

DAVIS BEASLEY IS GRANTED BAIL

Bail in the sum of \$5,000 was granted to Davis Beasley by District Judge W. R. Ely in the habeas corpus hearing in connection with the fatal shooting of John Chadwick at Merkel last Wednesday. Robert Beasley, brother of Davis, remanded to the custody of the sheriff by Judge Ely.

Judge Ely's ruling came shortly after 4 o'clock Monday afternoon after several witnesses introduced by

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Court opened at 2:05 with the lower floor of the district court room practically filled. The

announced ready and a the evidence introduced

the Court to be supported by an additional evidence on either side. The only testimony that the State offered was the written and signed testimony that had been brought out in justice court before Justice of the Peace P. B. Ford.

After announcing that the rule was invoked by the defense attorneys District Attorney W. J. Cunningham read the testimony of Clifford Rose, Geo. L. Miller, Paul Wheeler, and Mrs. Bertha Rose. The State rested its case and the defense opened with Attorney W. P. Mahaffey's reading of the testimony of Sam

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ALATHEAN CLASS ENTERTAINED

The Alathean Class was entertained last Friday afternoon by Mrs. W. A. McCandless and Mrs. Tittle at the beautiful country home of the latter. About twenty ladies were present. After a short business session we were favored with a song by Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Horton. A piano solo by Miss Althea Boden, and a delightful reading by Mrs. Ash were also enjoyed. The music on the player piano also. Then paper and pencils were passed and we were told to make ready for a flower contest, which was won by Miss Boden, then we were served with ice cream and cake. We reluctantly departed to meet on August 26th. with Mrs. Henry Newsom. Reporter.

L. R. SCARBOROUGH B.Y.P.U.

- Devotional Meeting. Blameless and Harmless. 1. Such Christians will render willing obedience. Lula Belle Sharp. 2. Such Christians will work out their Salvation in lives of service. George Tackett. 3. Such Christians will render Cheerful service Alma Barbee. 4. Blameless, if not perfect by Mrs. Roan. 5. Light Bearers for the world Mr. West. 6. Piano Solo Ruth Holloway.

GETS POSITION AS A RAILWAY CLERK

Geo. Smith who with a number of other young men of Merkel took the examination last January for Railway Mail Clerk, received notice this week to appear in El Paso at once for appointment and assignment of a run out of that city.

Smith is one of the splendid and deserving young men of Merkel and the Merkel Mail predicts that he will not only make good in the work assigned him by the government, but will as time goes on receive promotion along the ladder of success.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETS TONIGHT

There will be a meeting at the American Legion Hall tonight, (Friday), at eight o'clock, and every ex-service man in or near Merkel is urged and expected to come out and take part in this meeting. Officers of the organization state that it is important, so boys be sure to come.

Y.P.M.S. NOTES

The Young Peoples Missionary Society met at the home of Lorena Frazier's last Monday evening in business session. After the reports of all officers had been heard and approved, unfinished business was taken up. Following unfinished business new business was taken up. Under new business many suggestions were offered in which the girls might make social conditions better.

At this meeting the secretary reported two new members. Also we had a visitor from the ladies Society, Mrs. Geo. Brown and Mrs. Sanders.

After the business meeting had adjourned a social hour followed which each member enjoyed immensely. The hostess served a delicious refreshment made of peaches and

THE SCOTTS ARE ENJOYING VACATION

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from Mr. L. B. Scott, local manager of the Merkel Motor Company who with his wife and little son are spending the summer on the Pacific coast in California, and from the tone of the letter we will say to their host of friends here that they seem to be greatly pleased with that wonderful country and without doubt are enjoying the time of their lives. The following news item from the Daily Bulletin, Pomona, California, will give an idea of some of the pleasures which they are enjoying.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott, and son from Merkel, Texas, particular friends of Mr. and Mrs. Otho Barbour of this city, are spending their vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Barbour at Tent City, Coronado Beach, Calif. The Scotts who have been visiting throughout Southern California state that so far they have found no place better than Pomona.

Mr. W. L. Barbour, of Paris, Texas, a brother of Otho Barbour, is also a member of the vacation party. He has been visiting friends and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Barbour, who live in San Diego. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Scott, father and mother of Mr. L. B. Scott, who are from Abilene, Texas, are also members of the party. Others of the party are Carlton, Jack, Billie and Kenneth Barbour, sons of Otho Barbour, Margaret Gleason, daughter of Walter Gleason, of John P. Evans' clothing store, and Burton A. King, also connected with this firm.

Various points of interest which they are visiting are Tia Juana, Ocean Beach, North Island, and La Jolla.

The party will return to Pomona Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott will stay in Pomona for a short time, visiting the rest of Southern California.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Teachers Prayer Service 9:30. All teachers are urged to come to this service.

Sunday School at 10 a.m. with a welcome awaiting all who will come and study God's word with us. Preaching at 11 o'clock.

B. Y. P. U. at five p.m.

No Ladies meeting on Tuesday, but Sunbeam Band will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday. The ladies will meet with the M. E. Ladies on Monday at 4 p.m. Chas. West, Supt.

W. H. Stevenson and family left this week for the Rio Grande valley where they will make their future home. They are splendid people and regret to lose the mfrom among our citizenship.

Mrs. J. R. Toombs and daughter Miss Willie returned last week from their visit with relatives in the state of Tennessee. And Miss Willie, who has been for some time one of the valuable salesladies at the Brown Dry Goods Co. is again at her post of duty.

You will not be disappointed if you come to the Saturday Market at the Barrow Furniture next Saturday. You will find dressed chicken, cakes and pies.

Roy B. Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wells, arrived yesterday from Oklahoma, where he has been in the U. S. Army for several years, having been discharged and attend year.

MRS. THOMPSON GOES NORTH

Mrs. L. R. Thompson left yesterday for Marysville, Missouri, where she will visit Mr. Thompson's sister and be joined by Miss Lynn Thompson, with whom she will make a trip to Rochester Minnesota. On her return Mrs. Thompson will visit friends in Kansas City and stop for a week with her parents, at Greensburg, Kansas. She expects to be gone from four to six weeks.

Miss Lynn Thompson who has been employed by the Merkel school to teach English the coming term, will arrive in time to assume her duties as such.

LEAGUE PROGRAM

Subject "Mountain top Experiences and the Tasks That Await Us."

Leader Annie Bickley. Song Service. Scripture Lesson (Luke 9:37-40 Mark 9:28-29.) Song; prayer.

"Mountain and Plain"—Leader. "Change of Atmosphere" Ethel Wilson.

Special music—Julia Martin. "Vision" Hugh McRee. "And Then the Plain"—Ruth Pike.

Reading—Blanche Durham. Song League Benediction.

WILL START THE STITH WELL SOON

President J. A. Collum, was over yesterday from his home in Abilene and stated to the writer that he expected the drilling crew to arrive this week from Sipe Springs where they have just finished drilling a good producer for the company in that field, and that not later than early next week they would start the drill again on the Stith six miles northeast of Merkel.

W. H. Reece and J. W. Vick, were in Ranger first of the week on business.

WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES M. E.

The Methodist Womens Missionary Society met in Business session on last Monday afternoon.

A goodly number of the members were present and an excellent report from the different officers was given. This Society will entertain the other church Societies of the town in joint meeting next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the church. We extend a hearty invitation to each of the ladies organizations of the other churches of the town and earnestly hope and expect a large attendance at this meeting.

A new group of ladies was also appointed by the president to take care of the Saturday Market. Mrs. Latham is chairman and the Market will be held at the Barrow Furniture Store again. We will try to have enough this time to fill all calls. There will also be sandwiches for sale. Reporter.

Mrs. Louise Beckett, of El Paso, arrived first of the week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren, and hosts of friends.

Miss Lillian Craig left Sunday morning on the Sunshine Special for Denison where she will spend several weeks visiting her mother, M. Crowley.

Fresh County Ice House.

SCHOOL SEPTEMBER

At a meeting School Board held August 2 it was determined that the coming session of school should begin morning, September 6 o'clock. All teachers hand and a full attendance of pupils from the start. It is hoped to start promptly on the day and thus avoid the loss of a grade by starting late to make the work.

On Saturday morning August 3rd, at ten o'clock will be a meeting of all the school in the superintendent's office where plans will be discussed. (

Entrance examinations held on Wednesday and Friday; August 1st, and 2nd. At that time those pupils who are during the summer, are sure to take examination promotion may do so. time also all those students have gone to summer anywhere or who are entering the Merkel School for the time (Except first grade pupils will come to the office to register credits made during the summer or be classified if they have never before attended the Merkel school. It will be needless for those who failed last year, and who have not done any studying anywhere this summer to take the entrance examinations with the hope of promotion.

The prospects for the coming year of school were never brighter. The board is enthusiastic, the teachers fresh from their summer schools and vacations, the school raised to the standard of a fully affiliated high school with 17 credits, prospects for a larger senior class, and all high school students looking forward to a year of determined effort. Determined and continued effort will surely bring results. Let me ask that all patrons and friends of the school cooperate with the board in their financial struggle to keep the school up to a standard nine-months high school. They and the teachers need the cooperation of every one. Without it no board or faculty of teachers can succeed no matter how hard and conscientiously they may work. If you are interested in the success of the school and really want a good one, you cannot afford to do any less than give this board and the faculty employed your fullest cooperation. May we count on you? Respectfully, Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

LODGE MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the members of the local Rebecca Lodge, that there will be a meeting of this organization on Thursday night of each week, and all who can are urged to attend. Mrs. Nettie Milliken, Secretary.

W. G. Leach one of the ever clever and capable telegraph operators at the local station, with his wife and two children expect to leave next Saturday for the State of Kentucky, for a visit with relatives and friends of boyhood days. We join their host of friends here in wishing for them a most happy and enjoyable trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest are spending the vacation where they are enjoying the best of things.

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W. L. DILTZ, Jr. Assistant Cashier

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Sam Cook was the next witness, he having also been a witness in the justice court here Saturday.

Mrs. Bertha Rose, sister of the deceased, was called to the stand and her testimony was practically the same as given Saturday. She reiterated that she was sitting in a car with her husband when the shooting occurred, that she saw Robert Beasley fire the first shot.

"I meant to say Saturday that John (meaning John Chadwick) had his foot on the running board instead of the fender," Mrs. Rose said.

"I will get you to state," District Attorney W. J. Cunningham queried, "whether John Chadwick had taken his foot off the running board and his right hand off the bow of the car and gone into his right hand pocket?"

The witness replied, "No."—Abilene Reporter.

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RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$284,961.86
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
U. S. Securities	11,858.33
Bonds and Securities	17,269.61
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	900.00
Real Estate	3,000.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX.	166,768.80
Total	\$491,021.10

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	
Surplus Fund	
Undivided Profits	
Circulation Acct.	
BORROWED MONEY	
REDISCOUNTS	
BILLS PAYABLE	
OTHER LIABILITIES	
DEPOSITS	409.5
Total	\$491,021.10

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nothing. He turned to Rob and said, 'What are you going to do?' Rob said, 'I've got a wife and three children at home,' and then he looked at me and said, 'We haven't got \$300, have we?' Then John Chadwick said, 'You can get it and you've got to get it in forty minutes or there'll be hell.' We walked on toward the bank and John said, 'I mean business I've got to have this money.' Rob asked me what to do about it and I said I wouldn't give him \$300, that if you gave him \$300 now he'd want \$500 later on. Rob got in his car and went home. After Rob went home John said, 'What are you going to do about it?' I said I told you what I was going to do. As I walked he walked with me. We walked back across the street toward the Anchor Building and he asked me again, 'What are you going to do about it? I'm going to leave this woman and have got to have the money.' I walked on down by the Liberty Hardware and went home."

Witness testified that a day or two later he came to town in Merkel and met two men near the Post Office and that they were laughing and that one asked him if a fellow had been to him in the last few days and asked him for \$300 and to keep it about it. Witness then testified that they all went of an and that one of the men that John Chadwick asked him for \$300 he'd whip him if he didn't get man

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HEBRON NEWS

The farmers here say crops are needing rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthews and daughter returned last Thursday night from visiting relatives in north and northeast Texas. They report a nice pleasant trip, but came back well pleased with this country as they say farmers here are in better condition financially than other places where crop out looks are more flattering.

Oliver, Carl and Thurman Carney returned last Saturday from Cross Plains and report a very enjoyable trip.

We are glad to learn that Hodges is rapidly improving at Sweetwater, where he is receiving treatment.

Ms. J. M. Williamson is reported sick. Grandma Shields also reported sick.

We are very sorry to hear of the death of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Browning and wife were reared in our community and we deeply sympathize with them in their bereavement but we can only point to a loving Savior who will comfort more on us than we deserve.

The farmers are putting up feed.

If the baby suffers from colic, diarrhoea or other complaint, give Elixir. It is a safe and effective remedy and 60c. Sold by Store.

I am perfectly satisfied with the job—Let the verdict of your Clean Dye work have the price

CHURCH SERVICE TABERN'CL

We are informed that there will be no preaching services at either of the churches in Merkel on next Sunday evening, but that the pastors and their congregations will meet at the tabernacle in a cooperative service. This rule is planned to be carried out for every Sunday evening during the remainder of the month of July. The preacher for each occasion will not be announced, so the church-going people and the public in general may attend to find out for themselves. But the fact that our citizenship is to come together once a week in a cooperative religious service, will doubtless give each minister in charge at each service, an opportunity to deliver an interesting sermon upon live subjects divine.

The tabernacle is in fine condition and a large audience is expected to be present at each of the co-operative services during the month of July.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We rejoice because of the good rain last Sunday morning, but regret it kept so many away from Sunday School and church services. We are counting on every member to be present next Sunday morning.

Sunday School 10 a.m. Under the faithful leadership of Superintendent James West our Sunday School continues to grow. During the new quarter we are seeking to establish a new record for attendance.

Preaching service and communion at the 11 o'clock hour. Christian Endeavor meets Sunday 7 p.m. Union services at the Tabernacle Sunday night.

At all these services your presence will help. Fred S. Rogers, pastor.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Charlie Taylor B. Y. P. U. Program Troup No. 2 Leader Bel McDonald.

- Reading Miss Irene Swann.
- 1. Importance of praising God—Mrs. N. Hancock.
- 2. Our obligation to praise God—Miss Ruth Jones.
- 3. Praise God for his dealing with Israel—Mrs. R. J. Miller.
- 4. Praise the Lord because of character as revealed by his character—Lillian Craig.

50 BU. CORN PER ACRE

W. M. Jones who resides five miles north east of town, was here first of the week, and reports his crops just fine. The hail last Sunday morning just missed him, but damaged the crops of some of his neighbors very badly. Mr. Jones says his corn is especially fine, and stated that it is predicted that the yield from his corn may be as high as 50 bushels per acre.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. We have just one hour for this service so please be there on time. Preaching at 11 a.m. No preaching at the evening hour on account of services at the tabernacle. We trust the entire congregation will take an interest in Sunday evening Tabernacle services which will continue the month of July. W. L. Bell, pastor.

ANOTHER GOOD MAN IS CALLED TO HIS REWARD

As was expected at the time the Merkel Mail was published on last Thursday, Mr. J. M. Dry who was stricken with paralysis on the previous Saturday, passed away about six o'clock Thursday evening. Thus again has Merkel lost one of its grandest and best citizens, a happy home one of the truest, kindest and most affectionate husband and father.

J. M. Dry was born in Randolph county, Missouri, and had reached the age of 52 years when the end came. When a young man, deceased came to Texas and for a number of years followed the profession of a teacher in the public schools of our state, and in the year 1893 married to Miss Leona Edmiston and to which union there was born four children, all of whom were present during the illness and death of their father with the exception of one, which passed to its reward during infancy. He came to Merkel some six or seven years ago and has been connected with the town in a business way since.

J. M. Dry was of the type of men who are missed when called from the scenes of earth—of the type of men whose passing makes the world poorer and fills with deepest regret the lives that were blended with their own. Perhaps we can pay the friend who has left us no greater tribute than to say that he was a gentleman of the old Southern School—a Christian gentleman. He was companionable, he was affable, he was helpful. The person who met J. M. Dry on the street was greeted with a smile and with a word of cheer. The person, young or old, who went to his place of business in search of some article needed, received every courtesy and aid within his power to bestow. He did his part in the church, in his lodge and in the community in which he resided. While the last few remaining days of his life he was not strong of body, but he was strong in character and bore all the marks of a true Christian gentleman. He delighted in being agreeable, pleasant and helpful. Such a man as was J. M. Dry, and we who knew him well realize that in his passing we have sustained a loss that we shall long keenly feel.

The funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church by his pastor and true friend, Rev. W. M. Murrell, Friday afternoon at five-thirty, in the presence of an audience of friends and loved ones which filled the building to overflowing. Interment taking place immediately after in Rose Hill Cemetery.

PRAYERMEETING SERVICE

The Epworth League will hold prayermeeting services next Wednesday evening at the Methodist church and all are asked and urged to be present. The same program that was to have been rendered last Wednesday, but on account of a visiting pastor holding services was postponed, will be had.

We want to have a large crowd at prayermeeting. Why don't you come?

L. R. SCARBOROUGH B.Y.P.U.

Reading Lula Mae Boaz. Importance of praising God—Delbert Polly. Our obligation to praise God—Buff O'Brient. Praise God for his dealings with Israel—Roxie Sharp. Praise the Lord of his Character as revealed by his works—Yates Brown. Piano Solo—Lula Belle Sharp. Reading—Maurine Angus. Leader Myrtle McDonald.

S. H. L. SWAFFORD IS QUITE SICK

Mr. S. H. L. Swafford, one of our oldest and best citizens, while leading a cow on last Saturday morning in some manner fell and for some time after seemed to be slightly paralyzed in one side and hip; and in fact was unconscious for a while but soon regained consciousness and has since improved wonderfully, and his host of friends and loved ones feel that he will likely soon be up and about again.

PRAYERMEETING SERVICE AT METHODIST CHURCH

The Epworth League of the Methodist church will have charge of the prayermeeting services next Wednesday night. The members of the League urge very earnestly that every member of the Methodist church be present. Let us have a large attendance than there ever has been. Below is the program as outlined by program committee:

1. Leader Miss Hallie Marquis.
2. Songs selected.
3. Scripture Lesson by Leader.
4. Prayer.
5. Song.
6. Outline of program by Leader.
7. The story of Jacob by Mamie McNeese.
8. The story of Joseph by Joe Reidenbach.
9. The story of Moses by Blanche Durham.
10. Solo by Christene Collins.
11. The story of Joshua by Geneva Middleton.
12. The story of Ruth by Mrs. Vaughn.
13. Prayer.
14. Song.
15. League Benediction.

ROSCOE SHARP IS OPERATED ON

Roscoe Sharp, who was taken suddenly ill first of the week was found to be suffering a severe attack from appendicitis, and was rushed to the Sanitarium at Abilene, where he underwent an operation. The operation we learn was successful, and young Sharp is reported as getting along nicely, and without the setting of other complications, it is thought he will soon be up and about again.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our most sincere thanks to our many friends in Merkel and elsewhere for their assistance and sympathy and also for the many beautiful floral offerings, during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father. Mrs. J. M. Dry, and children.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Subject Men and Women whose lives should inspire us. Leader—Bess Tucker. Song Service. Prayer. Scripture Reading (Heb 11:32-40; 12:1-2.) Leader's talk—Heroes and the like. Vocal Duet. What is the value of heroes?—Gladys Middleton. Song "Faith of our Fathers" Short talks on "Some Ancient and Modern Heroes who Inspire" By Murphy Thomas, Cyrus Pee, Ethel Wilson and Joe Reidenbach. Song, League Benediction.

B. Y. P. U. ENCAMPMENT SUCCESS

Saturday evening at 8 o'clock a lively B. Y. P. U. bunch from here left for Hawley for their first annual encampment. After reaching camp much fun was enjoyed by all exploring the river and camp site. At 12 o'clock all retired for the night, but their slumbers were short for at 4:30 they were awakened by terrific lightning and thunder. It seemed for a time that camp must be abandoned, but nothing could daunt the spirit of that crowd for they were determined to make the encampment a success.

According to previous plans the Sunday services were carried out very efficiently. Many visitors were welcomed to our camp Sunday evening.

Monday morning every one awoke possessed with the spirit of the 4th. By 10 o'clock many people from Merkel, Hawley and Abilene had gathered with well filled baskets which were greatly enjoyed by all Monday evening every one left remarking that they had never spent such a wonderful fourth.

Much of the success of our encampment was due to the kindness and generosity of the Hawley people.

Every one enjoying the encampment are already looking forward to and planning for even a greater, more successful encampment next year.

Owing to the fact that some of the force of the F. and M. Bank will be on their vacation next week they are sending out the statements a few days earlier than usual.

WOOD TO OPEN NEW GROCERY

W. W. Wood who sold some few months ago his grocery and produce business located on Front street to the T. & O. Grocery & Mercantile Company, after a lapse from business worries, is again preparing to enter business again. He expects to be prepared to open his new Grocery and Produce Business about the middle of next week, and which will be located in the building just across the street opposite the Post Office.

Mr. Wood is a good business man, a hustler and expects to enjoy his share of the business in his line upon opening his doors again.

ALATHEAN CLASS IS ENTERTAINED

Last Friday, July 1st. the Alathean class was entertained at the Hospitable home of Mrs. O. B. Boden on Oak Street. Business opened by electing new officers as follows: Mrs. General Jones, Teacher; Mrs. W. O. Boney, President; Mrs. O. R. Bird, first Vice-president; Mrs. C. L. Cash, Second Vice-president; Mrs. W. A. McCandless, third Vice-president; Mrs. Henry Newsom, Secretary.

Business over we were eager for the social hour which included a delightful reading by Miss Maurine Angus and a song by Miss Althea Boden, then slips of paper on which were written "What a Friend we have in Jesus" each one having to practice her part, then last, but not least, came the refreshments consisting of cream and cake. We reluctantly departed to meet July 29 with Mrs. Henry Newsom. Reporter.

THE DORCAS CLASS ENTERTAINS

On last Friday evening the Dorcas Class of the Merkel Baptist Sunday School entertained the Men's adult Bible class on the lawn at the home of Mrs. H. T. Merritt.

Following the welcome address, were interesting talks by Bros. Howard and Bayless. Mrs. Merritt and Mrs. McConnel gave readings.

One amusing feature of the evening rendered was a singing contest between four quartettes, the judges deciding in favor of No. four.

The hearty laughs following the funny stories told by Bro. Parrack showed how much they were enjoyed. Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, salad, cakes, pies, pickles, old fashion gingerbread and red lemonade were served.

Our Superintendent told in a short talk, how much he enjoyed such class meetings, especially the eats. All the men came dressed in the required uniform except one. But through the mercy of the reception committee he was admitted after he explained he had no "flannel" shirt.

All expressed themselves as having had a good time and wished they might have another such meeting soon. Reporter.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School 10 a.m. with room for all who will come.

Remember that in our adult department we are beginning a study of the life and writings of Paul. This promises to be one of the most interesting and helpful studies we have ever had. Come on and get started with the class at the beginning.

If you are not already in Sunday School this is the best time to start both on account of the new study just beginning and because the classes are not as crowded now as at other times, as many people are off on vacations now.

In our adult department we have two classes for men and four classes for women. In our mens classes we have about eighty enrolled and in the womens classes almost a hundred. The Sunday School is no longer a place where only "good little children" go. Now the big boys and girls go and their mothers and fathers go. With our graded literature from time to time a pupil enters Sunday School at 3 years of age until he finishes the senior work at 21 years of age he has a different lesson every Sunday. Find your place in Sunday School next Sunday morning and begin a systematic study of the best Book in all the world, the Book that helps men here and here-after.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 in the morning.

B. Y. P. U. in two separate meetings at 5 p.m.

There will be no evening service on account of the services at the tabernacle.

Regular prayer-meeting 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Ladies meeting and Sunbeams at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Come find a warm welcome in a cool building. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

If you want to "shuffle off this mortal coil," don't lean up against a double barrelled shotgun with your big toe on the trigger, eat a square meal of rough-on-rats, blow out the gas, monkey with a buzz saw or call a Kentuckian a liar and a poor judge of whiskey. There is a better way, according to the editor of the Curtis Courier. Get out a newspaper, in which is printed the plain unvarnished truth about people, and then calmly await the end without making preparations for a second edition.

TALK OF A BARBECUE

Some one or two of the most substantial and progressive citizens, who have notified most other live towns in the country have been arranging to stage some picnic and gathering. It is reported that progressive citizens do not like to town drag butters, suggested the week that rounding corners at least one day's business men that every one in favor of Mer rounding corners hands in putting it on.

It has also been reported that as the town meets tonight matter up, and should our citizens have such a real, sur barbecue picnic.

HARKRI

Tuesday o'clock the invited dinner room supper was served. Hazel Har strong, Lilli Hamm, Ev Bragg, Julia Martin, Blanche Durham.

At seven-thirty rider asked her dining room supper was served. Hazel Har strong, Lilli Hamm, Ev Bragg, Julia Martin, Blanche Durham.

where music about twelve until one o'clock served a midnight one until two o'clock pranks were carried out two o'clock came the cided it was too late going to sleep, but hostess called the roll o'clock there was not one to answer.

Morning came and a del breakfast was served at o'clock to the nine dissap maidens. About nine each guest assured their h of the great time they ha would anxiously await such gala event.

HAIL DOES DAMAGE GROWING CROPS

During the big rain which visited the Merkel country ea last Sunday morning, hail damaged a number of crops of farmers residing north of town a few miles extending in a no, eastern direction. And it is reported that in many fields the was not a thing left standing. Homer Patterson, was in the day afternoon from his farm, and had with him a few samples of cotton and feed stalk which showed the hail's destruction disastrous in its path his farm. Mr. Patterson stated that the wind blew very moving his residence at foot off the foundation. He so stated that he had a melon patch which he had ed early and had irrigated it was needed, having weighing forty pounds a beginning to get ripe which were totally ruined.

QUESTIONS CONFRONT PROSPECTIVE INVESTOR

In their order of importance they are:

1. Is my principal safe?
 2. Is my money available at all times?
 3. What is the interest return?
- The Time Deposits issued by this bank merit your investigation in regard to the above points:
1. The certificates are backed by the resources of this bank.
 2. They are negotiable.
 3. They pay 4 per cent interest.

FARMERS STATE BANK

W. L. Diltz Sr. President
 W. L. Diltz Jr. Vice President
 W. L. Diltz III Vice President
 W. L. Diltz IV Cashier
 W. L. Diltz V Assistant Cashier
 W. L. Diltz VI Assistant Cashier

YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED

To the surprise of their many Compere friends, Miss Fannie Childers, of Compere, and Mr. Wm. Dewey Ramsey of Trent, slipped away from them Sunday afternoon and motored to Merkel, to the home of Rev. Parrack, where they were quietly married, attended by Willie Childers brother of the bride; Miss Lula Helton, cousin of the bride, Miss Bess Tucker and Mr. Vernie Merritt, very close friend of the bride and groom.

Mrs. Ramsey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Childers of Compere community. She is one of the most popular young ladies of that community; her's is a most lovable character, very charming and attractive; and because of this personal charm and loveliness she is loved and admired by all who know her.

Mr. Ramsey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ramsey of Trent. He is a very ambitious and successful young business man of sterling character. Mr. Ramsey has won a warm place in the hearts of the Compere folks, where for the past two years he has been employed as primary teacher in the school.

After a short visit with relatives and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey will make their home in the Compere community, where Mr. Ramsey has again been employed to teach in the school.

Their many friends and acquaintances wish for them a life of happiness and prosperity.

You will be delightfully pleased with our cleaning and pressing. One day service. Ligon the laundryman, phone 218. tf

W. L. Diltz Sr. left first of the week for a visit among his old friends in McClellan county, at Valley Mills. He will be away for several weeks. We wish for him a very pleasant visit in the county of his former home.

Bran and Shorts at Bradshaw and Sublett's. tf

MULBERRY LEAVES

Miss Myrtle Rogers of Clyde is visiting in this and the Noodle communities.

Miss Rosa Chancy and children are visiting Misses Frankie and Maggie Lee Chancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smart are the proud parents of an eleven pound boy.

Mrs. W. C. Moore and Mrs. Aaron Horton spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Sam Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Walsh and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Smart.

The small grain crop, which was very light in this vicinity, was threshed during the past week by Mr. Woods.

Mrs. M. L. Guin spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Robert Pentacost. Zelda

Try a sack of Seal Flour, fully guaranteed and none better. At Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf

Miss Willie Swann, one of the efficient salesladies at Woodroof Bragg's spent the fourth and fifth with Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Warren of Knox City.

Do you know why it's toasted?

To seal in the delicious Burley flavor.

It's toasted.



Approved by The American Tobacco Co.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Close of Business June 30th, 1921

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$284,961.86
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
U. S. Securities	11,358.33
Bonds and Securities	17,269.61
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	900.00
Real Estate	3,000.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX	166,768.80
Total	\$491,021.10

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	10,247.11
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
OTHER LIABILITIES	NONE
DEPOSITS	409,523.99
Total	\$491,021.10

THE BANK THAT BACKS THE FARMER



J. F. WARREN, PRESIDENT
 G. O. F. WASH, VICE PRES.
 HENRY JAMES, VICE PRES.
 L. R. THOMPSON, CASHIER
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ED. TEUTON, ASST. CASH.

Merkel, Texas

JULY CLEAR OUT SALE

This Sale will be better than the usual JULY CLEARANCE SALE

IT IS ON TO-DAY

Our Shoes and Oxfords have had a big trimming down of prices. You cant do better than buy your foot wear from us, The QUALITY and PRICE can't be surpassed.

Men's and Boys Suits. The profit we should have and some of the cost, now goes to you. We are taking a big loss and do not believe you will save a cent to wait until next year's prices.

Hats, Shirts, Sox and Underwear, ALL have SPECIAL PRICES

LADIES

Get our prices on Silks, Organdies, Tissue gingham, White goods, Laces and Embroideries
 You will not get Shorted in any way when you buy here.

ABOUT SALES The reason we do not have sales often is because our uniform Low Prices we mark on our goods will not permit it. So there is SOMETHING DOING When WE Announce a Cut Price Sale.

COME GET YOUR SHARE

YOURS WITH QUALITY GOODS

THE BROWN DRY GOODS COMPANY

SALE

Electrical Appliances

From July 5th to 15th we will sell all electrical appliances at very greatly reduced prices. This includes Ranges, washing machines, fans and ALL small appliances.

This is your opportunity to equip your home and office with MODERN ELECTRICAL DEVICES

Merkel Power Co.

ROM MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS

Dr. S. W. Johnson and son-in-law, E. M. Mimms, returned yesterday from a two weeks vacation, which they spent at Mineral Wells. Dr. Johnson states that they enjoyed their stay in the most popular health resort, and that they came back feeling fit and fine. And we must say our good friend the Doctor looks and acts it every bit. He also announces to his friends and patrons that he is now back in his office ready to serve them in his profession.

See the Brown D. G. Co. during this month for special prices on Quality Merchandise. It

J. C. Mason returned first of the week from his trip to East Texas, where he spent some time looking after his property interest.

Just received, a car of Kimbell Extra High Patent Flour, every sack fully guaranteed. Try a sack, Bradshaw & Sublett. It

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston are planning to leave Merkel about Sunday the 10th, for an extended visit to their old home in the state of Kentucky. We join their host of good friends in extending best wishes to them for a most happy sojourn among the scenes of childhood and old friends.

Mrs. Dr. Ed Swafford of Rockdale, is here for a visit with friends and relatives.

This Space Belongs to THE CHEAPEST STORE WEST OF FT. WORTH The first lady that meets me and tells me who this space belongs to will receive a HANDSOME PRIZE

REAL ESTATE--INSURANCE

Farm Loans and Notary Work

Let us insure your property against loss by Fire Cyclone and Hail. Our facilities are the best obtainable for farm and city property.

We insure Autos against loss by fire, theft and cyclone at a nominal cost.

CROP INSURANCE

Why not insure your crop? See us for particulars.

Merkel Realty Co.

Merkel Realty Bldg., Front Street

W. O. BONEY

MERKEL, TEXAS

CHAOS WOULD RESULT

Commissioner E. I. Lewis, of the Interstate Commerce Commission in discussing the dependence of the nation upon the utilities, said in speaking before the National Electric Light Association annual convention at Chicago:

"The public schools take a vacation of three months every year and nothing happens.

"The Police Force and fire departments go on their annual picnics and balls and things run along as usual.

"The city paving isn't improved over long periods, or the public library may close or the public parks allowed to go to ruin, and the public isn't injured.

"But let the electric lights go out for a few hours and there is actual suffering and much crime. Let the water works stop, and soon there are parched tongues and disease. Let the

telephone suspend and the chaos and loss of business. Let transportation in a city stop and thousands are thrown out of work and the hardship is intense. Turn out the gas and we go back fifty years in our civilization.

"We tax ourselves without question for our police and fire departments, our streets, our parks and libraries, but we adopt the other method of treatment when it comes to the other public utilities. Let a water company ask for an increase of 3 to 5 cents a thousand feet in rates, so that it may efficiently operate, and it furnishes ammunition for the demagogues with which they incite the people to great wrath. The sober minded people of the nation should look at these things in their real light."

Fresh Shipment of South Texas fine Honey, at Bradshaw and Sublett's.

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Office Hours 8—12 a.m., 1—5 p.m.
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Ladies and Gents Work.
All Work Guaranteed
Will call for and deliver work.
Phone 189 Front Street

DR. R. I. GRIMES
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On Front Street
A Clean, Sanitary Shop
First Class Service
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Watch and Jewelry repairing
All Work First-class
Located at Merkel Drug Co.

E. D. COATS
Real Estate, Oil Stock, And
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Office Front St. over Geo West.
Building

E. L. WILSON
The Jeweler
Watches, Clocks and Jewelry
Repaired. Glasses fitted on 30
days Free Trial.

Through error my phone number was left out of Directory. Call me at No. 210 for any work Carpenter repairing or Painting

T.W. COLLINS, CONTRACTOR
Near High School Building

SIGNS OF NORMAL TIMES

A man on the street asked for a quarter with which to buy a bed.

A peddler set up shop on the corner of a vacant lot and began demonstrating the wonders of the "home soldering kit."

A young man asked for a job saying "salary is no object. I want a chance to make good."

A negro came to the back door and, with hat in hand, asked if there was any work that he might do.

A clerk in a retail store was most gracious and demonstrated that he was anxious to serve.

In fact, many things occur every day to make one realize that "Normal Times" have really returned.



FOR SALE—A sixty acre crop, team and tools, one and a half miles from town. Phone 137 or see E. L. Horton. 1t3

FOR SALE—Several tons headed Maize. See V. C. Dalton, Route two. 1t2p

FOR RENT—One business house Also one residence. See A. C. Boney for particulars. tf

PLENTY COW FEED—Hulls, Meal, Bran, Shorts, Hay. Phone number 203. tf

LOST—A ladies gold wrist-watch. Possibly on Oak street, last Sunday. Finder please return to Mrs. Duncan Briggs. 1t

COAL—CAR—Genuine McAl-ester due here Monday. Swafford and Leslie, phone 203. t1

We are glad to learn that Mrs. J. W. Mayfield, who was operated on a short time ago at Abilene, has recovered sufficiently to be brought back to her home here. She withstood the operation fine we are told and has steadily improved since; all of which will be good news to the family's host of friends.

A teaspoonful of Herbine will produce a copious and purifying bowel movement, improve appetite, restore mental activity and a fine feeling of vigor and cheerfulness. Price, 60c Sold by Sanders Drug Store. July.

Willie Joe Largent, whose home three miles north was destroyed by fire last spring, has this week let the contract for the erection of a handsome five-room bungalow home to be erected on the site where the former residence stood.

To The Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas

Our special train leaves Dallas Sunday night July 10th at 8 o'clock, over the M. K. & T. Railway. If you are a true prospector, and want to see the valley, we will be glad to carry you down. Our rates are for this trip \$30.00 for round trip from Dallas to the Valley and return to Dallas. This includes everything, Pullman service, board and transportation while in the Valley, and our side trip of one day to Galveston, where we carry you for a boat ride on the gulf of Mexico after which we dine you at a million dollar hotel, and then take a plunge in the salt water of the gulf. After the day is well gone we return to Houston, where we catch our special train for the beautiful valley.

No matter what the seasons may be or the time of year, we show you growing fields of waving green, mellowing fruits, or orange blossoms glistening in the sun light. This trip if taken by you singly, would cost you four times the amount you are asked to pay through our special arranged excursion tours.

From an educational stand point the trip is worth ten times the amount you pay for it, and if you go with us to the Lower Rio Grande Valley, and after an investigation find that our literature has misrepresented facts we will gladly refund you the amount of your trip.

Would you like to go where you can farm 365 days in the year. If you are interested see

H. D. SIMPSON

Who will gladly make reservations for you

PHONE 261

Merkel Mail

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

T. & P. TIME TABLE

Time Table of the Texas and Pacific trains taking effect on June 5th.

West Bound

No. 1 (Sunshine) . . . 9:36 p.m.
No. 5 4:13 a.m.
No. 23 5:00 p.m.

East Bound

No. 2 (Sunshine) . . . 8:36 a.m.
No. 4 9:30 a.m.
No. 16 11:50 p.m.

ving chickens, roasting ears, beans and peas, and many other kinds of vegetables, is the bill of fare which the most of people of the Merkel country can boast this year. This reminds us, that regardless of the fact that the farmers of the south suffered the loss of practically their entire crop last fall, they are most self sustaining people on earth, and can come back with plenty and to spare quicker than any people on earth.

My son, follow not in the step of the loafer, and make no example of him who is born tired, for verily I say unto you that business is overstocked and seats on the corner are all taken and whittling places all occupied. It is better to saw wood at two bits a cord than to whittle in a loafing match and cuss the government.

Hundreds of our citizens attended the big automobile races at Abilene on July 4th., while many others hunted the shady places along banks of the creeks and still many others attended the big B. Y. P. U. celebration on the Clear Fork, near Hawley. At least it seems to have been a safe and sane fourth so far as Merkel is concerned.

Aside from the fact that crops are a little late, it is that conditions for a bumper crop were never better at this time of the season. Especially is this true with regards to the older crops. Corn is likely to be as good or better than ever before. Now for a fair price, then watch West Texas hum this fall.

There is a little advertisement in this issue of the Mail set two inches single column, in which there is a question asked which if correctly answered, will be worth while to the one answering. See if you can answer.

Give us the news, help us make the Merkel Mail the splendid newsy paper you would like it to be. We want all the news that it is possible for us to get. We want to make the paper just as good as you want it to be.

Had you noticed the street work that is being done over town by the city? Let the good work continue. Tell the officials how well you like it and maybe they will see fit to keep it up—provided the money lasts long enough.

A whole wagon load of roasting ear was a pleasure sight on the streets of Merkel Wednesday of this week.

WORK WILL MAKE THE WORLD NORMAL

After dickering for the allies' most favorable terms, and receiving their final ultimatum, Germany has gone to work. By thrift, economy in operation and keeping busy all the time, Germany is already giving evidence of her ability to recover her commercial and industrial supremacy. Germany is no longer bothering about the political difficulties of her late enemies. Everybody is working, including father. In the meantime France England and Italy are back at the old game of politics. France is expressing much concern about Germany's ability to re-

COZY THEATRE

Saturday July 9
Wm. S. Hart Snub Pollard
in in
"Wolf Lowry" "Straw Votes"
Mutt & Jeff Fox News

cover and is delaying final settlements by magnifying technicalities. England and Italy are worried about internal troubles while at the same time they fear that some nation will get the advantage of them in the final adjustment of boundary lines or through the negotiation of commercial treaties. Hundreds of thousands of men are out of work because employer and employes can not come to an understanding regarding wages and working conditions.

The world is in more or less of a turmoil. It will remain in this condition until the people of various Nations cease their efforts to win political victories and get down to work. Work is the only cure for the troubles of individuals and the only salvation of Nations.—Farm and Ranch.

If you are in need of Quality Merchandise and your money is low see us. The Brown D. G. Co.

Rev. C. A. Bickley, Presiding Elder, for the Weatherford district, spent several days here this week the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bickley.

Just received, a car of Kimbell Extra High Patent Flour, every sack fully guaranteed. Try a sack, Bradshaw & Sublett.

Rev. Fred S. Rogers and family visited friends and relatives at Breckenridge first of the week.

TAKING THE WORRY OUT OF COTTON

A farmer in Dallas county, Texas, planted approximately 65 out of his 100 acres to cotton in 1920, spending for labor, up to July 1, a little more than \$300. This year he has the same acreage in cotton, but for the same period of time has spent for labor just \$27.50, and his fields are in a splendid state of cultivation. He has added slightly to his corn acreage, has a few acres of other feedstuffs, has eight good hogs, two good milk cows, two heifer calves, a good flock of chickens and a good garden. His cost of operation has thus far been reduced 90 per cent and in addition he has prepared to live as much as possible from things he produces himself. He has always been a cotton farmer but is making a start towards the independent life of the farmer so often read about and so seldom seen.

To quote that oft-repeated phrase, "It is an ill wind that blows nobody good," the slump in the price of cotton, though it brought with it much hardship, may prove a blessing in the sense that many farmers will realize that dependence upon a single commodity is far from being a safe investment. When the price of cotton is high, the single-cropper may smile when he sees his neighbor spending time working a garden. Growing feedstuffs and feeding a few cows, hogs and chickens looks like a waste of time to him, but his smiles are few and far between, for year in and year out the man who works a well-diversified farm with good livestock; who produces his own vegetables and fruits and cans them, is the most prosperous of the two. He sets a better table at less expense, and when he sells his staple crops the money he receives does not go to the grocer in payment for salt pork, canned vegetables and other foodstuffs which should have been raised at home. Intelligent diversification with livestock clears the way for better salesmanship and it is the only road that leads to independence.—Farm and Ranch.

Tailored clothes from one of the best and most reliable old Tailoring Companies, at 20 per cent off. Clothes that fit and wear longer. The Cash Tailor Shop.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR SALE

In well-known West Texas business college at reduced rates School will O. K. scholarship. Write M. B. Whatley, Abilene, Texas.

E. H. Patterson one of our pioneer and best fixed farmers residing southwest of town on route three, was here recently, and speaking of crops out his way, stated that, all his crops were very fine at this time, in fact as good as he ever had at this time of the year.

B.C. Gaither, Ed Teaff, Henry Frazier, H. C. Floyd, Walter Boden, A. V. Dye and Dr. W. V. Cranford, were among those of our citizens who attended the Old Settlers Picnic at Buffalo Gap last Saturday. They report a big time, plenty to eat etc.

Swelling caused by insect bites can be reduced by using Ballard's Snow Liniment. It counteracts the poison and relieves the irritation. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle Sold by Sanders Drug Store, Jly.

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on June 30, 1921

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts	\$284,961.86
Overdrafts, secured	\$70.00
Unsecured	\$21.31
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)	\$6,250.00
All other United States Government Securities	\$5,108.33
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	11,358.33
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	3,000.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	33,983.38
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	132,968.79
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	164.59
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	\$132,233.38
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	460.78
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
Total	\$491,021.10

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits	\$10,247.11
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	0,000.00
Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
Cashiers checks on own bank outstanding	39.37
Total of items 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25	\$89.37
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	329,214.58
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	10,762.00
Deposits requiring notice, but less than 30 days	27,749.00
Dividends unpaid	3,000.00
Total demand deposits subject to Reserve, Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31	\$370,725.58
Other time Deposits	33,709.04
Total of time dep. sub. to Res., Items 32, 33, 34, and 35	\$38,709.04
Total	\$491,021.10

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:

I, L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of July, 1921.

J. T. HOWARD, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:—G. F. WEST,
J. T. WARREN
BOOTH WARREN, Directors

BE A "CHIN-UPPER"

The practical thing to do is to train your brain and train it quickly. Right now, while forces are being reduced all over the country, the fact stares you in the face that the best trained men and women are the ones who are holding their places, and are even being promoted.

Do you want to travel the long, hard road of learning thru costly experiences? Do you want to start yourself with the handicap of a neglected or incomplete business training? You can avoid both these unpleasant and profitless ways by enrolling with us for a business training. In a few months with us you will gain an education equivalent to years in the business world, and you will learn some things here that you would never "pick up" in actual business.

Our watchword is "Thoroughness." We know exactly what you need to know to hold a good position. Training young people thoroughly and quickly is our special business, and the fact that our institution is the largest business college in America, with an annual enrollment of over 4000, is indisputable proof of our ability to do what we claim to do. We own and control the Famous Byrne Systems of Business Training, and with them we give our students the most Thorough, Practical and Complete training that can be had, in Half the Time and at Half the Cost of other schools using other systems. Positions secured. We also teach by mail.

Use your brain now, by enrolling with us at once. Let us prepare you to work from the chin up instead of from the chin down.

down. Fill in and mail coupon for large free catalogue. TYLER, COMMERCIAL COLLEGE, TYLER, TEXAS

Name
Address

Mr. Tom Toombs Jr. is the new manager of the Stucco Garage, known as the Commercial Motor Company. Mr. Toombs is an experienced garage man, a good business man, and we predict that under his management the business will grow and prosper.

Mrs. E. N. Brown, son W. J. and daughter, Mrs. Eargel Meador, returned last Sunday from their trip to Glenrose. They report a very pleasant trip indeed.

Mrs. Rufus Grisham of Hillsboro, was here this week the guest of her father, J. T. Howard and family.

Frank R. Johnson and wife of Wichita Falls, were pleasant visitors at the home of the former's father, Capt. G. W. Johnson first of the week.

Have all the grit and dirt removed from your suit. Cleaned and pressed, no gasoline odor, one day service. Ligon the laundryman, phone 218.

There is nothing in the whole list of flesh-healing remedies that can approach Liquid Borzone in the rapidity with which it heals cuts, wounds, sores, burns or scalds. It is a marvelous discovery. Price, 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

GOOD FLOUR ESSENTIAL

That poorly cooked, clammy bread, is recognized as one of the main causes of indigestion and poor health generally is a well known fact. Hence it is important that the very finest and highest class Flour be used in making both biscuits and light bread. We can serve you with as good Flour as has ever been sold in Merkel. Our,

"VERABEST" FLOUR

put up by the Denton Mills of North Texas is guaranteed, every sack of it, and only a trial is needed to convince you. And say, ladies the price is right too. We also have plenty of Bran and Shorts.

HIGHEST PRICE FOR COUNTRY PRODUCE

Yes, we are always in the market for all your Eggs, Chickens, Cream etc

ASK YOUR NEIGHBOR WHO TRADES WITH US

T. & O. GROCERY AND MERCANTILE COMPANY

WHY PAY MORE

For a Ford Battery when you can get a Standard Battery for \$28.90, F. O. B. Merkel. MIND YOU SIR, there are NO CONDITIONS named in our Guarantee.

We also sell Diamond Tires and Tubes, and all kinds of accessories. Also, Gas and Oil, the best in town. SERVICE, is our motto—Give us a trial.

Woodrum Filling Station

WE WANT TO DO BUSINESS IN A BUSINESS WAY

Our prices are based on known cost of production.
 We believe that first cost is important, but secondary.
 We are in business to help you accomplish your aims.
 We believe a consultation with us will be as profitable to you as your business is to us.
 We sell service, we are not simply dealers.
 We believe in giving our best service to every buyer, be his order large or small.
 We will not lower our standard to secure or hold orders.
 We want customers who are satisfied with one hundred cents worth of quality for every dollar they pay us

SANDERS DRUG STORE Phone No. 93
 Careful attention given prescriptions
 Merkel, Texas

CONFIDENCE

A new restaurant was opened recently in a certain Texas city, and its owners spent \$100,000 getting ready for the opening.
 A massive concrete pleasure pavillion and natatorium was recently opened to the public. Its owners spent \$300,000 getting it ready for the public.
 A new theatre was built at a cost of \$2,000,000.
 A new moving picture show was built at a cost of \$1,000,000.
 A twenty-nine story office building is being erected at a cost of many millions of dollars.
 In fact all over the Southwest in every city and town, some great enterprise has just been built, is being built or is being planned. Many of them are financed with borrowed money.
 What is the answer?
 Confidence!
 Confidence has been the guiding star of civilization for centuries. It brought the colonists to the Atlantic coast, and then carried them across the continent to the Pacific. It has given us our railroads, factories, power plants, cities, schools,

churches, sky-scrapers, industries and registered live stock.
 "Nothing risked, nothing gained," is the motto of the gambler but "nothing attempted, nothing accomplished," is the slogan of the community builder. Men of confidence are men of accomplishment.
 Confidence in self, confidence in community and confidence in civilization. That is the triangle that makes for strong men, strong institutions and strong nations.
 God give us more men of confidence!
 Bran and Shorts of the highest quality at Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf
 Postmaster Shirley King spent the Fourth at Knox City, with friends.
 We are equipped to do your Palm Beach suits in the right way. Ligon the laundryman, phone 218. tf
 Peace Maker Flour, at G. M. Sharp's tf

GOING TO RIO GRANDE VALLEY

It was the intention of several of prominent and substantial citizens to accompany Mr. H. D. Simpson, local representative for the Gates-Barrier Land and Immigration Co., of Dallas on a week's trip to the Magic Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas on July 3., but on account of so many celebrations, attractions, and other hinderances on the 4th of the month, the excursion was called off until a later date, July 10 which will make it more convenient for all concerned. According to the reports of the several hundred editors who attended the Texas Press Association which met at McAllen one of the live towns in the Valley, that surely is a fine country. A country in fact which is already rivaling California.

Several of our Merkel people have visited the Valley and each are high in their praise. We are informed that Mr. W. H. Stevenson of this city has purchased a farm there and is preparing to move with his family at an early date. He is a fine citizen and we regret to lose him and his splendid family from our midst, but wish for them success and prosperity in their new home. Mr. E. S. Sandusky one of the splendid pioneer farmers of the Canyon community, has purchased land in the Valley and is preparing to move there with his family where they will reside in the future.

The writer is planning a trip with Mr. Simpson to this Magic fruit and truck country, where we will spend a week viewing first hand the wonders of the country claimed by those who know, to rival and surpass southern California.

Just received, a car of Kimbell Extra High Patent Flour, every sack fully guaranteed. Try a sack, Bradshaw & Sublett. tf

Miss Lillie Dean, of Dallas, is the guest of Miss Willie Swann this week.

"Oh Boy! Ain't this the life!!"



I LIKE my job.
 BUT DAYS do come.
 WHEN SKIES are blue.
 ABOVE THE city smoke.
 AND BREEZES stir.
 THE PAPERS on my desk.
 AND THEN I think.
 WHAT I would do.
 IF I were boss.
 I'D OPEN shop.
 AT TWELVE o'clock.
 AND CLOSE at one.
 WITH ONE hour off.
 FOR LUNCH, and I.
 WOULD GET old Sam.
 TO RUN me out.
 IN HIS big six.
 AND DROP me off.
 UNDER A greenwood tree.
 BESIDE A babbling brook.
 AND THERE I'd lie.

AND EVERY once.
 IN A while.
 ROLL OVER.
 OR MAYBE sit and think.
 BUT MOST likely.
 JUST SIT.
 AND EVERY once.
 IN A while I'd light.
 ONE OF my Chesterfields.
 AND OH Boy.
 I GUESS that wouldn't.
 SATISFY!

COMPANIONSHIP? Say, there never was such a cigarette as Chesterfield for steady company! Just as mild and smooth as tobaccos can be—but with a mellow "body" that satisfies even cigar smokers. On lazy days or busy ones—all the time—you want this "satisfy-smoke."

Have you seen the new AIR-TIGHT tins of 50?

They Satisfy Chesterfield CIGARETTES

LIGGETT & MYERS TOBACCO CO.

A BOSTON VIEW OF COTTON

Here is the way the Boston News Bureau sizes up the cotton situation:

Washington reports the smallest cotton crop since 1895—a reflection of market conditions, national and international, that needs no rehearsing.

"The drop in yield from last year's harvest of almost 5,000,000 bales is the direct result of deliberate curtailment by Southern planters, although in part this policy is dictated by personal necessity. Acreage is the smallest since the beginning of the century at a reduction of 28.4 per cent or about 10,500,000 acres, from the 1920 total.

"Nature also has contributed to the reduction with a June 25 condition which is the lowest record on that date following a late and wet spring. June, however, brought a little better than the average improvement recorded during that month. The condition of 69.2 represents a 3.2 per cent advance over the figure of May 25, as against an average improvement during that period of about 3 percent. This means a gain of perhaps 750,000 bales the past month, on the planted acreage.

"This small crop is the correlative to light consumption and a heavy existing surplus. Consumption of American cotton for the first ten months of the cotton year is 8,900,000 bales or at rate of 10,383,222 bales a year. Carry over at end of year promises to be in the neighborhood of 7,000,000 bales, against a five-year average of 3,300,000.

"There is thus plenty of cotton in the world for all purposes and apparently only a quick recovery of cotton consumption can prevent a large part of this year's crop from being really 'surplus' cotton.

"In spite of the gradual settlement in British textile affairs no better demand has yet come from abroad. Here many plant are taking advantage of the triple holiday to shut down for a week, and just now there is no breadth to the cotton goods market. Hence the present logic of a small crop—though before long very much bigger crops will be needed by the world."

When a publication like the Boston News Bureau, which is usually on the spinners' side of the market, con- sulates such

poses," the fact that a calamity has been averted by that reduction is emphasized. The truth is that it would have been better for all concerned if there had been even greater reduction. In the face of this situation every effort must be made to market the cotton crop gradually and in keeping with the demands of the market from week to week. There must be no dumping, for the situation offers too great an opportunity for manipulation. The cotton pool's the thing.—Star-Telegram.

Fresh Shipment of South Texas fine Honey, at Bradshaw and Sublett's. tf

Mr. A. P. Taylor of Dallas, spent several days here this and last week, visiting friends and relatives, being more particularly the guest of his aunt, Mrs. M. S. Wyman. Mr. Taylor resided here with his parents some thirty years ago.

Give us your cleaning and pressing, we will do it right, and appreciate your business. We call for and deliver. Cash Tailor Shop. tf

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COAL

We have contracts for a few cars of "BRILLIANT GRATE" coal. This coal is 3 in. by 6 in and one of the most satisfactory coals from the New Mexico field.

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Don't wait till next winter when coal may not only be higher but hard to get.

SWAFFORD & LESLIE
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The right way to weigh coal is the Public Weighing Station.

OIL STOVES

July and August are hot months in the kitchen. Why not buy an Oil Stove? Oil is cheapor now than any other fuel. Come see the Five Burner New Perfection, just out of the factory.

SPECIAL PRICES ON SOME WOOD AND COAL RANGES

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Build a home and help build a better Merkel.

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 Only Exclusive Hardware Store.

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EXTRA EXTRA WHITE SILK HOSE ON SALE

You will note by the prices what wonderful savings are in store for you here. Your mid-summer wardrobe is not complete without white or grey silk hosiery.

98 pair of White silk hose values to \$3.50 on sale Saturday at \$1.69

48 pair white silk hose, values to \$2.50 on sale Saturday 98c

30 pair Pearl Gray silk hose on sale Saturday at \$1.19

These hose will be at regular price after Saturday. Come early & be first to make purchases from these extra special bargains.

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The Place Most People Trade

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted and offered by the Board of Stewards of the Methodist church at a recent meeting of this body, in recognition of the splendid work and character of deceased J. M. Dry, who was a faithful member of this body, and the church of the living Christ.

Whereas, our co-worker, friend and neighbor has been removed from our midst to his eternal home in heaven, and his place among us and in the church and Sunday school has been left vacant; therefore be it resolved by the Board of Stewards of the Methodist church of Merkel, Texas:

First, that our community has lost a kind and faithful friend whose place will be hard to fill.

Second, that because of his excellent Christian virtues the church has sustained an irreparable loss; one keenly felt by this board and the entire membership of the church.

Third, that because of his constant and superior devotion to his Lord, his church and the cause of same, we feel that we have lost one of our strongest and most devoted members.

Be it resolved further, that this board of Stewards hereby tender its love and condolence to the bereaved wife, son and two daughters, whose sad state we deeply deplore; and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, also a copy be handed the Merkel Mail, our local newspaper for publication.

A. T. Sheppard,
T. G. Bragg,
Seth Hamilton

Committee.

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

A child can't get strong and robust while worms eat away its strength and vitality. A dose or two of White's Cream Vermifuge puts the little one on its feet again. Price, 35c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. July.

INSIST ON GENUINE FORD PARTS

The famous quality of the Ford car was made possible only by using materials that had been developed after long and careful study and experiment to produce the same strength, flexibility necessary to stand the various strains subjected to the different parts.

Where ever you buy insist on genuine. Let us show you the difference or ask your mechanic.

New prices in effect
July 1st

MERKEL MOTOR COMPANY

FORD FORDSON

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Will trade the Gem Confectionary Stock and Fixtures and 5-room framed House and three lots located in South Merkel, for a small farm. See me at the Gem Confectionary. W. H. Reese. 8t3

LOST—A pair of gold rim glasses. Also a pair of steel rim glasses. Finder please hand to W. L. Diltz Jr. at the Farmers State Bank, and receive reward. W. L. Diltz, Sr. 8t2

BIG SALARIES PAID

Men and women wanted to train, by mail or at our office, for positions: Four for bookkeepers; two for banks; five for stenographers; four for secretaries; and three for typists. Salaries \$85 to \$150 a month. State position wanted. Write Abilene Draughton Business College, Abney Bldg., Abilene, Texas. 8t2p

Bran and Shorts at Bradshaw and Sublett's. tf

AN IMPOLITE ACT

The day has passed when we can shut our eyes and stop our ears to the claims of the utility companies. The fact that they have become the objects of rigid control by the public makes them also, in a sense, public wards. The distrust, which in former days attached to them has passed away with all, save a few people who think it popular to insist that public utility companies have no rights and that to speak a word in their defense is to be guilty of an impolite act.—Washington Herald.

L. R. Thompson, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank has been in Fisher County the past two weeks on business.

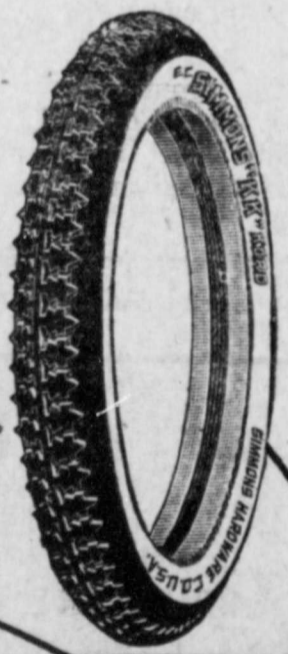
If you are a close observer and appreciate good work in cleaning and pressing let me have your next suit. Ligon the laundryman, phone 218. tf

"The word 'Normalcy' coined by Mr. Harding is one that I like. The way to get back to normalcy, and the only way, is to put back into the business the paper profits that looked so real last year. This can only be done by hard work and rigid economy."—W. I. Bogardus, of Dallas, Texas.

Every Sack of Seal Flour guaranteed to give satisfaction. At Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf

We are going to be called upon nationally, collectively, and individually, to renounce extravagance and learn anew the old lessons of thrift and providence.—Warren G. Harding.

Hot weather is hard on teething babies. They suffer the combined misery of heat, pain and stomach disorder. McGee's Baby Elixir helps the little sufferer through the trying period and



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SIMMONS "KK" TIRES AND TUBES

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IS A GUARANTEE THE MANUFACTURER BACKS
US IN MAKING



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of quoting you the price
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Our stock is complete, with
a full line of everything.

With new and up-to-date merchandise
at lowest prices.

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