

LOCAL FIRE BOYS ANNUAL BANQUET

On Monday night of this week at the Busy Bee Cafe, the members of the local Volunteer Fire Department, together with members of the City administration, enjoyed the celebration of their annual banquet. A good attendance was present and every one reported a most pleasant evening. L. R. Thompson very ably served as toastmaster for the occasion, calling upon various ones for a brief talk.

For us to say that the work of the fire boys during the past year has been a record breaker for efficiency and good service would only be to repeat a thing already well known by most every person within the city. And we do unhesitatingly state that Merkel has one of the best volunteer fire departments of any town in the state, and the splendid record they have made in the past, together with the fact that we have one of the best water pressure systems of any town in the state, enables the property tax payers to enjoy a very low rate insurance, as compared with other towns.

The following splendid and well prepared menu was served by the management of the Busy Bee Cafe:

- MENU
- Grape Punch
- Oyster Cocktail
- Roast Turkey
- Oyster Dressing
- Mashed Potatoes
- Asparagus Tips
- Brown Gravy
- Coffee Budwiser
- Fruit Salad Cake
- Cigars Cigarettes

A HEN LAYING RECORD

F. Holland, of this city, raiser and breeder of fine Island Red chickens, gives us an interesting story of a young hen's laying record, which in our opinion is among the very best. He reports that he has a young hen which began laying last August. Laying for that month 18 eggs, September 28, October 28, November 26, December 27, January, 1921 27 and to February 10, six eggs. For the six months laying a total of 161 eggs. The hen was one year old February 1, 1921 and had laid a total of 155 eggs during the year.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our attendance in Sunday school last Sunday was indeed gratifying. Without any special day we had 307 in attendance.

Were you one of the very few absentees? Be on hand and help make a new record. It is true we are a little crowded in our present quarters but we are hoping to get into our new building soon and we will need more people to fill it up so come on now and let's get to working together so it will be easier when we get in the new church.

Sunday School begins promptly at 10 a.m. and is a part of the regular morning service as there is no intermission between the Sunday School and preaching service. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

B.Y.P.U. at 5 p.m. Training class Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Ladies Missionary Program Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. Prayer-meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

The attendance at prayer-meeting last Wednesday was gratifying and the service was indeed a fine one. We are confident of the fact that the attendance will be two or three times as large as last week.

SCHOOL PROGRAM AT STITH

On February 25 the pupils of Stith school will celebrate Lincoln and Washington's birthdays with the following program.

Address—Some essentials in community life by L. R. Thompson, cashier of Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel. Address by John C. Thompson County Superintendent. Helpful hints by patrons. 12:00 Dinner. 1:30 Basket ball—Noodle vs Stith Junior Boys. Basket ball Noodle vs Stith high school girls. Basket Ball Noodle vs Stith high school Boys. Referee John C. Thompson. Come-play with us on the 25th and grow younger.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT INCREASES

The enrollment in the Merkel public schools has already passed the high mark set by last year. To date there have been enrolled seven hundred and thirty nine pupils, and still new ones are coming almost every day. The total last year for the entire year was 710. This year with three months yet to come, the enrollment will easily pass 750.

The health of the pupils is better than ever known. It is showing up in unprecedented regular attendance. Very few pupils are ever absent or tardy. In fact they come so regularly, that the teachers are put at their wits end to know where to place them. The rooms are seriously crowded some having as high as 67 in actual attendance. There are seven rooms that have 50 or more in regular attendance. If this situation is not relieved before another year, the work must suffer; for it is impossible for the work to be as efficient as it should be with these crowded conditions.

The work and behavior of the students from the grades to the high school has shown great improvement over the first part of the year and over former years. Especially in the high school is there manifested a spirit of industry not formerly shown. Of course there are a few who are not doing satisfactory work, but this sort of pupil is scarcer than is usual. The high grade of work being done recently by high school pupils shows better than any other evidence obtainable that the parents are cooperating with the teachers in trying to get satisfactory results. This sort of cooperation will usually get the results.

MISS HARKRIDER ENTERTAINS HER CLASS

Miss Hazel Harkrider entertained her Sunday School class with an out door party at her home on Tuesday evening.

Various games amusing to the little folks were played after which pop corn balls and divinity candy was served to the following members and invited guests: Mattie Lou Largent, Margaret Turner, Lorene Dixon, Lois Dixon, Kathryn Hogan, Leona Rose, Ruby Walton, Alice Reed, Mary Ann Moss, Elizabeth Briggs, Elizabeth Harkrider, E. L. Turner, Jos Sutphen Largent, Victor Smith, Sterling Sheppard, and W. L. Harkrider.

Miss Loyce Dry assisted Miss Hazel Harkrider in entertaining the children.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE FOR SALE

Owing to the fact that I am preparing to leave Merkel temporarily I am offering my household furniture for sale at a bargain. Mrs. Inous Permlinter. 21

BIG RABBIT DRIVE FEBRUARY 22ND

The announcement is made by the people of the Salt Branch Community that on next Tuesday, February 22nd, (The birthday of the Father of our country) there will be a meeting of the citizens of that community at the school house early in the morning for the purpose of launching the biggest rabbit drive that has ever been pulled off in this part of the country, and to which they invite every body desiring to participate in the sport of destroying these pests.

It is earnestly requested that no one bring rifles of any kind, and that no shot be used larger than No. 4. Let all go, but be man enough to abide by the rule.

And we are also authorized to announce that Patterson Bros. our splendid Meat Market men, will barbecue a nice fat beef and donate it toward a nice lunch to be served, along with "Bevo, Schlitz, Budwiser, or something of the kind, which will also be donated by Mr. J. T. Warren and others.

DRY GOODS PEOPLE RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, representing the Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Company of this city, returned first of the week from a ten days stay in St. Louis and other eastern markets, where they purchased for their firm one of the most complete stocks of spring and summer goods they have ever had before. They have years of experience in the buying markets and have no doubt looked carefully after the needs of their customers; being also familiar with their desires in this line. Mr. Bragg stated that while there seemed to be plenty of goods on the market, there was not so much as one would expect, and the price while down in many instances, was not near so low as they expected to find.

Mr. A. C. Rose, the genial manager of the Merkel Dry Goods Company accompanied by Miss Clark, the splendid milliner for this firm, also returned Wednesday night from the great buying centers, where they carefully picked for their firm a complete assortment of the latest in spring and summer dry goods and millinery, which they feel will meet the requirements of their customers and friends.

GIRLS BASKET BALL TEAM ENTERTAINED

All work and no play makes even a basket ball team dull, so on last Thursday evening at the home of their coach, Miss Josie Smith, at six o'clock, the basket ball girls met for a party.

They enjoyed music for a time then the "bunch" went to the "Cozy", where seats were reserved for them. The good play, "Little Women", was enjoyed by every one.

The players and coach next enjoyed the "set ups" given by the girls famous "rooster", John McDonald. After a few jokes and "stump" speeches, all departed for their homes. Those who enjoyed this rare treat were Misses Alma Barbee, Hattie and Myrtle Harris, Nora Foster, Myrtle McDonald, Maurine Angus, Ethel Allen, Gladys Middleton, Jewell Burns and Coach Josie Smith.

Marechal Neil Flour at Bob Martin's. None better.

MAY DRILL OFFSET TO SEARS WELL

For several days Messers Craft and Chandler, of Breckenridge, who some time ago had charge of cleaning out and shooting the Sears well at the 2490 foot sand, have been here several days this week endeavoring to secure sufficient acreage to justify them to drill an offset to the Sears well. Although there was said to be considerable oil flowed from the Sears No. 1 the test it is stated had been so handled that it could not be made a producer, but these men believing that oil may be found near this test, have decided to put in a heavy rotary rig at once provided this acreage can be secured, which will justify them in drilling the well.

And while they have not at this writing secured the required amount of acreage, they are confident that same will soon be gotten together, and in which event the well will be started within a very short time. We hope to give our readers some facts concerning this matter in our next issue.

WOMANS MISSIONARY PROGRAM

Subject—Home Mission outlook. Leader Mrs. Jim Meeks. 1. Hymn. 2. Bible Lesson by Mrs. H. T. Merritt. 3. Prayer of thanksgiving for citizenship in a Christian country by Mrs. Hamm. 4. Saving America for the world by Mrs. J. N. Teaff. 5. Some Home Mission Thrills by Mrs. Albert Booth. 6. A climbing Race by Mrs. Cegusseaux. 7. Who's who in America by Mrs. J. S. Swann. 8. The Master Voice by Mrs. T.J.R. Swafford. 9. Song. 10. Closing with sentence prayers.

The above program will be rendered at the church at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. All ladies whether members or friends of the church will be welcomed to this service. Since our Missionary Society does not have any dues all women who are members of the church are considered members of the Womens Missionary Society and are urged to cooperate with this organization which has for its aim the enlisting of all our women in active work for the Master.

LADIES MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Ladies Missionary Society met Tuesday afternoon in Social meeting at the home of Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Bearden west of town. Eighteen members and 3 visitors were present. Meeting opened with a song, Scripture reading and prayer after which a very interesting program was rendered which was greatly enjoyed by all present. Refreshments of coffee and cake were served. Then a short business session ended a very pleasant afternoon. We drove back to the city feeling it had been pleasure to enjoy the hospitality of these good ladies in their beautiful country home.

NOTICE

Next week we will begin testing cream only three days out of each week, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. This change we hope will meet the approval of all who have cream to sell, and we believe this change will be best, as we can take care of you just as well, and give us more time for other work.—W. W. Wood Cash Grocery, phone 230

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Murrell announces all the regular services at the Methodist church next Sunday including Sunday School at 10 o'clock preaching at 11 and at night.

He also reported a growing congregation with each service, at both Sunday School and church services. A royal welcome is extended one and all.

Mrs. O. B. Boden spent several days this week visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

J. E. Franklin of Big Spring, was here first of the week, the guest of J. A. Patterson.

METHODIST REVIVAL IN MARCH

Pastor W. M. Murrell, of the Methodist church announces that on the first Sunday in March he will begin the church's annual revival meeting and that he will have the able assistance of the pastor of the church at Lockney, Texas, who is recognized and known as one of the strong preachers in this conference district.

Rev. Murrell extends to all christians, of whatever denomination a most hearty welcome to attend any and all these services and take part in same. A special invitation is given all singers to come join the choir.

GIRLS BASKET BALL

The girls basket ball teams are still in the race to make Merkel a winner. The senior team is still undefeated, and are threatening to remain strong claimants for the silver cup for the championship of Taylor county. This cup is now held by Tuscola.

To-day (Friday) the team goes to Sweetwater to meet the team there. Sweetwater today is putting on an all-day program at the High School. There will be declamation contests, tennis games, girls' basket ball, debates and other local contests. The girls are expecting a pleasant trip. Miss Josie Smith, their coach, will accompany the team to Sweetwater, leaving Merkel at the afternoon recess today. Go with them, and encourage them to win again. Later Sweetwater will return the game at Merkel.

The Junior Girls' basket ball team, accompanied by their coach Miss Maude Herring, went out to Salt Branch and played their big team Wednesday afternoon. The Junior team now feel as big as the seniors. They came back with a 12 to 0 victory. They are expecting a visit from the "salty" team some time in the near future. Merkel's relations with the teams from Salt Branch are always very pleasant and satisfactory.

The spirit of clean sport, properly directed is doing much to create interest in school work proper. Efforts are being made to still further add to the equipment now on the school ground.

PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

Quite an enthusiastic meeting was held at the home of Mr. J. G. Jones on Monday afternoon. The regular program was carried out in the usual manner and good attendance was had.

A Silver Tea will be at the home of Houghton on the 18th of the month. Invitations will be in the mail.

A CITIZEN FLAYS THE DYNAMITE

This week an explosive was placed beneath a house occupied by negroes. Some damage was done to the building and the negroes were badly scared. This is the second outrage done this house lately. Also recently placards were placed about the streets ordering the negroes out of the community.

Now the proposition is this. These negroes came here at the earnest solicitation of the white people who needed them to pick cotton. They are needed now and will be needed again. Are the property owners, the farmers and the citizens of this country going to see that they are protected, or are they going to submissively pass the matter by? If the negroes are run out by a disreputable white element, the news goes abroad that a negro will not be allowed to come to Merkel in the fall, who is going to suffer this fall?

Why not some one call a mass meeting for an expression of the citizens? If the negroes ought to go, let the people come together and pass a resolution to that effect. We think they will not remain if they are advised to go by the real people of this country. If the citizen come together and resolve that the negroes should stay and protected, then war should be declared on those who would make them leave. Why not form a law and order league? Whenever the citizens decide in no unmistakable terms that a thing is right and that they are going to stand behind it, no element of ruffians will likely override them. Shall we rest supinely until some terrible thing happens and Merkel is disgraced in the world? A

CITIZENS MASS MEETING CONDEMNS DYNAMITE

At a mass meeting of the best citizens and business men of Merkel, at the City Hall, this Thursday evening, resolutions were unanimously passed condemning the dynamiting of certain negro quarters here on last Saturday night. In fact the sentiment of the mass meeting was against any and all lawlessness quite a bit of which has been going on in this city for some time.

KINGS DAUGHTERS TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Kings Daughters Class of the Methodist church announce that on next Friday night, February 25th, they will give an old fashioned "Tea Party" at the High School Auditorium, the proceeds of which are to be used in buying new seats for the choir at the church.

The public is invited to attend and are assured a pleasant evening's entertainment.

LADIES BAZAR

The ladies of the P church announce that they have their bazaar on March 19th, and are fully

STATEMENT OF CONDITION
THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas December 29th, 1920

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$625,475.43
Banking House	7,850.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,200.00
Bonds and War Savings Stamps	8,301.11
Asst. and Int. Guaranty Fund	4,068.79
Cash and Exchange	192,724.78
	\$843,620.11

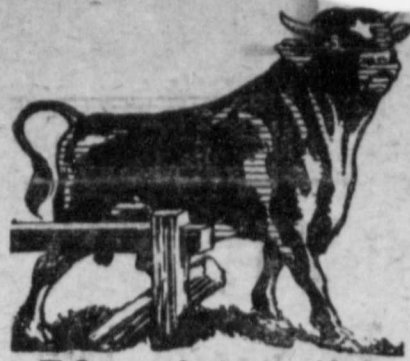
LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	50,000.00
Reserved for taxes	1,263.46
Undivided Profits	12,717.05
Deposits	689,304.16
Rediscounts	40,335.44
Bills payable	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
	\$843,620.11

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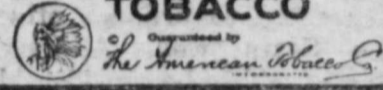
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Well the first thing which comes to our mind is the box supper, and oh! that box supper. Such gorgeous boxes, such eager expectant faced boys and lastly in line but not in mind (especially to us bachelors) was that endless line of dazzling beautiful girls, not Mt. Pleasant girls alone you must remember, but many others, each of course expecting the cake, but the younger Miss Jones surpassed them all it seems for she it was who won the honor, and we can hardly blame our poetical auctioneer for his wanted show of affection.

However setting back our joke basket our display was really a success, there being some sixty or seventy boxes present which sold for fair prices. Almost all closely surrounding neighborhoods being represented. Miss Ethel Wilson of Merkel being Miss Jones rival for the cake. Quite a nice time was enjoyed Sunday at Mr. Masseys in just a social visit and delicious dinner

Mr. and Mrs. King have lately returned to this community from Lamar county where they have been making their home for some time. We warmly welcome Mr. King and family back to this neighborhood he being an active leader in our singing and Sunday School.

Mr. Slsa Roland, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Campbell and Miss Etta Jones were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Logan at supper Sunday night.

Miss Jessie Belle Sargent called on Miss Essie Mae Wright Sunday evening.

Our prayermeeting is progressing nicely there being a large crowd out Sunday night to here our efficient leader Mrs. Guthrie Richie.

We hear of some confusion being a stir as to when the Nubia B. Y. P. U. are coming over, but let them come we are ready for them any time and if they are more anxious to render their program than we heard it we are doubly anxious that you hasten your visit. A Hob-goblin.

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Merkel, Texas

HEBRON NEWS

Perhaps the Merkel would like to read a few lines from our part of the world we relate a few happenings.

Our school at Hebron is progressing nicely with our teacher Mrs. Len Sublett. We are informed she is training her pupils for a program in honor of the Father of our country.

Every body seems to be busy turning old mother earth, making good use of this spring weather. Here's hoping they may be richly rewarded with a good crop. Mr. Davis of Hebron made a flying trip to Stamford last Wednesday, going out to Colbert Ranch, taking dinner with Melvin Carey and viewing the fine show cattle while there. Also Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett ran up to Colberts Ranch last Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carey and found Melvin crippled from a wound received in the morning by a Herford calf. The calf's horn penetrating his leg when he threw it. and Mrs. Sublett returned day night after spending a quiet day, accompanied by Mrs. W. M. Carey who at a few days with their Melvin. They found lots of onion in the fields and lots of it being turned under. and Mrs. Reagan of Noo and Mrs. J. M. day afternoon.

SHILOH DOTS

We are still having some spring-like weather, the farmers will soon have their plowing finished and as it looks now, will be waiting for rain to plant.

There were several attended preaching at Shiloh Sunday morning, and singing Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Cade were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyse Wheatley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Abb Vessels of Trent Visited Mrs. Greene Sunday.

Several of the Shiloh people motored to Abilene Sunday afternoon and a nice time was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Grayson of Salt Branch were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes Saturday night.

There is to be a party at Mr. Counel Church's Friday night. All have an invitation.

Moyst Barnes spent Friday night with Walter Phillips and family.

Atlas Phillips of Abilene spent Sunday and Monday with home folks. He will soon leave for Corpus Christi where he will build a gin.

Mr. Volney Calahan, of Merkel spent Sunday with his wife, sister and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Barnes.

Every one is so busy we have no time for news. Kandy Kid.

VIOLIN AND PIANO

I could handle a few more pupils in either Piano or Violin. Rates reasonable. Mrs. Rose Miller, or call at Rose Barber Shop. 2844

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ALL OF US ERR ALONG THIS LINE

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In Quality, Price and Style

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A man who can judge a horse should buy good merchandise.

A woman who knows a good cake will buy good merchandise everytime.

We find some people wanting us to bring our prices down to meet what is known by good observers—"Junk Stuff."

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Quality Merchandise and Price
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ENTERTAINMENT VARIED NATURE IS FORT WORTH SHOW

DATES ARE SET FOR MARCH 5
TO 12—LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION
CENTRAL FEATURE—OTHER
ATTRACTIONS

Varied entertainment will be the watchword of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, which will be held at Fort Worth March 5 to 12. With an exhibition of blooded livestock that promises better than



The lady bronc and trick riding has always been a feature at the Ft. Worth Rodeo.

any made in past years as a nucleus and central feature, the show will be rounded out with numerous features that will provide entertainment for everybody.

M. Sansom Jr. and Ray H. McKinley again will be secretary-manager and assistant secretary-manager and they practically have the same efficient line-up that has assisted them in holding the show in previous years. John I. Burgess, prominent Tarrant county stockman, again will be director in charge of the livestock exhibition.

Eleventh-hour revision of the premium list gives the purebred herds about the same classification and money as at the 1919 show. Smaller premium classes hardly have witnessed any money reduction.

The cattle sales feature promises to be even more prominent than in the past. Added interest in this section has been aroused through the probability that numbers of Mexican stockmen, keen to secure first-class purebreds for the rebuilding of their shattered herds, will attend the stock show for this specific purpose.

The American Legion will take a leading part in the stock show, particularly on Tuesday, March 8, which has been set aside as American Legion Day. It is anticipated that 10,000 ex-service men from Texas and Oklahoma will be on hand that day and a special Legion program is being worked up.

Plans are being formulated to make the Rodeo features of the snappiest and most varied nature. Captain W. H. Furse, manager of the Horse Show features, is in communication with some of the leading stables of Oklahoma and other states and expects to have a first-class showing of equine beauties. In fact, he already has been assured of the participation of several large stables. He also expects to have a number of army entries from Fort Bliss, Okla. Other features of the Rodeo will consist of some of the most thrilling-cowboy sports that ever have been staged in the United States.

The J. George Loos Carnival will be pitched on the Coliseum grounds. This splendid attraction has been held in connection with the stock show for several years but this time will be much larger and much different from previous performances. J. George Loos, the proprietor, has been busy all fall and winter lining up new attractions for the carnival, which will open its spring and summer campaign here. There will be many new and unique features that Texas carnivals have not yet presented.

For the first time, a splendid bench show will be held on the Coliseum grounds. This will be staged under the direction of the Fort Worth Kennel Club and one of the most creditable exhibitions of fine dogs ever made in Texas is anticipated.

The show will be inaugurated on the evening of March 5 with the usual splendid society event, a pageant that bids fair to eclipse any of past years. The event is under the direction of leading society women of Fort Worth and the scenery and costuming promises to be gorgeous.

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NUBIA SPEAKINGS

In last week's rush the writer was so excited and the time seemed so long, until the big event that was mentioned, the "lighted wires" were some what shortened by the cross current, and announced that the big dinner would come off the 26th. Wishing to correct this and say it will be one week earlier, or next Sunday. (third Sunday.)

Mr. Jim Richie, one of our beloved friends and a citizen of long residence here, was called by his guardian angel last week, to the home beyond. He leaves many friends and relatives. The deceased is survived by his wife daughter and son. We extend them much sympathy in this their sad hour.

The B. Y. P. U. Program that was announced to be at Mt. Pleasant on the third Sunday will not be until the Sunday following. We gave all a cordial invitation to visit us next Sunday. A good time is promised to all.

Mr. Uleese Richie, who has been living north of Merkel is moving back to take charge of his father's home place.

Mr. E. H. Martin is spending the week with her sister in Jones county, Mrs. I. I. Vancil.

Grandpa Dudley who has been on the sick list for some time is reported much improved.

Mr. R. H. Mathews was seen

going to the market with six bales of cotton Tuesday. We hope the B/Ss were not 5¢.

This community was very busy Monday distributing garden seed in the drill. Seems like some body is going to fight the paper bags and raise something to eat at home, providing that—yes, providing that there are not several dozen difficulties.

Mr. Houston Martin has been spending the week with Mr. Ross Martin in the Southwest section of the canyon.

Chickens & Eggs

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Mrs. Roy Cox of this community was in Merkel one day this week trading.

Mr. Carl Hughes was seen going to the Blacksmith shop with a plow shear Tuesday. When asked the trouble replied dull. Grasshopper Ben.

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NOTICE

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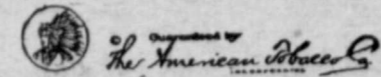
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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES (By John A. Woodard)

Merkel is preparing for the County Meet which will be staged at Abilene on March 25 and 26. Entries will be made in spelling, declamation and many of the track and field events. There are several cups to be awarded at the meet and Merkel intends to bring back several of these with her.

The boys basket ball team has lost but the girls are still going strong. A silver cup is their goal and every one is behind them. That's what it takes to win and they're winning now so don't let them stop until they have accomplished this end.

King baseball has assumed hold hereabouts and the boys are rapidly developing a strong team under the careful supervision of Captain Petty and coach Stephens.

On last Friday afternoon all the High School was delightfully entertained by the Sophomore class. Among the most laughable of the period was that of two once Merkel girls in college cussing and discussing the situation of things as cited in the Mail on date of February the twelfth.

Bill (Shabbily dressed): Clothes don't make the man."

Sewell "Well try walking down the street without any then."

Early last Friday evening the Juniors gathered at the home of Miss Myrtle McDonald and after numerous games indulged in pulling candy. At nine o'clock they went in formation to the show after which they dissembled for the evening. As yet every one has reported a good time.

Miss Smith: "I once knew a man who pleased every body."

Roy Largent: "He died in the poorhouse."

Mr. Miller has gone to wearing high, four flushing, celluloid collars which give him the appearance of a Philadelphia lawyer.

A debate was held Monday afternoon between Bill Stevens and Sewell Harwell, Seniors and Jerome Hutchenson and Mary Cleo Booth, Sophomores. Bill and Sewell believe that Mexico should be annexed to the United States although they couldn't make the judges and Sophomore class think so. Bill says: "Mexico has about six thousand miles of great coast line, most of which is water."

Carlisle: "What does the word influence mean?"

Hazel: "The capacity for eating."

Little mention has been made this year about the tennis players, but we have them. Some rare ability is shown by these boys and girls when it comes to slapping ball down the alley.

At intermissions last members of the entertainment department could be seen eating a box of sandwiches. I found which were some of the best I ever saw.

United States
Canada With Playthings
Does Not Produce.

The United States is now first supplying those toys needed to supplement the output of Canadian factories. The additional quantity required by Canada to supply its own domestic trade amounted in the last year to \$1,500,000 worth. Before the war many was the chief source of supply, but the United States now leads and Japan has likewise made a notable advance in its toy shipments to that market. In 1918 American exports of toys to Canada amounted to \$273,138 and in the year ended March 31, 1920, the total was \$1,130,372. Japan's trade grew from \$18,738 to \$277,946 in the same period, while there was only a small increase in toys sent from the United Kingdom.

The toy and doll industry of Canada, according to Vice Consul Horace M. Sanford at Ottawa, has made considerable advance compared with pre-war time, but imports were needed to meet the domestic demand. At the present time some thirty-five Canadian toy factories are listed, although the census returns of 1918 reported only fifteen. The kinds of toys made there include animals, autos, balls, billiard games, boats, building blocks, carriages crokinole boards, croquet sets, dishes, dolls' furniture, games, garden sets, lawn swings, pool tables, tricycles and wheelbarrows, which are made of celluloid, enamel, iron, steel, tin, rubber and wood.

Last year Canada exported \$139,052 worth of dolls and toys, the United States taking \$5,635 worth and the United Kingdom \$120,322.

ONE FLAW IN BRIGHT IDEA

Janitor Called On as "Dinner Substituted" Might Object to Personal Inconvenience Involved.

A young Indianapolis physician has been invited by a school teacher to accompany her to a dinner party which he was an absolute stranger. He accepted the invitation, but at the last minute had to break it. "But you can take some other man and pay him off for me," he offered, generously. "No one there knows me, so it goes all right."

The teacher hesitated. "But I know most of the men I know," she said. And then a sudden smile came over her face. "I might take the school janitor. He's new in the city, but you could give him some of your clothes and it would probably pass."

"But how does he talk?" asked the doctor, a little bit doubtful of the scheme now.

"Oh, his talking is all right," assured the teacher, and smiled wider than ever again. "There's only one thing I'm not sure about. He chews tobacco, and I wondered if he would do without for that long"—Indianapolis News.

American Gobs as Gondoliers.

American gobs are learning how to become gondoliers, and an American school has for the first time included gondoliering as a regular course. In Venice the Knights of Columbus operate a social service club on the banks of the Grand canal, and in connection with the club the Knights of Columbus maintain a well-equipped school, run on the lines of the Knights of Columbus free night schools in America. French, Italian, Turkish and other languages are taught in the school to the men of the American Mediterranean naval unit, as well as navigation and other technical courses.

Now gondoliering has been added, as the American sailors relish driving themselves and their Venetian friends around the gem of the Adriatic in gondolas. Some of the sailors are becoming expert in handling the picturesque craft, Knights of Columbus Commissioner Edward L. Hearn reports.

Only Natural.

The school principal had been busy all day selecting children from the various classes, to do some special work. She was very tired and also very much pre-occupied when the janitor entered her room in response to her knock. "What are you doing here?" she asked. "I'm here to see you," he replied. "What are you doing here?" she asked. "I'm here to see you," he replied. "What are you doing here?" she asked. "I'm here to see you," he replied.

She had not really been expecting him. He was always so quiet and unobtrusive. He had no answer to her question. He had no answer to her question. He had no answer to her question.

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She had not really been expecting him. He was always so quiet and unobtrusive. He had no answer to her question. He had no answer to her question. He had no answer to her question.

And she had no answer to her question. He had no answer to her question. He had no answer to her question.

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The Merkel Mail of February
14th gives nearly a whole column
on front page figuring out that
mail order houses receive from
\$5,000 to \$20,000 per month
from that town and "for goods
which might just as well have
been purchased from home mer-
chants" and figuring out a way
in which the home merchants
could get this trade.

Some man will deny that it
would be better for a town and
its try people to spend their
money at home—with the mer-
chants who help build public
schools, churches, help those in
business and work in every other
way for the upbuilding of their
town and country. But
there is another side to the ques-
tion. The mail order houses are
not advertisers. The home
merchants will not advertise be-
cause everybody in the country
knows and knows what I
have said. The Enterprise
will dare to say, and without
fear of contradiction, that there
is not a merchant in Reeves coun-
ty as an establishment, known
to the whole buying pub-
lic than are Sears, Roebuck and
Montgomery, Ward and
Company. The Enterprise has
no way of knowing for sure or
proving but it will make a guess
that these mail order houses
do have never yet spent one
cent toward the upbuilding of
Reeves county, have spent more
money for advertising their ware
in Reeves county during the
past year than every merchant
selling the same line of goods in
the entire county combined. In
many cases, quality considered,
the mail order goods are the
most costly, but the secret, the
gist and kernel of the whole busi-
ness is **THEY ADVERTISE.**
The merchants say: "It's no
use to advertise, there's no mon-
ey in the country and the peo-
ple will not buy." The Enter-
prise will make a guess that if
the records at the postoffice and
banks were available they would
show that thousands of dollars
go to mail order houses each
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Charlie Chaplin in "Carmen" Saturday Afternoon 2 to 5:30
(Also— "Bride 13," Happy Hooligan and a Kaufman Featurette)

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FOX ENTERTAINMENTS METRO PRODUCTIONS

will make him a convenience to
themselves. The big jobs that
carry a big bill along with it
goes to the mail order house.
Several times within the past
year the editor has been told, "I
didn't know you could do that
kind of work." The Enterprise
has a better equipped shop and
just as good printers as many
of the houses turning out their
work and some of them who are
sending their printing to mail
order houses know it, but the
order goes out just the same.

It occurs to the Enterprise
that our people, as a whole are
pulling just about as hard as
they can in opposite directions.
Of course the Enterprise be-
lieves Pecos will be an oil city in
the near future and will grow in
spite of the fact that we are not
an "organization." If the writ-
er did not believe this instead of
better equipping his plant as the
days go by he would be packing
about \$12,000 worth of his plant
for shipment to some other real
live town which would appreci-
ate it and leave only enough in
Pecos to get out a Ward County
News, Balmorhea Herald, or Van
Horn Advocate—either of which
papers are carrying nearly as
much advertising space for home
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There is nothing the matter
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satisfaction in every respect, and
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able charges.
We laundry anything that can
be laundered. Dry clean any-
thing that can be dry cleaned,
and dye anything that can be
died. Try us on your entire
family washing and ironing. Ask
me regarding our rough dry
rates.
Itemize your bundle and place
duplicate with it, this will avoid
errors, and insure prompt ad-
justment in case of any loss. I
will take your laundry as late
as Thursday and return it Satur-
day. Yours for business, L. P.
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number 218.

TAYLOR COUNTY MEET

The University Inter-scholas-
tic League has done more than
any other one factor to bring a-
bout a friendly, sportsman-like
rivalry between the schools of
the state. It encourages con-
tests under rigid rules and in
wide variety athletic and literary
events. This year there are to
be county contests in debate for
high schools, boys and girls sepa-
rate, tennis doubles and singles
for boys and girls; junior and
senior spelling contests, junior
and senior declamation for high
school boys; junior and senior
declamation for high school
girls; declamation for rural
school girls and boys, junior and
senior; essay writing; girls' (sen-
ior) basket ball for Taylor coun-
ty; track and field events for
boys class A and B.

The county meet will be held
at Abilene on March 25 and 26.
Only four weeks now remain to
prepare for this meet.

The County executive commit-
tee and all other teachers inter-
ested in the meet are to have a
meeting at the County Superin-
tendent's office at Abilene at one
o'clock Saturday afternoon, Feb-
ruary 19th Superintendent Bur-
gess of Merkel is Director Gen-
eral for Taylor County and is
very desirous that a full meeting
be had to definitely make plans
and suggestions for the county
meet.

WANTED

Your chickens, eggs, cream
and all other produce that there
is a market for. We will pay all
the market will afford, and han-
dle your business on a cash basis.
Let us have a good share of your
Grocery business, all kinds of
goods are on the decline, and
you will find us on the market
at all times, with the quality and
price. Give us a trial. W. W.
Steam Laundry Co. Leave calls
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number 218.
18tf Mr. and Mrs. Lytton Howard
spent Sunday in Abilene with
Mrs. Howard's parents.



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ALATHEAN CLASS MEETING

A very interesting meeting was held February 11, with Mrs. W. O. Boney as hostess and Mrs. General Jones as assistant.

The president called the house to order by singing the class song followed by scripture reading by Mrs. Booth and prayer by Mrs. Casseau. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. After the regular business session the social hour was conducted by the program committee. Gladys Deutschman and Vena Mae Jackson gave us good readings. Gladys "The best of the bargain" Vena Mae "Her first appearance." Miss Lillian Craig gave a piano solo. All were enjoyed very much.

Several interesting games were enjoyed by all.

Then to make the afternoon complete fruit with whipped cream and cake were served.

We all regretted very much when the time came to go home but the afternoon will be long remembered by all present.

We have only been organized a short while and had two previous meetings at the homes of Mrs. Pick Allen and Mrs. O. R. Byrd.

1,000 KILLED IN A BIG RABBIT DRIVE

We are informed that one day last week about 100 citizens from the country surrounding the French pasture met with several citizens from Merkel and Abilene and in a big drive, rounded up and killed possibly 1,000 rabbits.

A big lot of sport was enjoyed by all, besides getting rid of these pests which for the last several years have been destroying the farmers crops over the country.

Seed Potatoes both red and white at Bob Martin Grocery Company.

J. A. Burgess of Lubbock was here Wednesday the guest of his son Superintendent R. A. Burgess of the Merkel schools. The former Mr. Burgess had been to Abilene where he had been called to attend the funeral of a brother who passed away there Sunday.

Marechal Neil Flour at Bob Martin's. None better.

W. H. Bullock and wife of Cad do, were here over last Sunday for a visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris.

LOST—A silver Watch with a short chane and fob. Return to W. P. Duckett and receive reward.

Superheated Steam.

Two decades ago few would have admitted the possibility of permanently producing steam at temperatures of from 550 degrees to 650 degrees Fahrenheit within the restricted area of the ordinary locomotive boiler. Now thousands of locomotives use this superheated steam, and its use is increasing.

By heating steam 180 degrees Fahrenheit above the saturation temperature "hot steam" is produced. With this increase of temperature the steam is dried and the volume is increased. But the increase of volume is less important than the suppression of all condensation in the cylinders if the superheat is sufficiently high. Hot steam being a bad conductor it also reduces loss by cooling in the cylinders from 25 to 30 per cent, according to type and structure of the engine.

Cave Has Natural Heat.

A naturally heated cave has been discovered at Horse Butte, near Bend, Ore., which apparently draws its warmth from a subterranean volcanic source. The discovery was made by C. A. Yarnell and H. D. Eide, local fuel dealers. The cave is located near the top of the butte and first attracted attention when a wave of heat was felt issuing from the mouth. The cinder bottom and rock walls of the tunnel are unbearably hot to the touch, the heat increasing as far back as could be explored. That the phenomenon is a recent manifestation was indicated by the smoldering of grass and twigs near the opening. To test the natural oven Mr. Yarnell cooked a light breakfast by introducing raw articles of food into the aperture and closing the orifice for a few moments.

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Olive Thomas
The Favorite of Millions, in "Darling Mine"
A Charming Story of Love
A Select Feature
Also— Selznick News

Monday—
"The Secret Gift"
A Universal Feature
Also— New Pathe Weekly
News that is New

Wednesday—
Wallace Coburn
in "The Heart of a Man"
JUANITA HANSON in
"The Lost City"
And
Two-reel Comedy

COMING—Harry Carey in "Blue Streak McCoy"
H. B. Warner in "One Hour Before Dawn"

Saturday—
WILLIAM S. HART
in "His Duty"
RUTH ROLAND
in "Ruth of the Rockies"
and look—Fatty Arbuckle in
"Bright Lights." It's a real
comedy, folks, and it's in 2 Reels

Tuesday—
Tom Moore
in "The Great Accident"
a Goldwyn Feature
Also— "Facts and Follies"
"Knockout Maggie"

Thursday—
Roy Stewart
in "Untamed," a sure fine Western. If you like Westerns don't miss Roy Stewart
BILLIE FRANEY
in "The Bull Fighter"

CLASSIFIED ADS

SALE or TRADE—Good young team. T. J. R. Swafford phone 291. 11t2

WANTED—Man to do general work on ranch. Sam Butman Senior. 11t2

LOST—Rear Lamp and number for Ford Car. Number 135,421. Finder please notify O. A. Smith Trent Texas. 11t2p

FOUND—A sum of money. The owner may have the same by furnishing a description as to the amount, kind and the receptacle in which it was contained by paying for this add and calling at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. 1t

WANTED—Cotton pickers to pick about 10 or 15 bales of cotton, of which, about half is first picking. House furnished. See S. F. Haynes, Merkel. 1t

FOR SALE—Ferguson No. 71 Texas Red, Rust Proof Oats. E. Barnes, Merkel, route 5. 1t

FOR SALE—Some fresh milk cows, also some springing. See Earl Lassiter. 1t

FOR SALE—Team for cash or credit. E. Barnes, Merkel, route five. 1t

LOST—A Wrist Watch, between Methodist church and Mrs. Seth Hamilton's. Gold case, Swiss movements, crystal cracked. Reward to finder if returned to Merkel Mail Office. 1tp

TO TRADE—Auto for team of mules, wagon and harness. Have used Ford also new Oldsmobile and new Overland, either of which would put in on the deal. E. L. Horton, Merkel. 1t

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FOR TRADE—One single row planter for a double row planter. Will be willing to pay reasonable difference. See M. G. King route four. 1tp

LOST—Out of wagon or taken from mecal yard Tuesday. Heavy monkey wrench and claw hammer. T. J. R. Swafford. 1t

Jersey Male

I have at my wagon yard a fine Jersey Male, for service, at \$2.00. W. A. Hellum. 4t4p

Superintendent R. A. Burgess and Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jones attended the funeral of an Uncle who died at Abilene first of the week. The deceased was a pioneer in this country, and one of the West's best citizens.

THE OLD SHOE SHOP

Prices Reduced:
Men's half-soles \$1.00
Ladies half-soles90
Rubber heels50
Men's leather heels35
Ladies leather tips35
Ladies military heels75
Ladies military with rubber 1.00
All work guaranteed
E. L. ASH

Ellis Warren of Knox City, was here first of the week visiting friends and incidentally shaking hands with his host of good friends.

Mrs. J. C. Williams and two sons of Stamford, were here last Sunday the guests of her parent Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchins.

White and grey shorts. Also bran. Bob Martin Grocery Co. 1t

DIAMONDS AND PEARLS

Are valuable luxuries and they are always greatly appreciated—but they will not be appreciated as much as—

A GOOD NATURAL PHOTO

of Mother or Father, and Brother or Sister. And as time goes on they become more valuable each day.

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Just East of Grave Yard
on Hall Farm

— SEE —

"The Fordson at Work"

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BRUNKS COMEDIANS ARE COMING TO MERKEL AGAIN

Brunk's Comedians, a company that has never had an equal in Merkel, for cleanliness and for the excellence of its various plays are returning to Merkel for another week. The date is for the week of February 21 and it is expected that they will meet with a hearty welcome from all sides. This company certainly has endeared itself to all lovers of good clean and up to the minute amusements. The entire weeks repertoire will be new, also the specialties and the opening play is said to be one of the brightest ever here, its a 4 act comedy and has all the elements that go to give universal satisfaction and every one should turn out on Monday to see "The Girl from Over There." Note the reduction in prices, Adults 35 cents and children 25cents, these prices cover the War Tax. Band Concert every night at 7 p. m., the performance commences at 8 p.m. Don't forget "The Girl from Over There" Monday night.

VALENTINE PARTY

On the evening of February the fourteenth, Miss Hallie entertained Mrs. Hutchenson's at her home. She was assisted by Miss Mae Beidleman. The games were enjoyed by every one. Readings were given by the following: Annie Lou Russell, Juanita Beene, T. J. Armae Beidleman. When excitement was running highest the valentine box was opened. Each one appreciated the thoughtfulness of the teachers and fellow classmates in the selection of the remembrances.

Before the leaving came the course of hot chocolate, candy and heart shaped cakes were served. The following thirty-eight were present to enjoy the kindness of Miss Marquis: Sallie Brown, Lillian Rider, Ruth Jenkins, Mary Ellen Smith, Mona M Jones, Hallie and Davis Pike, Lopera Agnue, Hattie Wood, Emma Toombs, Cora Juanita Beene, Annie Lou Russell, Iutha Byrd and Gladys Millikin were the little ladies present. Robert Mayfield, W. L. Harkrider, Buford Smith, Carl Smith, Bill Cobb, Barto Price, T. J. Beidleman, Floyd Hutchenson, Hoyt Wills, Burmand Alton, Darnee Vicky, Branic and Leon Bailey, James Toombs, Harding Reed, Wilber Thomas, Cleburne Rose and Loys Curb were the young men present.

IN MEMORY OF MOTHER McDONALD

Who died at her home near Merkel, Texas January 22nd.

The loving hands that guided one lies cold in death today. No one can take the place of her, who wiped our childish tears away. We miss the smile and loving words that soothed our heartaches and our cares, and led us in the paths of right through all the later years.

Since mother dear has gone away, our hearts are filled with grief and pain, and yet we know that our great loss is her eternal gain. Mother, we would not call you back, but some bright day will join you there where God is love, and all is well in that heavenly Home so bright and fair.

Written by Zoe M. Henev, Clyde, Texas.

FARM RESIDENCE BURNED

Mr. H. H. Tittle, residing a short distance south of the city, was here Wednesday and informed us that he had the misfortune to lose a six-room residence on his farm, five miles southwest by a fire on the night before, and that a few days before that he lost considerable feed by fire. This is indeed hard luck and quite a loss to Mr. Tittle.

Why pay a high price for cotton Seed when you have as good in your own bin, by having them graded. We will come to your bin and separate your seed for 15 cents per bushel. See us when we are in your community. Ask about the work. Landreth Brothers, Box 273, Merkel, Texas.

W. W. Wood and wife were called to Potosia first of the week, in response to a message announcing the serious illness of a relative. They returned Monday evening.

G. T. Crain and Lee, was here several days as guest of J

GUY E.

If you

to say that the of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. are improving nicely. Also the child of Mr. W. C. Witts is much better. Out side of those the health of the community is good.

We are having some splendid weather now and the farmers are busy putting up their land.

We think that if Noodle keeps on growing as it has the last week Mr. Winter will have to move his yard fence back some more for a new chicken pen and a blacksmith shop went up last week. We think that before long our little town can be compared with Merkel if not Abilene.

Miss Ruby Reagan took dinner with Miss Jewel Nicholson Sunday.

Mr. J. W. Bicknell and family spent Sunday with Henry Eason and family of Kale.

We think that Vernon Nicholson and Joe Hayhurst make ideal "chicken peddlers", but some now they don't like to be called "chicken peddlers".

Miss Jewel Jenkins took dinner with Walter Bryson and wife Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt report that some one came up to their house Saturday night in a "Ford car", but just as they looked at the window to see who it was, the car rolled away. Now be careful for he sleeps with a pistol under his pillow and from what we heard him we think it would be dangerous to be prowling around here after dark.

Miss Quinie Roundtree attend the singing at Horn Sunday mornoon.

Our Sunday School is doing very well now. We had two boys sent Sunday morning. Now on boys we had your attendance very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hayhurst entertained the young people with a candy breaking Friday night. They had a nice crowd and every body reported a very enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Nicholson of Merkel spent Sunday with their son and family.

Miss Ruby Reagan was a visitor in Abilene Sunday.

We will see the Stith girls and boys come to beat our girls and boys but we think that the girls at last went away sadly disappointed for our girls just simply

beated them. The score being twenty to nothing. The boys played a tie game, but Noodle intends to beat them sixty to nothing next time. When the girls game was over we asked Mr. Guledge what he thought of us. Of course he had to admit that we did well but he said "Well just look who trained you"

We wonder why he doesn't train his Stith girls.

Mr. Floyd Janes of Salt Branch was a visitor here Sunday.

The Singing at Mr. Robert Beasley's, Sunday night was well attended and the singing was splendid. Every one reported a nice time.

Mr. Oran Hodge spent Saturday night with Floyd Janes of Salt Branch.

We have a good school this year, at least good teachers, for their part whipping the children when they are naughty. I think that is a good thing as long as he doesn't overdo it. Of course we think children need any discipline we are old fashioned from the way they are being taught nicely in our day and we are glad to see the program for the year.

Announcing the Selection of--

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Of This City as the Representatives of the

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It is a mark of distinction which is bestowed, upon only one merchant in each town, who in each case must conduct a store which is a credit to his community --such is the rank of the merchant with whom is placed the franchise of

Gold Plume Toasted Coffee



Sooner or later this franchise brings to every Gold Plume merchant the leadership in the coffee business, because the excellence of this blend which is toasted--not roasted--is such that its fame spreads throughout the community and folks WILL have it, once they taste it, even if necessary to change grocers to get it. Please congratulate the above store on securing the franchise of "Gold Plume" Coffee and try a pound can to-day---Real Coffee---Different---Better.

John W. Smith
PRESIDENT
Coffee Headquarters, Ft. Smith

ground Friday afternoon. The games were interesting, the Noodle girls winning by a score of 22 to 0 and the boys tying their score. Hurrah for our Noodle boys and girls.

W. J. Bicknell and family spent Sunday with E. L. Eason and family of Kale.

Jewel Jenkins spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bryson.

The singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Beasley Sunday night was enjoyed by a very large crowd, also some good singing.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Nicholson of Merkel spent Sunday with N.

U. Nicholson and family. Some from Noodle attended the singing at Shiloh Sunday.

There will be a singing at Noodle Sunday evening at 2:00 o'clock. We expect to have singers with us from several places come be with us.

Jim Henry was here Sunday from Breckenridge the guest of his uncle O. B. Ely.

Mrs. Tom Jenkins spent Monday with Mrs. W. U. Beene.

If you need any hauling see J. R. Baze, phone 18.

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

THE "OLD RELIABLE" THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

White Haired Alabama Lady Says She Has Seen Medicines Come and Go But The "Old Reliable" Thedford's Black-Draught Came and Stayed.

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Money for the Acme Graph- on exhibit at the ENE STEAM LAUNDRY

ALATHEAN CLASS MEETING

A very interesting meeting was held February 11, with Mrs. W. O. Boney as hostess and Mrs. General Jones as assistant.

The president called the house to order by singing the class song followed by scripture reading by Mrs. Booth and prayer by Mrs. Casseaux. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. After the regular business session the social hour was conducted by the program committee. Gladys Deutschman and Vena Mae Jackson gave us good readings. Gladys "The best of the bargain" Vena Mae "Her first appearance." Miss Lillian Craig gave a piano solo. All were enjoyed very much.

Several interesting games were enjoyed by all. Then to make the afternoon complete fruit with whipped cream and cake were served.

We all regretted very much when the time came to go home but the afternoon will be long remembered by all present.

We have only been organized a short while and had two previous meetings at the homes of Mrs. Pick Allen and Mrs. O. R. Byrd.

1,000 KILLED IN A BIG RABBIT DRIVE

We are informed that one day last week about 100 citizens from the country surrounding the French pasture met with several citizens from Merkel and Abilene and in a big drive, rounded up and killed possibly 1,000 rabbits.

A big lot of sport was enjoyed by all, besides getting rid of these pests which for the last several years have been destroying the farmers crops over the country.

Seed Potatoes, both red and white at Bob Martin Grocery Company.

J. A. Burgess of Lubbock was here Wednesday the guest of his son Superintendent R. A. Burgess of the Merkel schools. The former Mr. Burgess had been to Abilene where he had been called to attend the funeral of a brother who passed away there Sunday.

Marechal Neil Flour at Bob Martin's. None better.

W. H. Bullock and wife of Cad do, were here over last Sunday for a visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris.

LOST—A silver Watch with a short chane and fob. Return to W. P. Duckett and receive reward.

Superheated Steam.

Two decades ago few would have admitted the possibility of permanently regularly producing steam at temperatures of from 550 degrees to 650 degrees Fahrenheit within the restricted area of the ordinary locomotive boiler. Now thousands of locomotives use this superheated steam, and its use is increasing.

By heating steam 180 degrees Fahrenheit above the saturation temperature "hot steam" is produced. With this increase of temperature the steam is dried and the volume is increased. But the increase of volume is less important than the suppression of all condensation in the cylinders if the superheat is sufficiently high. Hot steam being a bad conductor it also reduces loss by cooling in the cylinders from 25 to 30 per cent, according to type and structure of the engine.

Cave Has Natural Heat.

A naturally heated cave has been discovered at Horse Butte, near Bend, Ore., which apparently draws its warmth from a subterranean volcanic source. The discovery was made by C. A. Yarnell and H. D. Elde, local fuel dealers. The cave is located near the top of the butte and first attracted attention when a wave of heat was felt issuing from the mouth. The cinder bottom and rock walls of the tunnel are unbearably hot to the touch, the heat increasing as far back as could be explored. That the phenomenon is a recent manifestation was indicated by the smoldering of grass and twigs near the opening. To test the natural oven Mr. Yarnell cooked a light breakfast by introducing raw articles of food into the aperture and closing the orifice for a few moments.

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PROGRAM FOR WEEK BEGINNING FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18

Friday—

Olive Thomas
The Favorite of Millions, in "Darling Mine"
A Charming Story of Love
A Select Feature
Also— Selznick News

Monday—

"The Secret Gift"
A Universal Feature
Also— New Pathe Weekly
News that is New

Wednesday—

Wallace Coburn
in "The Heart of a Man"
JUANITA HANSON in "The Lost City"
And
Two-reel Comedy

COMING—Harry Carey in "Blue Streak McCoy"
H. B. Warner in "One Hour Before Dawn"

Saturday—

WILLIAM S. HART
in "His Duty"
RUTH ROLAND
in "Ruth of the Rockies"
and look—Fatty Arbuckle in "Bright Lights." It's a real comedy, folks, and it's in 2 Reels

Tuesday—

Tom Moore
in "The Great Accident"
a Goldwyn Feature
Also— "Facts and Follies"
"Knockout Maggie"

Thursday—

Roy Stewart
in "Untamed," a sure fine Western. If you like Westerns don't miss Roy Stewart
BILLIE FRANEY
in "The Bull Fighter"

CLASSIFIED ADS

SALE or TRADE—Good young team. T. J. R. Swafford phone 291. 11t2

WANTED—Man to do general work on ranch. Sam Butman Senior. 11t2

LOST—Rear Lamp and number for Ford Car. Number 135,421. Finder please notify O. A. Smith Trent Texas. 11t2p

FOUND—A sum of money. The owner may have the same by furnishing a description as to the amount, kind and the receptacle in which it was contained by paying for this add and calling at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. 1t

WANTED—Cotton pickers to pick about 10 or 15 bales of cotton, of which, about half is first picking. House furnished. See S. F. Haynes, Merkel. 1t

FOR SALE—Ferguson No. 71 Texas Red, Rust Proof Oats. E. Barnes, Merkel, route 5. 1t

FOR SALE—Some fresh milk cows, also some springing. See Earl Lassiter. 1t

FOR SALE—Team for cash or credit. E. Barnes, Merkel, route five. 1t

LOST—A Wrist Watch, between Methodist church and Mrs. Seth Hamilton's. Gold case, Swiss movements, crystal cracked. Reward to finder if returned to Merkel Mail Office. 1tp

TO TRADE—Auto for team of mules, wagon and harness. Have used Ford also new Oldsmobile and new Overland, either of which would put in on the deal. E. L. Horton, Merkel. 1t

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LOST—Out of wagon or taken from mcoal yard Tuesday. Heavy monkey wrench and claw hammer. T. J. R. Swafford. 1t

Jersey Male

I have at my wagon yard a fine Jersey Male, for service, at \$2.00. W. A. Hellum. 4t4p

Superintendent R. A. Burgess and Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jones attended the funeral of an Uncle who died at Abilene first of the week. The deceased was a pioneer in this country, and one of the West's best citizens.

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Men's half-soles \$1.00
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E. L. ASH

Ellis Warren of Knox City, was here first of the week visiting friends and incidentally shaking hands with his host of good friends.

Mrs. J. C. Williams and two sons of Stamford, were here last Sunday the guests of her parent Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchins.

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BRUNKS COMEDIANS ARE COMING TO MERKEL AGAIN

Brunk's Comedians, a company that has never had an equal in Merkel, for cleanliness and for the excellence of its various plays are returning to Merkel for another week. The date is for the week of February 21 and it is expected that they will meet with a hearty welcome from all sides. This company certainly has endeared itself to all lovers of good clean and up to the minute amusements. The entire weeks repertoire will be new, also the specialties and the opening play is said to be one of the brightest ever here, its a 4 act comedy and has all the elements that go to give universal satisfaction and every one should turn out on Monday to see "The Girl from Over There." Note the reduction in prices, Adults 35 cents and children 25cents, these prices cover the War Tax. Band Concert every night at 7 p. m., the performance commences at 8 p.m. Don't forget "The Girl from Over There" Monday night.

VALENTINE PARTY

On the evening of February the fourteenth, Miss Hallie entertained Mrs. Hutchenson's an her own Sunday School class at her home. She was assisted by Miss Mae Beidleman.

The games were enjoyed by every one. Readings were given by the following: Annie Lou Russell, Juanita Beene, T. J. ar Mae Beidleman. When excitement has endeared itself to all lovers of good clean and up to the minute amusements. The entire weeks repertoire will be new, also the specialties and the opening play is said to be one of the brightest ever here, its a 4 act comedy and has all the elements that go to give universal satisfaction and every one should turn out on Monday to see "The Girl from Over There." Note the reduction in prices, Adults 35 cents and children 25cents, these prices cover the War Tax. Band Concert every night at 7 p. m., the performance commences at 8 p.m. Don't forget "The Girl from Over There" Monday night.

Before the leaving course of hot chocolate, candy and heart shaped cakes were served.

The following thirty-eight were present to enjoy the kindness of Miss Marquis: Sallie Brown, Lillian Rider, Rgt Jen- these prices cover the War Tax. Band Concert every night at 7 p. m., the performance commences at 8 p.m. Don't forget "The Girl from Over There" Monday night.

Beene, Annie Lou Russell, Iutha Byrd and Gladys Millikin were the little ladies present. Robert Mayfield, W. L. Harkrider, Buford Smith, Carl Smith, Bill Cobb, Barto Price, T. J. Beidleman, Floyd Hutchenson, Hoyt Wills, Burmand Alton, Darnee Vicky Brjnic and Leon Bailey, James Tombs, Harding Reed, Wilber Thomas, Cleburne Rose and Loys Curb were the young men present.

IN MEMORY OF MOTHER McDONALD

Who died at her home near Merkel, Texas January 22nd.

The loving hands that guided us lies cold in death today. No one can take the place of her, who wiped our childish tears away. We miss the smile and loving words that soothed our heartaches and our cares, and led us in the paths of right through all the later years.

Since mother dear has gone away, our hearts are filled with grief and pain, and yet we know that our great loss is her eternal gain. Mother, we would not call you back, but some bright day will join you there where God is love, and all is well in that heavenly Home so bright and fair.

Written by Zoe M. Honey, Clyde, Texas.

FARM RESIDENCE BURNED

Mr. H. H. Tittle, residing a short distance south of the city, was here Wednesday and informed us that he had the misfortune to lose a six-room residence on his farm, five miles southwest by a fire on the night before, and that a few days before that he lost considerable feed by fire. This is indeed hard luck and quite a loss to Mr. Tittle.

Why pay a high price for cotton Seed when you have as good in your own bin, by having them graded. We will come to your bin and separate your seed for 15 cents per bushel. See us when we are in your community. Ask about the work. Landreth Brothers, Box 273, Merkel, Texas. 1tp

W. W. Wood and wife called to Potosia fir week, in response to announcing the serious relative. They day evening.

G. T. Crair here several guest of J

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L IN READINESS TO OPEN BIG SHOW AT THE COLISEUM

SOUTHWESTERN EXPOSITION AND FAT STOCK SHOW AT FORT WORTH STARTS SATURDAY, MARCH 5, WITH SPLENDID PAGEANT

The eleventh-hour rush of preparation for the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, to be held at Fort Worth, March 5 to 12, finds the plans of the management maturing more rapidly than in past



BULLDOGGING in the Rodeo at Ft. Worth. The world's record has been broken several times.

years, even though the array of attractions is larger. Manager Sansom and Assistant Manager McKinley have the reins well in hand and feel safe in assuring the public a better, more varied and more interesting show all week perhaps than any that yet have been staged in the vast Coliseum building and upon the Coliseum grounds.

Entries of blooded livestock are arriving from all sections of Texas and adjoining states and it is now the general belief that every class will be better filled with choicer cattle. The dairy show has the best prospect of any of the classes in the livestock division.

The curtain will be rung up on the spring exhibition Saturday night, March 5, with a social event of state-wide importance—the imposing pageant, directed by Fort Worth society women, which always is a great feature and draws attendance from near and far.

Upon the Coliseum grounds, the J. George Loos carnival, an attraction whose merits have been winning it new friends year after year, has been placed. Manager Loos declares that his carnival is larger and better than in previous years, that everybody will find many things that will hold their interest. New and unique features of entertainment have been secured in a winter-wide search by Mr. Loos himself, who is a veteran of the carnival game.

Under the sterling leadership of C. C. Miller, the poultry show, which is held simultaneous with the stock show, in a hall adjoining the Coliseum, looms up alluringly for the lovers of fine birds. The Fort Worth exhibition has been coming to the front rapidly during the past few years and now occupies a flattering position among the poultry shows of the Southwest.

Texas and Southwestern purchasers of livestock probably will have eager competition in the sales events these years with eager purchasers from Mexico. The stockmen of that country are fast rebuilding their herds and, with the keen judgment of veteran cattle raisers, are seeking the better breeds, of which they will find a magnificent representation at the Fort Worth show.

Arrangements are practically complete for the Horse Show and Rodeo event which occupy the foreground in the matinee and at night. Top-notch hands from all over the West are coming to Fort Worth to take part in the cowboy sports that always have proved so thrilling and interesting, with so much of the unexpected mingled throughout. In a number of the nation's leading exponents of cowboy sports are wintering in Fort Worth and will start the spring and summer seasons here. The very best stunts in cowboy sports are planned—and they will be staged with the snap for which the Fort Worth show has become famous.

Bryan Roach, world's champion bucking horse rider; Hugh Strickland, his foremost rival; Tommy Kirnan, famous trick rider and roping are among the stars who already are being ready for the opening performance.

The Horse Show features promise better than for several years. Captain W. H. Furse, in charge of this branch, now announces that horses from Oklahoma will be on hand from Fort Worth.

BRUNKS COMEDIANS 21

COMING AGAIN TO MERKEL, MON., FEBRUARY

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and have for your inspection the New Universal Oil and Fuel Saver, which gives you **More Power, More Mileage and Less Noise.** We also Vulcanize Tubes and will appreciate a share of your business in our respective lines.

EUGENE NIX

Merkel, Texas

NO CUT IN PRICE OF PRINT PAPER SEEN

Boston, Feb. 15.—There can be no immediate recession in the newsprint prices, according to President Philip T. Dodge of the International Paper Company, who points out that, with the possible exception of coal, there are no recessions in the roasts of the three and one-half tons of

material which go into the manufacture of a ton of newsprint, nor in the cost of transportation, while labor has contracts to May and is now agitating for higher wages.

He points out that the length of time between standing timber and finished paper—eighteen to twenty-four months—requires that, in order to supply the 800,000 cords of wood which the com-

pany will use this year, 1,200,000 cords of wood must be enroute or in process. This wood has more than doubled in price since 1913 and consequently the amount of working capital tied up in this item for so long a period is more than doubled.

Peace Maker Flour, at G. M. Sharp's

Public Sale of Horses

We will sell at the Stock Yards, Merkel, Texas, between the hours of One and Three P. M.

Forty-five Horses and Nine Colts

This property will be sold to the highest bidder. There will positively be no Buy-Bidding. If you want a good saddle horse, or some good bargains in horses, come to this sale. Some of these horses are broke and some unkroke and will be sold on the purchasers judgment solely. Remember the Date

Saturday, February 19th

The Place---STOCK YARDS, Merkel

No horses to be removed until Satisfactory settlement is made.

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier

GOLAN ITEMS

Every one seemed to have enjoyed themselves Friday night at the party at Mr. and Mrs. St. Clairs'.

There was a real large crowd there, people from several communities were there but the boys didn't seem to get along well together. Hope they will do better next time.

Miss Mennie Hill has been real sick the past few days. Hope she will soon be in school again.

Miss Vida Williams visited Miss Clonnie StClair Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rapp Green of Shiloh spent Saturday night with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hudspeth.

The singing wasn't very good Sunday evening as there wasn't many there.

People come out to Sunday School more. Our Sunday school is going dead if we don't try to build it up some way. Mr. D. R. Thompson and Mr. W. T. Duncan were in Merkel Saturday.

Miss Lettie Duncan and Miss Edith Thompson have been visiting one another recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Thompson of Horn have been visiting the former's father, Mr. D. R. Thompson. The doctor thinks their baby has the pneumonia.

Mr. Otho Thompson left Monday to hunt him a job and as he never found one he returned home Thursday evening.

Every one come to preaching Saturday night and Sunday.

Everyone enjoyed themselves Sunday night at the singing at Mr. D. D. Thompson's.

Little Miss Ruth Thompson spent Sunday night with Little Miss Gertrude Byrom.

Miss Elsie Hill visited Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams Sunday.

Messers Haskel Landis and Johnnie Hill and Miss Esther Herron were the guests of Bettie and George Byrom Sunday.

Onion sets, both red and white at Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Crowley of Denison are spending a few weeks with J. H. Craig and family. Can't keep them away from a good town like Merkel and their friends here.

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This is your biggest and best opportunity to secure your wants for some time to come. You know the quality of goods handled by this store, formerly known as the E. Seigel and Economy Store, which was sold to the highest bidder by the Federal Court at public sale.

We Are Going to Sell This Stock of High-grade Merchandise to the Public for 30 Days

Some expecting and you will get the biggest bargains that have ever been offered you in Merkel. Our Quarters will now buy what your Dollars formerly did. Read below some of the bargains. Space does not permit us mentioning more.

Mens fine suits, Schloss Bros. and other highest grade makes, all wool. These suits sold up to \$85.00
Your choice..... **\$19.98**

\$20 and 22.50 Edwin Clapp, highest grade mens shoes, in all desirable styles go at this sale at choice..... **\$9.98**

\$15 and 16.00 W. L. Douglas fine dress shoes in a large assortment of styles, your choice..... **\$7.49**

\$25 Combination Stetson lace boot, a good one, sale price..... **\$10.49**

Ladies finest quality shoes, high and low heels. including a very nice line of low shoes and pumps
\$7.50 kind for..... **\$3.98**

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10.00 kind for..... **5.98**

One lot of shoes and pumps, up to

15 kind, for..... **2.98**

MENS HATS — Every hat in the prices were up to \$25. Come in your choice of any ladies hat in for..... **\$1.98**

Best grade J. & P. Coats thread 10c quality for per spool..... **5c**

\$2.50 & 3.00 best grade union-made overalls, Bankrupt Sale price..... **98c**

25c grade work sox, Bankrupt sale price..... **10c**

35c Best grade bleached domestic, such qualities as Hope, good as gold Bankrupt sale price, per yd..... **15c**

A big line if blankets and comforts at Your Own Prices

\$12.50 Ladies all-silk poplin dresses, in all colors and sizes Bankrupt sale price..... **\$4.98**

Ladies Fine Silk Dresses---Our entire stock of Tricotine, Serge, Georgette, Taffetas, Messeline, etc., dresses that sold up to \$65.00, for your choice Bankrupt sale price..... **\$10.98**

Come early and get your pick

25c Huck towels, large size, each **12c**

\$10.00 and 15.00 Mens finest quality crepe and silk shirts Bankrupt sale price..... **\$4.98**

35c to 50c best grade gingham Bankrupt sale price, per yd..... **15c**

Best grade blue-shirts, that formerly sold up to 3.00, bankrupt sale **98c**
All sizes, up to size 20

Up to \$18 Stetson hats, Bankrupt sale, take your choice..... **\$7.98**

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