

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## MERKEL DEFEATS HERMLEIGH MON.

In a stubbornly contested game our base ball boys took the game from Hermleigh team Monday afternoon, which was played at Hermleigh. The game is given in detail by innings as follows. The score at the end of the ninth inning was 3 and 2 in favor of Merkel.

First Inning—Merkel: Boone struck out. Stevens doubled to left field. Warren struck out. McFarland struck out. No runs, one hit no errors.

Hermleigh: Harless fouled to Garrett. Werner out, Robertson to Garrett. B. Adams out, Robertson to Garrett. No runs no hits no errors.

Second Inning—Merkel: Arrington doubled to left field. Garrett out Werner to J. Adams Mashburn struck out. Jones safe on J. Adams error. Arrington going to third. Robertson safe on Werners error, Arrington scoring, and Jones going to third, Robertson stole second.

Boone out, B. Adams to J. Adams One run, one hit, two errors. Hermleigh: J. Adams out, Stevens to Garrett. Patterson singled through second base Ladder struck out. Coker struck out. No runs, one hit no errors.

Third Inning—Merkel: Stevens flew to Werner. Warren struck out. McFarland flew to pattersen. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Hermleigh—Ragsdale was hit by a pitched ball. Peterson struck out. Harless forced Ragsdale at second. Garrett to Stevens, Harless being safe at first. Warner singled, Harless going to third. B. Adams out, Arrington to Garrett. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Fourth Inning—Merkel: Arrington singled to left field. Garrett safe on Lauders error, Arrington going to second, Mashburn safe on J. Adams error, Arrington going to third, Garrett to second. Jones sacrificed to center field, Arrington scoring on the throw in, Garrett going to third, Mashburn to second, Garrett was caught asleep on third and was easy out, by Werner, unassisted. Robertson flew to Coker. One run, one hit, two errors.

Hermleigh—J. Adams out, Robertson to Gorrett. Patterson flew to McFarland. Lauder out Arrington to Garrett. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Fifth Inning—Merkel: Boone flew to Lauder. Stevens fouled to Werner. Warren out, Lauder to J. Adams. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Hermleigh—Coker was safe on Boones error. Ragsdale struck out. Coker stole second. Persion out, Boone to Garrett. Harless singled to left field, scoring Coker. Werner flew to McFarland. One run, one hit, one error.

Sixth Inning—Merkel: McFarland flew to B. Adams. Arrington flew to Lauder. Garrett hit by a pitched ball, and stealing second, Harless struck out. No runs no hits no errors.

Hermleigh—Coker made a shoe-string the ball get through, made a home run. Arrington to Garon reached first on error. Lauder struck out. One error.

Seventh Inning—Merkel: Lauders error, safe on Lautaking Coker

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Eighth Inning—Merkel: McFarland flew to Ragsdale. Arrington out Lauder to J. Adams, Garrett flew to Lauder. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Hermleigh—Werner singled through short. Advanced to second on Robertsons wild pitch. B. Adams struck out, J. Adams flew to McFarland. Patterson out Jones to Garrett. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Ninth Inning—Merkel: Mashburn singled through third. Jones fouled to Harless Robertson forced Mashburn at second. Boon out Ragsdale to J. Adams. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Hermleigh—Lauder out Arrington to Garrett. Coker reached first on Boones errors, Norris, pinch-hitter for Peterson, grounded to Arrington, forcing Norris at second. Harless flew to Mashburn. No runs, no hits, one error.

Summary—Runs, Arrington 2 Mashburn, Coker, B. Adams. Stolen Bases: Boone, Stevens, Arrington 2, Jones, Mashburn, Werner, Coker. Sacrifice hits: Jones, Robertson. Two base Hits: Stevens, Arrington. Home runs: B. Adams. Bases on balls: off Robertson, Norris; off Ragsdale 0. Wild pitch: Robertson. Struck out: by Robertson 9; Ragsdale 6.

Hit by Pitcher: Garrett, Ragsdale. Time of Game 1:35. Umpire, Wescott.

Batteries, Hermel C. Jones and Robertson. Hermleigh Harless and Ragsdale.

NEW SANITARY LAW RIGIDLY ENFORCED

Austin, May 24.—County and City health officers over Texas are examined daily many employes of hotels, restaurants, cafes, dairies, meat markets and all public eating places, including dining cars operating in Texas, according to Dr. Morton M. Carrick, state health officer. These employes are heeding the announcement by the state board of health that by June 1 they must have submitted to the examination as provided in a bill passed by the regular session of the legislature and which becomes effective on June 10.

Dr. Carrick's edict was to the effect that all persons affected by the bill must comply with its provisions or be prosecuted. Both employer and employe are liable to prosecution if it is found after June 11, that a man is working in a place mentioned in the bill who has not taken the examination to establish his freedom from contagious or infectious diseases.

The health department also has declared war on cracked plates and other dishes used in restaurants and public eating places. Only dishes free from cracks can be used after June 11 as the law places a ban on the broken dishes. Utensils also must be sterilized after being used for any purpose.

TO RIO GRANDE VALLEY

If you are financially able, and can buy land if you want it, I will carry you on June 5th to the Valley for \$30.00. This includes Pullman service and every thing from Dallas and return to Dallas. See H. D. Simpson, who will be glad to make reservation for you. 11p

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of the week for a visit with at Dallas, Fort Worth o. er east Texas points

## COTTON GROWING LAST YEAR'S STALK

Mr. J. H. Grayson, one of the well to do and substantial citizens of the Shiloh community, was in the city first of the week and had with him some samples of cotton stalks which had come up volunteer from the roots of the last year stalks, and which is growing nicely and putting on squares. Mr. Grayson says he has fifteen acres of this which is up to a fair stand and that he plowed under fifty acres recently which he now wishes he had left to grow. This is the second time he has experimented with volunteer cotton, the first time being in 1904, when there was a drouth on in this country and but little cotton made, and that off of eighteen acres that year he made six bales.

GRADUATION CLASS HEARS FINE SERMON

On Sunday evening at the Baptist Church gathered one of the largest crowds ever gatherer in Merkel to hear the graduation sermon delivered to the members of the Senior Class of the Merkel High School by Rev. E. E. Robinson, pastor St. Paul's Methodist Church of Abilene. The musical program rendered under the direction of Mrs. L. B. Howard was a treat to all lovers of good music.

The speakers theme to the Seniors was "The World is Yours." All the beauty, the music, the poetry, the grandeurs of nature, the spiritual things are all theirs if they have the mind to grasp and appreciate them. His sermon was polished well thought out, full of wholesome truth, and an inspiring message to those who are just stepping from the labors of the high school out into the bigger struggles of life. He urged them to "go over and possess" the good things of life "for they are all yours."

The Senior Class and all Merkel were especially fortunate to secure an able orator and pastor to speak these words of inspiration.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Wanted: Our whole membership at Sunday School, and at church services on Sunday May 29th. Also recruits wanted for the King's service. Have you enlisted? If not, why not enlist next Sunday. Make your life count.

The Presbyterian Church extends a cordial invitation to the people of Merkel to attend its services. Last Sunday we passed our goal in attendance and raised it 25 more. Will you not count one in attendance next Sunday.

Last Sunday we organized a Christian Endeavor Society with the following officers: President Weston West; Vice-President, Owen Hutchison, Treasurer; Audrey Witcher, Secretary; Hazel Bell, Corresponding Secretary; Melba West.

Sunday School 10 a.m. preaching services 11 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. C. E. will meet at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Women's Society Monday 3:30 p.m. Prayermeeting Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. Fred S. Rogers, Pastor.

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## TO WORK ON TABERNACLE TUESDAY

Next Tuesday, May 31, has been designated as the day to meet and begin the work of putting the Tabernacle in first class and lasting condition. A plan has been decided upon which when completed will turn a familiar eye-sore to Merkel into a really attractive piece of property—and not only attractive, but useful. A place where the citizenship can come together for all their meetings.

Let every man and boy who is interested in the welfare of Merkel and the Merkel country be on hand early Tuesday morning with hammer and saw. An experienced carpenter and contractor will be in charge of the work. Respectfully, The Trustees.

PRESIDENT SEWELL ADDRESS SENIORS

On last Monday evening at the Baptist Church the friends and parents of the Senior class gathered to hear the address to be delivered to them by President Jesse P. Sewell of Abilene Christian College. Such an inspiring address was never before delivered in Merkel. The talk was full of truths and whole some advice from beginning to end. He was easily heard even by the extremely large audience present. Merkel can consider herself fortunate in being able to secure the services of such an able man at their school closing. The demands upon such men at this time of the year are very great, and Merkel appreciates their taking time to come to us with such messages.

The Seniors themselves rendered some very good music, and acquitted themselves throughout with merit. Diplomas of graduation were presented to eleven graduates of the Merkel High School as follows: Mae Beidleman, Bill Stevens, Hazel Harkrider, Evelyn Hamm, Loyce Dry Wade Darsey, Sewell Harvell, Iva Landreth, Roy Largent, Scott and Lucille Russell.

After the presentation of diplomas, Superintendent Burgess awarded scholarships to the salutatorian, Lucille Russell, from Texas Womans College, Trinity University, Simmons College, John Tarlton College, West Texas State Normal, College of Industrial Arts and State University of Texas, and to the valedictorian, Sewell Harvell, scholarships from the following colleges and universities: Abilene Christian College, Simmons College, Texas University, John Tarlton college, Southwestern University, Texas Christian University, West Texas State Normal, A. and M. College. These mean that the above graduates will be admitted to the colleges mentioned and are relieved from the payment of tuition fees for one year. These scholarships are awarded only to schools that are fully affiliated by the State Department of Education, as is Merkel now.

The concluding act of the exercises was the presentation of sixty Honor Certificates to the sixty pupils of the Merkel school who had been neither absent nor tardy since the opening of school last September 6th. These students deserve this record of

Methodist Church Notice

Sunday School promptly at 10 o'clock. We had a fine attendance last Sunday. Let's make it better next. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. by the pastor. Prayermeeting Wednesday evening at 8. We are having large crowds at prayermeeting, come and join us in this service. W. M. Murrell, pastor.

Mrs. Alice Thomas, neice of J. N. Shelton, who has been visiting the latter the past two weeks left Tuesday night for her home at Prucell, Oklahoma.

## "HAPPINESS" A GREAT SUCCESS

The Senior Class of the High School under the direction of Miss Tracy gave one of the best amateur plays ever given in Merkel. The audience on last Friday night at the High School Auditorium was a large and appreciative one. The class wish to thank Miss Tracy for her able and faithful direction. They also wish to thank the patrons of the play for the financial help they thus enabled the Seniors to render the High School library. The gross proceeds were even \$100.

The various characters were well witted to the parts assigned them, and all carried out their parts to perfection, and their efforts were well received by the large audience.

J. W. Wheeler and daughter, Miss Alva, returned first of the week from attending the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention which met recently in Tennessee. They also visited the former's old home in Georgia while away, and report a most delightful time.

Manager H. F. Groene announces that excavating for the addition to the auditorium and basement for the new stage of the Cozy Theatre will begin next Monday. Workmen have been busy this week dismantling the present stage, unloading lime, hauling sand and moving the big \$6,000 organ out of the present building.

Every thing is in readiness to begin actual building on the main walls of the addition as soon as the excavation is completed.

While Mr. Groene will be considerably hampered in his efforts to serve his patrons as comfortable as he would like, during the construction of the large addition to his already most beautiful theatre, he will yet be able to render excellent and high class programs from time to time, and when the addition shall have been completed he will doubly make up for all short comings, as he will have one of the very finest show houses in all the west.

DISMANTLING COZY NOW COMPLETED

BOYS SCOUTS

All boys in Merkel who are above 12 years of age and interested in organizing a Boy Scout troop are asked to meet at the Presbyterian Church Friday eve at 8:15.

The promotion of the Boy Scout movement is essentially a community enterprise. It is the community's opportunity to reach the boy with the right kind of influence for character building, and good citizenship.

The boy scout movement is not antagonistic to any civic enterprise, but seeks to cooperate with all other good movements in the interest of the boy. It is wholly non-sectarian, non-partisan, and non-military. It seeks to make the boy a more useful son to his family, a more diligent student, and a more efficient and better prepared young man in development for future citizenship. Don't forget the date of meeting and enough boys are interested to organize

## COMMUNITY CLUB MEETS JUNE THIRD

The following from Chairman Mason of the local Community Club concerning the splendid program to be carried out at the next meeting Friday June 3rd, will be interesting to all.

On the first Friday night of each month is our regular meeting time, and on our last meeting night, we had an old fashion spelling match, out of the Blue Back Speller, same was very enjoyable, and all who failed to be there missed a treat, but the threatening weather prevented either side winning the spelling as we were dispersed before there has been so much inquiry as to when we would have over, and after consulting quite a number who participated in the other match, we have decided to have the spelling match a gain at our regular meeting night, which is the first Friday night in June, and the prize is still up, for the side that wins. The prize is a \$10.00 bill. We have also made arrangements to have some good music for the occasion. Messrs Collins, Simpson and Gamble have promised to furnish music for the occasion, on the Violin, Guitar and Mandolin, and it will consist of some old time music, such as Bonyparts Retreat, Eighth of January, Arkansas Traveler, and any selections that the musicians might decide upon, and there will be some other entertainment to be decided upon later. This meeting is free to every body, and every one who has an old Blue back speller, had better get it out, and dust it up, for you will be called upon, and if you don't care to participate in the spelling, let some one have the use of your book, and come out any way. I am sure all who come will enjoy the evening. So come out and lets all get acquainted, and if you have anything to suggest for the good of the order, would be glad to hear from you. Law enforcement, Civic improvement, Moral, Social and Educational uplift, are the cardinal principals of our Club.

We are glad to announce that Mr. L. R. Thompson has kindly consented to give out the words to contestants from the old Blue Back Speller, and will do so in a way that all can see and hear the words given out and spelled. So come you will enjoy it. Mason

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### BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday school at 10 a.m. with places for all. We now have room enough so that every class may grow and some new classes are being started. This is your best time to break over and start to Sunday School. Lets get the four hundred habit. We have demonstrated that we can have four hundred in Sunday school if we want to so lets keep it up.

Preaching by the pastor morning and evening.

B. Y. P. U. Study class will have special meeting at 3 p.m. Sunday to cover advance lesson with examination after review at 4 p.m. B.Y.P.U. at 5 p.m.

It is earnestly urged that every member of the church will sign a card on the pledge to care for all expenses connected with out local affairs.

The finance committee is checking the cards with a list of

The intermediate girls of our Sunday school will have charge of the first thirty minutes of the service Sunday night. They promise us a good live program for thirty minutes with something doing all the time. You will have to get there by 8 p.m. sharp if you hear this program. Lets encourage the girls by filling the house by the time they are to begin.

You will find a cordial welcome at any of these services. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

### METHODIST WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES

The Womens Missionary Society met Monday afternoon at the church. A program had been arranged for the afternoon on Nashville, the historic center of Methodism. This was a splendid program, very interesting and instructive. After the program our president gave us the opportunity to discuss the changing of the hour of meeting. A motion was made and carried to change the hour of meeting

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the membership and will endeavor to see all that do not send in a card soon. More than \$75.00 a week has already been signed up by fewer than 100 members. Surely the other \$25.00 a week will be cared for by you who have not signed a card.

We take this occasion to thank the kind friends who though not members of the church have made pledges to our church. May the Lord bless you and help you to know that He has blessed you for this very thing.

It is hoped that the parents of the children who are members of the church will make it possible for the children to give every Sunday. This serves a 2 fold purpose. It helps the cause to which the gift is made, but it helps the child in early life to get the habit of giving regularly to the Lord.

from 2:30 to 4:00. So all members will please remember to come hereafter at 4:00 o'clock. Next Monday being fifth Monday and we had voted to use the fifth Mondays for social meeting our president informed us of an invitation extended by the Presbyterian Ladies to meet with them at the Presbyterian church. This invitation was readily accepted and so we will meet with the Presbyterian Ladies next Monday at 3 o'clock. Our next regular meeting will be the first Monday in June. This will be a business meeting also mission study. This lesson will end the book we are now studying so let every member report with a good lesson on this day. Reporter.

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### MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL CLOSING EXERCISES FINE

The splendid graduating exercises at the Baptist church on last Monday night brought to a close the 1920-21 term of the Merkel High School. And, as is well known by all who attended the closing exercises, they were very interesting and pleasing to all, the patrons and public alike; as at every entertainment the crowds were larger than the seating capacity of the buildings wherein they were held, all of which speaks in the highest praise of Superintendent R. A. Burgess, and his able corps of assistant teachers. Write-ups of the different entertainments will be found throughout this issue of the paper.

We also wish to say that too much praise can not be said of the very fine and efficient work

done in connection with the school by the expression and music teachers, Miss Lucy Tracy and Mrs. Lytton Howard, respectively. And we might add, in this connection that the Music and Expression recital at the Cozy Theatre on last Thursday evening by members of these ladies' classes, was grand indeed. It is likely that there were three times as many people who came to enjoy this entertainment as could possibly get in the house.

We also wish to mention here, the Seventh Grade Graduating exercises at the Baptist church on last Saturday evening, which was very fine and appreciated by all in attendance. In this Seventh Grade Graduating Class there were 43. The Graduating address to this large class of fine young people, was delivered in a forcible and able manner by Mr. L. R. Thompson, of the

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U. S. Securities	11,222.57
Other Bonds and Warrants	14,894.93
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	700.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Other Real Estate	3,000.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX.	221,351.81
Total	\$529,593.03

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	11,508.10
Circulation Acct.	5,650.00
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
OTHER LIABILITIES	NONE
DEPOSITS	447,434.93
Total	\$529,593.03

W. F. Hamblett local grocery and produce man, returned Wednesday night from a business trip to Eastland.

Grapes Plenty of green grapes for jelly purposes at 5¢ per pound at my house. B. M. Black.

### CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank every one who assisted us in any way during the illness and death of our precious baby boy. May the Lord bless you all in our earnest prayer. Mr. and Mrs. T. Compton and children.

## GOODYEAR TIRES REDUCED

Keeping in touch with current times we have reduced our entire stock of Goodyear and Racine Tires. Our stock is new and complete. Sizes from a motorcycle to truck.

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## MERKEL

**YOUNG PEOPLES MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

Young Peoples Missionary Society will meet in the home of Mrs. Durham on Friday evening of this week. At this meeting we are to resume our missionary journey. We will start from San Antonio and go our way across the arid region of the West to the Golden Gate City of California. On our arrival in San Francisco we will be taken by our Superintendent, Mr. Acton, for a visit to our Oriental work on the Pacific. Then by Mrs. Glide we will be shown the beautiful new Wesley Hall which ministers to the people of that section of San Francisco, untouched by the church.

After visiting these places we go to the Mary Elizabeth Inn to wait for the steamer which takes us across the ocean to visit the foreign field. This is a beautiful Imaginary Missionary journey and we earnestly desire and urge all the members of the young Peoples Missionary Society to be present next Friday evening and go with us on this trip. After the program there will be a social hour and refreshments. We want every member to come and bring some one with them. Early Saturday morning after this meeting our delegate, Miss Marquis, will leave for Quannah, Texas, to attend the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society. Let's make this meeting Friday evening one full of enthusiasm and good wishes for Miss Marquis on this trip. She takes our report to the conference Superintendent of Y. P. Let's make it one of the best reports to be given at this meeting. Reporter.

**PLEASANT NEWS**

Quite a crowd assembled at Mt Pleasant Sunday listening to a very interesting address delivered by Dr. R. C. Pender of Abilene whose chief object and interest is Ruckner's Orphan Home, there being a nice little sum raised for that institution.

Miss Beatrice Massey returned from Abilene Saturday where she has been spending the week with relatives. Mr. Jim Chandler accompanied her home.

Mrs. Mae Logan's brother and sister Floyd and Verna Tate were again pleasant visitors at Mt Pleasant.

Farming is still the order of the day but oh! how blue some of those farmers are getting over the dry weather and ill prospects of a crop, however, it is a long lane that never turns.

Mr. Horace van, family and three Massey left Friday morning on an extended fishing trip but it didn't extend very long as it was over to Sunday, however, they reported a nice catch.

A very enjoyable hour was spent Sunday afternoon at the home of the Misses Massey, by a large crowd of young folks.

Our school will come to a close Wednesday. We think it will leave behind very few sorry pupils and some really glad teachers. Both Miss McCarty and Lucille Cody will attend summer school at San Marcos, it is reported.

Lost, one black negro named Charley, some time Sunday. If any one should see such a personage please report to Mr. Palmer Frederickson Merkel, Texas route one. Bucilla.

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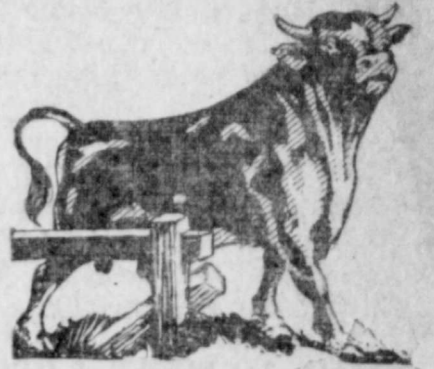
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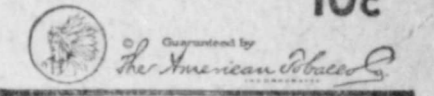
**MERKEL BAPTISTS WORSHIP IN NEW CHURCH**

Mrs. UnaDarr went to Merkel last Saturday afternoon to spend the night with her brother, J. T. Warren and family and share with them the joy of worship in their new \$35,000 church at 11 a. m. Sunday. Mrs. Darr says it was a great meeting. First, there were considerably over 400 in Sunday School, and by 11 o'clock the great auditorium of the new church was crowded, and the pastor, Rev. Ira L. Par-rack, delivered an able and interesting sermon. All know Merkel and her good people.—Taylor County Times.



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Seeing the oriental work with Mr. Acton---Christene Collins. A visit to the Wesley House with Mrs. Glide---Lillian Watts. Waiting for the steamer at the Mary Elizabeth Inn---Annie Bickley.

One touch of Jesus makes the whole world akin---Mabel McNees.

Song "My Country tis of Thee." Prayer for our workers in San Francisco---Miss Marquis.

**KALE NEWS**

The crops in this community are looking fine, but they are needing rain very badly.

Miss Floell-Barnett spent last week end with relatives in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Loven entertained the young people with a party Friday night.

Bro. Bosque filled his appointment Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Sunday was our singing Sunday there was a good crowd out and a lot of visitors which we all welcomed.

The Bus' Bee Club will meet at Miss Mabel McRee's next Friday evening. Every one try and come, be sure to bring hand work with you.

Miss Ina Simason was the guest of Miss Lois Shelton Sunday.

Mrs. C. O. Douglas is spending this week with her sons up on the river.

Bro. Bosque and wife is visiting friends here this week.

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### NOTICE TO AUTOMOBILE DRIVERS

An order has gone out from City Official Headquarters asking all owners and drivers of cars, trucks etc., to close their mufflers in this city. This especially applies to Motor Cycles. The order also states that this "speed stuff" must cease. This is just and lawful order, Mayor West, and all law-abiding citizens will heed your order. The other kind may have to be shown.

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### RALLY AT WHITE CHURCH

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### GOLAN NEWS

Mrs. G. M. Byrom has been on the sick list this week.

Sel Carter and family, Otis Kintsil and family, Floyd McCain and wife and Mrs. Nettie Sanders of Tahoca were visiting at Jim McCain's yesterday.

Darwin and Wallace Hill returned to their home here Saturday after having attended school at Childress the past term. Darwin having graduated there.

Miss Pearl Helms of Belton stopped here for a short visit with her father, Frank Jeffrey. She has just finished a very successful term of school at Tahoca. Marvin Sosebee and Rollie Hill spent the week end at Anson

with Mr. Sosebee's brother, Otto Sosebee.

Val Byrom and wife and J. T. Williams were guests of Walter Byrom and family Sunday.

T. B. Stevens was visiting Hugh Jeffrey Sunday.

Chester Duncan and wife spent Sunday with the lady's Parents Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Byrom.

Clyde Williams and wife spent Saturday night with her mother Mrs. Dora Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Quinn of Electra are visiting their daughter Mrs. Will Herron this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams, Miss Vida Williams and Mrs. D. M. Hill's family took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill Sunday. Mrs. Perlina Boughster was

in Abilene Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Saint Clair's daughter, viiting from Rising Star, returned Saturday.

Edith Thompson visited Clonnie StClair Sunday.

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Mrs. Marvin Vick and son Jr. of Cisco, are spending the week end with R. A. Vick and family.

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### BIRTHDAY PARTY

On May 24th little Misses Ethel and Eleanor Mae Hamilton, charming daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Hamilton, entertained their little friends in their home with a combination birthday party. Little Ethel being ten on May 23rd., and Eleanor Mae to be eight May 25th. The rooms were beautifully decorated with flowers and ferns.

At four o'clock fifteen little guests arrived with various gifts that were received and highly appreciated by the little hostesses.

Different out door games were enjoyed by all proving Kathrine Hogan and Nell Durham prize winners.

Then the children were asked to take their places around the dinning table upon which were placed two beautiful cakes one with eight, the other with ten lighted candles. Tommie Durham acted as toast-mistress after which the cakes were cut and served with cones of delicious ice cream. The color scheme of pink and white being carried out.

After two hours of merriment greatly enjoyed by all, the following bid their hostesses adieu Misses Clara Louise Miller, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Tommie Durham, Kathrine Hogan, Nell Durham, Eleanor Mae Hogan, Mildred Clark, Elizabeth Duncan Briggs, Sarah Sheppard. Masters Travis Cooper, Milton Case, Neal Durham, Carvel Clark, Tom Hogan, William Sheppard.

### BLAIR NEWS

Grandma and Grandpa Doolin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Spears of Hawley spent Sunday with Mr. and Ms. Bill Snow.

T. H. Spears and Mr. E. M. Black tied on killing Jack rabbits Monday evening. They got six and one half each.

The Presbyterian Preacher filled his regular appointment at Blair Sunday evening at 3:00 o'clock.

We are sorry to say that Mr. Henry Brooks is no better at this time.

We are glad to say that the Blair Sunday school is attended by a large crowd.

Everybody go to Compere Sunday, there is going to be all-day singing and dinner on the ground. Every one is invited.

The crops in the canyon are looking good some chopping cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. Melton have been to Breckenridge.

Mr. Mark Malon's child has recovered from a spel if sickness

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Judge N. D. Cobb of Merkel, was in Abilene Monday on business, and when asked about Merkel and her people he said, "our town is still in clover, our people are happy and healthy, and we are making great preparations to receive B. C. Gaither and his bride, he having recently married in Lawrenceburg, Tenn. If you have any old horns and tin pans bring'em up and join us in the celebration." B. C. is all right and we hope he has done well.—Taylor County Times.

B. C. is alright and so is Judge N. D. and all Merkel would join Judge Cobb in a celebration which might be in honor of any happy event with which our good friend B. C. might be connected with—but we would not be surprised should he return to Merkel alone, safe and sound, for we are sure that if so desired to enter upon a matrimonial career, Mr. Gaither would not be compelled to leave the borders of our own fair county of a suitable

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GOSSIPS

It is rumored, "d," and kindred caused more wasted more character into bankruptcy ss institutions than combination of words glish language. To confidence either in a al or in a business in- n by circulating unfound- ners, maliciously or not, most reprehensible practice, se who indulge in it should interned on some island in e middle of the sea where air uncontrolled tongues could have full play without making victims of the innocent.

Recently an unconfirmed rumor that a large bank in the city of Dallas was in trouble was circulated. The report spread throughout the city and within an hour depositors were crowding the lobby and extending out into the street, each one intent on fighting his or her way to the window, there to retrieve their savings before it was too late. Fortunately the run on this bank was made by small depositors only, but had not the financial interests of the city, through their representatives, addressed the crowd and issued statements through the newspaper extras showing that this particular in-

stitution was solvent beyond a doubt, the run might have been more serious. Even though this institution found it possible to satisfy all demands easily and without embarrassment, financially, there is no way of estimating the injury done by destroying or weakening the confidence the thousands of depositors had in the bank and in its officers and directors.

The neighborhood gossip, dis- picable as he or she may be, has

a comparatively narrow influence. The peddler of rumors in the business world undermines the confidence of the public in institutions in which thousands are directly or indirectly interested. One false rumor—one careless remark—frequently becomes the basis for exaggerated stories which may eventually wreck a bank or other business institution, which, according to all rules of business and reason was solvent.

Confidence is necessary in business. A good reputation is often better security than lands or bonds. At this period in the history of this Nation we need to restore confidence in our fellow men, in our business institutions and in ourselves. It is a time when men and organizations should work in harmony and lend a helping hand where needed. The practice of the Golden Rule would do much toward restoring peace and prosperity throughout the world.—Farm and Ranch.

LOST—A child's silk stockinette finder please return to Mrs. Jud Sheppard. It

# COZY THEATRE

Friday	May 27	Saturday	May 28
Douglas Fairbanks	Edgar's Friends	George Walsh	Snub Pollard
in	in	in	in
"Manhattan Madness"	"Sunday Courtship"	"The Plunger"	"The Gas Car"
Fox News		Mutt & Jeff in "Strong Arms"	

**Coming** Tom Mix in "Prairy Trails"  
J. Warren Kerrigan in "The Joyous Liar"

IN MEMO-  
JOE

Little Tyree Joe... born May 11th, 1870 and died May 16th., 1921. He was sick only five days, was first taken with Measles and six hours before death developed pneumonia in both lungs. All that loving hands and neighbors and a skilled physician could do was in vain.

Bro. Rogers assisted by Bro. Murrell conducted the funeral services at the Presbyterian church and the words spoken were full of love and sympathy and will help to make the sting and ache easier. Joe was idolized by his father, mother, brothers and sisters. He will never pat-a-cake for daddy, nor greet his mother with a fond caress nor greet his brothers and sisters with a smile. But what a comfort it is to their aching hearts to know that little Joe's smiles and pranks are heaven's gain. Heaven will be brighter by his being there. I am sure it will give his loved ones a stronger incentive to go to the celestial city above by little Joe being there. I would admonish his loved ones to remember David of old who wept for his boy while living, but become reconciled after death, say would meet him in heaven. Little Joe was only a to be plucked from this world sorrow and care to be rep in the celestial city of God all is love beauty and joy. who loved him.

If it is not badly soiled have it dusted, steamed and pressed for 75 cents the suit. Phone 218 Ligon the laundryman. tf

HONOR CERTIFICATES AWARDED

At the Commencement Exercises of the Merkel High School on last Monday evening, sixty honor certificates were awarded to as many students who during the entire year had not been absent a day or tardy a time. This is a remarkable record that out of an enrollment of seven hundred and seventy-five there should be sixty whose attendance and punctuality was perfect. This is a larger number than ever before awarded in the history of the Merkel School. These pupils and their parents deserve to be congratulated, for it is no easy thing to merit one of these certificates. The names of those students to whom these certificates were awarded for their perfect attendance follow:

Eris Ash, Floyd Hutcheson, Floy Ash, Rosie Laney, Juanita Beene, Mabel Parker, Mae Beidle man, Ima Parrack, Hazel Bell, Mary Parrack, Annie Marie Brown, Juanita Patterson, Inice Brown, Orpah Patterson, Ouida Campbell, Ruth Pike, Claude Cash, Stanford Pitcock, Aileen Childress, Hazel Lee Rainbolt, Travis Cooper, Cleburne Rose, Eiba Cox, Leona Rose, Lillian Craig, Joe Bray Cypert, Annie Lou Russell, Dorothy Daniels, Lucille Russell, Lois Dickerson, Johnnie Sears, Lorene Dixon, Arnold Sherrill, Raymond Earth man, Bonnie Mae Sherrill, Roy Elliott, Castle Ellis, Edith Smith Iris Garrett, Irene Stevenson, Ray Garrett, Ena Toombs, Lucille Guitar, Mabel Toombs, Beth Hamm, Evelyn Hamm, Alton Vick, Elizabeth Harkrider, Rarence Vick, W. L. Harkrider, Byron Walton, Vennie Heizer, Gladys Watts, Lucille Hogg, Homer Williams, Velma Holloway, Claude Wills, Opal Horton, Audrey Witcher, and Thelma Horton.

A formal opening and housewarming by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in celebration of the opening of its new Million dollar home, will take place on May 30-31 and June 1, and to which we are grateful for an invitation. It will be a great occasion for the owners and managers of this one of the South's leading daily papers, and we rejoice with them over their splendid success.



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LOST—About three weeks ago a purse containing about \$40.00. Think same was left in the Farmers State Bank, on the out edge of one of the office windows. Finder please return to S. L. Owens and receive reward. 20t2p  
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Mr. Oscar Johnson, a splendid young man of this city, made a trip up to Snyder on Tuesday of this week to visit friends.

Nicely furnished rooms for rent. See Mrs. W. A. MsSpaden.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case visited relatives at Winters this week.

Commissioner W. H. Frazier states that he is fixing up to do some real road work in his district; infact he has a man on the job all the time, but says that the Federal Government had donated to Taylor county a new ten ton engine and a large grader has been purchased and that each Commissioner will use these month about in putting their roads in shape. Mr. Frazier is making us a fine Commissioner.

E. P. Stallings, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stallings, was here this week on a short visit with his parents. He is assistant Cashier of one of the largest banks in the city of Houston. He has many friends here who rejoice over his continued success in the banking and financial world.

We are thankful to Mr. B. M. Black for a nice sample of four different varieties of grapes which he has grown in his vineyard in the south part of the city. He is also selling some now for making jelly and preserves.

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For Monday May 30 at 3:30 o'clock at the church the ladies will give an open meeting. All members of other societies, and all who are interested in mission work are cordially invited to be with us.

Opening Hymn  
Devotional.... Mrs. Geo. West  
Piano solo..... Mrs. Mimms  
The Emigrant question by Mrs. Jas. West.  
Duet Mrs. Henry Jones and Mrs. Tipton.

A message of Latin America Mrs. Dr. Johnson.  
Hymn Congregation.

Topic..... Mrs. A. A. Baker  
Reading: "Diary of her good intentions"—Mrs. Fred S. Rogers.  
Discussions by any one on the mission works after which the president will take charge.

Russell Barnett returned this week from about two years service in the U. S. Navy. He says he saw a great deal of the world and is proud of the fact that he has had the service, yet glad to get back home.

## MRS. BOSTICK PASSES AWAY

On May 22, Mrs. Julia Bostic answered the summons to come up higher. Mrs. Bostic was 81 years old and had been in poor health for some time, having come to Merkel about a year ago hoping to regain her health. She was in the home of her granddaughter Mrs. Sanders, where attended by her daughter Mrs. Morgan she had received every attention that loving hands could provide.

Mrs. Bostic was born in Tennessee and early in life became a Christian, uniting with the Baptist church at the age of sixteen and for sixty five years had led a consistent Christian life. Of her seven children only one survives her mother. But besides her daughter Mrs. Morgan, who was with her to the end, she leaves four grand-children and five great-grand-children.

Funeral services were conducted at the Sanders home at 2:30 p.m. Monday by Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the local Baptist church.

Those who knew her best loved her most and she had made quite a number of friends in Merkel. She never tired of speaking of the kind friends she had found here. May this be an inspiration to all of us to try to do more for the aged or for the shut-in or for the stranger in our midst.

## DINNER SERVED SENIORS AT THE BUSY BEE CAFE

A delicious dinner was served the Merkel High School Graduating Class on Tuesday evening by the management of this one of Merkel's splendid Cafes which was highly enjoyed and appreciated by every member of this class, as well as the able Supt., Mr. R. A. Burgess. The following menu was served:

CEREAL  
Queen Olives, Sliced Tomatoes, Head Lettuce  
ENTREE  
Baked Chicken, a-la-bechamel, Minced Giblet Dressing and Drawn Butter Sauce  
VEGETABLES  
Fresh Peas in Casero, Potatoes a-la-mantassie  
SALAD  
Alamode, Potato Salad  
DESERTS  
Frozen Orange Ade, with mixed Fruit, Arabian Biscocha Cake.  
DRINKS  
Cafe Nior, Dematassie Mint Tea  
Splendid addresses were made by Superintendent Burgess and Bill Stevens, president of the class.

C. C. Campbell, of Coleman, was here this week for a visit with his brother J. Ben Campbell. The former Mr. Campbell was one time one of the Editors and owners of the Merkel Telegram, a thriving d published here about 1908.

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