with E. L. Woodruff, president. Among those addressing the meeting we notice the names of Rev. S. J. Vaughn, Dr. M. Armstrong, Dr. J. O. Crenshaw, of Fort Worth, Judge W. T. Potter.

It also seems that the Editor, (John G. Jackson) had kinda gotten in bad politically, over the fact that some of his readers had thought he had taken a little too much "dish" in a certain candidate for Mayor, from four column ten inch display he used in explaining himself on that point.

D. J. O. Crenshaw of Fort Worth purchased lots on Kent street on which he will erect some splendid two story brick business houses.

Merkel's Majestic Theatre, this was the beginning of the moving picture show business in Merkel, and the show started off with pictures and vaudeville, all for the sum of ten cents. It was located in the Dr. J. A. Atkinson building on Front street, and was managed by N. C. Sinclair and H. E. Petty. We now have two most excellent Theatres, The Gem and The Cozy.

The ladies of the Central Baptist church will serve cream and cake this evening the first door north of Houge-Hamilton.

W. W. Wheeler announces in this issue for Mayor of Merkel and H. C. Burroughs for Treasurer and J. D. Gaither for Secretary.

For Sale—Second hand \$500 carriage. Geo. S. Berry. Some Carriage.

Dr. Miller in Chicago
The Mail in receipt of a card from Dr. Miller who is in Chicago, taking a special on the disease of the stomach. The card brings the information that Dr. Merkel medical man witnessed severe snow storm, but speaking of storms, he will never know what he missed by not being here two or three days last week.

Dr. Miller has purchased an automobile but owing to his lack of experience he has decided that he will ship the machine and make the return to the city in Clover on the cars next week.

IN HONOR OF MRS GRISHAM

Mrs. Earl Lassiter entertained Monday in honor of Mrs. Rufus Grisham, of Hillsboro, Texas and served a delicious and bounteous luncheon, consisting of stewed chicken, dressing, gravy, Woldorf salad, corn, macaroni cheese, peachpickles, hot biscuit tea, peaches and cake. The table was beautifully decorated in lilacs. After enjoying this sumptuous repast the guests spent the afternoon in doing hand work and conversing, until about five o'clock when they departed, expressing themselves as having spent a most enjoyable day.

The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Lytton Howard, Mesdames Rufus Grisham, Willie Joe Largent and Ergeal Meador.

Judge N. D. Cobb, genial manager for the Merkel Lumber co., was called to Hearn, Texas, first of the week in response to a message announcing the serious illness of his father.

We are running a success seed grader and will come to your place and grade your seed for 25 cents per bushel. Satisfaction guaranteed. Leave orders to Elmer Landreth at Crockett. Landreth Brothers.

Lloyd Dry was from Eastland to with his parents, J. M. Dry.