

## C. OF C. MEETING TO-NIGHT---FRIDAY

We call the attention of the business men, professional men, and Merkel citizens in general that they will find in this issue of the paper a call by L. R. Thompson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, for a meeting of that organization to be held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms tonight (Friday), and while he does not make known the purpose of the meeting, but states that there is some important business matters to be looked after, and let us say now, that it is a time when most of the people are busy, they are not so busy now as they will be later on, and it is the duty of every one who can to come out and take part in the meeting called by President Thompson.

Don't stay at home and later cuss the Chamber of Commerce for not doing all it can as an organization for the town. Come and help your neighbor and other citizens put over anything which has for its purpose the betterment of our town.

## Methodist Church Makes Improvements.

The Methodist church is practically as good as new, the work of repainting, papering repairing same on both the inside and out is now completed.

The outside looms up beautifully reverent with the new added touch of paint. The inside shines resplendent of varnish and papering, and it seems that with this added loveliness to both the inside and out, there is and should be created a more zealous spirit among its members, as they enter, for they know it is God's will to beautify his house.

On last Sunday Rev. Murrell, the pastor, delivered a most beautiful and well chosen sermon, dedicated to the beautifying of the church. And it has been said that all is liking now to make the entire church building new, is new seats for the choir, and we understand the ladies of the church are planning to see that these are put in in the near future.

## THE THURSDAY CLUB

On Thursday afternoon, Sept. 16, the Thursday Club was most delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Ferrier, with Mrs. Homer Easterwood and Mrs. Ross Ferrier as hostesses. Fragrant cut flowers added greatly to the beauty of the lovely home, where an unusually large number of Club members had gathered, together with a number of invited guests. Score cards were passed, after which a number of interesting games of forty-two were played. A short business meeting was held during which time Mrs. Howard, who was president of the Club, resigned and Mrs. Arrington was elected as the new president. Delicious refreshments consisting of bread and butter sandwiches, iced tea, potato chips, cheese balls, and chicken salad on lettuce leaves were served by the hostesses, as assisted by Miss Christine Collins. The charming hostesses made this an unusually happy affair for about twenty club members and guests.

## Presbyterian Services

The pastor will be in his pulpit both morning and evening. Sunday School at 10 a. m. All cordially invited.

C. C. Dooley.

Bring your batteries to us for recharging purposes. We keep on hand batteries which we will rent you which you can use while yours is being recharged. Merkel Garage. 1t.

## PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

A get together meeting of the parents and teachers of the Merkel Public School will be held in the auditorium of the School building Tuesday evening at eight o'clock.

It is hoped that every parent interested in the School will be on hand. Better co-operation on the part of all will ensure better results in the local school system. Every member of the School Board is especially requested to be present. In connection with the meeting the following program will be rendered:

There will be NO admission charges.  
Prayer, Rev. W. M. Murrell.  
Piano Solo.  
Solo, Mrs. L. B. Howard.  
Reading, Miss Lucy Tracy.  
The importance of having a physical examination of all the School children, County Health Officer, Dr. Grimes.

What co-operation means to our School, Mr. L. R. Thompson.

What play ground equipments means to the School, Mr. R. A. Burgess.

General discussion.

Benediction, Rev. C. C. Dooley.  
Let's remember the time and place and be on hand to enjoy a real interesting program.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Crowley of Denison, Texas, are spending a couple of weeks with J. H. Craig and family.

There is no guess work in buying your auto accessories from us. Our auto supplies are nationally advertised and priced. West Company. 2t.

## YOUR SPECIAL ATTENTION---PLEASE

We wish to state that the Merkel Mail sincerely appreciates each and every item of business given us by the business men and the public in general. And it is our desire to give each and every one good service in our line. But too many of our customers have gotten in the habit of putting off getting their advertising ready until Thursday morning and in some instances bring us a half page ad Thursday afternoon. And as the paper is supposed to be printed Thursday evening, it is next to impossible to get it out on time when the most of our advertising comes in during the day Thursday. On this day we could at least use a half dozen printers, but the balance of the time they would not have anything to do, and we would go broke in a week. So we write this to ask our patrons that they, each and all, prepare their advertising early in the week, which will enable us to give you better service. And you will assist us very much.

## Merkel Young Man Marries Roscoe Girl.

We are informed that on Sept. 11, Cecil W. Jobe, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe, and Miss Nean Jackson, of Roscoe, were happily united in marriage, at the home of the bride in the latter city, and are now happily residing at Colorado City. The bride was teacher in Expression in the Merkel High School last year and with the groom, who is well known here, has a host of friends who extend congratulations and good wishes for a long happy and useful married career.

You will find everything in school supplies, Patent Medicines, Toilet Articles, cold drinks, including all fountain drinks, soda pop and bottle goods. Also a fresh line of candies, at A. C. Boney's on Front Street.

## WILL SOON SHOOT THE SEARS WELL

We are informed that the Sears well was this week cleaned out down to the 3,000 feet bottom, and that work of pulling the casing up to the 2,490 foot sand where a good showing of oil and gas was found when this well was drilled more than a year ago, and the hole given a good strong shot.

There are many of our people, and others who believe that had this well been properly cared for at the time this showing was encountered, oil in paying quantities would have been found. However, as to the outcome now, it is likely very speculative. But let us hope for a "gusher."

## REDUCTION IN FORD CARS AND TRUCKS

FOLLOWING THE FORD STYLE IS A GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES OF FORD PRODUCTS.

The war is over and war prices must go. Effective at once Ford cars, trucks and tractors will be sold at the following prices:

Touring car plain	\$440.
Touring car, starter type	\$510.
Runabout, plain	\$395.
Runabout, starter type	\$465.
Chassis	\$360.
Truck, pneumatic tires	\$545.
Coupelet	\$745.
Sedan	\$795.
Tractor	\$790.

The Ford Motor Co. made this reduction in the face of the fact that they have on hand immediate orders for 146,065 cars and tractors. The Company will suffer a temporary loss while using up the material bought up at high prices. They are willing to make the sacrifice in order to bring business back to a normal condition as quickly as possible and maintain the normal condition of the buying powers of the country, hence, Ford says: "The war is over and it is time war prices are over." There is no sense or wisdom in trying to maintain an artificial standard of values. For the best interests of all it is time a real practical effort was made to bring the business of the country and the life of the country down to regular price standard.

We are at your command with regular Ford efficiency in service and eagerness to fill your orders.

Call on us.  
MERKEL MOTOR CO.

## Girl Saves Sister With Bonnett String

Abilene, Texas, Sept. 21.—Miss Elsie Collins of the Cedar Gap Community, who was bitten three times by a huge rattle snake while in the cotton field late yesterday, will recover, thanks to the first aid instruction gained in the public school by her 13-year old companion. The young girl tore the string off her bonnett and made a tourniquet, which prevented the poison from spreading until a doctor could arrive.

J. D. Beasley returned yesterday from El Paso, where he had been to secure cotton pickers. He brought back with him 18 hands and left a man there to secure more. He also stated that farmers in that country were only of fering \$1.25 per hundred for picking there. Mr. Beasley also thinks the matter of pickers is going to be easier this fall on account of the fact that the crops are so short in a great deal of the country.

## STITH WELL SAID TO HAVE SHOWING

There were several rumors on the street this morning, (Thursday) to the effect that the C. H. Oil & Development Company had struck a small showing of gas with some oil in their test at Stith five miles north east of Merkel. It was even rumored that the flow of oil was sufficient to make considerable showing in the slush pit. However, a party who visited the well stated that there was but little to it, that there was only a trace of oil in the slush and but very little gas at all.

Up to time of going to press the writer has been unable to interview any of the Company officials or get any authentic information about the matter.

## COTTON RECEIPTS IN MERKEL TO DATE

We understand that up to noon Thursday there had been received in Merkel upwards of 250 bales of cotton, which is possibly around 200 bales behind the number received up to this date last year.

The price this afternoon, (Thursday) was ranging from 26 to 27 cents, being off considerably from the price paid earlier in the week. The highest price we have heard for the week was 29 cents per pound.

## Baptist Church Announcement.

Sunday School 10 a.m. This is promotion and we hope that every one will come. This is a good time to start to Sunday School. You will find a place in a class just entering a new year's work. We are counting on 325 this Sunday. Will you be one of them?

The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
Baptizing at the Brown Gin tank at 4 p. m. B. Y. P. U. at 5. Training class Monday 7:30 p.m. Ladies meeting Tuesday 3 p.m. at the church. Prayer-meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Do not fail to get in your subscription for the Baptist Standard by Sunday at the latest.

Let all the membership come and help to enlist the 34 new members received during the recent meeting.

A warm welcome awaits you in all the services.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

J. L. Harris returned Monday from Stanton, where he had been called by the death of his eldest brother, W. W. Harris who died last week of heart failure, while on a visit to a son at Barnhart Texas. Deceased was present County Treasurer of Martin county and had been one of the most substantial and influential citizens of that county for many years.

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System—the greatest financial system ever devised. It is supervised by Uncle Sam. Its reason for existence is safety for your surplus funds, and Service in increasing the productive power of the community it serves.

Let us equip that Ford with a large steering wheel, a tool box, shock absorbers and a muffler cut-out. You'll find increased pleasure in driving your car. West Company. 2t.

Take your cotton checks to The Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

## MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

There will be a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Friday evening at 8 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of considering important business. A full attendance is desired.

L. R. Thompson, President.

## FORDS RETURNS TO PRE-WAR PRICES ON ALL HIS PRODUCTS.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 21—Re-establishment of pre-war prices on all products of the Ford Motor company, effective immediately, was announced by Henry Ford. The price reduction range from approximately 14 per cent on motor trucks to 31 per cent on small automobiles.

In announcing the decision of the company, Mr. Ford in a formal statement said:

"Now is a time to call a halt on war methods, war prices, war profiteering and war greed. It may be necessary for everybody to stand a little sacrifice, but it will be most profitable after all, because the sooner we get business of the country back to a pre war condition progress, prosperity and contentment will occupy the attention of the people."

The announcement said the price reductions were made despite unfilled orders for 146,045 vehicles.

There will be no reduction in wages at any of the Ford plants, it was announced.

Jack Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, left first of the week for Abilene where he will attend Abilene Christian College.

## COTTON PICKERS NOW OBTAINABLE

The following sent out by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, was handed us by Mr. J. D. Beasley, who asked that we published same hoping that to do so might help some one to get cotton pickers and other farm labor.

All of the below parties seek employment as cotton pickers. Many of these parties can bring with them several families.

Will Humphrey, Rt. 2, Linden, Texas; C. Z. High, Hotel Bran, N. Ft Worth, Texas; O. A. Roedel, Box 1257, Ft Worth, Texas; Daniel A. Penedo, Box 2405, Breckenridge, Texas; S. L. Cox, Box 724, Elk City, Oklahoma; J. L. Jordon, Crockett, Texas; S. J. H. Smith, 1616 5th Ave., Fort Worth, Texas; W. R. Martin, Rt. 3, Groesbeck, Texas; S. P. Kiech, Box 236, Mission, Texas.

## B. Y. P. U. Meet

Regular Quarterly business meeting at the regular program hour. All officers and group leaders are requested to have a written report of their three months work.

We want to enlist all young people who have placed their membership with this church recently to begin the last quarter of the years work, with us, you will find a place to develop yourself for the building of the Kingdom, and a warm welcome awaits you by all.

President.

## NOTICE

Fordson Tractor Plowing Demonstration Friday and Saturday just North of the section house on the Pike.

We want you to see and try out for your own satisfaction the most needed piece of machinery for the farm on the market today. Also the Oliver Chilled Automatic Trip Disc Plow, the Roderic Lean Disc Harrow and the Cultipacker.  
Merkel Motor Co. 17t

## CHAUTAUQUA GOOD COMING NEXT YEAR

The Radcliffe Chautauqua has come and gone. There were two programs each day, afternoon and night, and each one was instructive, interesting and highly educational, and while we have not learned for certain, it is likely that the receipts fell short a little of paying for the three days entertainment, and which will be paid by the committee signing up for same. And not withstanding the fact that they have had to go down in their own pockets and pay an additional sum for this entertainment, many of the old committee, along with a number of others have signed up guaranteeing the sum necessary to secure the Chautauqua for next fall.

These are strictly high class entertainments and while we are sure that as this one came at a time when many people were very busy, and could not attend, we do think every one should lend their support and attend such occasions when it is possible.

Each entertainment was of the highest class, and especially do we wish to state that each lecture alone was almost worth the price of the entire entertainment.

## LIKES CALIFORNIA

In a letter from Miss Mamie Moore of Pomona, Calif., dated Sept. 16, to a friend in Merkel, she says:

"Thought you might be interested to know that I had accepted a position with the Automobile Club of Southern California and like it fine."

Am highly delighted with this country and wouldn't come back to Texas for anything. It's glorious here. We are wearing our coats and find the gas fire very comforting morning and evening.

Hope you are doing well, and from reports, that country is very wet now, hope it didn't ruin the crops.

Good Luck. Better come out to this country, it's great and things are cheaper.

## Baptist Meeting Great Success.

The Baptist meeting held last week, conducted by Pastor Parrack, assisted by the local membership, was well attended at each and every service, and as the result great good was accomplished, in that there were 34 additions to the church besides the blessings enjoyed by the entire membership.

The great need by this congregations of a larger and more commodious church building was manifested a number of times, when the crowds attending was so large that all could not be seated.

## Methodist Church Notice

Next Sunday will be promotion day in the Sunday School let every one be present and every teacher get ready to make a new roll the first Sunday in Oct. Preaching at 11 o'clock and at 8 o'clock in the evening, there will be special music at each service, prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock and choir practice Friday evening. It is just one month until Annual Conference and there is much to be done, come and help finish out a good Conference year.

W. M. Murrell, Pastor.

E. Doyle Garrett returned from Clovis New Mexico, Thursday night and left for Austin Saturday to enter the University of Texas for the ensuing year.



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## A Guaranty Fund Bank

The sign of the Guaranty Fund is a symbol of safety for depositors.

This time-tried and tested system of banking is an effective guarantee of Dependable Banking Protection.

Safeguard your money and your future by a connection with a bank that operates under the

**GUARANTY FUND BANKING  
LAW OF THE  
STATE OF TEXAS**

## THE FARMERS STATE BANK

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JOHN SEARS ..... Vice President  
R. L. BLAND ..... Vice President  
R. O. ANDERSON ..... Cashier  
F. Y. GAITHER ..... Asst. Cashier

## BUY PROPERTY NOW

Farm and city property values can hardly decline. There is promise of big crops this year. If you intend buying, let us show you now. Doubtless we can save you money.

### Fire Insurance

Remember we write fire insurance on town and country property.

## Merkel Realty Co.

W. O. BONEY

WALTER JACKSON

### Methodist Church Is Handsomely Improved

The Methodist church has recently undergone some splendid repairs and improvements, both interior and exterior, and is now one of the most substantial and handsome churches in all this part of the country.

Owners of horses and blooded stock are large users of Liquid Borozone. It heals wounds, festering sores, barbed wire cuts by a mild power that leaves no disfiguring scars. Price 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Sept.

### Man With Family

Would like to have man with family to work with cattle, at satisfactory salary. For further particulars see or write C. M. Largent, Merkel, Texas. 2t.

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

### Off To Texas University.

Claude Riney, Clifford Rose and Doyle Garrett, left this week for Austin, where they will attend the State University the coming term. This will be young Riney's second year at the University. All the boys are quite popular and have a host of friends who will miss them during their stay there.

A lazy no-account feeling with yawning and sleepiness in the day time is caused by a torpid liver and disordered bowels. Herbine is a splendid remedy for such ailments. It cleans the system and restores vim and activity. Price, 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Sept

Two weeks of solid sunshine has made a wonderful change in all the West. And should fair weather continue, it will be a busy time with all. Business men are expecting a large volume of business.



We exercise no more conservatism than is demanded by sound banking practice.

Just enough to assure you of SAFETY with us

After Safety, our main object is to render a HELPFUL SERVICE, one adequate to your every banking need

We will leave no one thing undone to assure you of the most HELPFUL BANKING SERVICE you may wish.

Let us explain our SAVINGS DEPARTMENT



# SCHOOL NEEDS

We have shoes that are solid leather built especially for school wear and we stand behind every pair that is sold to give you entire satisfaction. Bring your boy or girl in and let us fit them up. We can save you money.

School dresses that are durable for the girl  
Suits of all wool strongly made for the boy

## Duck = DUCK = Duck

The very best of duck for cotton pick sacks. Look at this quality duck and get our price before you buy.

We have a house full of desirable merchandise. We pay CASH for our goods and sell them on a small margin of profit for CASH. Give us a trial on that fall bill and be convinced we save you money on quality merchadise.

# The Brown Dry Goods Co.

## IS YOUR HEALTH GRADUALLY SLIPPING?

Interesting Experience of a Texas Lady Who Declares That if More Women Knew About Cardui They Would Be Spared Much Sickness and Worry.

Navasota, Texas.—Mrs. W. M. Peden, of this place, relates the following interesting account of how she recovered her strength, having realized that she was actually losing her health:

"Health is the greatest thing in the world, and when you feel that gradually slipping away from you, you certainly sit up and take notice. That is what I did some time ago when I found myself in a very nervous, run-down condition of health. I was so tired and felt so lifeless I could hardly go at all.

"I was just no account for work. I would get a bucket of water and would feel so weak I would have to set it down before I felt like I could lift it to the shelf. In this condition, of course, to do even my housework was a task almost impossible to accomplish.

"I was . . . nervous and easily upset.

I couldn't rest well at night and was . . . just lifeless.

"I heard of Cardui and after reading I decided I had some female trouble that was pulling me down. I sent for Cardui and began it . . .

"In a very short while after I began the Cardui Home Treatment I saw an improvement and it wasn't long until I was all right—good appetite, splendid rest, and much stronger so that I easily did my house work.

"Later I took a bottle of Cardui as a tonic. I can recommend Cardui and gladly do so, for if more women knew, it would save a great deal of worry and sickness."

The enthusiastic praise of thousands of other women who have found Cardui helpful should convince you that it is worth trying. All druggists sell it.

### AS I SEE IT.

We are living in the beginning and the end of the fastest age of the world; in the greatest country of all countries, inhabited by a people created and made after the likeness and in the image of God. At one time we were a God-fearing people, but today a large majority are restless, dissatisfied bunch of pleasure seekers all of which are going by leaps and bounds down the way that seemeth right unto man, but "the end thereof is death." We are surrounded by every luxury of life with PLENTY on every side where everything brings a premium, except human life and IT goes for a song. The fact is, the only thing that keeps us standing in our own place today and keeps this old world rolling on are the constantly faithful God-fearing mothers together with the pure young women who have just passed from girlhood into woman-

hood, those who live and act in a way that they know is pure, righteous and upright.

No mother or father ever wanted to see their child make a mistake or take advantage of some other mother's child and I don't think any girl or boy ever started out to be a bad woman or man, but those who have fallen by the wayside, are those who have failed to stand in their places. Therefore I greatly admire the girl of today who realizes the position she fills in this life, she always has the love and respect of everyone who stands in their own place because she is the "Greatest of all God's creation."

To the girl who never stops to realize the position she should fill in this life is more to be pitied than censured because she is neither entrusted with home affairs or in the uplifting of anyone for the simple reason that she is not being taught the responsibilities of a home or

any of the duties connected with it, all of which is almost certain to fall to her lot sooner or later. The world looks with pity upon the woman who wants to be a man or to try to fill man's place in this life, but the greatest right that can be vouchsafed to any woman is the right to live under a free government (the kind that our Declaration of Independence tells us about), under her own roof, with her own family and direct her own household, even raise her own children, and if the average girl of today cannot see that is true and so live accordingly, we may expect to continue to go backward instead of going forward.

I have stood by and watched the light go out in the soul of those who made life worth while to each and everyone they came in contact with, and with them seemed to go a part of our own life and happiness, not because they lived the life they did, but

because they are so few in number. Oh, that we should have an ever increasing number of such God-fearing, whole souled people to make the world a better place to live in.

It is true that we are all born subject to vanity, not willingly so, but by reason of Him who subjected the same in hope. It is also true that the law is fulfilled in one word and that word is this, "Thou shalt love thy Neighbor as thyself."

But after all if the girl of today doesn't care how she conducts her everyday life the rest of us have nothing to care for.

J. EDWARD REJLOGLE.

A cross, sickly baby suffering from digestive trouble and looseness of the bowels needs McGee's Elixir. It checks the bowels, eases the stomach and restores healthy conditions. Price, 35c and 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Sept.

## STATE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF INDIANA

Protects you in case of BODILY INJURY OR DISEASE—Doubles the face of Policy in case of accidental death.

To appreciate the real value of State Life Policies ask the widow of a man who carried one.

### YOU NEED THIS

For yourself, your wife, your children, your estate.

Without obligation on your part I will be glad to show you this liberal policy.

"An Old Line Life Insurance Company"  
No War Clause

PARKER SHARP, Agent  
Merkel, Texas 17t4

## --- NEW --- Meat Market

We have just opened in the Boney building on Front Street a First-Class Meat Market and will have on hand at all times, the best

### BEEF, PORK AND OTHER FRESH MEAT

obtainable, and will appreciate a share of your patronage in our line.

As a token of our appreciation of a share of your business, we intend to sell our meat in a way that will Bring Down High Cost of Living.

Everything is strictly Sanitary and Clean. Come in and try some of our juicy steaks and be convinced that it will pay you to buy your meat from us.

We make a Specialty of Pure Pork Sausage

## McCoy's Meat Market

New Ford Truck for sale, with body on that will hold a bale of seed cotton, at cost. See Patterson Brothers.

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank will be glad to investigate the value of any stock or bonds offered its customers for sale. The experiences of last year makes this a valuable service.

The hum of the gin may be heard in Merkel now from early morning until late at night.

Come in and look over our new fall line of Samples. We have four of the best lines on the market. And you cannot get a better selection or better prices elsewhere. So come in now, and see them. Mrs. C. L. Cash, Cash Tailor Shop, Phone 180

Poor man has a lot of hard luck in this world. All things work together, or work separately, to bring about his undoing and wreck his bank account. Take the matter of shoes and pants, for example. A man must wear both. He wants his shoes "shiny" and his pants "unshiny" but the longer he wears the shoes the rustier they get, and the longer he wears the pants the shiner they get.

Two new Bungalows are under construction. Many more are needed that those who are daily coming here may secure homes.

Take your cotton checks to The Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

## PULLMAN BREAKFAST NOOKS

One of the latest home conveniences is this cozy built-in breakfast nook.

The table and seats are built in a corner of the kitchen or between the kitchen and dining room.

This is one of the novel features in many of our model home plans or we will gladly assist you in planning one to be built in your home.

To help you make your house more of a real HOME is both a pleasure and a duty with us.

## BURTON-LINGO CO.

PHONE 74 L. D. Levy Local Mgr.

The Democrats of Texas held their state convention this year in a church, which was eminently proper. Democracy is such a good thing that it ought to trot hand in hand with religion. And while in church the Democrats didn't forget to take up a collection. A strong-lunged Democrat told about what the wicked Republicans are trying to do to our country and the delegates dug up \$56,000 to help elect Cox and Roosevelt.

The greatest enemy of child life is the tape worm. It destroys health and vitality. The greatest enemy of the tape worm is White's Cream Vermifuge. One or two doses does the work. Price 35c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Sept.

Laziness, indifference of a desire to work, is without doubt one of the causes of so much unrest throughout the country, and now that there is plenty of work and the fact that hands are so badly needed in all this section, it seems to us that it would be a good time for our officers to see that every able bodied man, both old and young, either work or "move on." In other words, enforce the laws against vagrants.

Better see about that Coal Box and then phone 48 and Call for Clifford Rose tell him how many tons it will take to run you through the winter. Best time to BUY IS NOW. tf

New people are coming to Merkel and the surrounding country each and every day. We welcome them, and feel sure they will have no cause to regret their having located in this thriving city or the great country surrounding it.

### LISTEN!

We would like to have your Eggs, Butter and Chickens. Be sure and get our prices before you sell. W. W. Wood, Staple and Fancy Groceries; Feed and Grain. Phone 230. tf

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

## LONE STAR PLANTING SEED FOR 1921

Del Valle, Texas, August 21st.

CAGE SEED CO.  
Austin Texas.

Gentlemen:—

The past week I have sold ten bales of your Lone Star Cotton off of the 400 acres I planted for you this season. It brought me a premium of from twelve dollars and fifty cents to fourteen dollars per bale premium, due to the heavy lengthy staple that it produced. It ran from one and one-sixteenth to one and three-sixteenth staple.

I want two hundred bushels of your best Lone Star Seed again to plant the same land again next year.

With best wishes, I am, very truly yours,  
(Signed) W. R. Bingham.

Lone Star Seed sold by  
McDonald & Anderson, Merkel, Texas  
B. C. Moore, Trent, Texas

## GEM CONFECTIONERY

Wishes to call the attention of the public to the fact that it has added to its business a full line of Magazines, and invite their inspection of same.

We are also head quarters for Cold Drinks, Ice Cream, Fresh Fruits, Candy & Cigars.

# REDUCED PRICES

The Economy was the last store to advance their prices when the market was jumping every day because they were always protected and now that a break has come in the market, the Economy is the first to pass this reduction down to their customers. New Merchandise has begun to arrive now after being held up for some months waiting for the break that we knew was coming. It came and we now own these goods at the reduced prices and are going to pass these savings on to you. Better service to our customers.

## Ladies Ready-to-Wear

Our buyer in New York has just sent us 3 doz. of the newest sweaters in all the wanted colors. The styles are the newest, this seasons creation. We invite you to see the \$10 and \$11 lines. Other stores are asking \$15 for the same class of merchandise, that's why our sweater sales have been so good.

All the Newest things in Dresses, Suits, Blouses, Petticoats and Coats bought direct from the Manufacturers, thereby saving you the middle-man's profit you pay to other stores. We invite comparison and we are always glad to show you whether you buy or not.

## Men's Hats

Stetson and Rothchild hats for men who care. Good hats are scarce, that's why we stick close to Stetson and Rothchild for our customers want good hats and they take no chances when they buy hats here. We don't buy jobbers hats and we don't sell seconds. All our hats come direct and are First Quality.

## Ladies Hats

Ladies, all we ask is for you to visit our Millinery Department and see for yourself the beautiful styles we have ready for you at prices that will surprise you. Wonderful values..... **\$3.95 and \$4.95**

Remember we are here to please you, and we know how.

## Shoes

Our Shoes are coming in every day, now and these savings are being passed on to you. Our Shoe Department saves you money.

## Staples

The same high grade 8 oz. Duck we've sold so much of, per yard..... **34c**  
Thousands of yards good Gingham..... **25c 30c 35c and up**

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### THE TEACHER SHORTAGE.

We are getting used to hearing of shortages, everything seems to be on short supply. But the most serious, we believe, is the shortage of teachers for our public schools. In one state in the East it has been necessary to close 100 schools because there were no teachers to take care of them.

The reason given is the familiar one—pay is too small to provide a suitable living for the teacher and the patrons are not willing to increase their tax burdens to meet the increase demand. Yet those tax payers must realize that the price of everything has advanced about 150 per cent in the past six years and that we must cease to think in terms of 1914.

The mental training of our boys and girls is a profession that deserves good pay. The teacher is one of the greatest factors in our civilization. How many men are willing freely to accord their old school teacher credit for all they have accomplished in life. Parents who give the matter thought and investigate the work done by the teacher will not grudge them the small pittance they receive, but will freely concede them an advance sufficient to provide decently for all their needs and a fair recompense for the great work they are doing.

Ted Lassiter, the splendid night operator for the Texas, Pacific here, left Wednesday for a visit to a number of the Southern and Eastern States. Thus will he take his annual and much needed vacation. Here's hoping that you have the time of your life old scout.

Mr. Hawkins, of Norman, Oklahoma, came in this week, and is assisting Judge Cobb, the splendid manager for the Merkel Lumber Company, in breaking in Vernon Coats, one of this community's excellent young men as bookkeeper at that Company's yard here.

W. M. and Ralph Holmes, of Lexington, Tennessee, came in first of the week for a visit to their brother, Joe Holmes, one of Merkel's splendid citizens. Our Mr. Holmes had not seen his brother in twenty-six years.

Come in and let us explain the Savings Department of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

Miss Stacy Adkinson of San Antonio, is here for a visit at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Miller.

For skin eruptions, rash chafed skin, prickly heat, chigger bites and stings of poisonous insects, Ballard's Snow Liniment is an effective application. It heals quickly. Three sizes, 30c 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Sept.

We solicit your deposits. Safety and Service is the motto of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

A. L. Jobe's motto quick sales and small profits, equal rights to all alike, come around. 2t.

Manifestations of lawlessness in some sections of the country does not mean that the country is going to wreck any more than the blowout of an auto tire means that the whole machinery has gone to pieces. Both make a lot of noise—out of all proportion to their importance.

### Honeymoons In The Air.

Taking a honeymoon trip in airplane seems to be the latest in wedding trips. It has some advantages over the conventional visit to Niagra Falls or Wash-

ington. It gives the newlyweds a chance to get away from their friends in short order and possibly to avoid the shower of old shoes and rice. Also, it provides that privacy not found in the railroad coach or other means of public travel.

There are disadvantages, too. The machine requires the undivided attention of the operator, so spooning is out of the question. It is also said that sometimes the bride becomes frightened at the unusual experience and wants to descend. Indeed,

one young groom had that experience and had to alight in an unknown town recently. That part of the trip was not a pronounced success.

Probably most of the bridal parties will adhere to the old routes, but there will be adventurous souls who will climb to the aerial heights and even be able to persuade themselves that they like it. If not on their wedding trip, there will be times when they will get "up in the air", probably.

Ed. Teaff returned first of the week from an extended trip to Temple and other east Texas points.

Take your cotton checks to The Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

## COZY THEATRE

Special Matinee Saturday 2 to 5:30

Friday, September 24  
**Jack Pickford** in "In Wrong"  
Admission 10-20c  
**"Snub Pollard"** in "A Thousand Feet of Fun"  
Universal Comedians in "Lost"

Mon., Sept. 20  
**William Duncan** in "The Silent Avenger No. 14"  
Adm. 10-20c  
**Big U Western Players** in "Red Hot Trail"  
Universal Fun Makers in "Riots"

Sat. Sept. 25  
**Fox All Star Cast** in "The She Tiger"  
Adm. 10-20c  
**Fatty Arbuckle** in "Out West"  
Mutt & Jeff in "Private Detectives"

Wed. Sept. 29  
**Constance Binney** in "Erstwhile Susan"  
Adm. 10-20c  
**Wm. Franey** in "Fun"  
Pathe Review

Tues. Sept. 28  
**Allan Dwan's "Luck of the Irish"**  
A 7 reel All Star, Real-Art Special, from the book by Harold McGrath  
Admission 10-20-30c  
One Night Only

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**NEW HAY**—Will have plenty new Johnson grass next few days—by the bale or by the ton. T. J. L. Swafford. 2t

**FOR RENT**—Three nice unfurnished rooms and two furnished rooms, including lights. Apply to Mrs. J. D. Porter. 1tp.

**FOR SALE**—New Dodge touring car. See Merkel Garage. 24t2

**LOST**—A knife bladed bar pin with small diamond stone. Finder please return to Merkel Mail and receive reward. 3tp.

**FOR SALE**—I have 40 head of good mules and six head of horses for sale, also 2 good jacks. J. L. Casey, Rt. 3, Merkel. 1tp

**FOR SALE**—Player Piano, in fine condition, good as new. See Mrs. W. T. Garrett at her home, known as the old Elliott Place, and near Judge W. W. Wheeler's home. 1tp.

**STRAYED**—From my pasture 3 miles of Trent, a three-year old bay mare mule. Broke to work the past year. Been gone several weeks possibly. Notify S. A. Derstine, Merkel, Texas.

**LOST**—Two gin books, one for Tuscola and the other for Sweetwater. Owner thinks they possibly placed unintentionally in the wrong car. Any one having or finding same will do the undersigned a favor if they will return same to him. G. B. Brown 2tp.

**LOST**—A Gulf Colorado and Sante Fe pay check. No. 93740, possibly lost on road between Merkel and Blair. The check is payable to Allie P. Sanford, and is for about \$116.00. Notify me at Blair, Texas and receive reward. Allie P. Sanford. 1t

**SEED WHEAT**—For sale at the market price. J. L. Casey, Merkel, Rt. 3 1tpd

**FOR SALE**—Seven registered big boned Poland China pigs. Five boar and two sow. One extra good boar and sow and pigs. Cony Deavers, Merkel Texas, Route, 2. 24t2p

**SAVE MONEY**—Buy your flour and meal at A. L. Jobs and save money.

**FOR SALE**—Four-room and shed room house to sell. Must be moved away. Very reasonable. See Merkel Realty Co. at once.

**FOR SALE**—A good second hand delivery wagon. See Mrs. W.A. McSpadden, at The Merkel Power Company. 10tf.

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She will tell you that kitchen work tires her most—that her time and strength are wasted in walking to and fro gathering up this and that while preparing and cleaning up after meals. That means she needs A Hoosier kitchen Cabinet, bring her to our Hoosier department let her select the model that pleases her most Give her a square deal, We have them from fifty to seventy five dollars, the cheapest cabinet on the market.

### Dining Suits

We are showing this week, several new patterns in dining room suits the new goods we are receiving now are the prettiest we have ever shown and the prices are more moderate, we will be glad to have you call and inspect them whether you are ready to buy are not, we want you to see the new styles and finishes. The arrival of several bed rooms suits, also brings our bed room department to completion, you can find just what you want at satisfactory prices.

### Linoleum

We have a pattern of linoleum suitable for any room in your house, now is the best time of year to lay linoleum and get the best results, come in and select your linoleum now before cold weather begins.

### Rugs

Nothing adds more to the beauty of your home than a nice rug. We have an enormous stock of rugs, and are in a position to save you good money on any thing you might need in the rug line.

### Mattresses

We are head quarters for mattresses. It doesn't matter what grade mattress you want we have it for less than you can buy it elsewhere. Why pay \$8.50 for a 40 pound mattress when we can sell you a 45 pound mattress for \$7.50 and a much better mattress in every respect. Will sell you one or a car load. Come to us for your mattresses and save money.

# Barrow Furniture Company

**FOR SALE**—A nice line of fresh California Fruits and vegetables Staple and Fancy Groceries. We Deliver to any part of the city bills that are too heavy to carry. W. W. Wood, Phone 230. tf

**CORD WOOD**—I have some good cord wood for sale. See R.L. Bland. 22t.

**FOR SALE**—320 acres, three miles west of Merkel on pike; 200 acres in cultivation; 2 houses; not leased; one-half of oil rights with land. Price \$60. per acre until Oct. 15th. Terms. See Dr. Miller. tf.

**FOR SALE**—Span of mules, wagon and harness. J. R. Baze. 17tf.

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**FOR SALE** One seven-room house and six lots. One seven-room house and two lots. One Store building to rent. Call on W. P. Duckett at store or residence. tf

**WANTED**—A few more milk and butter customers, can deliver. Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, Phone 246 2t.

I must have money therefore must sell goods. I need your business. A. L. Jobe. 2t.

If you are not a customer of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank we should be glad to have you give us an opportunity to demonstrate the service we offer.

If you want an Oakland Six, Essex or Hudson Super-Six. All New See H. D. Simpson. 1tp.

### FACTS, FUN AND FOLISHNESS

It isn't that I would ever worship money; I have no reverence for it at all and have contented myself flirting briefly with the few dollars that came my way and then kissing them goodbye. But I want to be rich, I want to make Rockefeller look like thirty cents in a national campaign fund. And when I get my dough I am going to declare myself absolutely free and independent of the washwomen of this country. I am tired of truckling to them; tired of having them coldly turn my business down because they feel that the socks I send out to be done up are not good enough for their husbands to wear. A big chocolate colored dame who has been doing by washing for three bucks a week and all the hosiery and handkerchiefs informed me the other day that she wouldn't "wurk no more for folks what didn't bring de wurk to her house in a car." Talk about dominating corporations without a soul or a conscience. You can find one now every time you need a "laundry lady" or a cook. But "them" cooks; they have reached the limit. My neighbor tells me that his cook is quitting next week because he won't build an extra parlor for her to entertain the chauffeur in.—Ex.

### MEAT MARKET NOTICE

I wish to announce to my friends that I have purchased an interest with the Mr. Jasper McCoy in the McCoy Meat Market, and will be glad to have all my friends and old customers call on me when in need of anything in our line. We will be glad to serve you with the best of Beef, Pork, Sausage etc., giving to you those old time weights. 1t  
J. H. McDonald

Something new received every day for our auto supply department. We still maintain that we have the most complete stock of accessories in town. You'll find our service and our prices right. West Company. 22t.

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In order that we may better serve our ever increasing patronage and anticipating the coming fall business, which is now just starting, we will serve each day,

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per meal

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One state has agreed to remit taxes for five years on all new buildings. Now watch the building trades raise the price of labor.

Movie men in the West are photographing real indians for the movies. What's the matter? Have the stage variety asked for more pay?

The cost of living has been reduced. Yes, it has. If you doubt it, ask the statisticians, but you will never find it out from your weekly bills.

If the political orators want to get an audience during these hectic days of such a gruelling finish to the baseball season, they will have to visit the ball parks or the bulletin boards.

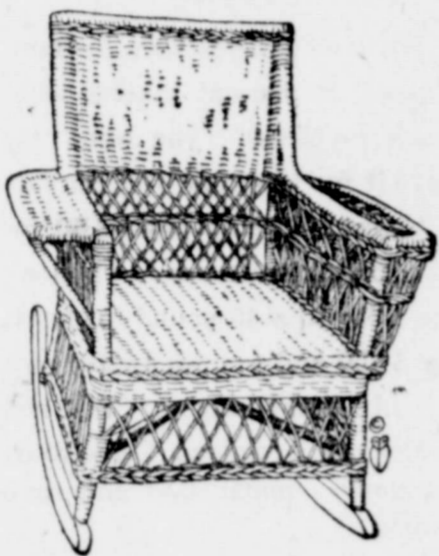
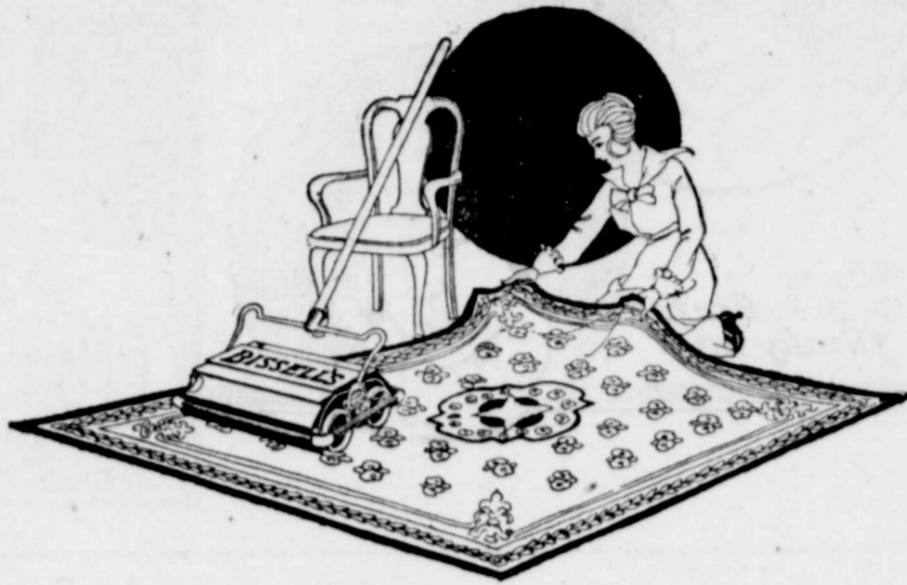
Money control means price control. Witness the sudden drop in prices when the Federal Reserve Banks shut down on loans.

# Big Bargains in Furniture!

This store is arranging to do some record breaking in value giving. All summer we have been preparing for the fall and winter business and with pride we can state that we are now ready to meet your demands for almost everything in home furnishings at prices much below what you have been paying.

## RUGS UNDER-PRICED

Our buying connections are such as to enable us to offer room size and small rugs at prices that are prohibitive to the average dealer. Our showing at this time is very good, and whether you wish to buy now or not we would be glad to have you see them.



## ROCKERS---ALL KINDS

A moment's investigation and you will see more value for the prices in our line of medium and fine rockers than you have seen for many months, and you will also be presented with the same schedule of low prices in every section of the store.

## A Landslide in The Prices of Mattresses

We have almost an unlimited resouere of the best mattresses in all the land, from Sealey's best to any price, but the record-breaking value is that we are selling our big fluffy all cotton and linter roll edge mattresses covered with good strong art ticking for only \$8.50. There are no restrictions. We will sell you one, or we will sell you one hundred—all at the same price.

# J. T. DARSEY & COMPANY

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We are just as much interested in your small lumber bills as in your large ones.

Regardless of the size of your requirements, we want the opportunity to serve you.

You will find our prices right, our stock as complete as your needs demand, our service adequate and satisfactory in every way.



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It is said that the people of the United States is Money, mad and as a result many have lost sight of all moral issues, just any thing to make a dollar.

## "SMILES OF 1920" IS STATE FAIR FEATURE

A message from Mars is coming to the State Fair of Texas, dates of which are October 9 to 24, at Dallas. The message from Mars is the theme of an elaborate scenic extravaganza, taking the form of a musical revue, staged by the noted French producer, Emil de Recat, and known as De Recat's "Smiles of 1920."

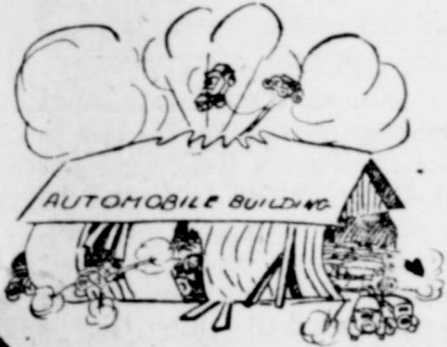


De Recat and his scenic artists are already on the grounds at Dallas preparing for the extravaganza. An afternoon and night performance will begin each day at the State Fair of Texas. This will be the first time that the production has been shown to the public, the French producer choosing the State Fair of Texas' gigantic coliseum to offer his elaborate Revue to the theatre world.

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## 1921 MODELS ARE COMING TO STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

Dallas, Texas.—State Fair of Texas officials have never doubted that the 1920 automobile exhibit at the 1920 fair would exceed previous exhibits at these grounds, but it has come seriously to the attention of officials now preparing for the exposition that the huge automobile building, despite



the added space made available by extensive improvements, is not going to be able to accommodate the large list of entries. To provide for an overflow the merry-go-round and figure eight, former landmarks of the state fair grounds, have been torn down. All automobiles exhibited at the State Fair this year will be 1921 models, the State Fair of Texas having the distinction of showing these models first in the United States, as all other exposition dates are too early for manufacturers to release their 1921 designs.

## MEXICO IS TOLD ABOUT STATE FAIR

Fifteen thousand eight page booklets, printed in Spanish have been mailed by the State Fair of Texas to as many business men and Chambers of Commerce in Mexico relating the extent of the State Fair this year, with especial reference to the big Mexican National Exhibit which is a foremost feature of this year's exposition. The Spanish booklet is one of the most elaborate publicity attempts ever undertaken by the State Fair and is being given wide circulation throughout the Southern Republic. The book was printed in four colors and highly illustrated.

## SCHOLARSHIP GOES TO TEXAS WINNER

Dallas, Texas.—Miss Dow Murray, Route 4, Stephenville, Texas, will be one of the new students at the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Texas, next term.

She is entering the college under a scholarship won by her at the State Fair of Texas last year, award of which has just been sent to her credit to President F. M. Brawley at Denton by Secretary W. H. Stratton of the State Fair.

Seven scholarships for boys and girls of the Texas clubs are offered this year by the State Fair of Texas, which opens October 9 and continues until October 24.

## MEXICAN CONSUL IS BUSY AT STATE FAIR

Consul Roberto Garcia, representing the Mexican government in Dallas, is actively engaged in aiding preparations at the Fair of Texas Coliseum of the mass of exhibits which this year make up Mexican National Exhibit, for feature of the exposition, October 9 to 24.

## GREAT MEXICAN BAND COMING TO STATE FAIR

Don't fail, when you attend the State Fair of Texas, which of course you are going to, to hear that Estado Mayor Band from Mexico City, one of the most famous musical organizations in the world. It consists of 100 pieces and is sent to the State Fair of Texas by the Mexican government.



## In Their Place— What Would You Have Done?

This was the situation:

The Overland had no serious competition at its price, and at its price it had no competition as to quality.

Overland plants were working to capacity, 600,000 Overlands had been sold, and a continent was clamoring for more.

Then the Overland organization became concerned about the price of gasoline.

Now, gasoline is not Overland business, but it becomes Overland business when the welfare of Overland owners is at stake.

The sale of an Overland is the beginning and not the end of Overland interest in the man or woman who buys it.

So Overland designers were told:

"Gasoline is continually going up. Every cent advance increases the upkeep of the Overland. Go back to your draughting boards and bring it down!"

Months and months of experiment!

Millions and millions of expense!

And then, up and out of the Valley of Dilemma, leaping into the road like a thing possessed—

A GREATER OVERLAND, built of light alloy steels, mounted on the famous Suspension Triplex Spring, and giving unheard-of mileage out of every gallon of gas in her tank!

Overland designers said: "We don't know what it cost to create, but we do know it will cost six millions to get ready to use it!"

The answer was: "The public has stood by the Overland, the Overland must stand by the public. Go ahead and equip your plants to produce it."

\$6,000,000 for an ideal!

In the Overland Company's place, what would you have done?

Some organizations would have said: "The present Overland is good enough. Why quarrel with success?"

But the Overland theory is, that nothing is good enough that can conceivably be better, and that the great family of Overland owners have placed upon the Overland Company an obligation, not only to produce, but to progress!

In that spirit, the Overland was created.

In that spirit, the Overland is presented.

And now, in that spirit, let us get together!

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Honestly, now, the auto season is about over, can you give any intelligent answer as to what it has cost you per mile to operate the family "flivver"?

When your clothes need cleaning, pressing, repairing or altering, bring them to me. Mrs. C. L. Cash, Cash Tailoring Co., Phone 180. 10tf

# ON A CASH BASIS

Owing to the continued rise in the price of Oils and Gasoline we the undersigned dealers in Merkel will sell these two articles on and after September 12, 1920, for CASH ONLY.

When Gasoline was 10 cents per gallon there was a margin of 2 cents for the dealer. It is now 33 Cents per gallon and there is still only a margin of 2 cents for the dealer. It has gotten so high, and seems to be going higher, that it takes too much money to handle it for the small margin and then make a charge and collection for same.

We kindly ask our friends and patrons to be governed accordingly and not ask us to charge Gasoline and Oil in the future.

Woodrum & Golightly's Filling Station  
Commercial Motor Company  
Merkel Motor Company  
McFarland Garage  
Merkel Garage

## MEXICAN EXHIBIT LEAVES FOR TEXAS

The big Mexican National Exhibit, feature of this year's State Fair of Texas, will be en route to Dallas by September 12, reaching the State Fair grounds about September 17.

This information was contained in a telegram just received from Luis



Lupian, secretary of General J. B. Trevino of the department of Commerce and Industry at Mexico City by the State Fair management. Mr. Lupian stated also that the official coterie of Mexican ministers and high officials, probably ten in number, will accompany the exhibit to Dallas at that time.

At a later date between 300 and 500 Mexican business men will arrive in Dallas, to be guests of the State Fair of Texas from October 9 to 24.

## DUROC ROUND-UP TO BE HELD IN DALLAS

Dallas, Texas.—State Fair of Texas officials announce that Dallas and the state fair grounds have been chosen as the scene of the 1920 Southwest National round-up of Duroc-Jersey futu-



rite pigs, given annually under the auspices of the National Duroc-Jersey association, and this year affiliated with the Texas Duroc Breeders' association and the State Fair management.

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A message from Mars is coming to the State Fair of Texas, dates of which are October 9 to 24, at Dallas. The message from Mars is the theme of an elaborate scenic extravaganza, taking the form of a musical revue, staged by the noted French producer, Emil de Recat, and known as De Recat's "Smiles of 1920."

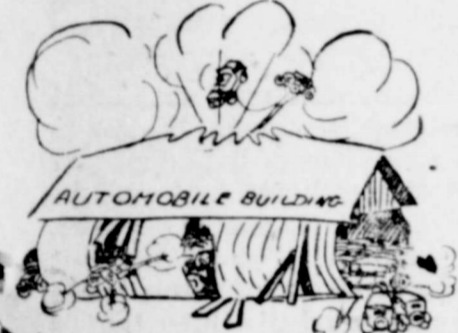


De Recat and his scenic artists are already on the grounds at Dallas preparing for the extravaganza. An afternoon and night performance will begin each day at the State Fair of Texas. This will be the first time that the production has been shown to the public, the French producer choosing the State Fair of Texas' gigantic coliseum to offer his elaborate Revue to the theatre world.

Dallas, Texas.—State Fair of Texas officials have never doubted that the 1920 automobile exhibit at the 1920 fair would exceed previous exhibits at these grounds, but it has come seriously to the attention of officials preparing for the exposition that the huge automobile building, despite

## 1921 MODELS ARE COMING TO STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

added space made available by extensive improvements, is not going to be able to accommodate the large list of entries. To provide for an overflow the merry-go-round and figure eight, former landmarks of the state fair grounds, have been torn down. All automobiles exhibited at the State Fair this year will be 1921 models, the State Fair of Texas having the distinction of showing these models first in the United States, as all other exposition dates are too early for manufacturers to release their 1921 designs.



MEXICO IS TOLD ABOUT STATE FAIR

Fifteen thousand eight page booklets, printed in Spanish have been mailed by the State Fair of Texas to as many business men and Chambers of Commerce in Mexico relating the extent of the State Fair this year, with especial reference to the big Mexican National Exhibit which is a foremost feature of this year's exposition. The Spanish booklet is one of the most elaborate publicity attempts ever undertaken by the State Fair and is being given wide circulation throughout the Southern Republic. The book was printed in four colors and highly illustrated.

## SCHOLARSHIP GOES TO TEXAS WINNER

Dallas, Texas.—Miss Dow Murray, Route 4, Stephenville, Texas, will be one of the new students at the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Texas, next term.

She is entering the college under a scholarship won by her at the State Fair of Texas last year, award of which has just been sent to her credit to President F. M. Brawley at Denton by Secretary W. H. Stratton of the State Fair.

Seven scholarships for boys and girls of the Texas clubs are offered this year by the State Fair of Texas, which opens October 9 and continues until October 24.

## MEXICAN CONSUL IS BUSY AT STATE FAIR

Consul Roberto Garcia, representing the Mexican government in Dallas, is actively engaged just now in aiding preparations at the State Fair of Texas Coliseum for arrival of the mass of exhibits from Mexico which this year make up the great Mexican National Exhibit, foremost feature of the exposition, October 9 to 24.

## GREAT MEXICAN BAND COMING TO STATE FAIR

Don't fail, when you attend the State Fair of Texas, which of course you are going to, to hear that Estado Mayor Band from Mexico City, one of the most famous musical organizations in the world. It consists of 100 pieces and is sent to the State Fair of Texas by the Mexican government.



## In Their Place— What Would You Have Done?

This was the situation:

The Overland had no serious competition at its price, and at its price it had no competition as to quality.

Overland plants were working to capacity, 600,000 Overlands had been sold, and a continent was clamoring for more.

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Overland designers said: "We don't know what it cost to create, but we do know it will cost six millions to get ready to use it!"

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\$6,000,000 for an ideal!

In the Overland Company's place, what would you have done?

Some organizations would have said: "The present Overland is good enough. Why quarrel with success?"

But the Overland theory is, that nothing is good enough that can conceivably be better, and that the great family of Overland owners have placed, upon the Overland Company an obligation, not only to produce, but to progress!

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This information was contained in a telegram just received from Luis



Lupian, secretary of General J. B. Trevino of the department of Commerce and Industry at Mexico City by the State Fair management. Mr. Lupian stated also that the official coterie of Mexican ministers and high officials, probably ten in number, will accompany the exhibit to Dallas at that time.

At a later date between 300 and 500 Mexican business men will arrive in Dallas, to be guests of the State Fair of Texas from October 9 to 24.

## DUROC ROUND-UP TO BE HELD IN DALLAS

Dallas, Texas.—State Fair of Texas officials announce that Dallas and the state fair grounds have been chosen as the scene of the 1920 Southwest National round-up of Duroc-Jersey fut-



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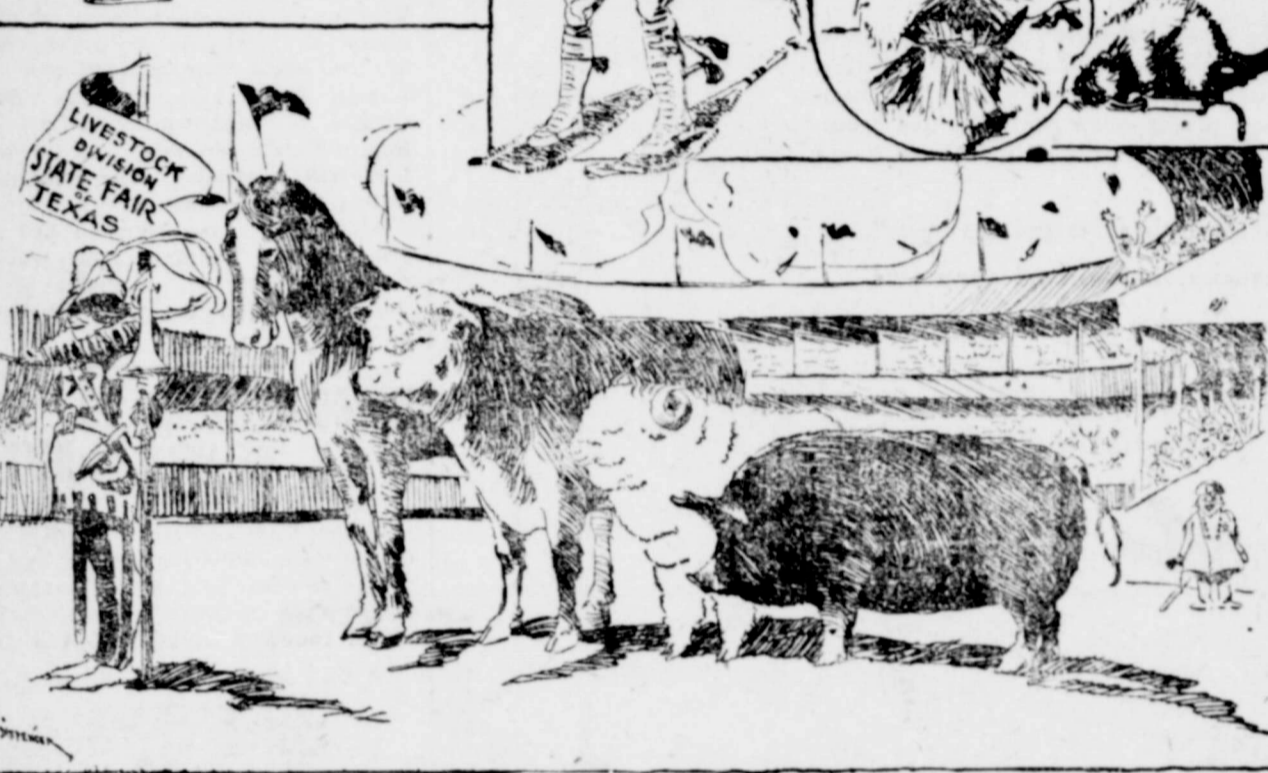
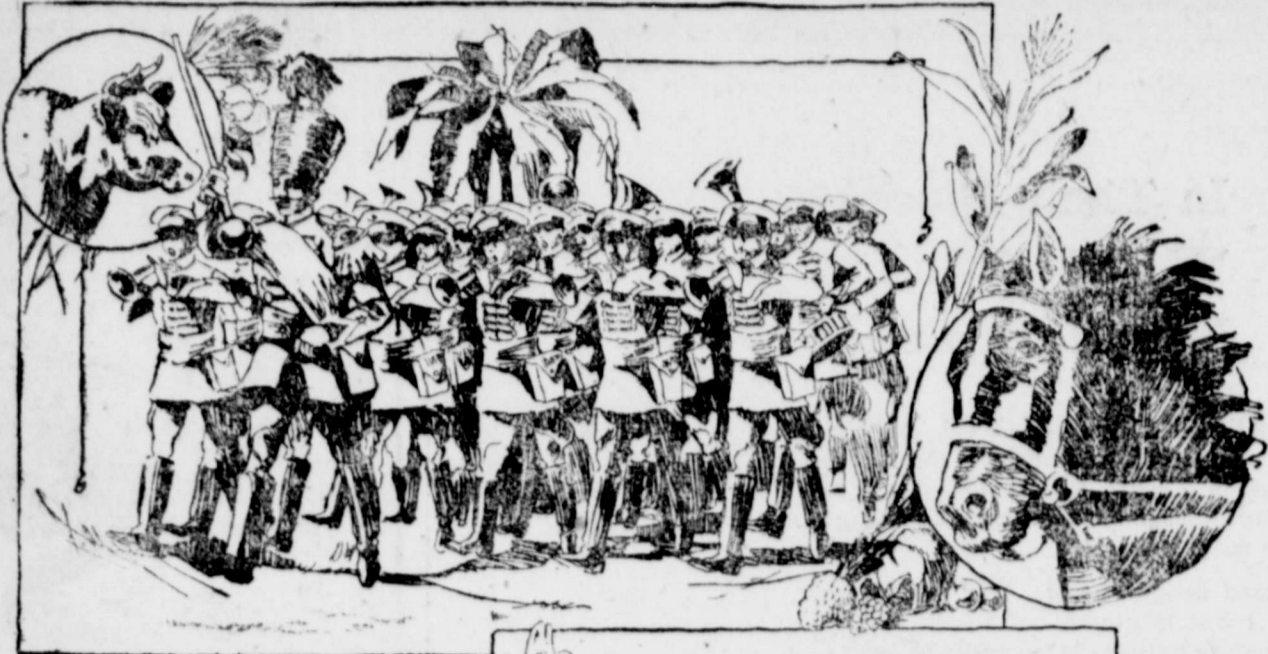
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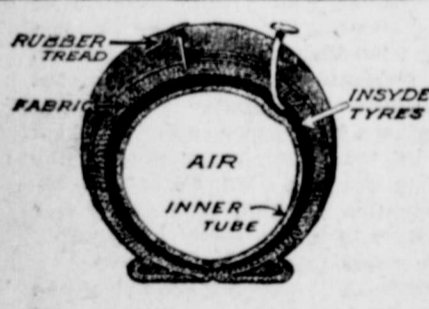


He sees for the 1929 season the great Mexican National Exhibit, featuring the industrial and agricultural development and the famous band of the Estado Mayor; an extensive exhibit from Canada, showing the wonders of the Northland; and the greatest year of all history in the Livestock Division of the State Fair of Texas, where purebreds will compete for \$85,000 in premiums.

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are bearing the burden of battle both in their state and in the nation.

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