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THE FARMERS STATE BANK

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LECTURE ON AFRICA

Mr. B. L. Lockett, who has spent 15 years as a Medical Missionary in the heart of Africa, will deliver an illustrated lecture at the Baptist Church at 7 p. m. November 27, taking the place of the Sunday evening service. The lecture will be illustrated with stereoptical views made from photographs, made by Dr. Lockett in Africa.

Mr. Greene has kindly consented to operate the machine at the lecture.

A cordial welcome is extended to all who will come to this or any other service at the church.

All regular services except no prayermeeting on account of the revival meeting at the Presbyterian church.

CHOIR OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ENTERTAINED

On Tuesday evening the choir of the First Presbyterian church was delightfully entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnson with Mrs. Earnest Mimms as hostess. After the usual practice, a business meeting was held and officers elected as follows; Mrs. Mimms, Directress; Mr. Harry Barnett, Leader; Mr. Chas. H. Jones, President; Mr. Marvin Smith, Sec. and Mr. R. L. Bland, Treas. It was decided to have a business meeting the first Tuesday in each month followed by a social hour. After a while spent in pleasant conversation and special music, the hostess assisted by her mother passed a delicious plate consisting of Chicken salad bread and butter sandwich, potatoe chips, wafers and hot chocolate. As the guests departed each wished that they might of ten witness such occasions in this hospitable home. Reporter.

Mrs. E. L. Turner and children left Wednesday for a visit to the former's parents at Bonarton, Texas. They were accompanied by Miss Rennie Burns on their visit.

Y. P. M. S. NOTES

The Young Peoples Missionary Society met at the home of Miss Lillian Watts on Monday Evening Nov 14 in Mission study. About 16 girls were present and a new member added to our roll. We had a very interesting lesson conducted by Miss Thompson. After the lesson we had a short business session. Dec. 3rd was selected as the date for our bazaar. This closed our meeting at this time. On Monday evening Nov 21, we met with Misses Jewel and Myrtle Daniels. At this meeting we had a review of the Mission Study book we have just completed.

We had about 12 girls present and were glad to have the Misses Pogue as visitors. During the business meeting we decided to have two booths in connection with the bazaar. At these booths there will be pie, coffee, tea and sandwiches. Committees were appointed to preside over these booths. Misses Jewel Daniels, Ruby Hamm and Blanche Durham were elected as the delegates to the district Harvest Day Meeting at Abilene on Dec 6. At the close of the business a delightful social hour was spent during which time our hostesses served us delicious hot chocolate with marshmallows and layer cake. Apples and pecans were passed during the social hour, and these delicious "goodies" together with the merry conversation made our social hour a very pleasant one. We will have a missionary program for our next meeting and every member is urged to come. Reporter.

Grady Collins, came in this week from Houston, Texas where he spent several months. His many friends welcome him back to Merkel.

The discovery that the Egyptian women of 6,000 years ago wore their hair so as to cover their ears merely proves that the fashion makers of today are a set of slow pokes after all.



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THE INSANE PEOPLE

If you ask your family doctor about it, he will tell you that very few persons in the world are mentally perfect. If he is frank with you, he will tell you that every one of us is more or in all respects save one—his hobby, for instance. Then he is all to the bad. Most of us know men of this type.

Man was created perfect, of course. But according to an old story, away back yonder soon after the beginning of things, a man developed a disease spot in his brain. This filled his heart with envy and malice, and finally caused him to commit murder. This man later married and begat children, and his disease spot in the brain has been handed down to his descendants ever since. It may skip a generation or two, and it takes various forms. It affects different people in different ways, but all of us are more or less subject to it.

Remember this when your neighbour sets his heart contrary to your own, and seems determined to have his own way about it. His mental vision may not be quite as clear as your own. That diseased spot in the brain may be troubling him.

And remember it when your friends and neighbours all seem to be opposing some particular thing you want to do. This may be the one thing upon which you are not quite normal.

If your bowels do not act regularly, you feel uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. To put an end to the misery, take Herbine. It purifies the bowels, restores energy and cheerful spirits. Price, 60c. Sold by Sanders Store November.

We understand that J. L. Tabor, who was recently married at Quanah, to Miss Linnie Wilkins of that city, with his new bride arrived last week and will reside on a farm near that of his father, in the Shiloh community.

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Sanitary bed comforts	\$4.00 now	\$1.95
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CHURCH OF CHRIST NOTES

Regular services Sunday. Bible Study at 10 o'clock a. m. and communion service at 11 o'clock. The Young people meet at four o'clock in the afternoon for the following outlined study;

I. From Siani to Kadesh.
(a) Murmuring—the seven ty elders chosen. (b) Miriam affected with the leprocy. (c) The twelve spies sent. (d) The rebellion—result. (Num. 10:1 to 14:25. By Nell Holloway.

II. From Hadesh to Moab.
(a) Attempt to enter Canana (b). Korah, Dathan. (c) Arons rod dubbed. (d) At Kadesh again, smiting the rock. (e) Death of Arron. (f) Firey serpents. (g) Wars. (Num. 14:26 to 17:11 Num 20:1 to 21:35) By Jimmie Reece West and Jewel Burns.

III. In the plains of Moab.
(a) Balam and Balak. (b). The plague—twenty four thous and die. (c) numbering the people again. (Num 22:1 to 27:23 and Deut 32 to 34) By Alma Barbee.

IV. Joshau appointed leader.
(a) Moses farewell address. (b) The death of Moses. (Num 22:1 to 27:23; Deut. 32 to 34.) By Ona Fay Rose.

O. J. Adcock

A four room house on the farm of Mr. A. M. Wimberly, located in the Stith community, was destroyed last Thursday by fire. Mr. Stevenson, residing on the farm also lost his household effects. We did not learn as to whether either Mr. Wimberly or Stevenson, carried any insurance on their property.

Haven't you known some self made men who were fools?

CLOTHES CLEANED AND PRESSED

Now is the time to think of winter clothes, look through your wardrobe and get all those old clothes out and let us clean and press them. They'll look like new. Cash 180

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Dry Apples.....	.20
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Sugar 100 lbs.....	\$7.00
Lard any kind.....	\$1.25
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Pineapple.....	25c
Apricot.....	20c
Peaches.....	25c
Beans.....	07c
Blue Buckle Overalls.....	\$1.20
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Blair, Texas

WINTER COMING

If your heavy clothing is not worn out, let us make them look new. They all like our process of cleaning and dying. Ligon the laundryman. Phone 218.

Cotton Seed Meal at G. M. Sharps.

Dr. Charlie Williams and Postmaster Shirley King returned first of the week from Fort Worth where they were initiated in the mysteries of the 32nd degree in Masonary. They were also made Shriners as well while there.

tf. The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

THE HOME TOWN

We live in this town because we believe in it. We believe in it because it is a good town, regardless of its few defects, and its people are the peers of those to be found anywhere.

This town may not have the wealth of some favored communities but its character and character is a possession which can not be purchased with gold.

If you believe in your home town, you will like it, and if you like it no effort towards its improvement will be too great for you.

Again we ask you to have faith in your own powers; also have faith in your own town.

When you feel like criticizing it check the thought before spoken. You can always find something good to say instead, and even then the half of the truth will never be told.

It is a good town now, but faith, loyalty and united action will make it a better one.

Our faith in this town, brother, is simply faith in you, because the town is a collection of you's.

Surely your faith is not less than ours.

Let us unite—let us act—for a more cohesive community.

It is your home—and ours—
From the Scottish Chief.

Messrs C. J. Chesney and J. Waggoner, of Sweetwater, have this week opened a new Shoe Repair Shop next door east of the Gem Cafe, announcement of which will be found in their advertisement in this paper. They have a nice plant and state that they are experienced and upto date in their line. This gives Merkel Two splendid shoe Repair Shops; the other being conducted by Mr. E. Ash who also has a nice up to date plant.

See me for that good J. R. Watkins Flavoring for your Xmas Cakes. N. A. Dowell, at the White House Cafe. 25t2.

Big Sale Continues

For another week we continue our
Big Cut Price Sale

For many days has our store been crowded with people who have taken advantage of our Many Bargains by buying their winter supply of dry goods. Investigation has proven that this has been one of the

Greatest Money Saving Sales

ever offered the people of this vicinity.

Dry Goods, Ready-to-wear, Shoes, Clothing, Staples, Men's Clothing, Blankets, Comforts etc., all

At Prices Unheard of Before

COME! TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE GREAT BARGAINS

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"THANKSGIVING TIME"

Thanksgiving next week will demand cooking utensils. You had better anticipate your needs and have us send them down.

Roasters	Stewers	Dish Pans
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Sugar and Cream	Pitchers	Platerst
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Everything in Hardware, harness, implements, wagons, windmills, gasoline engines, home light plants, pipe and plumbing supplies, bath tubs, kitchen sinks, guns and amunition.

Better get your Lard Cans Now

Liberty Hardware Co.

DYING

We use pure "Aniline Dyes" that won't rub off. We positively guarantee the job. Ligon the laundryman. Phone 218.

See us for Cran-berries, nuts and fruits. Crown Hardware Co. tf

Mrs. J. J. Stallings and daughter, Mrs. McGee, of Fort Worth were here several days this week, looking after their property interest, and incidentally visiting their many Merkel friends.

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

Don't forget that we deliver anything we handle. Just phone 203. Swafford and Leslie. It

Shipment of new Buggies are expected at the Crown Hardware Co. daily. Prices are down in accordance with the present trend of things. 25t2.

SENSATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

Fort Worth Record Yearly Bargain Offer

Daily and Sunday
ONE YEAR

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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.

Now is the time for all good
men to come to the aid of their
business.

The fellow who starts out to
rule or ruin, usually gets the
latter.

The main trouble with bolshevism
seems to be that it won't
work.

The old-fashioned man who used
to go to bed with the chickens
now has a son who stays up
with 'em until all hours of the
morning.

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We have on hand now as complete a stock
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MRS. ROGERS' CLASS IS ENTERTAINED

On the night of Thursday, November 17th, the class of Mrs. Fred S. Rogers met at her home for a business meeting. By a majority vote the class was christened "The Fidelis". The following officers were elected; Ruth Jones, President; Allene Curb, Vice-Pres.; Weston West Secretary and treasurer; Carlton Dennis, Judge and Ruth Arthur reporter. After the election of officers the president appointed a "Look out Committee" of four. Then the class laws were drawn up and signed by all the members present. With Mrs. Rogers as leader we hope to be a great help to the church and Sunday School.

From the games and refreshments that followed it was evident that the meeting was not all business, and the class wishes to thank Mrs. Rogers for a much enjoyed evening. Reporter

If you want New Mexico coal look for the Swastika trademark Phone 203. Swafford and Leslie.

Through an oversight, the word Swastika was left out of the adv. last week—Editor.

Shipment of new Buggies are expected at the Crown Hardware Co. daily. Prices are down in accordance with the present trend of things. 25t2.

Your Fur. Plush and velvet trimmed suits will look new when we clean them. Ligon, the Laundryman. Phone 218. tf.

Car of Chops, Bran and Shorts, at Bob Martin Grocery Company.

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

Another cause of hard times is that so many people are trying to find soft jobs.

In these days of camouflaging even a complexion can be a bare faced false-hood.

You can fool some people all of the time, but you can't fool your wife any of the time.

If a man who lives in Michigan is a Michigander, what is a woman who lives there?

A fellow just can't help but meet expenses these days, says an exchange. They bob up at every corner.

A restaurant in a western Texas town advertises itself as a filling station, and is doing a rushing business.

Doesn't it strike you that since they were given the ballot more wives are killing their husbands than ever before?

The fellows who are forging ahead, as you may have noticed are those who are spending mighty little time talking about dull business.

Judging to a paragraph here credited to an Arkansas paper, one would think that they have their experience over there with reckless auto drivers. Here is a recipe for the fool killer, as given by the Leachville Star; "Take one reckless natural fool, two or three big drinks of white mule, soak the fool well in the mule, place in the car and let him go. After due time remove the wreckage, place in black satin-lined box and garnish with flowers."

"AND THERE WASN'T THE SLIGHTEST SMELL FROM DEAT RATS"

Writes John Simpkins, farmer of Annandale, N. J.; "Rats were costing me hundreds yearly; tried dags; ferrets, poison, could not get rid of them. Bought 1.25 pkg. of RAT-SNAP (5 cakes). Used half, not a live rat since. Dead ones aplenty. Like RAT-SNAP because after killing rats it dries them up—leaves no smell." Three sizes, 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by the Merkel Drug Co. and the Liberty Hardware Co.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We take pleasure in announcing to our friends and the public in general that Mr. W. W. Campbell, formerly in the grocery business on Front Street, is now associated with the W. W. Wood Cash Grocery; having purchased a half interest in the business, and which will be known hereafter, at the Wood & Campbell Cash Grocery.

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Quilts and Blankets—See Ligon, the Laundryman. Phone 218.

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Saturday, Nov. 26th.

FRANK MAYO

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A Universal Special Attraction with a Century Comedy

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Thursday, Dec. 1st.

"Jack Knife Man"

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Friday, Dec. 2nd.

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now

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The Free Chifferobe will be given away Friday, December 2nd. instead of Friday, November 25, as stated last week.

Barrow Furniture Company

Merkel, Texas

Use the Merkel Mail Want Column

Announcement of New Business

We have opened a new Shoe Repair Shop in the building next door east of the Gem Cafe, and will appreciate your **SHOE REPAIR WORK.**

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November

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FOR SALE—Houses and farm for sale. House close in and farm well located. See S. F. Haynes. 18t3

For Sale—A pair of three year old mules, also a five year old horse. Cash or credit. See E Barnes on route five. 1tpd.

FOR Sale—320 acre stock farm A bargain at \$10,000. Located 1 mile and a half northwest of Sand Burr. See A. B. Cranston. 1tp.

FOR SALE—A Piano in good condition, at a bargain if taken at once. See Joe Owens. 1t

FOR RENT

For rent—A five-room house on the south side of town at \$20.00 per month. See Mrs. I. C. Holden. 1t.

LOST

LOST—Cow, dark red, head almost black. Rather large horns. Last seen north of Merkel. Reward. Dr. Miller. 1t.

WANTED

Wanted—Family washing, reasonable prices. Mrs. J. D. Milam. 1t.

Wanted—Every human who likes the best Flavoring to make good cakes to come to see me. N. A. Dowell, the Watkins Man at the White House cafe. 25t2

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WANDA HAWLEY in "The Outside Woman"	Rolin Comedy and Fox News	HOBART BOSWORTH in "Below the Surface"
		Sunshine Comedy and Mutt & Jeff

FIGURE IT OUT YOUR SELF

During the month of October a year ago the Southern cotton farmers exported 503,000 bales of cotton. They received \$91,247 00 for that cotton.

Last month they exported 874 000 bales, an increase of 371,000 bales. In return for that cotton they received \$91,028,000 or \$2-19,000 less than they received for 503,000 bales in October, 19 20.

And yet the Southern cotton farmers produced a much smaller cotton crop in 1921 than they did in 1920. What would have happened if they had produced the same size crop? Every intelligent farmer knows what would have happened. As it was they exported 371,000 bales during asi ngle month for which they received no return, measured in prices of the same month in 1920. They would have certainly exported a much larger number of bales for nothing if they had produced more. And what is true of the export market, is true also of the domestic market.

Now, while Texas was raising cotton, even in 1921, it failed to raise enough of other things for its own use. The pork, milk, butter products and other agricultural products which Texas used in 1921 were only partly produced in Hexas. The amount imported from other sections of the country, according to the statistican of the Texas Chamber of Comenrce, cost a sum equivalent to the price of 1,500 000 bales of cotton.

Can it be said that Texas is farming intellegintly when such a condition exists? We did better last year, to be sure, than we have ever done before. But is it not plain that we have not been gun to do what we ought to? Let us admit, for the sake of argument, that the estimate of the amount of cotton we exchange for outside products are too high. Let us suppose that it was only 1,000,000 bales. What is the sense of raising that much cotton to exchange it for things we can easily raise in Texas, when the raising of that much extra cotton compels us to sell 8000,000 bales in a single month for less than we got for 500,000 bales during the same month a year ago? Is it because we like the cotton habit so well that we are willing to pay a penalty for raising it?

It is true that it is difficult to find a profitable market for many things which might be raised instead of cotton. That is

a problem that must be solved. But that is no reason why the farmer should not produce the meat, the butter, the milk, the vegetables and other farm products which his consumes. For let it be known that a good percentage of these imported farm products, certainly more than half of them, were consumed on the farms. Is there anything sensible about that?

It is this situation which the campaign for better farming in Texas is designed to cure. It is not merely a cotton acreage reduction program. It is simply intended to stop the practice of swelling the cotton crop in order to indulge in the expensive luxury of swapping cotton for provisions. If we will raise the provisions ourselves we can be more prosperous on less cotton. Indeed, we could be more prosperous on the same amount of cotton if we pocketed the proceeds of that part of the crop that is now exchanged for other farm products.

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However, the above very fittingly demonstrates those who plant trees, especially fruit and nut bearing trees, leaves to his memory a thing to be enjoyed and appreciated by some one in after years. Therefore, plant, and if you do not live to enjoy the fruits of same others who pass this way later will.

THE GOSPEL TRUTH

About the most disgusting sight we have seen a Lubbock young Lady to be sitting on one of these shoe shiner's chairs having a greasy son of Ham shining her shoes and carrying on a conversation with the dusky burr head. That happens in Lubbock!

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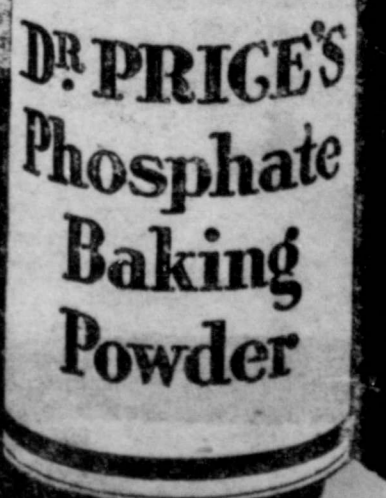


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A burglar comes in the night a frightened woman calls the police station, but before she gets in her call, the burglar strikes her senseless. The telephone girl intuitively knows the meaning of the interrupted call and tells the police where the trouble is.

Such things as these I remember to have read.

I do not know of a town where the people do not complain of the telephone girl and the service they get.

In common with my fellow men, I, too, have seasons of impatience because the service is not better.

But ever now and then I consider how wonderful it is that the service is as good as it is.

I read how our boys in France broke out into cheers when the first contingent of American telephone girls arrived. I cheered with them. I have used the telephone in many foreign countries and can testify that in comparison with the service there, the American telephone girl is an angel.

She has a pleasant voice. She is habitually courteous. She is resourceful. If once in a long

time her job gets on her nerves so also does mine.

I stood a few days ago beside the central operator in a large railway station at a time when trains were coming in in considerable number and many people were wanting telephone connections in a hurry.

I was impressed by her quite courteous demeanor, her voice that did not rise, and the rapidity with which she did her work. She was doubtless above the average telephone girl, and had a more responsible position than most of them; but she is not the only one of her kind.

Let me suggest that we all try to be a little more patient and courteous toward the telephone girl.

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On one of the incidental points which I have noticed in several stories of calamity is the heroism of the telephone girl.

A fire breaks out in a high office building. The girl at the switch board calls up every office and tells the occupants to get out.

A dam breaks, and a flood rushes down the valley. The telephone girls stick to their posts and send word a head, and save many lives.

A burglar comes in the night a frightened woman calls the police station, but before she gets in her call, the burglar strikes her senseless. The telephone girl intuitively knows the meaning of the interrupted call and tells the police where the trouble is.

Such things as these I remember to have read.

I do not know of a town where the people do not complain of the telephone girl and the service they get.

In common with my fellow men, I, too, have seasons of impatience because the service is not better.

But ever now and then I consider how wonderful it is that the service is as good as it is.

I read how our boys in France broke out into cheers when the first contingent of American telephone girls arrived. I cheered with them. I have used the telephone in many foreign countries and can testify that in comparison with the service there, the American telephone girl is an angel.

She has a pleasant voice. She is habitually courteous. She is resourceful. If once in a long time her job gets on her nerves so also does mine.

I stood a few days ago beside the central operator in a large railway station at a time when trains were coming in in considerable number and many people were wanting telephone connections in a hurry.

I was impressed by her quite courteous demeanor, her voice that did not rise, and the rapidity with which she did her work.

She was doubtless above the average telephone girl, and had a more responsible position than most of them; but she is not the only one of her kind.

Let me suggest that we all try to be a little more patient and courteous toward the telephone girl.

In the first place, I think she deserves it. In the next place, I think it will improve the service.


—Dr. William E. Barton, in Richmond Va., Evening Dispatch.

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