

BOTH GAIN

The more successful a farmer is the closer he works in harmony with his bank.

Consistent cooperation of this sort makes for those pleasant relations so profitable to both.

We are always glad to confer with our farmer friends and to assist them in their plans and ambitions.

You insure your home and your life, why not your SAVINGS
Only Guarnty Fund Bank in Merkel

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

T. J. TOOMBS President
JOHN SEARS Vice President
R. L. BLAND Vice President
R. O. ANDERSON Cashier
F. Y. GAITHER Assistant Cashier
W. L. DILTZ, Jr. Assistant Cashier

THE SATURDAY DINNER

The dinner at the Woodrum hotel last Saturday was a grand success. There was an abundance of good things to eat and a large crowd to do the eating.

We never can thank Mrs. Woodrum and her family for their generous hospitality in extending us the use of her dining room and kitchen for this dinner. They will always be remembered down deep in our hearts as one of the most generous and lovable families in Merkel. The dinner proved to be everything we could possibly hope for and such an abundance left we felt duty bound to serve supper also. Again we were not disappointed for we had good patronage at this meal also. We wish to thank from the bottom of our souls all who contributed in any way to the dinner also those who ate with us.

Again do we earnestly thank Mrs. Woodrum for her kind generosity and we know that a great measure of our success is due to her and her astimable family, and there will always be a warm spot in our hearts for them.

We are also grateful to Mrs. Dry and the Liberty Hardware Company for the loan of dishes and to the Merkel Power Co. for the free current for our stove and fans. Missionary Girls.

The Womans Missionary Society will have dressed Chicken, cakes and pies for sale, Saturday July 30 at the Barrow Furniture Store. Come get your Sunday dinner from them.

If you are tired of your old dress, or suit, let us dye it any color, and make it look like new. Ligon the laundryman, phone number 218.

W. F. Hamblet will leave Sunday on the Sunshine for Water-valley Mississippi. My competitors have agreed to hold the price of eggs and groceries up until I return.

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

ATTENTION

Merkel Battery Supply Station. We have just installed a new battery service station. We are now in a position to do any and all kinds of Battery work. We solicit a part of your battery business and guarantee our work or refund your money. You will find us on the job from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Only experienced battery men employed. Call and see us with Merkel Garage. Phone Number 123.

Ask those who have tried our dyeing, cleaning and pressing we can please you like we are hundreds of others in Merkel. Ligon the laundryman, phone 218. One day service, no gas odor.

Attorned W. W. Hamilton, of Snyder, was here this week the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hamilton, as well as his brother, Mr. Seth Hamilton.

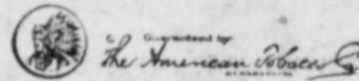
M. D. Daniels, Ben Clark, Reece Hale and their families and Mrs. Boone and daughter, left first of the week for the Concho for a fishing and outing.



Cigarette

To seal in the delicious Burley tobacco flavor.

It's Toasted



CONDENSED STATEMENT Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank

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	17,269.61
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



MR. WINTER ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Jinks Winter again entertained in honor of her sister, Miss Lillian Mitchell, and Mrs. Hagood, on Saturday night, with a Slumber(less) Party.

Mrs. Winter drove to the homes of Misses Dixie Howard, Elsie Sharp, Mesdames Duncan Briggs and Ergeal Meador, at eight-thirty and when all were in the car, drove them to her pretty home on Bettis Heights. A ride to the scene of the picnic at Trent, was enjoyed, returning at midnight. A watermelon feast was spread, and lasted until the wee hour of 2:30 a.m.

Mrs. Winter asked each guest to relate the most trying experience in their lives, but this proved too difficult, so each one called up some friend, and asked if it was raining "there" as it was on the Heights (?). One phone call revealed the fact that at four a. m. it was not raining in Abilene.

Slumber overtook the crowd after Mr. Winter arrived home 4:30 and everyone slept like "logs" until breakfast was announced at eight o'clock. And breakfast! There was ham, slope, fried chicken, coffee, hot biscuits, scrambled coffee, butter and

breakfast, Mrs. Winter tests to their respect and each declared were unable to express how they enjoyed the party.

MR. BAPTIST MEETING

Baptist meeting will be held on Friday night beginning August 1st. F. Smith,

in advance

to the Barrow Furniture Store Saturday, delicious chicken Sunday

Y. P. M. S. NOTES

The Young Peoples Missionary Society met at the home of Lola Armstrong Monday evening at 8:30 but as quarterly Conference was being held at the church at this hour the Society marched in a body to the church to attend this service.

After the service they returned to the Armsrongs home and rendered their program which had been prepared for this meeting. After the program we enjoyed some excellent music on the Victrola and as the last notes of one of these selections died away we were very graciously invited to enter the dining room and stand in a circle around the table on which stood glasses of delicious fruit punch and plates of assorted cakes.

After partaking of these lovely refreshments we returned to the parlor and by request of Grandmother Armstrong, we sang a number of old time songs with Lorena Frazier at the piano. We were glad indeed of the opportunity to sing these old songs for grandmother Armstrong for they are songs of worth and have a fascination for we younger people also.

This was a pleasant and profitable evening spent in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong and their lovely daughter and we hope to have this pleasure again in the near future. The next meeting will be with Lorena Frazier. Every member is expected to be present next meeting as this will be a business meeting. Every officer will be expected to give a report and there will be other business to transact also. We will also have a lesson from the Mission Study book. Come with a prepared lesson and be on time.

We can save you money on your summer, fall and winter wardrobe—if you will let us dye, clean or press it—renew and make over

WOODROOF - BRAGG CO.

Offers the opportunity you have been looking for.
To Buy Seasonable Merchandise at one fourth to one half price during our final Clearance Sale.

Our Buyers will spend two weeks in St. Louis & Chicago buying a big stock of goods for fall. In their absence the efficient sales force of this store will continue our very successful clearance sale of all summer merchandise at

EXTRA SPECIAL PRICES

FINAL CLEARANCE OF SHOES

Choice of any Ladies Pumps or oxfords at	\$6.95
One lot Ladies low cut canvas Shoes	95c
One lot Childrens low cut shoes at	59c
One lot mens tennis oxfords at	59c

FINAL OVERALL SPECIAL

One lot men's overalls, 240 denim at	79c
All boys cloth and straw hats regardless of value at	39c
Ladies Silk Hose values to \$2.50 at	98c

Men's suits at clearance prices, come see the suites and ask the price.

Extra good grade brown domestic at	10c
36 in. pericals	15c
27 in. pericals	10c
Good gingham	11c
All Voils one-half price, tissues at	49c

WOODROOF-BRAGG D. G. COMPANY

Excursion to the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas

Our Special train will leave Dallas over the M.K. & T. rail road July the 30th. Round trip Rate from Dallas including transportation, Pullman Service, Meals and showing country by automobile only \$30.00.

This trip if taken by you singly would cost you four times the amount we charge and from an educational stand point it will be worth ten times the amount you pay for it.

We will stop at Houston and Galveston on the way south spending one day in Galveston sight seeing including a visit to the great sea wall, the Galveston Beach, and dining at a million dollar hotel. Will leave Galveston in the evening and arrive in the Magic Valley of the lower Rio Grande the next morning.

It is a wonderful trip, Interesting, instructive and educational. This Valley has developed faster than any part or section of the country in a given length of time, it is a country of beautiful homes, rich farms and splendid groves of oranges, Grape Fruit, Lemon and other Citrus fruits, waving fields of Corn and cotton, alfalfa, and other crops maturing in midsummer. Every day is planting time and every month is harvest. A country unexcelled for its splendid Schools, Churches and it's high standard of citizenship.

It is all we claim for it and more. If you find anything misrepresented we will gladly refund your money.

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

WHY DO FARMERS ORGANIZE

Answers to the question "Why Do Farmers Organize," asked in a questionnaire recently conducted by a large eastern newspaper, are proving quite interesting to the officials of the Texas Farm Bureau, who say that some equally striking answers might be submitted by Texas farmers. Some of the answers that have been given are:

A farmer cannot carry enough hides across the street from his wagon to the store to pay for a pair of good shoes.

A South Dakota farmer may get 26 to 35 cents for his corn. It costs that much to ship the corn to the processing mills in New York. According to the most conservative figures, the corn costs the farmer from 75 cents to a dollar a bushel to produce.

A farmer at Iowa City, Iowa shipped a carload of hay to St. Louis. He got \$82.61 for it. The freight and other charges totalled \$92.13.

Commenting on some of the answers quoted above in connection with a discussion of the grain marketing movement instituted by the national Farm Bureau, the Philadelphia Public Ledger had this to say on its editorial page:

"The report of the grain mar-

keting committee of the American Farm Bureau Federation has been adopted. There is nothing radical, Bolshevistic, or dangerous about it. It strikes, or will strike, a terrible blow to grain exchanges and to middlemen; but the farmer insists that he should have more than thirty four cents of a consumers dollar and that the exchanges and middlemen must take less. It is the sanest and most ambitious effort that the farmer has made for himself."

Why shouldn't farmers organize? If there is any class of citizens under the sun that should organize, it should be the farmers who are producers of all wealth, either directly or indirectly. The merchants, the bankers, the professional, the skilled laborers and those engaged in commerce and manufacturing are all organized; then why should they not organize? We answer they should.

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.

Richard Murrell of Pine Bluff Arkansas is here on a visit to his parents, Rev. and sister W. M. Murrell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ferguson of Temple, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes, this week.

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

Miss Iva Bragg left this week for Dallas where she will spend a few days visiting friends. From there she will go to Belview to visit.

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

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

LOOK OUT FOR THE CARS

DO YOU know of anyone who is old enough to read, who has not seen that sign at a railroad crossing?

If everyone has seen it at some time or other, then why doesn't the railroad let the sign rot away? Why does the railroad company continue to keep those signs at every crossing?

Maybe you think, Mr. Merchant, "Most everybody knows my store, I don't have to advertise."

Your store and your goods need more advertising than the railroads need to do to warn people to "Look Out for the Cars."

Nothing is ever completed in the advertising world.

The Department Stores are a very good example—they are continually advertising—and they are continually doing a good business.

If it pays to run a few ads round about Christmas time, it certainly will pay you to run advertisements about all the time.

It's just business, that's all, to ADVERTISE in THIS PAPER

MORNING AND EVENING

I saw the morning with purple quiver and burnished bow stand tiptoe on the horizon and shoot beams at the vanishing darkness of night, then reach up and gather the stars and hide him in her bosom and then bend down and tickle the slumbering world with straws of light until it woke with laughter and with song. A thousand bugle calls from the rosy fires of the earth heralding her coming; a thousand smiling meadows kissed her garments as she passed and ten thousand laughing gardens unfurled their flower flags to greet her. The heart of the deep forest throbbed a tribute of bird song and the bright waters rippled a melody of welcome. Young life and love radiant with hope and sparkling with dewdrops of exultant joy came in hand tripping and dancing in her shining train and I wished that the heaven of morning might last forever.

I saw the evening hang her silver crescent on the sky and rival the splendor of the dawn with the glory of the twilight; I saw her wrap the shadow around her and with a lullaby on her lips, rock the weary world to rest; then I saw her with her dipper full of dewdrops and her basket full of dreams, slip back to the horizon of the morning and steal the stars again. The gardens furled their flag, flowers fell asleep; the songs of the forest melted into silence and the melancholy waters whispered a pensive goodnight to the drowsy birds and sleeping hollows. Life and love, with the halo of parting day upon their brows, and twilight tangled in her hair, walked arm in arm among the gathering shadows and wove all the sweet memories of the morning into their happy evening that it may never end.—Bob Taylor.

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

Miss LaVerne and Jewel Warren of Abilene were the guests of Mrs. Amy Sears and daughters last week-end.

Lyle Murrell, wife and children of Dallas were here on a visit to Rev. Murrell and wife.

REAL ESTATE

Farm Loans and No

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

DOES ADVERTISING PAY?

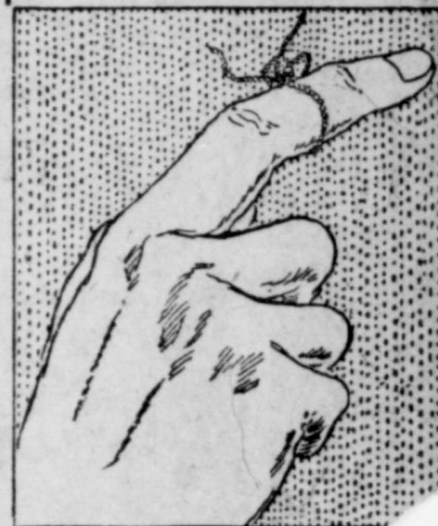
Several years ago this was a debatable question among the business men of the country, but today the large corporations and other firms well known that their success has been built upon advertising.

It is hardly probable that many of the great distributors of the land would pay thousands of dollars for a single page ad in the Saturday Evening Post if they did not know that it was bringing back to them proper returns on the investment.

The larger firms of the cities now make annual appropriations for their advertising, and this appropriation is always among the most important items in the yearly budget.

The man who constantly advertises is the one who keeps his business before the public, who wins the confidence of the trade and makes the people know that he wants their business. In this day and time the man who fails to see the benefits derived from advertising will sooner or later find himself swallowed up by competition. The big city houses are constantly reaching out for more business, and the only way that the firms in the smaller towns can compete with him is to use the same policy—Advertise.—Graham Leader.

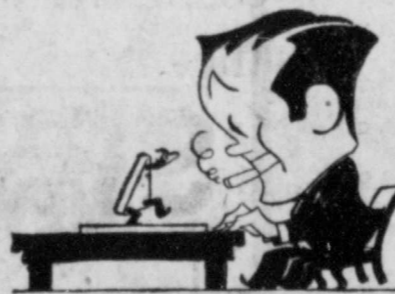
REMEMBER



That we have ever for turning out neat ing of all kinds. heads, bill heads, oft tionery, etc., furnish the lowest prices class work will pe

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. July

"Ouija! What's the good word?"



MY YOUNG sister,
HAS A Ouija board,
AND SHE believes it,
AND TALKS to Noah,
AND I think she talks,
TO HER best fellow,
WHO'S DEAD but doesn't know it,
AND I used to give her,
THE LOUD, rude laugh,
BUT I'M sorry now,
BECAUSE LAST night,
I WAS home alone,
SO I got the board,
AND PUT in a call
FOR JOHN Barleycorn,
AND OTHER departed spirits,
BUT THE line was busy,
FOR NOTHING happened,
THEN I cheated a little,
AND IT spelled this,
"GRAMMASHOTTA SEVEN."

SO I shut off quick,
TO HEAD off any
FURTHER FAMILY scandal,
THEN I stopped to smoke,
A CIGARETTE,
AND AFTER a while,
I CRANKED up weejee,
AND ALL of a sudden,
IT STARTED off,
AND QUICK as a flash,
IT SAID something,
"THEY SATISFY."

"SATISFY"—that's the good word. Just light up a Chesterfield and see what experts can do with Turkish and Domestic tobacco when they blend them in that can't be copied Chesterfield way, say "they satisfy."

Did you know about the Chesterfield package of 10?

They Satisfy Chesterfield CIGARETTE

LIGGETT & MYERS

CAR WASHING & GREASING

is an art, and I am the Artist, when it comes to turning out well washed cars. Keep your car washed and preserve the paint.

Store your car where it will be
ABSOLUTELY SAFE

Diamond tires and tubs, the cheapest in town

Visit my filling station for prompt service.

Woodrum Filling Station

MERKEL DRY GOODS

Our boss is out of town, and for 10 days we--The Clerks--are going Shoes, ready-to-wear and millinery in one of the biggest Clearance into cash a big portion of this \$50,000.00 stock in 10 selling days to frequently put on Sales. Therefore, the people of Merkel and the Merkel Special Sale, that it really is an opportunity to buy good merchandise at a sub

REMEMBER

This Sale starts Saturday
Wednesday August 10
order to buy merchandise

PRICES GET BUSINESS.

BIG REDUCTION OF PRICES IN THE MEN'S DEPARTMENTS

MEN'S SUITS CUT

"Hart-Schaffner and Marx," "Society Brank," "Graf-fon," and "Curlee" Suits all go in this sale.

\$50.00 H. S. and M. Suits now	\$39.50
\$65.00 Society Brand Suits now	\$28.50
\$50.00 and \$45.00 Suits	\$25.00
\$40.00 Suits on sale for	19.75
Blue Serge Special	\$29.75
\$40.00 Tropical worsted	\$22.50
\$30.00 Tropical Worsted	17.50
\$25.00 Mohair Suits	14.95
\$17.50 Mohair Suits	\$13.95
\$15.00 Mohair Suits	\$11.95
\$8.50 Summer Suits	\$4.95

ALL BOYS SUITS AT ONE HALF PRICE

MEN'S SHOE SPECIALS

\$18.80 Florsheim High top Shoes	\$10.95
\$18.80 Florsheim low cut Shoes	\$9.98
\$17.15 Florsheim high top Shoes	\$9.98
\$17.15 Marshal high top Shoes	\$9.98
\$15.00 Marshal high top Shoes	\$8.98
\$13.85 Marshal high top Shoes	\$7.98
Your Choice Marshal low cut Shoes	\$7.98
One Lot Men's Dress Shoes	\$3.95

MEN'S HATS

\$10.50 Men's "San-An" Hats	\$7.00
\$7.50 Men's Hats	\$4.95
\$5.00 Men's Hats	\$3.49
All Straw Hats at	1/2 Price

MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS

\$13.50 Dress Shirts on sale at	\$6.95
\$12.50 Dress Shirts on sale at	\$6.25
\$10.00 Values on sale at	\$5.00
\$7.50 Values on sale at	\$3.75
Silk Pongee Shirts on sale at	\$4.95
One Lot Dress Shirts at	\$1.49
One Lot Dress Shirts	\$1.00
\$4.50 Madras Dress Shirts	\$2.50

NEW STETSON HAT

Have just received a big shipment of Fall Stetson Hats moderately Priced from \$7.00 to \$10.00.

WORK CLOTHING

\$3.00 Khaki Pants	\$1.69
Blue Overalls for Men	89¢
Blue Work Shirts for men	69¢
Gray Work Sox for men	12 1/2¢
Brown work Sox	15¢

SUMMER UNION SUITS

\$1.50 Union Suits	69¢
\$2.50 Union Suits, per pair	\$1.49
\$3.50 Union Suits per pair	\$2.25

COLLARS COLLARS

One Lot Arrow Brand (Laundred) Collars .15 2 for .25

ALL KINDS NECK WEAR

BIG ASSORTMENT NECK WEAR..... 50¢ to \$1.50

SILK HOSE SPECIAL

Black Cat Thread Silk Hose for Men 89¢

This is the GREATEST Money Saving Op

MERKEL DRY GO

MERKEL'S BIG

GO. CLERK'S SALE

to offer this entire stock of new, up-to-date Dry Goods, Clothing, Sales ever attempted in this section. We are determined to turn. It has never been the policy of the management of this store Trade Territory know that when the Merkel Dry Goods Co. announces a substantial reduction.

day July 30 and continues 10 selling days. — Promptly at 6:00 p. m. th these prices are off. — You must trade within these given dates in- dise at these exceedingly low prices. **COME!** Look them over and buy.

---LOOK THESE OVER

PRICES CUT IN LADIES WEAR

READY-TO-WEAR FOR LADIES AND MISSES

One Lot pretty Dresses in Taffeta and Messaline \$13.75
 One Lot pretty Blouses in crepe de chine and Georgettes on sale at \$3.95
 33 1-3 % off on all Ladies and Misses Coat Suits
 Skirts at Greatly Reduced Prices for This 10-day Sale
 All Children's Gingham Dresses at one-half Price

NOTIONS--NOTIONS

25¢ Face Powder at 15¢
 25c Talcum Powder at 19¢
 2 Bars of Shaving Soap for 10¢

LADIES SUMMER UNION SUITS, KNIT

\$1.50 Union Suits each 75¢
 \$1.00 Union Suits each 65¢



LADIES SHOE DEPARTMENT

\$12.50 Satin, Full Louis Heel \$7.98
 \$12.50 Pumps and Oxfords at \$6.95
 \$10.00 Strap Pumps at \$7.50
 \$9.00 and \$8.50 Pumps at \$5.98
 \$7.50 Black and Brown Strap pumps \$4.95
 \$6.75 White Sport Oxfords at \$4.95
 \$3.50 White Strap Pumps at \$2.49
 \$2.50 Kid Boudoir on sale at \$1.85
 One Lot Ladies Low Shoes per pair 98¢
 One Lot Ladies Low Shoes per pair \$2.95

All Children's Slippers ½ Price

EXTRA SPECIALS

SUIT CASES & TRUNKS

\$35.00 Suit Cases \$24.50
 \$25.00 Suit Cases at \$17.50
 \$22.50 Suit Cases on sale at \$14.95
 \$20.00 Suit Cases for 10 days at \$12.50
 \$12.50 Suit Cases at \$6.95
 \$10.00 Suit Cases on sale at \$5.95
 \$7.50 Suit Cases at \$4.50
 \$6.00 Suit Cases at \$3.95
 \$5.00 Suit Cases \$2.75

33 1-3 % OFF ON TRUNKS

TOWELS TOWELS

Big Reduction on Price of all Towels including Fancy Bath Towels at, per pair 40¢ to 75¢

MIDDY BLOUSES

One Lot Middy Blouses, Choice at 39¢

SILK SHIRTING

\$3.00 and \$3.50 Crepe de chine and Silk Shirting \$1.50

PERCAL SHIRTING

One lot of pretty Percales suitable for shirts or children's dresses. Sale Price 10¢ yard

portunity you have Witnessed for Years
DODDS COMPANY
 CASH STORE

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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.

GET RID OF THE LOAFERS

In many towns and cities there is a war being waged on the idler and loafer; the guy who comes to town with nothing to do in many cases but play the "succors" in the gambling or run the "parlor dude"

all to the detriment of the male who has nothing else but "powder and puff" about, or gad the streets.

That sort is always in it ought to be continued for until the last of these of ill omen is safely stored away behind the walls, or sent to the workhouse or driven from the city.

They are a menace to the peace and safety of the city. There is no good reason why a colony of non-resident, unemployed men, no matter how well dressed, should be permitted to remain loafing about any city.

There is no good to a city where the colony of well dressed, unemployed is growing larger. Every time one of these well-dressed, non-resident, unemployed to jail or put to work on the public roads security of a property is increased.

ought to be made too bold these fastidious idlers.

Some men build their business popularity at the expense of their families, just because they have unlimited gaul and nerve to put it in. But this kind of business and popularity will not last because the "real man" is sooner or later found out—and then comes the exodus of business and popularity.

The fellow who is eternally telling to the world his religious qualities will do to watch. Why? Because his deeds seldom ever matches his talk. A man is generally known by his acts, which speak louder than words.

The Texas legislature is very much like our National Congress—Makes a lot of noise which in the end amounts to but little, so far as remedying the defects in our state and national affairs.

About the meanest man in any community is the fellow who happens to be in a position to render assistance to a neighbor or friend, but does so only when it gives him an opportunity to "use" the party helped to satisfy his own good greed or business opportunity.

Indian corn, Kaffir Corn, Milo Maize, Feteretta and Sorghum all promise an abundant yield in the Merkel country. And with a fair crop of cotton in prospect, why shouldn't prosperity abound throughout this great western country.

The friend who stands by you when you need him is the man to tie to. And the fellow who does not honor and reverence a friend is indeed an ingrate of the rankest kind.

The prospects are that the farmers of this country will enter the coming winter in better condition than ever before. A fair price for their commodities is all that is needed now to make this certain.

Some men are your friend so long as they think they can use you to further their own interests.

Geo. D. Richey one of the pioneer and best fixed stock-farmers of this section, who resides south some ten miles, was here last Saturday and stated that while crops were looking fairly well, a good rain would be in order in his community.

R. A. Ellis accompanied by his daughter, Miss Mamie, returned last week from Bell county, where they visited friends and relatives and attended a "Home Coming Celebration" by the "Old Timers" of Bell county.

STRENGTH OF ORANG-OUTANG

If Properly Braiced, It Is Said the Animal "Can Easily Bend Almost Anything."

The strength of a full-grown orang-outang is enormous. I have seen one bend a 1-inch steel bar as though it were made of rubber. If he can brace himself properly, with plenty of room to exert his entire strength, he can bend almost anything; but between bending a bar and breaking a rope by pulling, there is a great deal of difference. A rattan rope will hold him, though a simple menagerie cage may not give him any more trouble than a paper hoop.

The strength of the orang-outang, or "wild man," as the name means in Malay, is largely in his arms. The arms of a mias—the breed that we were after in Borneo—measure ten feet or more from tip to tip. The mias type, which is next in size to the gorilla, is somewhat larger than the ordinary breed. It is distinguished by a darker color and by folds of skin at each side of the face. Its body, from shoulders to hips, is about the size of a man's. It has short, undeveloped legs, long fingers and thumbs that are mere stubs.

An orang-outang never travels on the ground when he can swing from tree to tree, and, since there are very few open spaces in the jungle, he seldom reaches ground except when he goes down to get something. He can swing incredible distances, hurtling through the air and catching branches with perfect accuracy.

Orang-outangs usually live in colonies numbering from 40 to 60, and the largest and most powerful is chief. They make their homes on platforms in the branches of trees and they build the platforms by breaking off limbs and putting them crisscross. In mating season the male and female live together, but the couples separate after the young are born. The mother takes care of them and the father goes off about his business.—Charles Mayer in Asia Magazine.

INSECTS MAKE LEAVES 'WALK'

Queer Creatures Responsible for Odd Belief That Has Long Been Held in Australia.

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

GET RID OF THE LOAFERS

In many towns and cities there is a war being waged on the idler and loafer; the guy who comes to town with nothing to do in many cases but play the "succors" in the gambling parlor or run the "parlor dude" for all to the detriment of the male who has nothing else to do but "powder and puff" about, or gad the streets. That sort is always in the way; it ought to be continued for until the last of these days of ill omen is safely stored away behind the walls, or sent to the workhouse or driven from the city. They are a menace to the peace and safety of the city. There is no good reason why a colony of non-resident, unemployed men, no matter how well dressed, should be permitted to remain loafing about any city. There is no good to a city where the colony of well dressed, unemployed is growing larger.

Every time one of these well-dressed, non-resident, unemployed men goes to jail or put to work in the roads security of property is increased. It ought to be made too difficult to hold these fastidious idlers.

Some men build their business popularity at the expense of the popularity of others, just because they have unlimited gaul and nerve to "out in". But this kind of business and popularity will not last because the "real man" is sooner or later found out—and then comes the exodus—of business and popularity.

The fellow who is eternally telling to the world his religious qualities will do to watch. Why? Because his deeds seldom ever matches his talk. A man is generally known by his acts, which speak louder than words.

The Texas legislature is very much like our National Congress—Makes a lot of noise which in the end amounts to but little, so far as remedying the defects in our state and national affairs.

About the meanest man in any community is the fellow who happens to be in a position to render assistance to a neighbor or friend, but does so only when it gives him an opportunity to "use" the party helped to satisfy his own good greed or business opportunity.

Indian corn, Kaffir Corn, Milo Maize, Peteretta and Sorghum all promise an abundant yield in the Merkel country. And with a fair crop of cotton in prospect, why shouldn't prosperity abound throughout this great western country.

The friend who stands by you when you need him is the man to tie to. And the fellow who does not honor and reverence a friend is indeed an ingrate of the rankest kind.

The prospects are that the farmers of this country will enter the coming winter in better condition than ever before. A fair price for their commodities is all that is needed now to make this certain.

Some men are your friend so long as they think they can use you to further their own interests.

Geo. D. Richey one of the pioneer and best fixed stock-farmers of this section, who resides south some ten miles, was here last Saturday and stated that while crops were looking fairly well, a good rain would be in order in his community.

R. A. Ellis accompanied by his daughter, Miss Mamie, returned last week from Bell county, where they visited friends and relatives and attended a "Home Coming Celebration" by the "Old Timers" of Bell county.

STRENGTH OF ORANG-OUTANG

If Properly Braced, It is Said the Animal "Can Easily Bend Almost Anything."

The strength of a full-grown orang-outang is enormous. I have seen one bend a 1-inch steel bar as though it were made of rubber. If he can brace himself properly, with plenty of room to exert his entire strength, he can bend almost anything; but between bending a bar and breaking a rope by pulling, there is a great deal of difference. A rattan rope will hold him, though a simple menagerie cage may not give him any more trouble than a paper hoop.

The strength of the orang-outang, or "wild man," as the name means in Malay, is largely in his arms. The arms of a mias—the breed that we were after in Borneo—measure ten feet or more from tip to tip. The mias type, which is next in size to the gorilla, is somewhat larger than the ordinary breed. It is distinguished by a darker color and by folds of skin at each side of the face. Its body, from shoulders to hips, is about the size of a man's. It has short, undeveloped legs, long fingers and thumbs that are mere stubs.

An orang-outang never travels on the ground when he can swing from tree to tree, and since there are very few open spaces in the jungle, he seldom reaches ground except when he goes down to get something. He can swing incredible distances, hurtling through the air and catching branches with perfect accuracy.

Orang-outangs usually live in colonies numbering from 40 to 60, and the largest and most powerful is chief. They make their homes on platforms in the branches of trees and they build the platforms by breaking off limbs and putting them crosswise. In mating season the male and female live together, but the couples separate after the young are born. The mother takes care of them and the father goes off about his business.—Charles Mayer in Asia Magazine.

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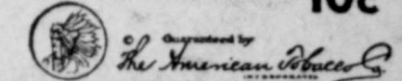
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day July 30 and continues 10 selling days. — Promptly at 6:00 p. m. th these prices are off. — You must trade within these given dates in- dise at these exceedingly low prices. **COME!** Look them over and buy.

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One Lot pretty Dresses in Taffeta and Messaline \$13.75
 One Lot pretty Blouses in crepe de chines and Georgettes on sale at \$3.95
 33 1-3 % off on all Ladies and Misses Coat Suits
 Skirts at Greatly Reduced Prices for This 10-day Sale
 All Children's Gingham Dresses at one-half Price

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25¢ Face Powder at 15¢
 25¢ Talcum Powder at 19¢
 2 Bars of Shaving Soap for 10¢

LADIES SUMMER UNION SUITS, KNIT

\$1.50 Union Suits each 75¢
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LADIES SHOE DEPARTMENT

\$12.50 Satin, Full Louis Heel \$7.98
 \$12.50 Pumps and Oxfords at \$6.95
 \$10.00 Strap Pumps at \$7.50
 \$9.00 and \$8.50 Pumps at \$5.98
 \$7.50 Black and Brown Strap pumps \$4.95
 \$6.75 White Sport Oxfords at \$4.95
 \$3.50 White Strap Pumps at \$2.49
 \$2.50 Kid Boudoir on sale at \$1.85
 One Lot Ladies Low Shoes per pair 98¢
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EXTRA SPECIALS

SUIT CASES & TRUNKS

\$35.00 Suit Cases \$24.50
 \$25.00 Suit Cases at \$17.50
 \$22.50 Suit Cases on sale at \$14.95
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Big Reduction on Price of all Towels including Fancy Bath Towels at, per pair 40¢ to 75¢

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One Lot Middy Blouses, Choice at 39¢

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\$3.00 and \$3.50 Crepe de chine and Silk Shirting \$1.50

PERCAL SHIRTING

One lot of pretty Percales suitable for shirts or children's dresses. Sale Price 10¢ yard

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COLA	.05	Tax .01	.06
Chocolate	.10	Tax .01	.11
Sodas	.05	Tax .01	.06
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Cream	.10	Tax .01	.11
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BEFORE BEHIND

People will think I got off the map a few more items.

Head of this community is very good at present with the exception of Rollie Hill and Mrs. Clyde Williams who have been on the sick list the past week but are better at this writing.

Vivian and Jack McClung of Cauley were visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jeffrey last week.

Messrs George Lawlis and Charlie Dean have gone to the Plains for an extended visit.

Johnnie Hill spent Saturday, and Sunday with his sister Mrs. Clyde Williams.

John Davis, Jim Jeffrey and families, Mr. and Mrs. Holton Jones and baby were visiting at F. Jeffrey's Sunday.

Misses Mervil Hill and Vera Lawlis were guests of Bettie M Sunday.

The Methodist revival begins Sunday, July 31 conducted by Rev. J. H. Hanks.

Read the Merkel Mail everyday

"Please hurry," said the wife, impatiently, to her husband. "Have you never buttoned a dress behind before?"

"No", replied her husband, also impatiently, "you never had a dress that buttoned before behind."

Harry Merritt, who for the past few months has been located at Hanley, came in first of the week for a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt, and numerous friends.

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

J. S. Thomas, of the Barrow Furniture Co., is taking his annual vacation, and is spending some time with relatives in the east.

Misses Lola and Aline Coats, of Lawton, Oklahoma, are here this week the guests of their sister, Mrs. W. F. Patterson.

BUY COAL

Buy at least a portion of your winter's needs now. We cannot tell what will happen this winter. There is practically no coal stored and all our requirements have got to be shipped yet. Better be safe than sorry. We have a few cars rolling. Better talk to us now and we will give you the best possible service and the BEST goods that money will buy. Yours to Serve. H. M. ROSE & SONS.

Professors Burgess and Miller returned home this week from Austin, where they spent some time attending the State University.

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


Mr. Weaver, the genial and efficient manager for the Burton Lingo Company, accompanied by his wife, returned last week from a trip to Memphis, Texas, where they visited the latter's parents.

Rev. Parrack returned first of the week from Moro, this county where he held a very successful revival the last ten days. He left yesterday for Winchell, Brown county, where he will spend some time in a meeting.

I am perfectly delighted with the job—Let me refer you to the verdict of ladies who say this of our Cleaning and pressing and Dye work. You had just as well have the very best at the same price. Ligon the laundryman—phone 218 brings my car.

ECZEMA!

Money back without question if HUNT'S GUARANTEED SKIN DISEASE REMEDIES (Hunt's Salve and Soap) fail in the treatment of Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, Tetter or other itching skin diseases. Try this treatment at our risk.



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SCHOLARSHIP FOR SALE

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

Rev. W. M. Murrell returned first of the week from Sylvester Fisher county, where he assisted the pastor there in a splendid meeting. He stated that there were 35 new additions to the church.

G. W. Barnett and wife are here from Seattle, Washington, for a visit with the former's sister, Mrs. J. P. Hutchinson.

Bran and Shorts at Bradshaw and Sublett's.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Coats returned last week from their visit with relatives in New Mexico.

Miss Lorena Dry left yesterday for a visit with friends at Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wood are visiting Mr. Wood's parents at Tuscola this week.

Miss Boog Sears has returned from a delightful visit with friends in Fort Worth.

If you want it cleaned and pressed right, and returned the same day with no gas odor phone Ligon the laundryman.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR LEASE—3,432 acre ranch, located 16 miles north of Sierra Blanco, in Hudspeth county. Fenced and cross fenced in three pastures, Good House, coralls, plenty of water, good cistern, also fine grass. Would lease from one to five years, at \$600 per year. See Pat Jones, Merkel for particulars.

FOR SALE—Harley Davidson, three speed Motorcycle. Good condition, good tires and light. Bargain for quick sale. See Harry Barnett at G. F. West's Store.

WANTED—50 head of Shoats weighing from 50 to 75 pounds. J. S. Touchstone, Merkel, Route one.

LOST—Wednesday, at or near the Tabernacle, 2 diamond bar pin. Return to Merkel Mail.

FOR RENT—August first, six room residence near school building. W. W. Wheeler.

FOR SALE—Team of work mules, wagon, harness, planter and cultivator and other farm implements. John Sullivan, R. 1 Merkel, Texas.

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COAL—COAL

Will unload one car of Dawson Fancy Egg Coal about Saturday and Monday. H. M. Rose and Sons.

FOR SALE—New Johnson grass Hay, 25 cents per bale four miles north of town or 30 cts. delivered, car load ten dollars per ton. Emmitt Swafford, phone 9004F22.

FOR SALE—My splendid home, good location near churches and school. Will sell at a bargain and give terms if wanted. G. A. Guthrie.

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

FOR SALE—About 300 feet of Galvanized pipe from 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches. Also one Remington Typewriter. W. H. Reese.

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, weak and irregular, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder, not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25 Small bottle. Send for testimonials to D. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

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

Mayor H. C. West and family are spending the week on the Concho trying their luck with the finny tribe.

Miss Julia Martin has returned from Dallas where she spent several weeks with friends and relatives.

RETARDING PROGRESS

When someone stops advertising, someone stops buying.

When someone stops buying, someone stops selling.

When someone stops selling, someone stops making.

When someone stops making, someone stops earning.

When someone stops earning, everyone stops buying—then the bread line.

Don't block the traffic—keep going.—Ex.

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Was Very Weak

"After the birth of my baby I had a back-set," writes Mrs. Mattie Crosswhite, of Glade Spring, Va. "I was very ill; thought I was going to die. I was so weak I couldn't raise my head to get a drink of water. I took . . . medicine, yet I didn't get any better. I was constipated and very weak, getting worse and worse. I sent for Cardui."

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"I found after one bottle of Cardui I was improving," adds Mrs. Crosswhite. "Six bottles of Cardui and . . . I was cured, yes, I can say they were a God-send to me. I believe I would have died, had it not been for Cardui." Cardui has been found beneficial in many thousands of other cases of womanly troubles. If you feel the need of a good, strengthening tonic, why not try Cardui? It may be just what you need.

All Druggists

GROCERIES THAT ARE GOOD

It has always been our policy to sell GROCERIES that are GOOD. The best is none too good for our ever increasing trade, and that in part, has accounted for the constantly increasing volume of business accorded this store. If you are not a customer we want you to become one.

Give your money its best chance

And this is the place in Merkel where you can do it in the purchase of GROCERIES. It has always been our custom that, when the price on an item declines, so does the price on that item drop in this store. As in the case of sugar, for an example. Infact you will find it for less here, quality considered.

AND REMEMBER TO BRING US YOUR CHICKENS, EGGS ETC.

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THE FAIR

Mr. Max Mellinger has just arrived from the Eastern Markets, where he purchased one of the largest and most up-to-date and complete stocks that has ever been in Merkel. And, in order to make room for our Fall Merchandise which is arriving daily we are offering our entire stock at a big sacrifice. Remember this is not a sale or so called sale. This is just a special reduction we are offering public for 10 days only and not longer. Notice a few of our specials.

One lot of light and dark percal regular 15c grades, special	
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SCHOOL NOTES

Taylor County School Board, presided by Judge J. P. Stinson, met at the home of Mr. Ben Holly of Potosi, Mr. L. R. Thompson of Merkel, Mr. Fred Jones of Tuscola, and Mr. W. H. Moody of Guion, met Saturday afternoon last, at which time the following resolutions were passed:

Whereas we believe that, in view of the fact that teachers' salaries were such the school year just past as to tend to draw back into the profession capable men and women who, though they love school work and are well qualified for it, had not been able to continue in it until this increase in salaries came; and, whereas, OUR COUNTY (Taylor) had had this past year the benefit of work done by many such men and women to the decided gain of our school system; and, whereas, we are convinced that teachers' last year's salaries should be paid were they to leave, and, whereas, we are convinced that if the movement to reduce salaries is general, the profession will lose many of its strongest teachers whose places will be filled by teachers of much less efficiency, and our boys and girls will suffer accordingly.

Therefore, be it resolved by the County Board of Trustees of Taylor County, that, in every case possible, we heartily endorse the continuation of the salaries paid our teachers last year.

Further, whereas, since, though an effort and sacrifice on the part of many of the patrons of our schools, taxes will be increased in many of our districts for the purpose of maintaining the best school possible; and, whereas, should State Aid be cut off, we should be confronted with standards as regards school buildings which will not be lowered compared with the standards of last year, and in view of the possibility of a reduction in the State Aid, more strict

than they were last year, and, whereas, since teachers' examinations are held every month and regulations governing same are very reasonable, it seems fair to expect teachers of efficiency and ambition under other than very unusual circumstances to so qualify that we may urge upon all teachers of all districts to elect in their Schools ONLY teachers who hold first grade, permanent primary, or permanent certificates; and whereas, while we are convinced that such a ruling will not guarantee one hundred per cent efficiency in our teachers, it will mean an assurance to the county in general of a higher class of teachers as regards scholarships and ambition.

Therefore, be it resolved further by the County Board of Taylor County that we urge upon district trustees that they employ in their schools only teachers with first grade, permanent primary, and permanent certificates, and in so doing take a forward step for our county as regards the scholarships of its teachers, which step will be for a decided advancement in our school system in general.

Respectfully submitted, County Board of Trustees.

Attention is called to this ruling, because we believe it will bring to bear an influence that will be of much value to our schools. At this meeting the Board also endorsed the views of the State Department limiting the number of grades in one-teacher schools to seven (This may mean in some cases work through the eighth grade, but in such cases, there must be one grade of the seven lacking). On account of the crowded condition of several of our two-teacher schools, the Board deems it advisable to refuse transfers into these districts, except in the case of children who are more than two and one-half miles from their own school and less than this distance to a school of another district.

Attention is called to the following statement from the State

Department relative to transfers after August 1st.

"You are advised that the only authority having power to make transfers after August 1st is the County Board, and this may be done only in cases where the schools of the district have been so classified as to prevent the instruction of children in the grades to which they belong or to provide high school facilities for children within the scholastic age where such facilities have not been provided."

As a practice to the contrary has been followed in this country in the past, all concerned are hereby notified that this law will be followed to the letter. Not many more days are left in which to transfer.

There is some misunderstanding regarding the next teachers' examinations other than the regular Normal Examinations. The only August examination open to everyone is to be held at the office of County Superintendent

August 19th and 20th. After this date examinations will be held the first Friday and Saturday in each month, the fee being now four dollars.

All sealed bids for contracts on the Colony Hill School must be in the Office of the County Superintendent by August 2nd (as per advertisement) and work on this building will be started at once, the sale of the bonds to the State Department having just been effected. The New Hope District has also just sold \$2,400 worth of its bonds to the State Department.

So far there have been about five or six qualified applicants to every position in the county, and most of the schools have been filled. We shall hope to have the full corps of teachers at an early date. A few schools are not going to contract until the action of the Legislature regarding the State Aid Bill is ascertained.

Saturday last elections were

held and carried in the following school districts for an increased Special Tax: Aa a rate not to exceed 75 cents. Hamby, Pleasant Hill, New Hope; at a rate not to exceed \$1.00 Tuscola Independent, Bardshaw, Union Ridge, Mulberry; at a rate of \$1.00 Lawn. Bradshaw also voted a \$5,000 bond improvement. The returns of all of these elections were encouraging indeed and the fact that Taylor County lost only one of its elections this year promises much for our schools in general and certainly shows the fine, progressive spirit of our rural people, which is particularly appreciated in view of the fact that some neighboring counties have lost a considerable number of school elections.

On Monday evening preceding the election at Hamby a community meeting was held, at which time a much appreciated address was made by Dr. J. F. Cox of Abilene Christian College and some figures showing the need of the increased tax were discussed by the Superintendent. Let's make Taylor County Rural Schools the BEST in the State. Ada D. Pearce, County Superintendent.

(NOTE: This ruling does not discriminate against teachers who are now doing work to the end that they will have the required certificates by the time their school opens, if these teachers are otherwise qualified and you have with a definite understanding regarding certificate work.)

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