

FARMER IS KILLED WIFE MAKES BOND

Thurman Carter, a farmer residing twelve miles north of Merkel and three miles west of Noodle, was shot and killed Saturday night between eight and nine o'clock in his home. Shortly after the killing, Mrs. Thurman Carter, surrendered to officers and waived examining trial. Bond was set at \$5,000, which she readily made.

Sheriff T. P. Hudson, of Anson (the shooting having occurred in Jones County) stated Monday morning that two shot guns were used in the shooting, one being a 12 guage and the other a 44 guage. Five or six shots were fired, two of which took effect, either of which could have caused the death. One of the fatal shots was in the forehead while the other was in the breast. Other shots grazed the side and shoulders.

It will be alleged by the defense that the deceased went home intoxicated and threatened to kill members of the family and that he had made similar threats previously. Deceased is survived by his widow and six children, the oldest of which is a sixteen year old girl. Carter lacked only two days of being 39 years of age. Sheriff Hudson reported that the justice of the peace found a forty-five automatic pistol, loaded and cocked, lying on the floor by the side of the deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter were both reared in Jones County, Mrs. Carter being a Miss Horton before her marriage to Carter.

Unless a special term of court or grand jury is ordered, District Court will not convene in Anson until January the second.

Carter was buried at Merkel Sunday afternoon at five o'clock. Abilene Reporter.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school begins promptly at 10 a. m. be sure and be on time. This is promotion day, the children have done fine this year in all departments of the school. There is a hearty welcome for all in any of the departments of the school, from Cradel Roll to Home Department. Come and find your place, if the 380 will get busy we will soon go over the top. Our pastor has set our goal for 500. All right Bro. Pastor, we are with you, and if our attendance keeps increasing we will soon be at the top of the ladder. If you are a stranger in our city come to Sunday School and church there is always a welcome for all. Come worship with us. Chas West Supt

BUYS WOODRUM FILLING STATION

A deal was consummated last week whereby Geo. Woodrum sold to Messrs Homer and E. A. Patterson and Hollas McCoy the former's Filling Station and Garage business.

Mr. Woodrum has been a successful business man of the city for a number of years and we trust that he will again decide to enter business here soon. The new owners are fine gentlemen and will no doubt succeed in their new undertaking.

Wallace Bragg came in this week to visit a short time with his parents and friends before returning to State University, where he intends going to school the following school year.

SCHEDULE OF GAMES FOR THIS DISTRICT

Abilene, Texas, Sept. 19.—The high school football coaches in this section at a meeting here set the schedule for the first part of the season, to be staged under the Interscholastic League rules, as follows:

Sept. 30—Abilene at Merkel, Stamford at Hamlin, Sweetwater at Haskell.

Oct. 7—Sweetwater at Abilene Haskell at Hamlin, Merkel at Stamford.

Oct.—14.—Abilene at Stamford, Sweetwater at Hamlin, Haskell at Merkel.

Oct. 21.—Abilene at Haskell, Hamlin at Merkel, Stamford at Sweetwater.

Abilene High last year played Cleburne for the State Championship and lost, 21 to 28.

Later—We understand that by agreement, the last mentioned game in the line up which is stated above to be played by Merkel at Sweetwater on October 28, has been changed to Friday Sept. 23—(today.)

METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Let every member be in their places as this is promotion day. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. with a thirty minutes song service at the evening hour.

Just two more Sundays before Conference. The Church is winding up a splendid year's work and if you possibly can be present these last two Sundays. Come and let us worship together the God that has been so good to us. W. M. Murrell, Pastor.

H. C. Hayter of Snyder Texas, a pioneer of Merkel, spent last Friday here shaking hands with his many friends.

MERKEL HIGH VS. SWEETWATER 23RD

Twenty men have been coming out for football practice and are getting in trim for the fray with Sweetwater on Friday afternoon (Sept. 23rd) at four o'clock. The boys, under the leadership of Capt. Hutcheson and Coach Covey, have been doing some excellent work, and despite their light weight are making a good team out of the material at hand. The pep and spirit shown by the high school under the leadership of Mary Cleo Booth and J. J. Russell as "pep" leaders means that the team this year will have the undivided backing of the student body. Quite a number of the pupils and town people will make the trip Friday to see the Clover boys in their first game.

Below is the schedule ahead of the team for this season.

September 23rd; Merkel at Sweetwater.

September 30th, Abilene at Merkel.

October 7th, Merkel at Stamford.

October 14th, Haskell at Merkel.

October 21st., Hamlin at Merkel.

October 28th, open date.

The following men are now on the squad that are trying out for places on the team—Alfred Ligon, Lester Tittle, Lynn Bridges, Paul Smith, Clesby Patterson, Charles Sutphen, Wayman Rose, Jerome Hutcheson (Capt.) Roy Stevens, Herman Wilkins, Raymond Ferguson, Wrenn Durham, Bufford Smith, Weston West, Kenneth Watkins, Cyrus Pee, L. T. Toombs, Herbert Williams, Carl Walker. From these men Coach Jno. R. Covey will pick the team for this season. Boost the team. They need your help.

THOS. JOHNSON'S SON MAY LOSE EYE

Page Johnson, the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnson, may lose the sight of his right eye, the result of being struck by a golf ball while assisting in gathering up lost balls at the country club course yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Johnson and Ed. Tolman were playing, and Page was picking up lost balls. In some way he got too close to the balls as they were being driven on the green, and before a warning could be given a ball struck him over the right eye, cutting a deep gash.

Physicians said the gash was such that he would have a double vision if he did not lose the sight of the eye altogether. It will be possibly ten days before the full extent of the injury can be ascertained. The injury is very painful. Everything is being done to save the eyesight.

The above news from the Pratt (Kan) Daily Tribune, will be regretted here very much by the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, and with whom we join in trusting that the sight of the young fellow's eye may be saved.

CHURCH OF CHRIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock we will have Bro. R. T. Harris with us for two able sermons. Let's have a full house to hear this man, who is so full of zeal for Christ and for his church.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, come on time and bring some one with you. Have a good lesson and let's be benefited by this study.

Let every member be present at all services Sunday. Especially do we urge the young people to come as we expect to have something especially for them.

We would like to have a meeting Sunday afternoon for the purpose of outlining more bible study for both young and old.

May we count on each and every member for a more devoted service to God than we have ever given Him before. O. J. Adcock.

B. M. Williams of five miles southwest was here recently and made this office a pleasant call. He reported that he had gathered nine bales of cotton off 300 acres already.

EDITOR WOODALL UNDER RATES US

Editor Woodall, of the Sweetwater Daily Reporter, who is continually working and boosting for his splendid city, in mentioning the splendid financial showing made by the three banks of that city, very much under rated the financial standing of Merkel in making comparison of other towns in this section as with that of his city; in that he only gives Merkel credit of having but one bank, whereas we have two of the best and strongest in this part of the west. He gives he Merkel bank mentioned as having Loans of \$267,022.52 and deposits of \$307,764.40, which should have been \$377,201.23 besides the other bank has loans amounting to \$474,215.98 and deposits \$438,558.98; making the total deposits for the two banks of Merkel \$815,760.21 as compared with \$1,103,134.97 for the three banks of Sweetwater, and which town is a county seat, boasting of greater population than Merkel. Come down brother Woodall, and look over a real good town, populated with the best people on earth.

BAPTIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday will be promotion day in Sunday School with graduating exercises and a suitable program. Let every member of the Sunday School and church be present. The whole morning service will be given over to the Sunday School.

We are counting on four hundred red Sunday, will you be one of them?

B. Y. P. Us 5 p. m. with a missionary program

Preaching by the pastor at seven thirty p. m., subject "The value of a Man".

It is only about ten days till our association meets, lets round up all work so as to be able to report a good year's work.

Our offering for association missions should be finished by next Sunday anyhow. We need about \$30.00 more, if you have not made an offering do so at once.

We earnestly urge all Baptists in the community to come to the church and line up with us here to help carry on the Lord's work

A cordial welcome awaits you at any and all of these services. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

METHODIST WOMANS MISSIONARY NOTES

The Womans Missionary Society met Monday afternoon in mission study. This was the first lesson in our new book and proved to be a very interesting one. Mrs. Martin taught the lesson and as usual brought out many beautiful thoughts contained in this first chapter.

We hope all the members will avail themselves of the opportunity to study this book for it surely contains some beautiful lessons.

Mrs. Amy Sears has kindly consented to be our treasurer leaving Mrs. Martin free to continue as teacher of the Mission Study. Next meeting will be a program from the voice, every one come.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

Last Sunday was another big day in the Methodist Sunday School, and next Sunday should be a greater one, it being promotion day. Especially is it urged that every member of the Primary department be present so as to enable the teachers to promote you to your proper class.

There are but two Sundays now before our pastor leaves for Conference so let's make the attendance for these two days the largest in the history of the church.

We would especially be glad to see a large attendance of the older men and business men out. Come, there is a place for all—old or young.

L. W. Cox, Supt.

Mrs. Jen H. Hudgins and sons Terrence, Marion and B. W. were guests in Evilo Villa, the country home of the Misses Garoutte last Thursday and Friday.

LAST YEAR GRAD'S ATTEND COLLEGES

Last May there were eleven graduates from the Merkel High School. Of these eleven graduates, eight are this year away at college somewhere. This record beats that of any previous class. The large number going away to college is partly due to the fact that Merkel now has full affiliation and any graduate of Merkel High School can enter any college or university in Texas without examination. Then too, during the past year or two special effort has been made to interest high school graduates in going toward the top; not quitting when high school is finished. College men and women furnish by far most of the leaders in life. You will hear from some of these young men and women later as leaders.

Mae Beidleman and Loyce Dry are in the College of Industrial Arts (The State College for Women) at Denton; Wade Darsey goes to Sweeney's Mechanical School at Kansas City, Evelyn Hamm and Hazel Harkrider go to Texas Woman's College, Ft. Worth; Bill Stevens is making good at Austin College, Sherman. Roy Largent is with the "Horned Frogs" at Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth; Sewell Harvell is in Abilene Christian College, Abilene.

The other three are not in school this winter, but two of them, Iva Landreth and Lucile Russell attended summer school, secured certificates and are to teach school this winter in this county.

This is an enviable record for a school of this size, and this class of 1921 is to be congratulated. Merkel people wish for these young people the best of success.

ARM IS BADLY MANGLED IN GIN

On Tuesday afternoon, at about three o'clock, Mr. B. Dixon one of the employes at the Anderson Gin Company, who operates the gin stands, had the misfortune to get his left hand caught in the saws; mangling same very badly up to the elbow. He was rushed to the office of a local physician and first aid treatment given and then rushed to an Abilene sanitarium where his wounds were dressed. We understand the attending physicians only found it necessary to amputate one finger; taking the chance of endeavoring to save the hand and arm, if possible.

At last reports to this office the injured man was getting along fairly well, and we join a host of friends in extending sympathy to the unfortunate gentleman and his family.

BAPTIST LADIES ENTERTAIN

The ladies of the different churches of Merkel were extended a cordial invitation by the ladies of the Baptist church to meet with them in a joint get-together meeting at the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock and ere the hour arrived the ladies from all parts of the town began to gather, and by 4 o'clock the church was almost full. After the usual devotional exercises Mrs. J. T. Warren, in her sweet, graceful manner, gave the welcome address and spoke of the benefits derived from the joint meetings. Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford responded in behalf of the Methodist Ladies with a very impressive talk, Mrs. Dr. Johnson responded in behalf of the Presbyterian ladies and Mrs. H. F. Groene in behalf of the Christian ladies, all of which were enjoyed very much.

After special songs, readings music, etc., the little Sunbeams rendered a delightful program, which was very commendable in the little ones, but we feel that the three readings deserve special mention, as it shows the untiring efforts of our faithful Sunbeam leaders in making their services count in the Lord's work and the little willing hearts to learn more of a loving Savior and to be of service in his kingdom. The following are those we speak of:

Memory work by Gladys Deuschman, Reading by Louise Booth, Reading by J. E. Lassiter

After the programs were rendered a very pleasant social hour was spent. Punch was served to about 150. Ninety ladies registered.

All went to their homes longing for many more such meetings.

Reporter

R. L. BRADSHAW IS IN SANITARIUM

Messrs T. D. Compton and Tyra Sublett returned Monday from a trip to the Carlsbad Sanitarium near San Angelo; having accompanied our friend and splendid citizen, R. L. Bradshaw there. Mr. Bradshaw stood the trip very nicely we understand and the physicians in charge have splendid hopes of giving him immediate relief and which they hope will become permanent.

Mr. Bradshaw has many warm friends in Merkel with whom we join in wishing for him immediate and permanent relief from his sufferings.

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LEE SCARBOROUGH B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

The B. Y. P. U. and Missions. Leader—Bertha Deal. Scripture Reading—Romans 5-5-9. Romans 10,11-15. Introduction—Bertha Deal.
 1. Missions required by the standard of excellence by Tom Cooper.
 2. The Material for these meetings—Viola Brown.
 3. Studying Mission Text books—Yates Brown.
 4. Our plans for giving by Chester Roan.
 5. Giving to Special causes—Lloyd Hardy.
 6. Special Music.
 7. The B. Y. P. U. and new Missionaries—Lula Mae Boaz.
 8. How to make our work effective.

- a. We make the most of it, Jerome Hutcheson.
2. Become well informed about Missions, Fred Giles.
3. Put ourselves in communication with missionaries, Allyne Riley.
9. Reading, Mary Cleo Booth.

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

J. O. Barbee of route three, has our thanks for his subscription to the Merkel Mail.

D. J. Anderson, of Tye, route one is among the many new subscribers to the Mail this week.

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Dr. S. W. Johnson is attending the West Texas Dental Association which is in session at Abilene.

You can't afford to do your washing at home when you can have your flat work washed and ironed at 8 cents per pound. See Ligon the Laundryman. Phone 218. tf

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Yes

it's toasted, of course. To seal in the flavor—



We would judge that it is no longer healthy for a man to make a beast of himself by loading up on "fire water," returning to his home and proceeding to beat and abuse his wife and members of the family. Yes, God, grant that such does not happen often. But when it does sometimes the worst seems the best.

Maize Headers at Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf

Miss Loyce Dry left Wednesday morning for Denton where she will enter the College of Industrial Arts for the coming year.

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION

(Condensed)
At the close of business Sept. 6th, 1921

As shown below and invite your careful scrutiny. For a more carefully itemized statement we refer you to our statement in this issue made to the controller. You will note that this statement shows a careful conservative management with plenty of funds to take care of the legitimate needs of the community, and we solicit your business on the showing therein made, together with the Service that we offer every customer.

BRING YOUR COTTON CHECKS FOR DEPOSIT

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$267,022.52
Other Bonds and Securities	18,866.37
U. S. Securities	11,629.43
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,954.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	200.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,500.00
Other Real Estate	3,000.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX.	149,270.97
Total	\$457,252.09
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	8,800.86
Circulation Act.	6,250.00
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
OTHER LIABILITIES	NONE
DEPOSITS	377,201.23
Total	\$457,252.09

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Merkel, Texas

PRAYER MEETING

The weekly prayer meeting met at the home of Mrs. Dr. J. N. Smith. The meeting was organized during the revival meeting which was conducted at the tabernacle this being the second meeting held, and attendance is growing. The 7th chapter of Matthew was read by the leader, Mrs. Chas. West, Mrs. P. T. Allday commented. There were 11 present. We will meet next Wednesday at 4 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Vaughn. Mrs. J. D. Porter was made leader. We are to study the 8 and 9th chapter of Matthew to be commented on by Mrs. Nona Pogue. All are invited to come. Reporter.

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 6th day of Sept., 1921, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 23rd day of Sept., 1921.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$464,215.98
Loans, real estate	10,000.00
Overdrafts	2,298.57
Bonds and Stocks and W. S. S.	6,028.84
Real Estate (banking house)	7,850.00
Other Real Estate	1,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,200.00
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	34,076.78
Interest in Depositors' Gty. Fund	3,969.37
Asst. Depositors, Gty. Fund	9,348.77
Acceptances and Bills of Ex. "Cotton"	87,020.29
Other Resources	
Total	\$634,138.40
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	50,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	13,127.82
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	36,813.98
Individual Deposits sub. to check	360,479.40
Time Certificates of Deposit	34,357.10
Cashier's checks	6,908.55
Bills Payable and Rediscnts.	82,451.80
Other liabilities, Reserved for taxes	
Total	\$634,138.40

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
 We, T. J. Toombs, as president, and R. O. Anderson, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
 T. J. Toombs, president.
 R. O. Anderson, cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of Sept., A. D. 1921. Homer Easterwood (SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.
 Correct—Attest:
 H. L. Propst
 John Sears } Directors
 H. H. Toombs

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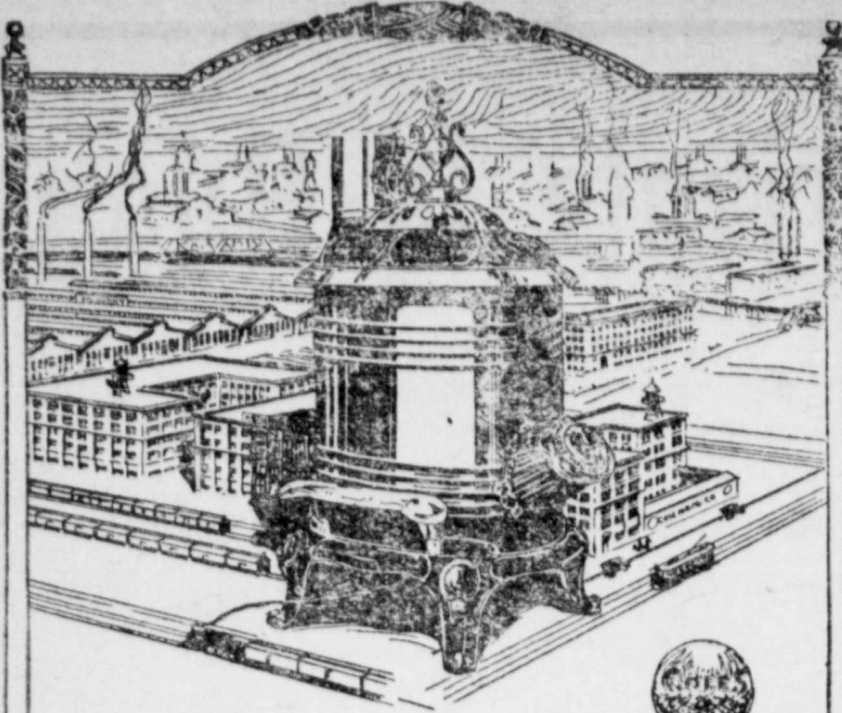
Send your name to Circulation Manager, SUNSET MAGAZINE, San Francisco, Cal., and receive details of its special offer to boys who want to make spending money in vacations, after school, etc. Attractive special prizes for producers. tf

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of First State Bank, Trypt, Texas

at the close of business on the 6th day of Sept., 1921, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 23rd day of Sept., 1921.

RESOURCES	
Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$ 97,574.39
Loans, real estate	1,703.27
Overdrafts	849.51
Bonds and Stocks	6,860.00
Real Estate (banking house)	7,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	2,125.00
Due from other banks and bankers and cash on hand	30,190.17
Interest in Dup. Gty. Fund	1,512.23
Assessment Dep. Gty. Fund	2,198.97
Acceptances and Bills of Ex.	7,536.71
Total	\$157,750.19
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 30,000.00
Surplus Fund & Undivided profits, net	5,869.15
Individual Deposits Sub. to Check	106,074.13
Time Certificates of Deposit	1,225.00
Demand Certificates of Deposits	
Cashier's Checks	286.71
Bills Payable and Rediscnt.	14,709.30
Total	\$157,750.19

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
 We, W. E. Hamner as v-pres., and Homer Easterwood as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
 W. E. Hamner, Vice-President,
 Homer Easterwood, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of Sept., A. D., 1921.
 (SEAL) B. L. Hamilton
 Notary Public Taylor County, Texas.
 Correct—Attest:
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HUNTING SEASON— PREPARING FOR IT

The dove season opened September 1st, and the bang of the hunter's gun is again to be heard and tables with the hunter's conquest are laden.

The duck, snipe, geese and brant season opens October 16. The deer and wild turkey season opens November 1st, and quail and Mexican pheasant season opens December 1.

In preparation for the opening of the hunting season, a supply of hunting license has been sent out to county clerks over the state by the game, fish and oyster commission.

The law specifies that a person may hunt in the county of his residence without license but to hunt in any county

other than that of his residence a license must be secured. The fee for these resident licenses is \$2.00. The non-resident licenses, which is required of persons who desire to hunt out of the state of their residence cost \$15.00.

Following is the bag limit set forth by W. W. Boyd, game, fish and oyster commissioner of Texas:

"Three buck deer during the season from November 1, to December 31, inclusive each year

"Three wild turkey gobblers during any one year from November 1 to December 31, inclusive in the following counties: Dimmitt, Uvalde, Medina, Kendall, Keer, Mason, Edwards, Menard, Sutton, Crockett, Coma, Hays, Frio, Maverick, Kinney, Val Verde, Terrell, Brewster, Presido, Crockett, Schleicher,

Tom Green, Sterling, Iron and Bandera.

"Fifteen doves in one day from September 1 to December 15, inclusive.

"Fifteen quail and Mexican pheasants (known as Chacalaca) in one day, December 1 to January 31.

"Twenty-five ducks in one day from October 16 to January 31.

"Twenty-five snipe in one day from October 16 to December 31.

"Eight geese in one day from October 16 to January 31.

"Eight brant in one day from October 16 to January 31.

"You are not allowed to kill more than the aggregate of twenty-five in one day of duck, geese, brant, plover, snipe or shore birds.

"You are not allowed to kill antelope, mountain sheep, prairie chickens, pheasants (except Chacalaca), woodcock, or wood-duck.

"You may kill rabbits, hawks, crows, buzzards, owls, English sparrows, rice birds, and black birds in any number and in all seasons.

"You must not buy sell or barter any wild game or game birds.

"You must not catch, kill or have in your possession nor ship at any time more than the aggregate of seventy-five ducks, geese, brant and birds.

"You must not kill a turkey hen at any time.

"You must not kill any doe or spotted fawn at any time.

"You must not catch, kill or have in your possession at any time any wild song birds. You must not hunt any wild game or wild birds at night with any kind of light or lantern.

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

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Read the Merkel Mail everyday

WREN VISIONED GREAT CITY

Architect Had Ambitious Project for English Capital, Which Fellow Countrymen Turned Down.

London today, might have been one of the model cities of the world, had certain plans still in existence been carried out. No sooner had the great fire of London, in 1666, destroyed the city than Sir Christopher Wren, the famous architect of St. Paul's, prepared a set of plans for the rebuilding of the city on an undreamed scale of grandeur and utility. Wren proposed to build a main thoroughfare 90 feet wide, to insulate all the churches in conspicuous positions, as the two churches in the center of the Strand are insulated today, form large piazzas on and under which the public could walk in sunshine and shower, and group all the stately city halls of the companies and guilds in a handsome square annexed to the Guildhall. Finally, a fine quay was to occupy the bank of the river from Blackfriars to the Tower—the first idea of a Thames embankment—to be flanked by noble buildings, and crowned with the cathedral. Perhaps this was too ambitious for the times; but it is hard for Londoners to forgive their ancestors for preferring to muddle through anyhow.

SEE BEAUTY IN LONG NECK

"Attractiveness" of Burmese Women Enhanced by Peculiar Collar They Are Forced to Wear.

People of collar-wearing lands might find it worth while to adopt the prevalent style among the Burmese women of the Padung tribe.

The Burmese girl's collar, made of brass rings, should be more durable than our starched collars, and require practically no attention from the laundry, and by adding or dropping a ring or two it would always be in the prevailing style. Of course, it would not be the ideal of comfort, but what stiff collar is?

The debutante of the Padung tribe wears her collar not for decoration but as a neck stretcher, beauty among the Padungs being measured by the length of the neck. The Padung girl begins adding a ring to her collar every little while when she is very young, until when she is fifteen and ready to go into society her neck is nearly a foot long. She is then regarded a rare beauty and has many suitors.

LIKE TO TRAVEL IN OPEN.

London folks prefer omnibuses to subways and street cars. Subways, however, are twice as popular as street cars. The stage lines are frequented by travelers in the proportion of nearly three to one, says the New York Tribune. According to statistics on city traffic furnished to the commerce department in consulate reports, 10,460,358,968 persons traveled on London's subways, omnibuses and street cars in the last ten years. In the London subways 2,881,254,160 passengers traveled in the last decade. On street cars the number was 1,760,720,397, and on omnibuses 5,818,374,141 traveled. London folks apparently prefer the open—the fogs, rain and wind.

SECOND NATURE.

A weary wayfarer to whose back clung the remains of an O. D. blouse decorated with a rusty red chevron, flopped down under a tree in a tight-fisted farmer's yard and proceeded to go to sleep.

"Git out of there," yelled the farmer, coming to the door with a shotgun in his hand. "Git, now, or I'll shoot."

The wayfarer stirred slightly in his slumbers and a beatific smile spread over his features.

"Shoot," he murmured happily. "You're faded."—American Legion Weekly.

IN THE MOVIES ONCE.

"The fair plaintiff lost her breach-of-promise suit?"

"Yes, the defendant's lawyer was too smart for her lawyer."

"How so?"

"He brought out the fact that she was a retired 'camp.'"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

STILL WORSE.

First Girl—What can be more aggravating than a man who tells you of his love and never mentions matrimony?

Second Girl—A man who tells you of his money and never mentions matrimony.

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MERKEL, TEXAS



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Y. P. M. S. PROGRAM FOR MONDAY SEPT. 26th.

- 1. Song.
- 2. Bible Lesson—"A Trip into a Foreign Country" (Matt. xv, 21-29.)—Edith Brown.
- 3. Prayer.
- 4. Seeing Rural Korea on Pack Ponies.
 - (a) With Miss Irwin in Chul Won District—Josie Smith.
 - (b) With Miss Jackson in Choon-Chun District—Ganvra Middleton.

- 5. The unreached Villages of Korea—Ruth Pike.
- 6. Reading—Lorena Dry.
- 7. Methodism in Korea—Mary Eula Sears.
- 8. My Korean Friend Yee, prisoner and patriot—Annie Bickley.
- 9. Piano Solo—Lorena Frazier
- 10. The Round table—What the young people are doing—Iva Bragg.
- 11. Missiongrams from the Voice.
- 12. Prayer for unevangelized Korea.

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Try a sack of our mixed Feed—18 percent meal. Phone 203. Swafford and Leslie.

Flat work washed and ironed at 8 cents per pound. Ligon the laundryman. Phone 218. tf.

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

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Gem Theatre

Monday Sept. 26th.
WALLACE REID
in
"What's Your Hurry"
A Paramount Picture

Tuesday, Sept. 27th.
—PATHE DAY—
A Pathe Western Feature
and the 11th Episode of
THE AVENGING ARROW

Wednesday, Sept. 28th.
THOMAS MEIGHAM
in
"Civilian Clothes"

Thursday Sept. 29th.
First National Special with
ANITA STEWART
in
"Old Kentucky"
And a 1-reel Ford Weekly
Don't miss this one

Friday Sept. 30th.
A five-reel Western
Entitled
"One Man Trail"
A William Fox Production.

Saturday October 1st.
An Enterprise Western
With A
CENTURY COMEDY

If You Miss It---You'll Sure Miss It
6 Big Days and 6 Big Nights

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September 26-----October 1

Two big days of Automobile Racing,
—Wednesday and Friday

Horse Races, Rodeo and Championship calf roping contests.

—Monday Tuesday and Wednesday

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Night programs of grand spectacular fireworks and concerts by the famous Longhorn Band of the University of Texas. Big Carnival at tractions of all kinds.

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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.

If you don't believe that the
Republicans have more ways
than a cat has lives of getting a
good Democrat out of a post office
and keeping him from getting in,
you have another guess coming.

While we don't know anything
about the workings of the Ku
Klux Klan, the indications are
that, in every instance where
they have operated in Texas,
there was need for the calling of
halt by some manner or means.

We do not believe that any good
law-abiding, clean living man
or woman have anything to
fear at the hands of the mem-
ber of this organization. And it
does look as if something must
be done to stop certain immor-
ality and lawlessness, in order
that the coming generation may
be men and women who have it
in their hearts to maintain this
government in the manner plan-
ned by their forebearers. And,
we certainly do not believe in any
religious organization or foreign
element dictating or controlling
the affairs of the nation, as has
been reported some are endeavor-
ing to do.

The surest way to find out
how little a man knows is to let
him talk.

It doesn't do much good to
bury the hatchet and leave the
handle sticking out.

No indeed. You can no longer
judge a girl's age by the length
of her skirt.

No; we don't know what will
be the price of cotton next year.
If we did know we wouldn't be
editing this newspaper.

Americanism is a good doc-
trine, but it doesn't always set
well when preached by a man
who talks with a foreign accent.

Suppose you put it this way;
A certain farmer employed two
men, Mr. Smith and Mr. Jones,
to look after his cotton crop,
paying each employ five dollars
a day. Mr. Smith believed the
best interests of the cotton de-

manded that the geese be per-
mitted to run in the field and
eat the grass and insects. The
other employ, Mr. Jones' did
not share this opinion, but was
strong in the belief that the
geese would work injury to the
cotton. Mr. Smith tore down the
gate and let the geese into the
field of growing cotton. Mr.
Jones drove the geese out of the
field and nailed up the gate. The
owner of the cotton was out ten
dollars for two day's work; what
did he get in return for his mon-
ey. The State of Texas employs
two men to represent her in the
United States' Senate, paying
each representative twenty-five
dollars a day. Senator Sheppard
voted for the tariff bill; Sen-
ator Culberson voted against it.
What say did Texas have on the
tariff bill? What did Texas get
in return for the money paid her
employees? —Jim Lowery in
Honey Grove Signal.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We the undersigned growers
of Kasch cotton hereby certify
that it is drouth resisant pro-
ducing the biggest bolls and
greatest percentage of lint of
any other cotton we have ever
grown and consider it the best
cotton for this section of the
country. It also has an excellent
staple.

Respectfully,
W. L. Blair; W. C. Neil; E. L.
Palmer; R. L. McLean; E. M.
Blackburn; J. W. Moore, Z. L.
Cagill; J. B. Wood; E. H. Cordill
See W. O. Dial, agent for seed at
Merkel Saturday. It

The Merkel Mail \$1.50 per year.

New Arrivals in Rugs

Just this week we have received a large shipment of
New Rugs. Some very beautiful Patterns at

Almost Pre-war Prices

Rug Prices are Advancing. You will save Money
by Buying Now. (Now is the Ideal Time to lay
Linoleum. We have a very Large Assortment to
Select from, better Buy Your Floor Covering Now.)

Our Furniture Department

Is brim full of BARGAINS. Our Stock is Complete
and our Prices can not be beat anywhere. Come
to us with your Furniture Wants.

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The world's greatest night scenic "Montezuma" or
"The Last Days of the Aztecs," will feature each night
program before the grandstand. This is a vivid por-
trayal of Spanish invasion of the great Aztec empire,
wonderfully illuminated. A cast of thousands of peo-
ple, a stage over 500 feet long.

Spectacular Acrobats, Death-Defying Aeri-
lists, Naval Animal Acts, Feature
Ice Skating

MEXICO'S GREAT BAND
the Estada Mayor, Al Sweet's famous Hussars, who
sing as well as play, and other noted musical organiza-
tions, will be there.

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Your Schedule

No year is complete for any Texan unless its schedule
includes a visit to the State Fair of Texas—the one
great educational and recreational center of the State.

POPULAR RATE ON ALL STEAM AND ELECTRIC LINES

PRESBYTERIAN NOTES

On last Sunday morning it
was unanimously voted that the
Church, as a body, attend the e-
vangelistic services being con-
ducted by evangelist W. A. Er-
win at Buffalo Gap. This will,
then, be "Outing Day."

In order to do this there will
be a short service at the church
at eight-thirty next Sunday
morning. This will give us an op-
portunity to get our literature
for the incoming quarter, and
will afford as well a place of get-
ting together for the trip. Let
every one who can go with us be
present, promptly on time, as
we desire to leave town not lat-
er than nine. And don't forget
to bring a well filled basket. If
you have no means of transpor-
tation, don't let that interfere
with your coming. Transporta-
tion will be provided.

If you have a car that you can
take, and did not report last Sun-
day, please let one of the com-
mittee know. R. L. Bland, Fred
S. Rogers or T. M. Smith will be
glad to enlist your service.

Let every member of the
church remember this announce-
ment, for we want a full attend-
ance on this day. Mr. Erwin
promises a special service on this

day, with dinner on the ground
and a splendid trip, we should
have a most enjoyable day. Come
one; come all.

Rev. Fred S. Rogehs and W.
L. Diltz are attending Presbytery
in Breckenridge this week.

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

Mrs. W. B. Brown came in Sun-
day night from a visit with re-
latives in Rogers.

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

John M. Rice returned to
Merkel Sept. 14th from Rag-
town, near Post, Texas, where
he has been in a great revival
meeting for ten days.

The crowds were great, some-
times twelve or fifteen hundred
people were present.

The second Sunday, there
were two hundred and fifty one
that stood up and took the Lord's
Supper, all members of the
Church of Christ.

There were twenty additions
and fifteen of them were bap-
tized.

Bro. Rice leaves this evening,
Sept. 16th for Dill, Okla.

IRISHMEN NEVER WORK

Paddy, after working eight
years for one firm asked for an
increase in salary.

"You don't really work for us
at all," said the manager, and
then proceeded to prove it by the
following subtractions:

"There are 365 days in the
year," he contended. You sleep
8 hours per day, making 122 days
which subtracted form 365 days
leaves 243 days. You also have
8 hours recreation every day, al-
so making 122 day, leaving a bal-
ance of 121 days.

"There are 52 Sundays that
you do not work at all, which de-
ducted leaves sixty days. Our
store is closed every Saturday
afternoon, thus 52 half holidays
or 25 days more that you do not
work, now leaving a banance of
43 days. We allow one hour for
lunch each noon, which totalled
makes 16 days and leaves a bal-
ance of 27 days. We give you
two week's vacation during the
year, which leaves only 13 days.
There are 12 legal holidays dur-
ing the year that the store is
closed. This leaves only one day
in the year, and that is St. Pat-
rick's Day, and of course you are
off."—Exchange.

We are Still After Your Business

We are striving to build up our business with **QUALITY DRUGS** and **EFFICIENT SERVICE**. We have succeeded to the extent
we are continuing this plan and are trying harder to make our stock better, if possible, and to make our service second to none.

The Best Reasonable Priced

Is the kind you get at our store. Prompt and Courteous Treatment given all of our patrons

The Merkel Drug Company

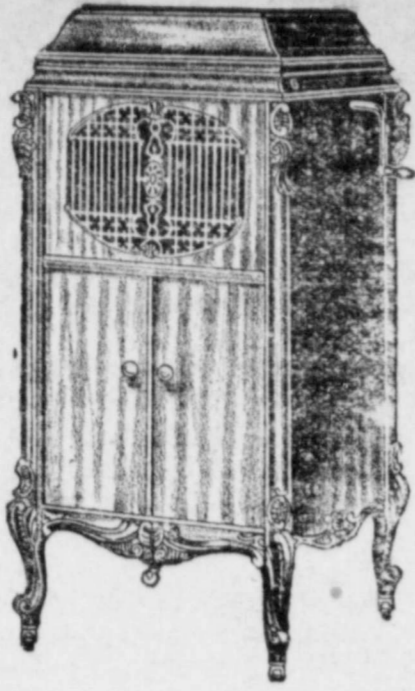
"It's a Pleasure to Please"
PHONE No. 105

THURSDAY CLUB NOTES

Mrs. R. O. Anderson was hostess to the members of the Thursday Club and their husbands with a delightful lawn picnic affair some two weeks ago. A score or more gathered to make merriment on this occasion. Chairs were placed on the lawn where music from the victrola was enjoyed. At an early hour supper was announced and matching partners, the guests were seated around a spread of snowy white linen, fairly groaning under its burden of fried chicken, whole tomatoes with mayonnaise, potatoe chips, perfection salad, pickles, bread and butter sandwiches and ice tea. It was here the men proved "real heroes" and the ladies were not at all backward, when it came to eating the second, some the third piece of chicken and from the appearance of the platters before and after the feast some (men of course) must have been guilty of eating the fourth.

Following this important feature of the evening, a delightful program was rendered. Piano Solo, Mrs. Lytton Howard, two readings by Flora Frances Anderson and Vocal solo, Melba West. These numbers were beautifully rendered and deeply enjoyed. Guests lingered until a late hour mingling together in this delightfully informal way. Those indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson for this pleasant evening were; Messers and Mesdames Arrington, S. D. Gamble, R. I. Grimes, L. B. Howard, C. H. Jones, Tom Largent, J. E. Lassiter, F. C. McFarland, L. B. Scott, James West, J. L. Winters, Weaver, Clyde and Claude Sears, Mrs. Wedemeyer of Middlethian, Mrs. Coit of Waco, and Mr and Mrs. Easterwood. Reporter.

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Stomach and the Nerves
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Col. E. M. Gates, president of the South Western Land Co. with headquarters in Dallas, was here first of the week helping the local agent for this company, Mr. H. D. Simpson, talk up the possibilities of the great Rio Grande Valley of Texas, in the midst of which is located their holdings.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes returned last week from a trip through Knox, Ford, Wilbarger, Hardeman, Hall and Collingsworth counties, visiting relatives at Chillicothe and Wellington. Mr. Grimes reported good crops in most all the counties mentioned above.

Mrs. W. F. Barrett left the first of the week for a visit with friends and relatives at Lamessa.

Mrs. G. A. Rister left Tuesday night for an extended visit to her daughter and son in El Paso.

Car Cotton Seed Meal on the track for Friday and Saturday. Wholesale price on five sacks or more, Swafford and Leslie. Phone 203. It

Don't go home without seeing those Maize Headers at Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf

American Public Service Company

Notice of Dividend on Preferred Stock

The Board of Directors of the American Public Service Company has declared a quarterly dividend of One Dollar and Seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per share on the outstanding preferred stock of this Company, payable October 1st, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Thursday, September, fifteenth, 1921.

EUSTACE J. KNIGHT,
Secretary.

How Would a Dividend Check Every Quarter Appeal to You?

Others in your town are receiving them: Why not You? Would you be interested in a Safe and Permanent investment that is exempt from Income Tax and which pays a quarterly dividend on the First of January, April, July and October (Dividends on this stock have been paid without interruption since the incorporation of the company.)

This Income can be had in the American Public Service Company 7% Cumulative Preferred Stock. The Merkel Power Company, Abilene Gas and Electric Company, Abilene Ice Company, Abilene Water Company, Abilene Traction Company, together with other large companies in Texas and Oklahoma comprise The American Public Service Company.

You can now buy a \$100 share of this stock for \$87.50 in cash or by easy payment plan of \$5.00 down and \$5.00 per month until the \$87.50 has been paid at which rate it will yield 8% on the investment.

For full details see

MERKEL POWER CO.

OR PHONE NO. 202

ANNOUNCEMENT

Notice Auto Owners

We have purchased the Woodrum Filling Station From Mr. Geo. Woodrum, and take this method of extending to his former Patrons, our friends, and the public, a Cordial invitation to call on us when in need of anything in our line-

We Expect to Make Our
SERVICE
As Good as The Very Best

And Remember, we handle the Diamond, Goodrich and Brunswick Tires. And you can get the genuine Mobil Oils Here, as well as many other high class Oils.

See Us For Accessories

Patterson Filling Station

ARE YOU READY FOR BUSINESS

There is no doubt but that the greatest opportunities for young people today are in the business world. Countless positions at every point throughout the United States, are waiting for the trained man and trained woman. But remember, the demand is for Trained workers; the untrained workers, those who can do "most anything" are crowding the employment bureaus seeking work.

There is a position waiting for you. Are you ready for it? Can you enter a business office knowing that you can handle a bookkeeper's desk, do the work of a stenographer or private secretary, or hold any one of the specialized places open in the modern business office? The big salaries are waiting for the man or woman who can Do One Thing Well. Training is required. Have you been drilled in the basic principles of business that will enable you to grasp higher-salaried and more responsible positions as the opportunities arise? Unless you know these things, the chances of your success are small.

Make up your mind to train yourself, to start your business education NOW. Every day that slips by is a loss to you, it puts a good position and a good salary further away from you.

A few months in our institution, the largest business college in America, will give you the training you need. You can never find a better investment than a business education. We offer the most thorough, complete and practical courses to be had, in the least time and at the least cost, and our Employment Department places graduates in positions free of charge. Fill in and mail coupon with full information as to our courses. Tyles Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

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BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

- 1st. Exercises— Beginner Department, Mrs. J. S. Swann Supt.
- 2nd. Exercises— Junior Dept. Mrs. Causseaux, Supt.
- 3rd. Exercises— Junior Dept. Miss Nell Swann, Supt.
- 4th. Exercises— Intermediate Department, Mrs. R. J. Miller, Supt.
- 5th. Song and Prayer.
- 6th. Sunbeam Band, Mrs. Earl Lassiter, Leader.
- 7th Superintendent, Standard of excellence.
- 8th Efficiency aims of the Church, Bro. Howard.
- 9th. A talk, by Bro. Parrack.
- 10th. Secretary records, announcements, etc.
- Closing Song, and Dismittal. Chas West, Supt.

DAUGHTERS OF RUTH ENJOY PICNIC

Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Allen delightfully chaperoned the daughters of Ruth, and their friends on a picnic, Tuesday evening. After reaching Mulberry, many amusing games were played and highly enjoyed by all. After this, supper was spread, and so many good eats you never saw. After everything had been eaten the girls departed for home; the girls finished the evening by giving High School songs and yells.

To Mr. Clyde Foster and Chester Roan, the girls wish to extend their thanks for the use of their truck.

Phone Ligon the laundryman by nine o'clock and he will call for your suit and return it by 4 p.m. No gasoline odor. Phone number 218. tf

Mrs. Brooks of Abilene, and District Secretary of the Methodist Ladies Missionary society will be in Merkel Friday to hold a meeting at the Methodist church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Ladies from Trent, Tye and possibly Capps will be represented at the meeting.

FROM CALIFORNIA TO TEXAS

Our trip from California to Texas as the writer saw it. In company with the A. W. Mosley family we left Colton California for Merkel Texas on August 31st. Traveling through San Bernadino striking the old Trails route just out of San Bernadino California and continuing the same route till leaving Scora New Mexico, where we struck the Ocean to Ocean highway, for some distance. Then turning south we drove straight for El Paso Texas. From El Paso Texas as we came over the Banks Highway, finding the road more good than bad all the way through. Leaving Colton California August 31st the Thermometer was registering around one hundred and fourteen. Reaching the California Desert there is hardly any guessing what it might register. But the weary needs rest and it being our first day out we were all very tired, so ate a Picnic Lunch and retired not to sleep but to rest. However, the Stars were beautiful and the moon smiled down, as we wondered what to-morrow might be. The next morning came with a

Glorious Sunrise as only the Desert Sunrise Can be, but how comforting this grand old Sun can make one feel on a deep Sandy road bed and miles of Desert land before you. But life most unpleasant things in life it came to an end. Traveling through Arizona and New Mexico at the inland towns we paid as much as fifty cents per gallon for gasolene. All other necessities were equally as high. Eggs selling for 80 and 90 cents per dozen. Sweet Milk 80 cent per gallon. However we did not tarry very long amid such scenes and soon struck the railroad again. where prices were reasonable for

all things necessary to our comfort. We stopped for a short time at Datal New Mexico at Navahoe Lodge. Very interesting and unique. The Lodge being entirely furnished in the old Mission and Indian style. This hotel is more than fifty miles off the Railroad and is indeed an oasis to the traveler. Our friends were lost to us for two days and the interesting thing about them being lost from us was each thought the other party ahead. The Fremans (losing sight of the Mosleys at Williams Ariz. and two days later, recapturing them in St. John Arizona Camped in a beautiful Park, hoping we would pass that way and we did. The Mosleys had considerable tire trouble and while the Fremans were detained by reading signs and studying chart, the Mosleys were losing time with their car trouble. However be it said neither party lost much time for we were very eager for our traveling Companions. The Mosley family make great pals and the Fremans will ever remember them as congenial splendiferous people from the tall splendid man and pleasant womanly woman down to two beautiful children, Oveta and Neva, and not forgetting to mention Ftoch the splendid little Scotch Terrier that always sent out the answering call to the lone Coyote howl. The mountain scenery on this trip is almost unexcelled and will be worth the time it takes to climb them. The roads are always good through the mountains but quite narrow, only permitting one car to pass in many places. The human being standing on the summit of these mountains feel how small a part they play in nature's world. Words are inadequate to describe the real grandure of these wonderful scenes.

Reaching Merkel our Studebaker six registered fifteen hundred and fifty miles. The distance from Colton California to Merkel Texas, and if we made no mistake sixty seven Gallons of gasolene with only two tire punctures as our entire car trouble. Thinking this poor description may be of help to others that wish to make the trip is why we give this write up and assuring those that take a trip of this kind it only requires patience, determination and courage to have the finest and most splendid vacation you ever enjoyed.

Mrs. Sam A. Freeman

HEBRON NEWS

The Farmers are as busy as can be gathering cotton, making good time while the weather is pretty. While some few has just begun gathering as some cotton is late.

The people were greatly shocked Sunday morning when they learned of the tragdic death of the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Carter and our heart felt sympathy goes out to the brokenhearts.

Artie Hodges and family spent the day last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. Riggins from the Canyon visited Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hodges last Sunday.

Carrall Worthom and family visited near Compere last Sunday.

W. M. Carey and family spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mathews last Sunday.

John Davis and family visited near Golan last Sunday.

We learn Mrs. J. M. Williamson who went to Cameron for treatment has undergone an operation and is doing nicely. And we join her friends in wishing a speedy recovery.

Maize Headers at Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf

Cozy Theatre

Friday September 23 **REAL ART FEATURE** Snub Pollard Comedy FOX NEWS
 Saturday September 24 **HELEN HOLMES** SUNSHINE COMEDY in "A CROOK'S ROMANCE" Mutt & Jeff

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE
 FOR SALE—Team farm impiments. Farm for rent, crop to gather. Immediate Possession See J. D. Porter 23td.

For Sale, or Trade for something close in, my home in Merkel in south part of town, consisting of 2 acres fine land; 6 room house, three porches. Well of fine water with windmill. Also stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries for sale. See A. L. Jobe 2t.

FOR SALE—Good Jersey milk cow with heifer calf for \$50.00. See Emmett Stafford. 1tpd

FARM FOR SALE
 157 1/4 acres for sale. 85 acres in cultivation, all tillable, fenced and cross-fenced, well, windmill, tank and cistern. Has a good four room house, garage, barn and sheds. Have 10 acres under hog fence. It is located only 4 1/2 miles from Merkel and 1 1/2 miles from Blair. Price \$60.00 per acre. Terms to suit. See or write B. M. Williams, Merkel, Route 5. 23tpd.

FARM FOR SALE—A good farm home, one mile from business part of town. Would sell with teams, tools and feed, or sell each separate. This is a real bargain for any one desiring a fine farm home close to town. For further particulars call at the Merkel Mail. tf.

WANTED
 Wanted—to trade nice home in Abilene for nice home near Merkel. Write W.S. Chinn, 4226 N. 10th St., Abilene, Texas. 15t2p

WANTED—Cotton pickers to pick about 200 acres of cotton, house furnished, good cotton to pick. See S. F. Haynes. 1tp.

Wanted—40 cases of eggs for Saturday, but no butter. Our stock is complete, let us serve you. W. F. Hamblett. 1t.

MISCELLANEOUS
A TEXAS WONDER
 For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. If 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.



50 good cigarettes for 10c from one sack of
GENUINE "BULL" DURHAM TOBACCO
 We want you to have the best paper for "BULL." So now you can receive with each package a book of 24 leaves of BULL—the very finest cigarette paper in the world.
 The American Tobacco Co.

FOR BLUE BUGS
 Head-lice, Stick-tight Fleas and all blood sucking Insects Simply feed "Martins Blue Bug Remedy" to your chickens. Your money back if not satisfied. Ask Sanders Drug Store Nov

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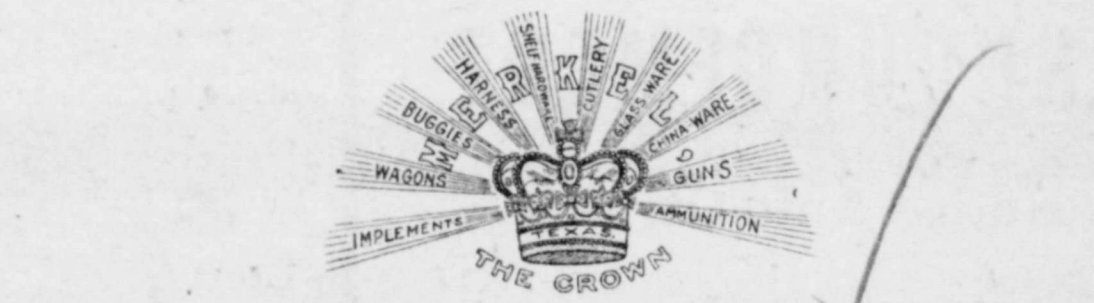
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THURSDAY CLUB

Delightful indeed, was the meeting of the Thursday Club at the home of Mrs. L. B. Scott with Mrs. James West as joint hostess.

After a time spent in pleasant conversation Mrs. Scott announced "Enough vacation time for every one, that the school bell would soon ring." True to her word the gong of the bell was heard. Groups of eager pupils marched in to an old-fashioned school where pennants and wise old sayings on placards such as, "An idle brain is the devil's work shop," were hung on the walls. Double desks, teachers table, black boards and last but not least "the Dunce stool", completed it.

They were greeted by Mrs. West, impersonating Miss Samantha Splivens in a crisp white shirt waist, black skirt just escaping the floor, green velvet jabot over trimmed with cream lace and black crochet belt. Her hair parted in the middle neatly crimped, found its way into an unmeasurable "syke". Her watch

pinned in its accustomed place and a look of "liken and learnin'" was on her face which she enforced its meaning by the ever-ready switch she held in her hand and the dark look which she gave each through her black rimmed spectacles which were pinned on the end of her nose.

First came registration of the pupils and assignment of seats which caused much fun making for all. School then began with the old favorite song, "Mary had a little lamb", which was heartily sung by all.

Next came drawing lesson, each was given a slate made of black cloth labeled with the animal you were to draw with needle and white thread. This afforded great fun in the efforts to "out do" the class in their drawing. After completion of drawings they were pinned on a sheet for inspection of our honorable trustees, Mrs. G. A. Rister and Mrs. J. T. Dennis, who after thorough examination, decided Elma McFarland to be genius of the class and was awarded a box of home-made "animal cookies" which she unselfishly passed to

all the pupils to sweeten the disappointment all felt in not having won the prize.

Then came our study of the A. B. C.'s. All proved excellent pupils in this and handed in perfect papers.

Recess time was then announced and the school room was deserted in the "twinkling of an eye" for every one made a dash for the slide to see who would get to go down first.

Bell rang and books were resumed where Miss Samantha told the class they were promoted from the kindergarden to the grammar school and were to have a test in physiology. The answer to the questions were to be "parts of the anatomy" which she explained to the wondering class meant parts of the body. This proved to be a more difficult task and some made barely passing grades.

Oh joy—Lunch time came and Sophie Scott (teachers pet) placed on each desk little black lunch baskets running over with "heaps of goodies" such as fried chicken, potatoe chips, deviled eggs, dill pickles, bread and but-

ter sandwiches, stick candy "Red Soda Pop". Never was a school lunch so enjoyed.

Roll call was answered by current events of happenings of the Thursday Club members.

All were in High School by this time and ready for their English examination which was to be answered by the names of American and English authors.

After averaging all grades Elma McFarland was made Valedictorian of her class and was presented with a beautifully bound book containing two hundred receipts for new deserts by Mrs. Scott in such a humorous way that brought laughter from the whole school.

Then came Graduation day. A program was rendered as follows; Piano solo—Harriett Grimes, one of the noted musicians of the day, which met with such hearty applause that she favored her hearers with another selection "The Thursday Club Favorite." Miriam Winter was next on the program in representing the class of expression gave, "Mary had a little lamb", with variations. "School Days" was the vocal number given by Elma McFarland and was indeed up to the highest standard, showing much study inart.

A feature that must not be overlooked was the dance given by Hattie Ray Jones, who performed so well that all present declared that "Haps" brains had gone to her feet.

Then came the debate of the season. Subject "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach; Affirmative, Wlople Anderson and Hester Lee Groene Negative, Beulah Howard and

Olga Gamble. Never was a debate so heated. Good points were brought out by both sides. After careful consideration of points given the Judges Mesdames Dennis, Mimms and McFarland, brought in the report of a tie and it was resolved "The way to a man's heart was to feed him, and not frighten him by your looks when he came home."

School was then dismissed and everyone departed declaring "these" to be their happiest school days. Reporter.

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Each morning you hear the honk of this school wagon bringing in the kiddies to the Albany school. Oh, but this is a great age, gasoline age, yes, the children away out in the rural districts seven and eight miles now live in town, so to speak. Good roads and the auto has brought this to pass. How different from the old days, away back yonder when we trudged over the mountain through slush and mud, cooned foot logs across streams and walked three and four miles to school, sat on slab benches, minus lazy backs, and learned to write, figure and read. It was a cumbersome job to dig knowledge. But folks, convenience don't spell everything. Of course we are glad that we have them, but it does not necessarily make the man, for out of that crude age came some of the world's greatest men, Calhoun and Clay, Daniel Webster and Abraham Lincon, Haynes, and Douglass, Jeff Davis and Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. Are your modern schools, airplanes, the auto, telephone and wireless telegraphy duplicating those master minds which enriched the political and military history of this western empire, and made it immortal?

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Born to Mrs. John Chadwick, a girl on the 12th.

Mrs. R. N. Campbell left Wednesday afternoon for San Angelo in response to a message announcing the death of her sister there. The Merkel Mail joins a host of friends in extending deepest sympathy.

Mrs. W. E. Campbell of Bellevue, was the guest last week of her sister, Mrs. T. T. Davis; returning this week to her home above mentioned.

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

TO THE BROTHER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dear brethren, I take this method of introducing myself to you and also give you Bro. G. W. Cypert for reference, who has known me for about ten years. I am here for the purpose of preaching the Gospel where ever I might be needed, and I would like to visit the Churches in this county and joining counties who stand in need of my service. I am located in Merkel and can arrange my work to suit you. My home is on South Main St., four blocks from the Depot, and I will be glad to see you at any time. Phone 281. R. T. Harris.

NEW Cotton Seed Meal and mixed Feed—Phone 203, Swatford and Leslie.

Mrs. Ferguson of Temple is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

ANOTHER WEDDING

At 6.00 p. m. Wednesday September 21, Mr. R. W. Averett and Mrs. Josie Atwood, were quietly married at the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Richie, of Merkel; pastor Ira L. Parrack of the local Baptist church officiating.

The happy couple will leave shortly for Wichita Falls, their future home.

Ten Records for \$3.00. Columbia or Pathe. This week only. Merkel Drug Co. tf

Geo. D. Richie was in the city first of the week from his splendid ranch home some ten miles south of this city. He reports crops short and grass poor, but did not seem to be worrying much. However, Mr. Richie has been a citizen of this country since 1884, hence a little dry spell like this is not sufficient to worry him.

NEW REAL ESTATE CONNECTION

I am now connected with the Texas Real Estate Bulletin, and any one listing lands with me will have the benefit of having same advertised with the 100 or more member firms. Let me have your listings by October 1, so as to get same in the advertisement. Merkel Realty Co. W. O. Boney, Prop.

Fresh Vegetables, at all times of the week, call 262—W. W. Wood Cash Gro. 9t4.

Eld R. T. Harris, of Tahoka, who some time ago purchased a farm near Merkel arrived this week with his family and will make this city their future home. Brother Harris will likely accept the pastorate of the North Side Christian Church. He not only comes highly recommended as an able minister, but a fine citizen.

Y. P. M. S. NOTES

The young peoples Missionary Society met at the home of Miss Josephene Smith's in Mission Study. There were some sixteen girls present and an interesting lesson was had from the Mission Study Text book.

Following the Mission Study lesson, a short business session followed. We were very delighted to enroll three more new members, which makes a total of 35 members on roll. After all necessary business had been attended to the society adjourned to meet next Monday night, promptly at Seven thirty at Miss Mary Eula Sears home. As this is regular program night as well as social night, we would be highly pleased to have all members come out. Reporter.

Joe Nobles and wife and children of Fort Worth, are here this week for a visit with the latter's sister, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF A SMALL COTTON CROP

The Government estimate of a crop of less than 2,000,000 bales of cotton in Texas and only slightly in excess of 7,000,000 bales for the Nation stampeded the cotton bears and sent prices to new high levels for the season. Many farmers have already sold cotton for 16 to 18 cents, whereas, a few weeks prior they did not expect to receive above 10 cents per pound.

The significance of a small crop in the South is not fully appreciated by the business men in the North. A reduction of 5,000,000 bales, or nearly 50 per cent from the normal crop, is construed as a disaster by those who are inclined to look at quantity instead of price as a business barometer. The grower of cotton and those directly interested in cotton are not so pessimistic. Let us consider results in dollars and cents;

It is generally conceded that a 12,000,000-bale crop added to the large holdover would have congested the market and sent prices below the average of 8 cents per pound. At 8 cents per pound a 12,000,000-bale cotton crop would be worth \$480,000,000. While the market may fluctuate more or less, no one looks for a permanent decline materially below 18 cents for the present crop of 7,000,000 bales. Seven million bales of cotton at 18 cents per pound makes the crop worth \$630,000,000, or \$150,000,000 more than a 12,000,000-bale crop would probably sell for. In addition, there are several million bales of cotton held over from the 1920 crop which will be sold for the advanced price which is due entirely to the low condition of the 1921 crop, all of which will add many millions to the sum total.

The South, as a whole, is far better off financially with a 7,000,000-bale cotton crop at this time than it would be with a crop twice as large.—Farm and Ranch.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

African Special pledge day will be the topic for Sunday, September 25th.

Leader—Joe Riney. Song service. Scripture Lesson—St. John (1-1-12.)

Prayer Song Get Ready for the Meeting—Ruth Pike.

What about your posters—Agnes Rister.

Reading—Bessie Tucker.

Discussion of Topics—Genevra Middleton.

Special music—Lorena Frazier.

What is my responsibility—Josephene Smith.

How to take the pledge—Edith Brown.

Song and league benediction.

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