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BARBECUE-PICNIC HERE JUNE 21ST

Plans are under way and arrangements being perfected for a big royal entertainment in Merkel on Thursday June 21, when the business men and band boys under the auspices of the local post National Guard will give a big picnic and barbecue in Merkel, with lots of free entertainment, such as baseball, polo, potato races and many other contests and attractions, all free. And besides all the above and more too, there will be several prominent men of state and national fame, who will deliver important addresses. In fact, it is expected that this will be one of the largest gatherings of the people of this entire community as well as one of the most important events that has occurred here in many years.

It is stated that the business men and citizens have contributed liberally towards making this a most successful and pleasant gathering of all the people of this country, and as this is being printed, committees are holding meetings for the purpose of working out details as to program and plans for making the occasion a grand success. All of which will be published in our next issue, as well as by circular and through the daily papers of the state.

Now that the plans are well under way and the various committees hard at work taking care of their various parts of the program, the next and necessary thing for the citizenship of Merkel to do is for every man, woman and child to lend the move their most hearty cooperation. Indeed, there should be no knockers. Every one should be up and doing to help make this occasion a big success.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB NOTES

Mrs. Sam Owens was hostess to the Friendship Club Friday, May 25.

Victrola Music, also a few piano selections, rendered by Miss Minnie Maud Lamar was greatly enjoyed.

Conversation and games occupied the time until papers were passed for a description of our vacation trip. Mrs. Mack Busby, having the cleverest, received a collapseable drinking cup.

The next contest, a row of paper pins were passed to each guest, when on 1, 2, 3 was counted each guest was to pull out every pin and put them back in correctly. Mrs. Sanders being the quickest received a lovely bud vase.

We had as our visitors for the afternoon, Mrs. B. C. Prewitt, from Arkansas, Miss Minnie Maud Lamar, Nellie Lou Lamar and Mrs. Banner.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake was served.

EPWORTH LEAGUE ELECTS DELEGATES

The Merkel Epworth League elects the following delegates, to attend the Northwest Texas League Conference, which convenes at Abilene the 12 to 17 inclusive: Misses Ethel Wilson, Blanche Durham, Murphy Thomas; Messrs. Cyrus Pee, Tom All day, and Brannic Bailey. Others will be in attendance at the various meetings.

Misses Evelyn Hamm and Mary Cleo Booth, came home to this week from attending Simmons College, Abilene.

MERKEL LEAGUE ORGANIZES LEAGUE AT WHITE CHURCH SUNDAY

Last Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, about 20 Epworth Leaguers met at the church and drove out to White Church, where they gave a splendid program to an appreciative audience. After the program, the organizing of a league for these people was gone into. Many members were secured, with more to come. The various officers needed for this organization were elected, and advice and instruction given, to enable them to begin a live, growing league.

The League enjoys going to the different communities to be of assistance of the furthering of this great work. It is an inspiration to every leaguer.

MISS HOGUE TO TEACH ART

Miss Lois Hogue has been elected director of the Art Department at the McMurray College at Abilene. She is well qualified to fill the position by talent and training. She completed the art course at Baylor College and remained there as assistant teacher for two seasons. She has also studied art in Chicago and New York.—Sweetwater Reporter.

Miss Hogue is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hogue, former citizens of Merkel.

SINGING AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

The singing on last Sunday night was well attended. A number of people from Blair and other communities being present.

The following program will be rendered on next Sunday evening, June 10th.

Children are to meet at 7:30 p. m. for song drill to be conducted by Lee Eason.

8:15 Old folks singing, two songs led by J. A. Buford and Mr. Baze.

Prayer, by Chaplin Quartett, Harry Barnett, selected.

Songs by competent leaders. Duett rendered by Mr. Jordan—Selected.

Songs by competent leaders. Sextett by Lee Eason—Selected.

Closing song. Everyone cordially invited to attend. I. D. Simpson, President.

THE JOLLY SIXTEEN

The Jolly Sixteen were entertained Wednesday afternoon, June 6 by Misses Ellen Anderson and Mildred Hamm at the home of the former.

When all guests had arrived, they were given a slip of paper on which was written a verse. Each was told to do the stunt which was designated on the slips of paper.

Flora Frances Anderson won the prize, a pretty little fan. For tunes were then told, after which was another contest, a race to see who could write the names of the most presidents in five minutes. Tommie Durham won the prize, which was a dainty little bottle of perfume.

Ice cream and cake was served after which many games were played out of doors.

The club will meet next Wednesday with Miss Mildred Smith.

Miss Mamie Ellis left Saturday for Snyder to visit friends and from there she will go to Canyon to attend the Summer Normal.

MODERN ICE HOUSE AND COLD STORAGE TOWN PEOPLE HELP KILL GRASSHOPPERS

At a cost of from six to eight thousand dollars, the West Texas Utilities Company with headquarters for this district at Abilene, has this week finished the erection of one of the finest and most modern ice and cold storage plants in this city, located just west of the Fire Station, which will be used by the Merkel Ice Company in conducting their business here, and of which Mr. E. E. Leslie is the clever and accommodating manager.

Yes, Mr. Leslie informs us that he will move into his new and handsome quarters today, and will hereafter conduct his business at the new location. And let us say here that if it is within the power of Ed Leslie to do so, he will render the people of Merkel and surrounding country first class service in his line. In fact, he just naturally believes in delivering the goods and while the price of ice may seem a little high to some, we want to say that Mr. Leslie will sell it as cheap as any one can and give the excellent service that he is giving.

DOAN—HARTON

Saturday at 4 o'clock p. m. Mr. Carl Doan and Miss Nealie Horton were made man and wife. The wedding was solemnized by Bro. Rogers. After the ceremony a delicious dinner and ice course was served at the home of the groom's parents.

Besides relatives, those present were, Mrs. Jeph Horton of Wichita Falls, Miss Winnie Carrol, Messrs. Clyde Moore, Authur Wilson, Price Melton, Solas Scott and Pearl Sanford.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Vacation time is here, but let us not forget Sunday school and church service Sunday. The Presbyterian Church offers everyone a place of worship. We are always glad to have visitors.

The young people had charge of the services last Sunday evening and it was an inspiration to all who heard it. Our young peoples societies are the hope of the future churches and we are proud of them.

We are preparing for Children's Day the third Sunday of June and hope to make this one of the great days of the year.

Next Sunday all the regular services. At night service the sermon subject will be, "Lessons from an Egyptian King's Tomb." You have read of the recent discoveries in Egypt. Let us see if they have a message for us. Fred S. Rogers

BABY BOY PASSES AWAY

The friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bland were saddened to learn of the death of their little son, J. D. on last Monday evening. Our hearts go out in sympathy to the bereaved parents. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church Tuesday at 4 p. m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. Fred S. Rogers.

Fishing parties are the order of the day now. The following fishermen returned Wednesday evening from Pecan Bayo in Callahan county: S. K. Ekard, J. L. Banner, L. A. Freeman, Mr. Ross and Lee Acuff. Some of the women folk went along to dress and cook the fish. All report an enjoyable outing.

TOWN PEOPLE HELP KILL GRASSHOPPERS

In view of the fact that Grasshoppers are in some localities totally destroying the cotton crops in this vicinity, quite a number of business men, bankers and citizens of Merkel went out Wednesday afternoon and with sticks helped the farmers to kill many of the pests.

Those in the party report the infested communities literally alive with the pests, and much damage being done.

GIRLS ORGANIZE CLUB

On last Monday afternoon at four o'clock a few girls met at the hospitable home of Miss Mary Eula Sears, with Miss Christene Collins as assisting hostess to organize the club.

Three Club officers were chosen, these being, Blanche Durham president; Mary Eula Sears, 1st Assistant; Lola Armstrong, reporter.

The club will meet on Tuesday afternoons at the hour of four. The next meeting will be with Miss Lilley Pratt Sears. The name of the club has not been definitely decided upon, but will probably be cosen at the next meeting.

Misses Sears and Collins were delightful hostesses on this occasion, and each girl enjoyed the time spent in this manner.

IN MEMORY OF A FRIEND

On last Friday evening at 6 o'clock, little Gale Toombs, age 10 years, passed away. While we know our loss is her gain we can't help but grieve after her. She had such a sunny disposition; to know her was to love her. And oh! how we miss her, at home, at church, at League and how can we ever go back to school without Gale.

While she was the youngest member of her Class, she stood at the head. Our heart aches for our chum, but we know it is so much harder for the mother and Father, sister and brother, and we sympathize so much with them and the host of relatives and friends she leaves behind. —Her Chum.

KING'S DAUGHTER'S CLASS

The King's Daughter's Class met June, the 5th in the home of Mrs. C. K. Russell, with 29 members present. Also we were glad to have several visitors.

The meeting opened by singing two songs. Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Watts and followed by prayer by Mrs. Hutcheson, after which we had a business session.

Our president, Mrs. Watts has been elected as teacher in our Sunday school, so Mrs. Hutcheson was elected our new president. Mrs. T. A. Johnson having moved away, leaving another vacancy, Mrs. Amy Sears was elected our new Supt. of Social work to take her place. Several items of business were attended to and bills paid, which goes to show our class is doing fine work. We then spent a very pleasant social hour having some contests and music and readings. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Hutcheson Mrs. Smith, served tea and cakes to those present.

PREACHING AT HOPE

Elder Oscar Adcock of Merkel will preach at Hope Sunday morning and afternoon. All are extended a cordial invitation to attend both services.

LITTLE GAIL TOOMBS PASSES AWAY

Following an operation for Appendicitis, in an Abilene Sanitarium, little Gail, 10 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Toombs, passed away last Friday evening at about six o'clock.

The remains were brought to this city, where on Saturday afternoon, at four o'clock, at the Methodist church, funeral services were held, conducted by the pastor, Rev. M. C. Hays after which the remains were tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery.

We understand the deceased was only ill a few days and her almost sudden departure was indeed a shock to her parents and friends who had learned to love her much.

The Merkel Mail joins the family's many friends in extending deepest sympathy during this sad hour of bereavement.



Rev. Fred M. Hendricks

NAZARENE REVIVAL BEGINS THIS WEEK

Rev. Fred M. Hendricks of Apollo, Pa., will be in a meeting at the Tabernacle at Merkel for 10 days. The meeting will commence Thursday evening. Mrs. Jones will preach Thursday and every day and night until Sunday. Mr. Hendricks will be there at the eleven o'clock hour Sunday evening. Everyone is cordially invited to hear this Free Methodist preacher. Come to be free to help and enjoy this old time revival. W. S. Wilson.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching service at 11:00

Bro. Barrack and family will be home for all the services on Sunday. Let every member be in his place, and have a full attendance Sunday morning. Let us greet our pastor and show him we are glad he is back.

All the B. Y. P. U.'s will meet promptly at 7:00 o'clock. Note the change in the time of meeting. The Intermediates No. 1. will have charge of the opening program.

Preaching service at 8:00 o'clock, immediately after the Young People's meeting. All strangers and visitors are welcome. Holland Teaff.

STOCK SHIPMENTS

Jake Cox, 1 car Sunday. Collins Bros., 2 cars, Wednesday.

Jasper McCoy, 1 car, Wednesday.

C. T. Derrick, 1 car, Wednesday.

These shipments all go to Fort Worth.

Rev. M. C. Hays, pastor of the Methodist church, left last Sunday for Buffalo Gap, where he is this week assisting the local pastor in a revival meeting.

PIONEER CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

On Monday afternoon, June 4th, after a few days severe illness, G. A. Lilly, a well to do and highly respected pioneer citizen of this community, died at the family residence some fifteen miles south of this city.

On Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, under auspices of the Masonic lodge, the remains were tenderly laid to rest.

Deceased was born in England, July 30, 1838; came to America at the age of five years, was reared and educated at Mansfield, Ohio. He left home at the age of 18; came to Texas in 1859, stopping at Black Jack Grove, Hopkins county, and shortly after went into the Confederate army under Vanhorn. And at the close of the war between the States he came to Fort Worth. In 1868 he was married to Miss Johephine Merrell, in Dallas county. To this union, seven children were born; three boys, and four girls; five of whom are now living. Mrs. Lilly died at their home near Weatherford 44 years ago.

The family then came to Taylor county in 1890 and resided four years in Valley creek near Shep, and the balance of his life was spent at the family home near Castle Peak, south of Merkel.

In November or December 1868, deceased was married to Miss Ada Compton, of Merkel, who still survives him, there being no children by the last marriage. He joined the Masons at Fort Worth in 1867 and remained a member in good standing until the end came on last Monday. For two or three years he had been in feeble health, and on last Thursday night became critically ill, passing to his reward on the date above mentioned. At the grave Elder W. G. Cybert made a short but impressive talk, after which the Masonic order took charge.

Besides the faithful wife and thirty six grand children, the following children survive: J. B. Lilly, Merkel, G. C. Lilly, Pueblo, California, Mrs. F. A. Myres, Mrs. M. B. Hensley, Mrs. L. M. Pribble.

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Bible Study course. Introduction, by Leader.

1. James, the Brother of our Lord, Murphy Thomas.

2. The letter which James wrote, Nina Miller.

3. Why James Wrote his Epistle, Virgil Hassey.

4. About temptation and Wisdom, James Swann.

5. About doers and hearers, Emory Jones.

6. How treat the Poor, Lloyd Hardy.

7. Faith and Works, Flossie Campbell.

8. Use and Control of the tongue, Lorena Frazier.

9. The uncertainty of life, Oscar Bird.

10. Money. Conclusion, Bro. Parrack.

At a stated meeting of the local I. O. O. F. Lodge, Tuesday evening, T. A. Biedeman was elected Noble Grand and J. S. Thomas, as Vice-Grand, who will serve the remainder of the year. The appointive officers will be chosen at the next meeting. Two candidates were inducted into the mysteries of Odd fellowship at Tuesday night's meeting.

Mrs. Fred S. Rogers is spending the week with relatives in Breckenridge.

Is It Not Reasonable

that State Laws, above all others, should afford opportunity for the progress and development of the State and its people.

In the enactment of the Guaranty Fund Law, the State of Texas has demonstrated its interest in the welfare of this commonwealth by thus rendering service to meet the needs of its people.

We are proud to have back of us this law which works so much good to the people of this community.

We pay interest on Time Deposits. Call and let us explain our Savings Plan.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK
The Only Guaranty Fund Bank in Merkel

At a meeting of the local Merkel chapter, No. 374, Saturday night F. A. and A. M. the following were chosen as officers: G. E. Comegys, M. E. H. P.; J. E. Boaz, E. K.; James Patterson, E. S.; H. R. Hicks, Treas.; G. W. Johnson, Sec'y.

Messrs. F. Y. Gaither, W. L. Diltz Jr., Bill Sheppard, John West, Booth Warren and Uncle Willie Sheppard, returned first of the week from a fishing trip to the Concho. They report a fine trip with plenty of fish.

Johnnie Ray, the guy, who runs the "Store with a Rep" at Blair, was gyrating on the streets of Merkel Tuesday.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

The usual services Sunday morning, Bible Study and prayer-meeting Wednesday evening. Ladies Bible study at the church Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Remember that the series of meetings begin at the Tabernacle on the first Sunday in July to continue two or three weeks. Elder Thos. Millholland will do the preaching.

Misses Inez and Elsie Sharp left Monday for San Marcos, where they will enter the Normal for the summer. Miss Inez goes to take special course in Spanish, while Miss Elsie takes the usual course.

BEAUTY SPOT MADE MOCKERY

Honeymoon Island, in the Pacific Ocean, Once Knew All the Cruelties of a Convict Station.

"Honeymoon island," the nickname for Norfolk Island in the Pacific, is so called from a prevailing superstition that honeymoon couples who pass the first month of their married life there are certain to enjoy lasting happiness. Apart from the legend it would be an ideal place for a honeymoon, for it has been called the most beautiful spot on earth. This earthly paradise started its career as a convict station. The history of those early days is a tale of horror. Ruins of the famous "silent cells" are still to be seen. These cells, made of concrete, four feet thick, were just large enough to enable a man to stand up or lie down. On the walls can be seen the prayers carved by convicts. Known as "the tombs," the silent cells provided the worst form of punishment, and those confined in them rarely came out sane. Hardly a day passed without a murder taking place, and the convicts became worse than savages. Some even became cannibals. There are only eight families on the island. Money is very scarce. The islanders, however, are entirely self-supporting, and have everything they need, as well as a number of luxuries. The island has its own government, which is presided over by a governor sent out from Australia.

ANOTHER GAIN FOR SCIENCE

Information as to Respiration of Insects Said to Have Been Accurately Ascertained.

A scientist abroad has constructed a delicate instrument that registers and measures the respiration of insects. The apparatus is composed of a crystal tube with an aperture in the end. Imprisoned in this, the locust, in the effort to extricate itself, turns over, bringing his thorax immediately under a needle having a ball in the point. In this way, thanks to the ascending and descending movement of the needle working over a lever, the movements of the thorax are registered on a plate or metal leaf. It is thus possible to study attentively the quickness and the length of each breath of the insect and, what is more important, the strength and action. By this means it has been ascertained that insects respire in a manner directly the reverse of human beings. We are required to put the necessary strength into the inspiration, while expelling it is largely automatic. The locust, on the other hand, inhales automatically, but expels with more trouble.

What is "Sheffield Plate"?

The process of welding silver plates on both sides of a copper sheet took the name of "Sheffield plate" from the English town. Electroplating superseded this practice, and today the term is used recklessly in the trade, for products of superior and inferior quality alike, because it conveys a suggestion of "quality" to the buyer. Fifty per cent of the manufacturers, in conference with the federal trade commission, have condemned this practice, defined the word as meaning "an article well plated on a base metal of nickel silver of not less than 10 per cent nickel content," and agreed to abide by this definition in their own business. The federal trade commission is inclined to disapprove of the use of the word as a trade name or mark for silver-plated hollow-ware, irrespective of definition.—Scientific American.

Time's Changes Since 1859.

Times have changed since 1859, when John Eaton, Jr., was superintendent of schools for Tennessee. In Eaton's biennial report, published in 1889, the following excerpt appears:

"The prejudice existing in most communities to this class of instructors (women teachers) is as groundless as it is unjust. The eight lady teachers who have so honorably acquitted themselves in our school have proven beyond a doubt their capacity to teach, govern and manage the largest and most unruly. They are not only equal to male teachers in the exercise of the common duties of the school room, but far better adapted to advance the class of scholars now attending free schools."

In Your Garden.

It is truly wonderful how many birds will visit modest gardens during a year. They will, during the spring migration, be most in evidence from early daylight till breakfast time, and then again as evening comes on, says the American Forestry Magazine. When autumn approaches, the migration that takes place is equally interesting. In winter we may look for various finches, sparrows, crossbills, hawks, owls and not a few other species that come to us during that time of the year.

Could Supply Either.

There was no sign above the tiny office to denote what went on inside, except that it was a general agency. But underneath that description was the following sentence:

"Anything you want at a moment's notice." So the humorist knocked, entered and found himself facing a sleek young man across a small desk-table.

"I want a lawyer," said the humorist. "Certainly, sir," said the young man. "Smart or straight?"

TORTURE APPLIED TO FEET

Modern Pedal Coverings, According to Physician, Among the Greatest of Physical Sins.

In a long range of what Herbert Spencer called physical sins, foot sins loom up as the stupidest and least excusable of which man is guilty. If men and women were born with the wretched appliances they call shoes they would have a right to raise their voices in lamentation over the cruelty of Nature in afflicting them with such a burden. Is it not a strange paradox that we should glory in our scientific ingenuity that has enabled us to construct the flying machine while we have lost the art of walking correctly and making our feet and legs really dependable as instruments of locomotion? asks Eugene Lyman Fisk, M. D., in the Health Builder. If we were simply aspiring to fly and ultimately abandon the use of our lower limbs, that would be a consistent program. But why insist upon encasing our feet in deforming appliances? Why not use reasonable intelligence in walking when in the rare intervals of flying or whizzing around on wheels in various types of conveyances we actually condescend to come into contact with the earth?

SMILE ALWAYS WORTH WHILE

London Writer Undoubtedly Is Correct When He Declares There Is Magic in It.

The anonymous writer who supplies "A Woman's Cause" to the Saturday Review in London, pays this tribute to the woman who smiles:

"Wherever she goes she is met by welcoming faces and gracious acts; even a head waiter will leave the pompous politician to find her a pleasant table, and will daily in suggesting food that may tempt her.

"In shops she waves aside the tired girl. 'Don't worry about me, I have plenty of time,' with a look that makes the girl scramble to serve her other customers to be quickly ready to attend to her.

"For her there is always a seat in an omnibus or a train, and porters never crumble at the weight of her boxes, for being as she is, she takes care that they are not of a back-breaking size.

"Her path in life, in spite of sorrows and difficulties, is, on the whole, an easy one, because she radiates happiness wherever she goes and the reflection of it is in everything around her."

Concerning Moonlight.

It is probable that few persons are aware of the fact that the full moon gives several times more than twice the light of the half moon. They may be still more surprised to learn that the ratio is approximately as nine to one!

Stebbins and Brown, taking advantage of the extreme sensitiveness to light of a selenium cell, measured the amount of light coming from the moon at different phases, with the result above mentioned. The reason for the remarkable difference shown is to be found in the varying angles of reflection presented by the roughened surfaces of our satellite to the sun. The moon is brighter between first quarter and full than between full and last quarter. The cause of this is evident in the more highly reflective character of that part of the moon that lies west of its meridian.

Early Canadian Insurrection.

In the latter part of 1837 there was an insurrection in Canada. A portion of the people, dissatisfied with the British government, broke out in revolt, and attempted to establish their independence.

The insurgents found much sympathy and encouragement in the United States. Seven hundred men from New York seized and fortified Navy Island, in the Niagara river. The loyalists of Canada attempted to capture the place, but failed. They succeeded, however, in firing the Caroline, the supply ship of the adventurers, cut her moorings and sent the burning vessel over Niagara falls.

President Van Buren issued a proclamation of neutrality, forbidding interference with the affairs of Canada. The New York insurgents on Navy Island were obliged to surrender, and order was restored.

The Modern Child.

Reading about the two little English girls who, according to Conan Doyle, discovered real fairies in the woods we were reminded of another child because he was so different. Robert, the four-year-old son of a scientific man, had lived in the country most of his short life. One day a visitor, wishing to make friends with the little fellow, took him on his knee and asked, "Are there any fairies in your woods here, Robert?" "No," responded the child promptly, "but there are plenty of edible fungi!"

Bright Idea.

The performance at a crowded picture theater had just concluded.

Round the exits there was the usual crush to get outside.

"This crush is a nuisance," complained a disheartened one, sinking into a seat beside a man who had retained his place to wait until the press was over.

"It is," assented the comfortable one. "If only everybody would do like me—sit still until all the others had got out there wouldn't be a crush at all."

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL

All Victory Loans have been called for redemption on or before May 20th We shall be glad to serve you in sending them in.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

Close of business, April 3rd, 1923

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$331,064.83
Cotton	None
U. S. Securities	13,600.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	27,672.19
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	300.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Other Real Estate	4,100.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX	135,933.72
Total	\$520,033.24

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	9,356.29
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
DEPOSITS	439,416.95
Total	\$520,033.24



THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank OF MERKEL

J. T. Warren, President L. R. Thompson, Cashier
DIRECTORS
J. T. Warren, Geo. F. West, L. R. Thompson, Sam Butman Sr., Henry James

Mrs. Earl Thornton is visiting her mother Mrs. T. H. Christopher, and other relatives in Lamesa.

Mrs. T. W. Highsmith moved Monday into the residence known as the J. A. Buford place.

J. C. Mason returned Friday night from a week's visit to Clarksville, Paris, and other points east.

T. W. Clark and daughter, Miss Evorie left Sunday morning for Clovis, New Mexico on a visit.

Miss Willie Yandell is glad to be at home for the vacation time. She has been in school at Simmon College, Abilene.

Deputy U. S. Marshal, Baylor Crawford was in the city Monday afternoon from Abilene.

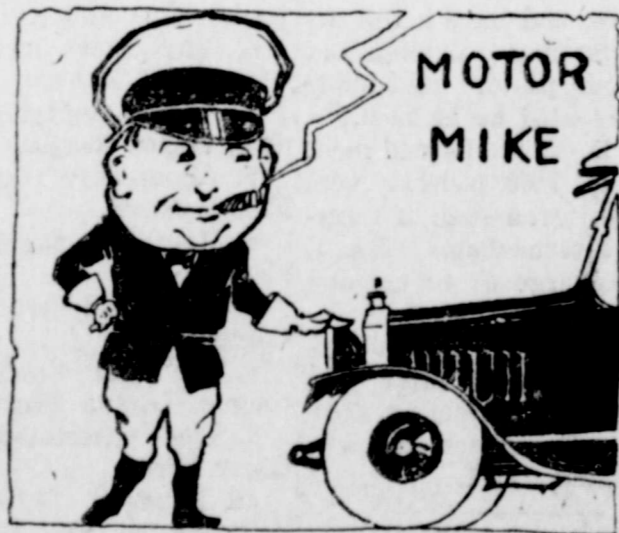
Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett and Miss Lois Christopher of Lamesa, left Monday for Palacios.

Seal Flour, none better. Every sack guaranteed at Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf

Mrs. J. D. Jones and little daughter were in Wednesday from the Canyon trading.

A goodly number of Merkelites attended the singing at Blair Sunday afternoon.

Miss Floy Buchannan, who has been sick for the past two weeks, is now able to be up



I'll tell the world it gets my goat, To see a car go hippy hop, For they can fix 'em where they're broke If taken to their shop.

That's our claim, to be able to fix 'em up when they're hurt.

Bring on your car for parts or repair.

"You tell 'em Steering Wheel, you've seen their hand."

McFarland Garage

GRAPES

Rich, ripe, healthful grapes, grown in the famous vineyards of Southern Europe—produce the cream of tartar from which Royal Baking Powder is made.

The most eminent authorities in the world say cream of tartar makes the best and most healthful baking powder.

ROYAL Baking Powder

The ONLY nationally distributed Cream of Tartar Baking Powder

Contains No Alum—Leaves No Bitter Taste

TRENT ITEMS

Dr. Watkins, who was recently operated on for appendicitis, is doing nicely. He is able to be in his office again.

Last Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock, Mr. Henry Smith and Miss Ola Lee Boone were quietly united in marriage at the home of Rev. John M. Riddell in Abilene. It was a beautiful and quiet affair. No one being present except the bride and groom, the minister, Mrs. Riddell and Mr. John Reynolds. Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Smith on what we hope to be their long, and happy journey of married life.

Mr. Othel Watkins is with home folks again. He has been attending Simmons College the past year.

Mr. John Reynolds spent last week in Abilene.

Misses Annie Mott and Ellie Jones left last Thursday for Louisiana, where they will make their home. We regret to lose these young ladies from our midst.

Miss Bessie English is home from Abilene where she has been attending Simmons College. Welcome Bessie.

Mr. and Mrs. Niewnham Reynolds, of near Blair were in Trent Saturday and Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Burt Chambless, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Reynolds.

Mrs. Carl Black is visiting relatives on the plains.

Mr. John B. Winn and family spent Saturday night and Sunday in Sweetwater with Mr. Winn's sister.

Mrs. Jess Nalley and children spent the day Sunday with Mrs. Nalley's sister Mrs. W. J. Reynolds.

Mr. W. C. and Jess Nalley went to Sweetwater Sunday to see Mr. Earl Nalley, who is in the hospital there.

Rev. and Mrs. Riddell came to Trent last Wednesday. Mrs. Riddell is instructing the W. M. U. Ladies in a study course at the Baptist church.

Mr. Adrian and family, Mr. Joe Nalley and wife have returned from a two-week trip to South Texas and the coast.

Mr. C. T. Beckham has gone to Los Angeles, California on an extended business trip.

Misses Cora and Mattie Scott and Fannie are at White church this week.

Mr. Walter O'Kelly who has been attending Clarendon College is at home now.

Mr. Melvin Reid, Mr. John and Curtis Payne went to Merkel Saturday and played ball for Merkel against Center Line.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Baled Wheat. See R. L. Bland at once. t1

FOR SALE—Bundie Oats at 4c per buadte. Phone 22. 1t

FOR SALE—Oats 4c; Johnson Grass giver away. S. H. L. Swafford. 1t

FOR SALE—My entire flock of Real Red Chickens. You will have to see these to appreciate them. H. M. Rose. 1t

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Prayer
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The advantage of an education, Bro M. C. Hays.
What college has done for me, (3 min. talk by all returning college students.)
Why choose the Christian college, Russell Pike.
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Closing hymn and benediction
Miss Rennie Burns visited friends at Clyde this week.

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Intermediate B. Y. P. U. No. 2

Subject—"A Mosaic."
Group in Charge, No. 2.
1. Memory Verse, Alvie Elliot
2. What it is, Gladys Hardy.
3. Virginia, Marie Brown.
4. Kentucky, Aileen Childress
5. Arkansas, Mabel Tipton.
6. Louisiana, Mabel Highsmith.
7. Scripture Reading—1 Cor. 12:12-31, by Leader.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U. Group No. 1

Subject, "A Mosaic."
1. What it is, Nellie Sharp.
2. Scripture Reading, 1 Cor. 12 12-31.
3. Some Lives, Cullen Toombs
4. Other great Baptists of our state, Jessie Childress.
5. Memory verse.
6. Leaders ten minutes.
7. Poem.

Buy Folgers Coffee at Bob Martin's Grocery Company. tf

Trade Trip—

The Mail is pleased to announce that under the auspices of the Commercial & Agricultural Club the business interests of Merkel will make their next trade trip to Compere, which will be on Thursday evening, June 7th. An elaborate and interesting program is being arranged and will be given at this time by the Merkel Band, and other local talent. We are also requested to announce that County Supt. John Thompson, of Jones County, will be present and deliver an address on the school building.—Merkel Mail.

Why should the larger cities of the State monopolize the trade trip? Why should not Merkel, the hustling little city, stage a trade trip just the same as Dallas or Fort Worth or any other place? There is no reason and the Merkel business men are showing much progressiveness by inaugurating this trip to Compere. Merkel has many

commodities that the people of Compere need and realizing that the Merkel business men are going to carry the message to their doors. It is indeed a progressive step.—Abilene Reporter.

LAUNDRY SPECIALS

Why break your back over the wash tub, when you can have your entire family washing and ironing done at such a small cost, a trial will convince you just how good and cheap it is. Ligon, the Laundryman. Phone 218. tf.

Miss Josie Smith, accompanied by Mrs. C. C. Campbell and little daughter, Sally Mary, visited Abilene Wednesday forenoon.

Mrs. B. C. Prewitt of Little Rock, Ark., sister to Mrs. L. E. Sanders left Friday for Sacramento, California, after a visit of two weeks here.

PARENT-TEACHERS' CLUBS OF CO. COMPLIMENTED

The Red Cross Rooms at the Court House were made inviting and pleasant with their coolness, flowers, and a group of interested women, Saturday afternoon, when the Rural Life Unit of the Woman's Forum entertained, complimenting the officers and some of the interested members of the Parent-Teachers' Clubs of the county. Following informal greetings and introductions, the chairman, Miss Ada D. Pearce, presented the reader for the afternoon, Miss Carmaleet Tims of Tuscola. This attractive girl, a student with Mrs. Carswell and one of the years graduates from the High school read, in a very pleasing manner, two well selected numbers from Edgar A. Guest, "A Smile" and "She Ponders Her Nose". Then followed an hour of interesting reports and informal discussion of various phases of work of Parent-Teachers' organization. The Chairman stated that there are in the county some ten rural clubs that have done active work this year and strong organization in all the ward schools of Abilene and in Merkel. The progress of some of this work was briefly outlined and it was stated that a number of clubs had indicated their inability to be present at the meeting because of crop conditions (reaping, etc.) Threatening weather conditions, too interfered somewhat with the attendance. Most excellent reports were given of the work, in the Hamby school by Mrs. W. Mrs. Herbert Grier; in the Elm Dale school, by Miss Eleanor Harrison, who was the past year, a teacher in this school; T. Knox, and in the Travis T. Knot, and in the Travis School (Abilene) by Mesdames McCook and Rhodes. All of these reports would decidedly answer the question "What can a Parent-Teachers' Club do any way?" and would furnish inspiration for anyone discouraged with the progress of such work. The Chairman stated that the purpose of the Rural Life Unit is to co-operate with all clubs in the county, working primarily for the general development of their communities. Mrs. Harry Porter Brooks offered some excellent suggestions and plans, which, it was agreed, were to be submitted to the various clubs, whereby a closer relationship and better co-operation might be established.

During the social hour a number, who had never had occasion to visit the Dispensary and the pleasure of inspecting these well equipped rooms. Refreshing punch was served to the following ladies: Mesdames R. N. McGuire, Herbert Grier, A. H. Howell, and J. D. Reeves (North Park); Mrs. W. T. Knox (Hamby); Miss Eleanor Harrison (representing the Elm Dale School); Mesdames McCook and Rhodes (Travis School); and Mesdames Harry Porter Brooks, Grady Kinsolving, R. L. Norwood, Thomas Hayden, and Miss Ada D. Pearce of the Rural Life Unit, and Miss Carmaleet Tims. Dainty cards, marked with scenes and flowers, were the favors of this pleasant meeting.—Mrs. Thos. E. Hayden, Press Reporter.

CARD OF APPRECIATION

We, the undersigned, wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the members of the Masonic order and all who in any way assisted during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father, Mr. G. A. Lilly. For your kindness and assistance, we are indeed thankful, and may God's richest blessings rest upon each of you. Mrs. G. A. Lilly, J. B. Lilly, Mrs. F. A. Myres, Mrs. M. B. Hensley, Mrs. L. M. Pribble, Mrs. G. C. Lilly and Mrs. Nancy Lilly.

Mrs Dr. Cranford spent Tuesday with friends in Abilene.

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Merkel has certainly been a deserted town this entire week, owing to the fact that the farmers are busy in their crops, and many of the town's citizens spending the time outing and fishing. But with the making of a fine crop here, conditions would certainly change about face. However, that does not keep the business men from complaining of the lack of trade now.

The Mail is glad to learn that Mr. Claud Riney, one of Merkel's excellent young men, who for the past four years has been a student in the State University at Austin, will this week finish there, receiving his degree. This young man deserves much credit for his hard work and continued efforts to gain a higher education. We join many friends in extending congratulations, Claude, and may your career be strewn with health, prosperity and happiness.

The Merkel Mail is in receipt of an invitation to attend the Commencement exercises of Trinity University, that splendid Presbyterian School, located at Waxahachie, and which is to take place on June 12. Accompanying the invitation was a beautifully engraved card, bearing the name of Miss Ona Fae happy couple.

Bland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland of this city, who is one among those receiving a degree from this great school. Miss Bland is one of Merkel's most accomplished and fine young ladies, and the Merkel Mail joins a host of friends in extending congratulations.

KEEPING BUSINESS AT HOME

No town can be permanently prosperous in which the citizens and tradesmen dependent on each other do not patronize one another. The fact is, but little is ever made in going away to trade, if it can be secured at home, and oftener there is a loss. Show us a town in which the people make it a rule not to send away for anything they can get at home, and we will show you a town in which business is lively, and everybody buys and trade is centered from abroad. Prices are low and the tradesmen patronize each other, having no suspicion that confidence will be abused. Let it be understood that when business men of any town get in the habit of sending abroad for purchases the business will languish. Having no confidence in each other how can they expect others to have confidence in them? No, that's not the way to build a town. Patronize each other, and keep your business at home—Quannah Chief.

Mr. Clyde Deavers who for the past few years has been teaching school in South Texas arrived first of the week from Corpus Christi, accompanied by his bride. He was married on last Sunday to Miss Stacie Tackett, a charming and accomplished young lady of Corpus Christi. They will spend some time here with the formers' many friends and relatives. The Merkel Mail extends congratulations and good wishes to the young couple.

STRENUOUS KIND OF SPORT

Angling With Rod and Line for Swordfish Can Be Guaranteed to Furnish Thrills.

Swordfishing for broadbill swordfish with rod and reel no doubt heads the list of the most strenuous kinds of sport. This remarkable form of sport has been practiced for a number of years on the Pacific coast in the neighborhood of Santa Catalina Island and to a less extent, and more recently, along our own Atlantic seaboard. In many respects it is the most fascinating of all forms of fishing. C. K. Stillman writes in the Health Builder. There is considerable difficulty in finding the prospective victims as they swim or float solitary near the surface of the sea, and more yet when found in persuading them to bite. Once hooked, the swordfish is a very resourceful antagonist and hard to keep on the line. The angler never knows what is going to happen next and is never entirely free from apprehension that the fish may attack his boat. No fishing is more productive of super thrills and of grievous disappointments. To the swordfish angler the landing of one fish is a season's triumph. Many have gone out year after year for swordfish without success, but they keep on doggedly in the knowledge that a lucky turn of events may at any moment bring achievement.

PERIOD WHEN WOMEN RULED

By Far the More Important Sex in Early Days of the World, is Recent Statement.

Recent research, by some French professors, into the ways of women of a hundred thousand years ago, have given an unexpected jolt to preconceived ideas. Now the professors declare that woman, in the days of our cave-dwelling ancestors, was regarded as of the more important sex. Men held a secondary position, tolerated for the sake of the food and skins provided. Women ruled, and were the inventors of the earliest arts and sciences. It was the woman's ingenuity which devised snares for animals and made plans for storing food against times of scarcity. Women taught ways of making clothing from skins of animals, and by the efforts of their brains improved the lot of all the human race. Woman's cunning and wit were the outcome of her lack of physical strength, which obliged her to resort to strategy rather than force. On the whole, the prehistoric woman apparently held the same position and ruled man in the same manner that she does today, according to these gentlemen, who may however have a different opinion for us tomorrow.

Love of Trees.

Love of trees is almost a religion to the Jugo-Slav peasant. The now kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes boasts some of the oldest forests in the world. During the Middle Ages wood from the provinces east of the Adriatic was exported to Venice, where it was made into ships, and furniture, and cabinets—some of the far-famed works of art that have survived the early renaissance.

One of the native picturesque customs deals with the choosing of a tree for a yule log at Christmas time, says the Detroit News. Without this yule log, or "badnjak," as it is known in Slovenia, no Christmas is complete and no family is too poor to have one. The first chip that flies when the tree is being felled is placed in the milk, the beehive, the hen roost, anywhere that the housewife especially desires prosperity. In some regions the chips of the badnjak are all gathered up and presented to members of the family and to the animals of the farm.

President Tyler's Love Affairs.

John Tyler, tenth President of the United States, was married twice, and in each case it was a marriage of affection. His first wife was Letitia Christian, daughter of Robert Christian, one of the best known men of Virginia. It might almost be called a boy and girl affair, but they were married and lived happily together for 30 years. The second wife of the President was Julia Gardiner. She married the President while he was still in office, and after his death went to Richmond, where she spent the remainder of her life.

Most Americans—regarding him in a superficial way—think of Tyler as one of the prosaic, matter-of-fact Presidents of the United States, yet in the wooing of Miss Christian he gave proof that he possessed an ardent temperament—the temperament of a love-stricken and romantic young man.

Uruguay—A Sketch.

The broad plains of Uruguay in the amber April that is autumn here. The vintage season, great black and rose-colored muscat grapes, whose crisp skin crackles under my teeth. Swarthy laborers picking heavy clusters. Dashing horsemen, their silver stirrups inlaid with gold, in white ponchos, broad sombreros, with long, flowing scarfs fluttering over their shoulders, about a greeting to the rhythm of their horses' hoofs, and speed on. Gardens of pink laurel and red hibiscus. Grand avenues of eucalyptus, silencing in the sun, their trembling foliage outlined high above us, against the blue vaults of heaven. Peons singing in the vineyards, or after sunset improvising rustic chants to the accompaniment of their guitars. A vineyard festival.—Bonne Franconie in La Revue de L'Amerique Latine.

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FAMILY RATES NOT AFFECTED BY VALUATION

Dallas, Texas, June 6th, 1923.

Declaring that the importance of the concerted attempt being made by certain groups of politicians and agitators to induce the Interstate Commerce Commission to render a valuation of the railways far below their actual value, can hardly be exaggerated, since its outcome will determine the future of the railroad transportation in this country for at least a quarter of a century, and possibly for all time to come. J. L. Lancaster, Receiver of the Texas & Pacific, today issued the following statement in connection with the recent Conference on Railway Valuation, held in Chicago by the so-called "progressive bloc" in Congress.

"Many people believe, and radical leaders and politicians diligently encourage the belief that the valuation finally placed on the roads will have a very important effect on the total rates they will be allowed to charge. This is not true. The railways at present are paying out in operating expenses and taxes, 85 percent of all the earnings they derive from the rates they charge. This means 85 percent of all the earnings they derive from the rates they charge. This means that so long as present operating expenses and taxes prevail, they will have to continue to collect from the public at least 85 percent of the present rates, to pay operating expenses and taxes alone, absolutely regardless of what valuation is placed upon their properties. The valuation finally made will affect only that part of rates and earnings which constitute the net return of the railroads, and from which they must pay interest charges and dividends, and directly or indirectly make all enlargements and improvements of their properties. An increase or a reduction of a billion dollars, in the valuation now tentatively placed upon the properties by the Interstate Commerce Commission would affect the total passenger and freight rates they are allowed to charge by less than one percent. A change of five billion dollars, upwards or downwards, in the total valuation, would affect the total rates the roads are allowed to charge by only about four percent.

According to Mr. Lancaster, however, while it is true this final valuation will have relatively little effect on the total rates the railways will be allowed to charge, it will have a most important effect upon the net return the railways will be allowed to earn, and, therefore, on the interest and dividends they will be able to pay, and the additions and improvements in their properties they will be able to make; and that, regardless of the technicalities of the subject, it is comparatively easy to estimate the amount of net returns the roads must earn in the future, if they are to provide adequate and satisfactory transportation service.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has placed on the railways a tentative valuation of \$19,400,000,000, and has held that a fair return upon this valuation would be 5 3-4 percent annually, he declared.

This would be, roughly, equal to 5 1-2 percent on the investment in property shown by the railway companies books. Now, in the ten years before this country entered the war, there were five years in which the roads earned an average of about 5 1-2 percent on their property investment, and the earning of this net return resulted in an average annual investment of about \$7,000,000,000 in new railroad facilities. During the other five years of that period, the roads earned an average of about 4 1-2 percent on their property investment and made an average annual investment in new facilities of only about \$400,000,000. In other words, whether the railways earned an average of 5 1-2 percent or 4 1-2 percent in the average investment made by them annually in new facilities with which to render more and better transportation service. And there is no reason to doubt the same causes would produce the same effects in future.

According to Mr. Lancaster, it was estimated by the Joint Commission of Agricultural Inquiry of Congress, in the "Transportation" made by it in 1921, that "at least \$750,000,000 per annum" in new investment should be made by the railways for several years, in order to remedy the great and increasing shortage of transportation.

"Other authorities", he declared, "have estimated that the annual new investment made in railroads could be over a billion dollars a year. It is by no means certain that if the roads are allowed to earn in future an average return of 5 3-4 percent on a valuation equivalent to that now placed upon them by the Commission, they will be able to raise all the new capital required to adequately increase their facilities; but it is certain that if a substantially lower valuation than the present one is placed on the railways, and the net return they are allowed to earn is correspondingly reduced, they will be able to raise the new capital and make the enlargements and improvements in their properties necessary to enable them to handle the country's increasing commerce."

Mr. Lancaster further declared that those who "for political purposes are seeking through arbitrary legislation or by putting pressure on the Interstate Commerce Commission" to secure a large reduction in the valuation of the railways, are "recklessly disregarding the plain economic facts of the situation", and that if the policy they advocate should be adopted, some small reductions in rates would be secured, "but at the cost of a great increase in the shortage of transportation, of a drastic limitation of the country's production and commerce because of this increased shortage of transportation, and finally of a great industrial and financial disaster due to the eventual stoppage of the growth of our production and commerce."

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WHEN THE ROD WAS SUPREME

Stern Discipline Marked the Upbringing of Boys and Girls of a Few Generations Ago.

Boys and girls of the present day find the road to learning much smoother and pleasanter than did their forefathers. Something over a century ago the favorite text in almost every family was, "Spare the rod and spoil the child."

A rawhide or bunch of birch hung over the mantel-shelf in many houses, to be used upon the boys of the family, the usual rule being that a whipping at school must be followed by one at home. Those given at school were usually the more severe. In many old schools in England the "birch horse" is preserved as a curiosity; a high wooden frame shaped like a saddle, on which the delinquent was strapped to receive his lashes.

Watson, in his "Annals of Philadelphia," tells us that girls as well as boys were whipped in the "academies for the children of the gentry" something like a hundred years ago.

Other punishments than whipping were common. Talking in school was sometimes punished by fastening a frame over the mouth, from which lolled a huge red flannel tongue. Almost every school had its dunce's cap, and some of them had a "hog," which was a block of wood that was strapped to the leg of a truant and worn outside of school.

Dull scholars were often made to stand open-mouthed under the clock, to be pointed at by their comrades as they marched past. In certain English schools a large wicker cage is preserved in which the delinquent was fastened, the cage being then drawn by a pulley to the ceiling, where it remained until the ill-doer was supposed to be sufficiently punished.

The tardy scholar was sometimes forced to march through the streets preceded by an usher who carried a lighted lantern, to the amusement of the jeering crowd.

Inventing a Surname in Persia.

Although Teheran is the capital of Persia few of its streets are dignified with names. The city's principal thoroughfare is known as Street of the Gas Lights, from the fact that an attempt was once made to illuminate it by means of gas lamps, and though the lighting failed the name of the street remained. As none of the houses has a number, it is extremely difficult to find a given address. Until very recently there were, with certain exceptions, no family names in Persia. This led to so much confusion that two or three years ago an edict was issued obliging all persons in the empire to adopt a family name within a given date. As may be supposed the names chosen were frequently curious and sometimes amusing. An old man who had been for many years guardian of the gate of one of the Christian missions, chose for himself the Persian equivalent of "Honest and Faithful." A postman styled himself appropriately "Here, There and Every-where," while a merchant who was of a practical turn of mind, selected as a surname his own telephone number, "Three Hundred and Ten."

Golden Girdle for the Earth.

You would find it difficult to measure the width of one of your hairs, but compared with some things a human hair is incredibly thick. The actual width of an average hair is about one-sixth-hundredth of an inch.

The hair-spring of a watch is about half as thick as a hair. You might not think so at first, but a hair-spring is a flat strip, not circular, and usually its thickness is about one-twelve-hundredth of an inch. Its width makes it look comparatively big.

A piece of pure gold can be flattened out into a sheet so thin that 300,000 similar ones piled on top of each other would only be an inch high!

If it was drawn out into a wire, it could be made so fine that one ounce would be nearly fifty miles long. Forty pounds of gold would make a wire long enough to encircle the earth!

The smallest thickness known to exist in a substance may be seen and made by anybody. In its thinnest parts, a soap-bubble has been estimated to be about one-three-millionth of an inch thick.

Airplanes to Carry Lights.

All British airplanes will have to carry a rear light while flying at night now. This safety regulation has just been made by the air ministry. It compels aerial traffic to "light up" half an hour before sundown, and, in addition to the tail light, similar illumination must be placed at the end of the wings. White lights will be used. A similar arrangement was utilized by some of the airplanes during the war and these new lights of the sky to ground observers will have the aspect of stars on the move. Added significance is given to the regulation by the fact that shortly a night service of air liners will be run by the civil department of the air ministry. Although intended as an experiment, which will be continued over a month, it will probably lead to the establishment of a night service run on lines similar to that of the ordinary day service. The route selected for the trial is from London to Paris.

New Idea in Suitcases.

A German became tired of carrying his suitcase, or paying others to carry it for him, and invented a new type of case. It is circular in form and has a tire around it. There is a small wheel to act as a balance and a handle, so that the owner can push it along the street without any trouble.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable, of Taylor County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that by making Publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Taylor, if there be a newspaper published in said County, but if not, in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof you summons Gregorio Corondo, whose residence is unknown to be and appear before Hon. Justice Court in and for Precinct No. Five of Taylor County, Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the County of Taylor, at Merkel on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1923. The number of said cause being 2 then and there to answer the petition of J. B. Stuard filed in said court on the 7th day of April A. D. 1923 against the said Gregorio Corondo, and alleging in substance as follows: suit on verified account for the sum of Thirteen and eighty hundredths (\$13.80) for goods and merchandise sold and delivered to the defendant Gregorio Corondo, at his own suggestion and request. Plaintiff prays for judgement for the amount of his account and all costs of this suit expended.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you then and there before said court this Writ with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand, in Merkel Texas, this 30th day of May A. D. 1923.

Attest: W. W. Wheeler
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5 Taylor County Texas. 1t4.

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Mrs. T. H. Christopher and daughter, Miss Christene, returned to their home at Lamesa Monday morning, after a pleasant visit of some three weeks here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. B. Steele and children of Waurika, Okla., were here last week, guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning.

Brooks Patterson, Ed Turner N. A. Dowell and Bill Patterson returned Tuesday from a fishing trip to the Jim Ned. They report a good catch.

Claud Riney will be at home in a few days. Claude is one of the many who graduated from State University this year. We congratulate him.

Misses Ruby and Evelyn Hamm, and Blanche Durham, and Messrs. Guy Darsey and Herbert Dennis spent the day fishing out on Elm Monday.

T. G. Preston, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Marion Winters in the Shiloh community for the past three months, returned to his home at Comanche Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dowdy Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dowdy Mr. and Mrs. Aubry Dowdy and Miss Gertrude Dowdy were here Sunday from Trent, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Pribble.

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Mrs. E. L. Eason celebrated her birthday last Thursday with a fish fry on Sweetwater creek and a big dinner at her home in the Shiloh community that evening. Those who partook of Mr. and Mrs. Eason's hospitality on this occasion were: Mr. J. M. Winters and family, Henry Eason and family, Joe Douglass, Jr. and wife and Winston Winters.

Come to the Merkel Mail office or your Counter Charge pads.

Miss Esther Roehl, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Hays who some weeks ago underwent an operation at an Abilene Sanitarium for appendicitis, and who for many days seemed critically ill, we are glad to announce was able to be brought to the family home here an last Saturday night, and from reports seems to be continuing to improve.

Collins Bros. shipped a car of cattle to Fort Worth Saturday night.

Mrs. Claud Comegys returned from Sweetwater where she had been visiting.

Rev. Fred S. Rogers returned Saturday from a visit with relatives at Caddo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, and mother, we are informed left this week for a trip to points in New Mexico, where they will visit the latter's son, George Ferrier, who is ranching in that state.

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GOLAN ITEMS

Every one enjoyed the Mother's Day program and the big dinner on the ground but the most interesting part of our program was the speech made by Mr. L. R. Thompson of Merkel. We were glad to have him with us and hope to have him with us again soon.

There was a good crowd at our Sunday School Sunday and each one of us are striving to win the prize that is to be given to the one who reads the most chapters at the end of the 3rd quarter.

Rollie J. Hill as returned home for the summer. He has spent the last nine months going to school at John Tarleton Agricultural College.

Clara B. West has also returned home from school at Anson. She was one of the graduates this year.

J. C. Davis of Fort Worth is visiting his brother, Luther and uncle, Geo. Byrom.

Viola Cook, Leona and Vera Jones and Gertrude Byrom visited Edith and Audra Huds- peth.

Mrs. W. R. Hudspeth is visiting her daughter, at Floydada who is Mrs. Rapp Greene.

Mr. P. W. Lawlis and daughter Vera are visiting relatives in Colorado City, also at Big Spring. Mr. Lawlis is out there on business, about his church work.

G. M. Byrom is on the sick list this week.

Marvin Sosebee of Anson was out at Golan Sunday.

We are going to have a real singing Sunday after noon, as Mr. Lepard has promised to be with us.

Every one enjoyed the ice cream supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCain's last Saturday night.

School was out the 25th and every one was glad of it. The three teachers have left us but one of them is coming back next winter to teach for us, making the third year she has taught at this place.

G. M. Byrom, wife and daughters Bettie and Gertrude visited some friends near Noodle on Sunday.

Claude Derrick and G. M. Byrom were on a trade for cattle we understand, that Mr. Derrick is going to ship a car load just as soon as he can get a car.

Next Sunday is our regular preaching day. Be on time so that you won't miss Sunday school.

Eugene Williams has been real sick this week and has not been able to drive the tractor.

R. A. Burgess, Superintendent of our schools, accompanied by Mrs. Burgess, and Miss Julia Martin, left Monday by auto for Austin, where Mr. Burgess and Miss Junia Martin will enter the State University for the summer.

END OF SALE SPECIALS!

Saturday closes one of our most satisfactory sales. Our customers are satisfied with the clean merchandise at the extra special prices. There are still many bargains to be had and only two more days of bargain prices.

All our \$2.50 Campus, leather bill, caps are priced at end of sale special at **\$1.95**

Our entire stock of boys laundried shirts, \$1.00 and \$1.25 values, on sale at **39c**

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Miss Roxie Sharp was itor in Abilene the last end.

Mrs. W. L. Burns Saturday for Van Zandt county to visit a son.

Mrs. Touchstone is in the city from Dallas, the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. A. Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Hutcheson returned first of the week from a visit to Eliasville, Texas.

Mrs. Cranfill was here Colorado Sunday, visiting sister, Mrs. W. F. Hamblett

Mrs. M. E. Boaz of Se Washington, is here on a week's visit to her son, J. Boaz.

Mrs. Hugh Smith of Abile is visiting Miss Josie Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith in the Canyon.

James Pardue and family of Big Spring, were the guests of Mr. Pardue's sister, Mrs. Alton Smith, Monday.

Mrs. Noel Moore and son Wayne Huston of Ft. Worth are visiting their father and grandfather, J. S. Hutson.

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Miss Lorine Cranfill, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. F. Hamblett for the past week, returned to her home at Colorado Sunday.

Messrs. Tom Grimes and Loring Hamblett left Tuesday for several days stay at Breckenridge and Cottonwood.

Mrs. A. H. Mitchell, who for several weeks has been here visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Winter, left first of the week for her home at Greenville, Texas.

Our good friend and splendid citizen, J. H. Ensminger of route five, was in the city one day this week and has our thanks for his renewal to the Merkel Mail for another year.

J. Ben Campbell, R. F. D. Carrier on route 2, and family left Sunday for Canyon by auto to place their daughter, Miss Ouida in school. They will be absent for about eight or ten days

Miss Lilly Bernard, who taught in the Escota schools the past term, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. L. Burns. She will leave Monday for Abilene to enter the summer term of A. C. C.

Elder W. G. Cypert returned Monday from Rotan.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock and children spent Sunday at Abilene.

Miss Lois Dry returned last week from C. I. A.

Mr. Sewell Harvell who attended A. C. C. this year is at home.

Miss Aurdey Porter is at home after attending C. I. A. the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morton have a very sick child at the family residence.

Mrs. H. F. Skeen of Sweetwater was a guest of Mrs. W. G. Leach this week.

I. S. Simpson made a business trip to Trent Tuesday.

Miss Girlye Howard, is at home for the summer, from C. I. A., Denton.

Miss Mary Proctor has returned from A. C. C. where she attend school the past year.

Mrs. W. G. Leach returned last week from her visit to friends and relatives at Snyder.

Miss Maxie Banner returned recently from an extended visit to relatives at San Angelo.

Cecil Stevenson is here from McAllen, visiting his cousin, Archie Rose and other relatives

Mr. B. L. Scott and wife and son spent Sunday with relatives in Abilene.

Castle Ellis, who has been attending Texas University is at home for vacation time.

Jack Durham, who has been at state University the past school year came in Wednesday.

Mr. W. M. Elliott of the Bob Martin Co., with his family spent yesterday outing and fishing on the Clearfork.

Miss Mabel Russell, daughter of S. G. Russell, is at home after attending school at C. I. A. the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Etheredge left Friday for Wichita Falls and points in Oklahoma to visit relatives for a month.

Mrs. Miles Morton has returned from a visit of several days with a daughter in Jones county.

G. E. Comegys and Harry Woodrum attended a meeting of the Masonic order at Abilene Wednesday night.

Misses Pearl and Odie Campbell of Paducah are the guests of their grandmother, Mrs. F. Sears and other relatives.

Misses Lola Armstrong and Lula Mae Boaz have returned to their homes. They have been attending school at T. W. C.

Miss Lillie Dean of Dallas is expected to arrive first of next week for a visit with Miss Willie Swann, of the Woodroof Bragg Company.

Messrs. L. E. Scott, T. G. Bragg, E. M. McDonald and Fred Guitar, composed a fishing party to Deadman this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Service and son and daughter of Crosbyton, who have been on a visit here with Tos. Duram and family left Monday morning.

Chas. Houston, and little daughter, and Mrs. S. W. Mehaney of Plainview and Mrs. Houston and daughter of Abernathy were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin this week.

Mrs. Ergeal Meador and little daughter, Joy left last Saturday for Riverside, Illinois where they will visit a sister of the former. They will be gone about a month.

W. E. Miller and family, joined by L. R. Bishop and family of Trent, left Wednesday for Colorado Springs, and from there they will go to California. They went by auto and will likely be gone all summer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Jones, Ben Jones, Mr. and Mrs. S. Winter and Mr. W. B. Farmer, were among those of our city who enjoyed a day outing and fishing this week.

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Miss Neil Swann left recently for Canyon Normal, where she will attend the North West Texas State Normal this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott and their son, Burneal, made a business trip to Hamlin, Anson, and Sylvester this week.

Master Joe and little Miss Leona Rose Black of Big Spring, are the guests of their grandmother, Mrs. Rose.

The Polo game played here Wednesday evening between Abilene and Merkel, was won by Abilene, score being 2 to 4.

Jasper McCoy, C. T. Derrick and Collins brothers each shipped a car of cattle to the Fort Worth market Wednesday of this week. Messrs. McCoy and Derrick accompanied the shipment.



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