

# THE MERKEL MA

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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JULY 22, 1921

## CROWD IS EXPECTED AT PICNIC

As has been announced heretofore, Merkel people through the Community Club and the American Legion, are planning to celebrate in grand old fashion, on July 27th. (next Wednesday) with a big barbecue and picnic, and it is expected that there will be one of the largest gatherings of people here on that day that ever assembled in this city. Besides an interesting and impressive program of entertainment during the day by local talent, there will be speaking by prominent and influential speakers from a distance, and among them will be Dr. J. W. Hunt, of Abilene, who is one of the most eloquent and interesting speakers in the state of Texas.

It is also expected that there will be a long string of cold drink stands, novelties etc., and possibly a merry-go-around, which is the small boy and girl's delight.

We understand every committee is hard at work getting things shaped up to a fine point; and that a bunch of fine, fat, young beebes have been purchased, and will be barbecued to a queens taste, under the supervision of Mr. John Sears, a man who never knows when he gets enough good barbecued meat, and which insures the barbecue to be cooked "RIGHT".

A big long table is being prepared which will be roped off, and every body in Merkel and surrounding country is urged to bring a nice well filled basket of good "Eats" and all spread dinner together and thus join each other in making the day one of real old time hospitality. It is especially urged upon every family in Merkel to be sure to bring their dinner out on the ground and help to see that every person who comes to Merkel on this day has a good dinner. In this Merkel must not fail, Merkel will not fail.

Don't forget the place The Tabernacle and surrounding grounds.

## CLAIMS CHAMPIONSHIP

Our good friend and splendid citizen, R. B. Wells was in the city one day recently, and while talking about crops etc., incidentally mentioned that he would have to call the hand of our friend Wilkins who we mentioned some weeks ago as having threshed 24 bushels of wheat per acre, as he could go him one better; having threshed 25 bushels per acre from a field of ten acres.

## BANK CLOSING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned banks of Merkel, will on Saturday, July 23rd., close at one o'clock in the afternoon instead of the regular four o'clock hour. Farmers State Bank and Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Missionary work will be the topic for Sunday, July 24th. Leader—Joe Riney. Song Service. Scripture lesson, Romans first chapter 1-10. Prayer, Song. Talk on Missionary Work by Miss Hallie Marquis.

## MERKEL SCHOOL GAINS 4 POINTS

Two years ago Merkel High School had only 8 units of affiliation with the State Department of education. Now the school has a total of 17 units. Four of these have just been granted on work submitted from the work done this last year. The subjects upon which credits was granted for this year are: Ancient History, Civics, Advanced Arithmetic, Physical Geography, Physiology, and General Science.

This means that Merkel High school has at least been raised to the standard where a pupil who graduates from here may enter the freshman class of any first class college or university in the state without examination. This means much to the students who every year go on to college after finishing high school. Even if the pupil who finishes does not care to go on to college, the raising of the high school standard to make this possible means much. It means that the instruction and efficiency of the school have been raised during the past two years, for which the colleges of the state have given credit as indicated above.

Let's all pull together for even greater progress next year. Merkel children are entitled to the best.

## CHICKEN DINNER AT THE WOODRUM HOTEL

As per announcement of last week the Young People's Missionary Society will serve a Chicken Dinner at the Woodrum Hotel dining room on Saturday July 23. The price of an individual dinner is only 50c. Come and get something to suit your appetite.

The menu is as follows:—  
Fried Chicken and Cream Gravy  
Salad Tomatoes  
Cream Peas Pickles  
Mashed Potatoes  
Iced Tea Coffee  
Custard Pies

## WILL EXHIBIT WAR RELICS AT PICNIC

We are informed by members of the American Legion that the members of the Legion had decided to place on exhibition during the barbecue and picnic here Wednesday, July 27, all the World War relics they have, which will no doubt prove among the most interesting features of the occasion. Some one will be placed in charge of the exhibition who can explain the interesting features of the different relics to all who call. It is also urged that every ex-soldier who has such relics as he thinks will be interesting to please bring them in for the occasion.

## PICNIC CONCESSIONS

Notice is hereby given to all who wish to place bids for any and all Concessions for the big barbecue picnic to be held on July 27th., at Merkel, that such bids must be in the office of W. O. Boney, not later than six o'clock, Saturday July 23, and it must be expressly understood that the right to reject any and all bids is reserved by this committee. J. P. Sharp, W. O. Boney, J. P. Sharp and Roy Adams.



## The Creed of an American

I BELIEVE in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

## PRESIDING ELDER TO BE HERE SUNDAY

We are requested to announce that Rev. W. M. Murrell, pastor of the Merkel Methodist church is away this week holding a meeting at Sylvester, and that Presiding Elder Lane, of Abilene will be here and will preach at the church at the eleven o'clock hour, and at the tabernacle in the evening. Rev. Lane will deliver a special sermon, which will be known as a union meeting, as all the other churches will suspend their services for the occasion.

It is also especially urged that every member of the Methodist church not only be present to hear the Presiding Elder at both morning and evening service, but they are urged and requested to be present Sunday morning at ten o'clock for Sunday School. Superintendent L. W. Cox, who is working hard to build up the Sunday School in this church makes an earnest plea for one of the largest attendances at Sunday School ever before in the history of the church, and surely the membership will not fail to heed his call.

## SLUMBERLESS PARTY

The Jolly Nine girls were very highly entertained last Thursday night at the home of Lola Armstrong with a "Slumberless" party.

At seven thirty a delightful supper was served in picnic style on the lawn. It consisted of everything one's taste could desire.

After supper Miss Armstrong treated her guests to a show which was greatly enjoyed. After the show the hostess served watermelon and frozen pineapple ice.

The girls enjoyed piano and Victrola music until 12:30 and all proceeded to get ready for bed, but alas, not to sleep, for there were certain night owls who positively refused to let the others sleep.

The following morning a delicious breakfast was served.

The Jolly Nine departed about nine o'clock, after expressing their appreciation of the fun and joy they had.

Robert Beasley was kicked in the side of the face one day this week by a mule on the Beasley Bros. farm north of town, but as the kick was only a glancing one, and although painful,

## METHODIST WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES

The Womens Missionary Society met in regular meeting Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. This was regular Mission Study day and as we had finished our book we had a review of the entire book. This has been one of the most interesting and helpful mission study books we have studied this year and those who have failed to study this book have missed something worth while.

After the lesson a short business session was held. It was unanimously decided to hold the meetings at 5 o'clock instead of 4, the remainder of the summer. At our next meeting we have our monthly program from the Voice. This program as outlined in the Voice is a very interesting one. Let every member be present next Monday and enjoy this program.

We have added a few more new members and we surely appreciate them. It is our aim to enlist every lady member of the church in the Missionary Society. Do you belong to the Society? If not come next Monday and enjoy a good program and join us in the great work we are striving to accomplish. Reporter

## ENTERTAINMENT

The Daughters of Ruth were very delightfully entertained at the home of their teacher Mrs. R. J. Miller on Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. The time was spent in discussing future entertainment and a very interesting Bible Quiz was the feature of the afternoon. Ice Cream was served to the following members: Bell McDonald, Maurine Angus, Maude Hardy, Willie Beadle, Mrs. Doris Roam, Althea Boden, Vinnie Heizer, Autry Porter, Nina Miller, Thelma Newson and Myrtle McDonald. Ruth Jones, H. B. Leeton Jr., and James Robert Leeton were pleasant visitors of the occasion. Reporter.

T. J. Toombs and wife returned last week from an extended visit with relatives in New Mexico. Uncle Tom, who is one of the West's pioneers and best citizens, states that he had the pleasure of attending a big celebration while in this our neighboring state to the west, which was carried out in real old western style.

L. E. Stone, the popular manager of the local telephone system, with his family returned last week from a visit to friends and relatives in the Pecos country where they also enjoyed

## ABILENE LAWYER SHOT BY CAFE COOK

R. Clint Chambers, a member of the law firm of Stinson, Chambers and Brooks, was shot three times while in his office, at about three o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Immediately after the shooting, according to the Abilene Morning Reporter, Harry Carter, a cook in a local Cafe, went to the sheriff's office and gave himself up.

Six shots were said to have been fired three of which took effect, and at a late hour Wednesday night the victim of the shooting was not expected to live long.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

You will always find a place in the service of the Presbyterian Church. We extend a cordial invitation to every body to study the word of God in our Sunday School, to meet with us in song, preaching and prayer service.

Sunday, July 24 all services at the regular hours. Union evening service at the Tabernacle. Fred S. Rogers.

## BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School 10 a.m. with teacher prayermeeting at 9:30 a.m. Come find a place to study with others the way the truth and the life. If you are not in Sunday School you ought to be and you will find a glad welcome awaiting you in every one of our classes with others of your age. Men and women are urged to be in Sunday School. Preaching at 11 a.m. at the church by Bro. Horace Tatum. If you haven't heard Bro. Tatum come and hear him if you have come and let's make him welcome. No service at the church but at the Tabernacle in the evening. Come find a welcome in a nice cool house. Chas West Supt.

## STORES TO CLOSE PART DAY JULY 27

The business houses of Merkel will close their doors from 11:00 o'clock in the morning until 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon, on July 27th., the day of the big barbecue in Merkel.

But up until this time in the morning every place will be open and ready to serve the great crowd of people who are coming from near and far to help Merkel celebrate in grand old time fashion. Then in the afternoon from three o'clock they will be open so as to accommodate all who desire to do a little extra shopping. Their places of business will be open and all who wish to rest and enjoy good cold ice water will be welcome indeed. For if there ever was a big hearted, liberal set of business men in any town, it is those of Merkel.

## OFF TO MARKET

Misses Luia Sharp and Willie Swann, of the Woodroof-Bragg Company left Wednesday for the Eastern markets, where they will spend some ten days or two weeks selecting the stock of fall and winter goods for this one of Merkel's large dry goods establishments.

J. L. Harris and wife returned last week from an extended visit with their sons and daughters in Fort Worth, Dallas and other towns east of here. Their many friends are glad to have

## CHAIRMAN

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As chairman o sions committee, J. named and he and the committee are to secure a number interesting attracti occasion.

Of the Advertising Mr. T. G. Bragg is chairman.

## B. Y. P. U. MEETING

Second Quarterly Meeting of Zone No. 2 Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. July 24th., at Live Oak Baptist Church, Nubia, Texas.

## Program

Opening Song Service. Prayer Business. Special Music. Welcome address Oran Neill. The Needs of the small town and rural B. Y. P. U.—Miss May Robinson of Trent. Duet—W. H. Hughes and F. R. Garman of Nubia. Making and maintaining an A1 B.Y.P.U.—N. Hancock of Merkel The benefits of a Zone Meeting to the Local B.Y.P.U.—Elsie Rolland of Mt. Pleasant. The Relation of the B.Y.P.U. to the church—Missionary Tyson. Announcements and benediction. All members of the Merkel B.Y.P.U.'s meet at the church at 2:30 Sunday afternoon and leave in one body for Nubia.

## RETURNS FROM FISHING TRIP

Messrs Ed. Turner, J. A. and A. B. Patterson, with their families, returned Wednesday from their fishing and outing trip to the Llano and other points south. They report a grand time, with a fairly good supply of fish and all returned feeling much refreshed as the result of their trip.

A letter from Superintendent R. A. Burgess of the Merkel High School, from Austin, where Mr. Burgess and Principle R. Miller, are taking special work the State University, states they will likely finish there and return to bout next Wednesday to get in on the big pic



Y. P. M. S. NOTES

The young people's Missionary Society met at the home of Lorena and Loyce Dry. We had an excellent meeting with a good attendance. There were 4 new members added to our roll.

The meeting was opened by a scripture lesson read by Miss Hallie Marquis, followed by a prayer by Mrs. Thos. Durham.

As this was mission study meeting a lesson out of our new mission book was had and proved to be very interesting to all the members.

A short business meeting was held after the regular meeting had adjourned in which some unfinished business was attended.

Following this came the social hour which was greatly enjoyed. A delicious refreshment consisting of fruit punch and cake was served.

The society will meet next Monday night at 8 o'clock at Lola Armstrong's home. As this is the time for a program all are urged to come. Reporter.

Notice Farmers

See me before you sell your produce. I am always in the market for same. W. W. Wood Cash Gro. phone 262. Across street from Post Office. It

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. It

Chicken dinner only 50c at Woodrum Hotel, Saturday, July twenty third. 15t2

W. C. Hill one of the substantial citizens of the Sylvester community, was here on business first of the week, and while here handed us the necessary "where-with" to keep the Mail coming to him for another year. He reports crops with him very good.

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

A BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Monday evening, July 18th twenty-two little friends responded to the invitation of Eunice Bird to celebrate her twelfth birthday. After the many beautiful gifts had been admired, the children played many interesting games on the lawn. They were then called in by their hostess who served them a delicious course of watermelon, ice cream and cake. After this was enjoyed the children said good-bye to their hostess wishing her many more such happy birthdays.

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The Y.P.M.S. girls of Methodist church will serve an old fashioned dinner at Woodrum Hotel Saturday, July 23rd. 2t

CONDENSED STATEMENT  
Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Ba.

Close of Business June 30th, 1921.

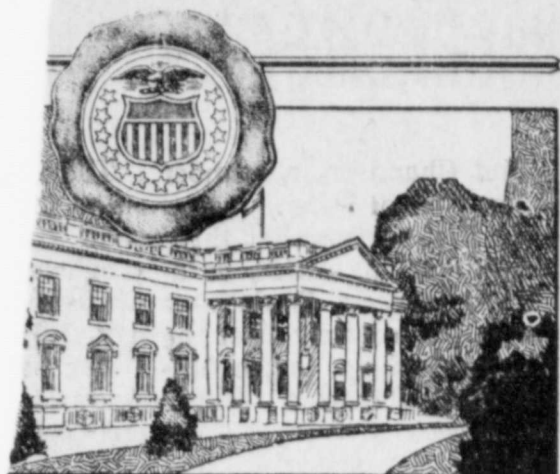
Our statement as of June 30th as shown below reflects sound, conservative banking. We invite your careful scrutiny and solicit your business. We pay 4% in our Savings Department.

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$284,961.86
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
U. S. Securities	11,358.33
Bonds and Securities	17,289.61
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



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Merkel, Texas

MELONS AT THE ICE HOUSE

We wish through the Merkel Mail to thank our ice customers for their patience with us, and to explain in a way some of the things we must contend with not generally known.

In the first place we set the price of ice from 10¢ to 30¢ below other places that ship their ice. Probably the next hard deal is not being able to get a car of ice except on Monday Wednesday or Friday. This causes us to have to truck considerable ice from Abilene which often means that one of us makes a trip leaving here about 7 p.m. and the other leaving at about 4 the next morning. This would not be necessary if we could get a car on Saturday or if our vault would hold two cars. In the next place we are trying to deliver ICE to every one by 12 o'clock which is a service not given by other companies. In connection with this we have been making extra delivery in the afternoon another service not given by others.

When we made our plans we intended to get our vault in better shape or a new one but failed to get much improvement and we have an average loss in weights of something like 17% or 17lbs. to the hundred.

We are telling you these things that you may understand us better and bear with us if we sometimes fail to reach you just like you expect. Again we thank you. Swafford & Leslie. (Merkel Ice and Coal Co.)

Miss Mary Eula Sears enjoyed a very pleasant week-end visit with Madeline Hunt at Haslast week.

...feast fit for a King, and ...en explore, for only 50¢ ...y Y.P.M.S. girls at Woodrum Hotel 15t2.

...grit and dirt removed from suit. Cleaned and pressed.

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HONORING MISS MITCHELL

The pretty suburban home of Mr. and Mrs. Jinks Winter was the scene of one of the most enjoyable parties given the younger set, this season, on Tuesday evening of the 12th., honoring Mrs. Winter's sister, Miss Lillian Mitchell, of Greenville, Texas.

When the guests had arrived, score cards were passed, and games of "Bunco" were enjoyed. After which a contest of amusing telegrams, written, then voted upon, and Jake Massey received the greatest number of votes, receiving a box of candy as a reward. Mr. Massey had the letter "P" to write a message of five words, each beginning with "P" and his telegram was "Pretty polly please pay poker."

Lovely refreshments of potato chips, cheese balls in the form of crabapples, iced tea, olives, jelled pressed chicken and crackers were served to Misses, Emma Houston, Evorie Clark, Elsie Sharp, Dixie Howard, Lillian Mitchell, Mesdames Ergeal Meador, and visitors Albert Venting, A. H. Mitchell, Duncan Briggs, S. W. Hagood, Jinks Winter, Messrs Choc Jones, Earl Baze, Jake Massey, Emmett Grimes and Jinks Winter.

YOUNG PEOPLES MISSIONARY SOCIETY PROGRAM

1. Song (Selected)
2. Prayer.
3. Scripture lesson.
4. A visit to Lambuth Training School—Mamie McNeese.
5. Reading by Lorena Dry.
6. Vacation time of the Missionaries—Lillie Pratt Sears.
7. Special music Lorena Frazier.
8. Language School—Loyce Dry.
9. Du...



## To The Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas

Our special train leaves Dallas Sunday night July 24th 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.

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Bathing Suits for the whole family at E. Siegel's Economy Store. It

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

Mrs. J. T. Warren returned last week from a visit to her daughter at Waco. On her return home she was accompanied by her little three year old grand son, Warren Coit, who is making much pleasure and merriment for his grand parents.

T. L. Grimes and wife, Dr. M. Armstrong and his mother, returned last week from a reunion of the Grimes family, which took place in Bell county. It was indeed a grand occasion for these splendid families and the Merkel Mail trusts that each one may have the pleasure of meeting the other at many more such reunions.

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.

Chicken; Chicken, Chicken dinner, Saturday, July 23rd. at Woodrum Hotel, only 50c. 14t2

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MERKEL, TEXAS

### FARMERS LOOK AND READ

With a view of making some changes in business I will sell Groceries the balance of this month at sure enough bargain prices. If you need a bill see me. A. L. JOBE. 15t2

### NOTICE

I have moved my restaurant to the old Boney and Jackson building just back of the State Bank and would be pleased to have my old friends come around and eat with me. You will find my prices right. Big Campbell. 15t2

Tom Futrell of Lawn, a former citizen of Merkel, was here last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Ellis.

Bought 52 cases Eggs last week want 75 this week. W. F. Hamblet. 14t2

Bran and Shorts at Bradshaw and Sublett's. tf

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

Bran and Shorts of the highest quality at Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf

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Will do your hauling anywhere any time, Call 122 or apply at the Smokehouse. tf

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Read the Merkel Mail everyday

Market Price paid for Chickens at Hamblet's Grocery Store. C. W. Post. 15t2

Bran and Shorts at Bradshaw and Sublett's. tf  
Miss Mildred Hogue, of Sweet water, is the guest of Miss Lucy Tracy.

## This ghost was a 1921 model



LAST MONTH, on a bet, WITH THE boys up home, I SPENT a night ALONE IN the old, HAUNTED HOUSE, AND WHEN I heard, MOANS AND groans, I SAID "The wind," AND TRIED to sleep, I HEARD rappings, AND SAID "Rats," AND ROLLED over, THEN I heard steps, AND IN the light, OF A dying moon, A WHITE spook rose, I WASN'T scared—much, BUT DIDN'T feel like, STARTING ANYTHING, BUT THEN I caught, JUST A faint whiff.

OF A familiar, AND DELICIOUS smell, WHICH TIPPED me off, SO I gave the ghost, THE HORSE laugh, AND SAID "Ed, YOU FAT guys, MAKE BUM ghosts, BUT BEFORE you fade, LEAVE WITH me one, OF YOUR cigarettes, THEY SATISFY."

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## PORCH GOODS

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**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.

All the big cities in this, and as for that in most every state in the union, have a war on against the vagrants and other worthless characters, and as a result many of these undesirable are making their way into the smaller towns, and even into the country. The citizenship of the smaller towns and the country as well, should keep them on the move, and soon they find there is no place to go, this bunch of parasites will be willing to try making a living by a little work, and they won't be so particular about the salary either.

L. P. Ligon and family returned recently from a visit to their farm in Callahan county, and on which Mr. Ligon states he found growing a very fine crop. Especially did he find the best corn he nearly ever had before.

F. A. Sanders, Dr. Adkisson and Uncle Bill Sheppard, were among a fishing party to "Deadman Creek" a few days last week. They report a big time and plenty of fish.

Mrs. Claude Sears has as her guests her sister, Mrs. Nesbett of San Antonio, and niece Dora Jones Lassiter of Oklahoma.

**COZY THEATRE**

Friday	July 22
Alice Brady	Fox News
in	
"The New York Idea"	Mutt & Jeff
From the Stage Play	in
by Landgon Mitchell	"Naturalists"
Saturday	July 23
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**HEBRON NEWS**

Most of the farmers are enjoying a little rest. D. W. Matthews and family left Tuesday for Chillicothe intending to extend their visit to Paducah, Altus Oklahoma and Sunset, Texas visiting relatives.

Mr. Dunn and Mr. Gazzaway have cut their late oats.

B. C. Hodge is at Sweetwater taking treatment and we join his manw friends in hoping he will soon be up again.

Miss Birdie Davis returned home Monday from Abilene where she underwent an operation, and some young friends called to see and welcome her home.

Oliver, Carl and Truman Carey left Tuesday morning for Cross Plains with their cousins to attend the Annual Picnic and spend a few days with relatives.

Mrs. Riggins and Miss Amanda Ryne of Trent spent the day last Saturday with Mrs. B. C. Hodges.

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Clyde and Mildred Matthews visited Oliver Carey and his cousin Miss Zelman Austin Sun-

Misses Lula Belle Sharp and Willie Swann left Wednesday for Fort Worth and Dallas, where they will visit friends.

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

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Want you to know that we are here for Service, Eats Drinks and Smokes at the Smokehouse

Come and feast on Chicken Saturday, July 23 at Woodrum Hotel. 15t2

Fresh Comb Honey. Bring your buckets. W. F. Hamblet. 2t

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One lot of pretty lawns in light colors, yard..... 25c

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These hot days we can save the housewife lots of hot hard work cooking such as cakes, pies, bread etc. You will find it just as cheap in the long run to buy these things from us. Our home-made candy of the various kinds will also be found in abundance.

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**N. HANCOCK**

Service car Stand

**FROM NUBIA**

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Mr. Woods and son, who have been sick for some time with typhoid fever, are getting better, we are glad to note.

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Mr. and Mrs. Veach and son Dewey of the Shiloh community spent Sunday in the Nubia community.

Mrs. Ruch of Dallas is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. H. Mathews this week.

Miss Virgie Campbell returned home from Lubbock last Sunday where she has been visiting her sister Mrs. Geo. Hunter.

Mr. Louis Butman has returned to his home at Breckenridge, after visiting his wife and new daughter at Mr. Anderson's.

The Methodist women Mission Circle met at the home of Mrs. Crow last Thursday. All reported a splendid time, a good service and plenty refreshments.

No the singing class is not dead. If you don't believe it come out Sunday afternoon and see and hear for yourself. You will be sorry that you didn't come sooner.

The Methodist Third Quarterly Conference will meet at Nubia Tuesday, July 19th. Will also have dinner all day and preaching on the ground. Every one invited.

Mr. R. H. Mathews, Mr. Crow and Mr. Bob McLean motored to Abilene Wednesday on business.

Judge N. D. Cobb is enjoying a visit from his father, A. G. Cobb, of Hearn, Texas. The Senior Mr. Cobb has been Justice of the Peace at Hearn for the last twenty years, and is one of the best known and most popular officials in that part of the country. Mrs. A. G. Arnett, of Hamlin, is also a guest at the home of Judge and Mrs. Cobb.

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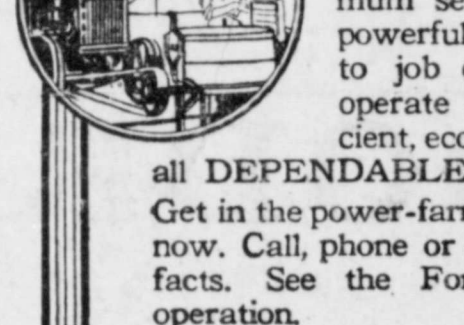
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Abilene, Texas, July 19, 1921. To the officers and other members of the Farmers Institute in county.

One, undersigned have of notice from the State Department of Agriculture that the next meeting of the State Farmers Institute will be held in Austin, Texas, July 27, 28, and 29, 1921, and it is very important, and we are very anxious that the farm people of Taylor county shall be well represented at said meeting, and to that end we hereby most earnestly ask and insist that all the farm people of our county to include men, women, and their girls and 15 years old and over, will in their respective houses Friday, July 22nd. promptly at 10:30 o'clock p.m. and that ill.

Select their School District Institute officer, for service during the next 12 months, namely a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of members, and such other committees as in their opinion, the activities and best interests of local organizations may require.

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one or two or more of your members to attend the State Farmers Institute in Austin, Texas on July 27th, 28th, and 29th., 1921 to represent you all in the work that will be then and there done for the best interests of especially the farmer of our state and have such persons give you all positive assurance that they will attend said Austin meeting; and we respectfully recommend that you all join in contributing then and there to a sum that will pay or help pay the necessary rail road fare and other expenses of your said representatives. We are officially advised that a one and a half rail road rate for tickets has been secured and also that special reduced hotel and other necessary expenses will be arranged for all delegates to the said State Farmers Institute.

The Secretary of Agriculture of the United States and several of the State Commissioners of Agriculture especially of the Southern States have been invited to attend the State Farmers Institute meeting, and other men of high standing and ability also, and they are all expected to appear on the program, which we are officially informed will be published as soon as possible. Then too, the State Legislature of Texas will be in session in Austin and something of interest will be "doing" there every day of the meeting.

The last officers of your school District Institute and the school Trustees of the District are hereby appointed as a special committee to call on you in person or by telephone and urge you with your families to be present at your School District Institute meeting next Friday, July 22nd., at 10:30 a.m., but do not wait for any one to call on or urge you to attend your school District meeting but be there and notify and urge your neighbor farmers and their families to be there also.

As you all know by experience all other interests are organized and are getting what they need and want, and to hold our own and get what we very much need

and want we must likewise get-together and stay together. Our State Department of Agriculture is even on the alert for better markets and through its Bureau of Markets is able to locate both supply and demand and to keep the farm people advised as to values and distribution, and with our active cooperation the schemes of the speculative classes that are averse to our interests and that at this time are doing us a terrible amount of injury can be, and in the not very distant future will be, defeated. Therefore let us get-together and stay together from now on. We are, as you all well know, Very Sincerely, Your Friends,

Fred Cockrell, President, and H. L. Bentley, Protom Secretary of Taylor County Farmers Institute.

P.S. If for any reason you can not attend the meeting next Friday at your school House, don't fail to be in Abilene next Saturday and attend the meeting at 3 p.m. in the Court House.

### 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

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 of correcting the stomach and bowels. Price, 35c and 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. July 15t2

Chicken Dinner! Chicken Dinner at Woodrum Hotel Saturday July 23rd. 15t2

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# THE FAIR

Mr. Mellenger left several days ago for the eastern markets to purchase and select his fall line so therefore we are offering everything in our store at a big discount. We must make room at our store for our fall merchandise.

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