

## BANKERS ENDORSE COTTON ASSOCIATION

"Realizing that Agriculture is the basic industry of the country and that cotton is the principal money crop of Texas, we favor the universal adoption of the proper method of marketing the cotton crop in an orderly manner, to the end that the grower will realize a fair profit on the labor and investment made in the production of his crop," is the preamble to a resolution of endorsement given the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association and its plan of cooperative marketing by a mass meeting of bankers and merchants assembled in the county court house at Abilene Monday afternoon. This meeting included representatives from each of the communities throughout the county, who had come together to discuss ways and means of co-operation with the cotton farmers of the county in making successful the present campaign for new members for the Cotton Association in Taylor County.

L. R. Thompson, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel was elected chairman and presided at the meeting. "In the beginning of this movement I immediately said that the principles and plans of the Cotton Association were correct and sound, but that the success or failure of the movement would depend upon the ability of the men who were placed at the head of the association, because regardless of how good the plan, it might fail through mismanagement. However, since that time I have made it my business to visit headquarters of the association in Dallas, to meet the men who are directing the work and inspect the systems and records they are using and I am now firmly convinced that not only is the plan correct, but that the men directing the affairs of the movement are capable and reliable and that the move will prove of inestimable value to the cotton grower and also to every other business man in the South," said Mr. Thompson.

### Loans are Repaid

"My experience with the association has been entirely satisfactory from every angle and I am convinced that it will be a real benefit to the farmer, and I know that it will also benefit the banker and merchant. Personally, I have slept much better lately because every loan we have made to a Cotton Association member has been repaid and in addition most of them are carrying balances in the bank as a result of getting their money throughout the year instead of all at one time during the dumping season."

Short talks were made by A. E. Pool of the Abilene State Bank, J. O. Shelton of the Citizens National Bank and W. H. Free of the First State Bank, all of these men expressing their confidence in the organization and in its ability to benefit the co-operating growers. The principle address of the afternoon was made by J. W. Hall, Secretary of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association.

### Need Cooperation

Mr. Hall pointed out that the cooperative marketing movement did not countenance cooperative buying by the farmers, because there is no necessity for this. He showed that it was the duty of the farmer to give his entire trade to the local merchant, in order that the merchants by having a prosperous business would be able to carry a balance with the local

## NO SERVICES AT METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY

We understand that owing to the fact that the Pastor, Rev. Hays is in a meeting with Rev. Moody at Stith this week, there will be no preaching services at the local Methodist church next Sunday, either morning or evening; it also being the desire of the local congregation to co-operate with the revival now in progress at the Tabernacle by the Church of Christ.

There will, however, be the regular Sunday School and all Methodist are urged to be present for same.

## COURT SUSTAINS CONTRACT RIGHT

The validity of contracts used in cooperative marketing associations has been upheld by the State Supreme Court in an opinion in the case of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association vs. J. C. Stovall, brought from Ellis County and regarded as a test case.

In passing upon the case the court reversed the opinion of the lower courts which favored Stovall.

In its opinion the Court held that "For various reasons we have concluded that none of the proposals urged against the enforcement of this contract are tenable and the Trial Court erred and also the Court of Civil Appeals erred in sustaining the judgment of the Trial Court."

—Sweetwater Reporter.

bank, which in turn would make it possible for the local banker to be more liberal in the matter of loans to the farmer. He showed that the farmer, the local merchant and the banker were inseparably connected and that each was dependent upon the other, and that the thing necessary is through cooperation all along the line to make farming profitable in order that the whole community and state might prosper.

Committees of bankers and business men were appointed to co-operate with the committee of farmers throughout the county.

The resolution and endorsements follows:

Realizing that Agriculture is the basic industry of the country and that cotton is the principal money crop of Texas, we favor the adoption of the proper method of marketing the cotton crop in an orderly manner to the end that the grower will realize a fair profit on the labor and investment made in the production of his crop.

Therefore, we the undersigned banks of Taylor County, endorse the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association and its plan of cooperative marketing and recommend to the cotton growers of Taylor County that they give it their careful consideration and support, thus assuring better returns to the farmer and corresponding benefits to the entire community, and we further pledge them our heartiest support in making the movement successful.

(Signed):

- Citizens National Bank, Abilene, J. O. Shelton, V. P.
- Abilene State Bank, Abilene, A. E. Pool, Pres.
- First State Bank, Abilene, W. H. Free, Cashier.
- Farmers & Merchants Bank, Merkel, L. R. Thompson, Cashier.
- Bank of Bradshaw, Bradshaw, Ocia Hunt, Cashier.
- Farmers State Bank, Merkel, R. O. Anderson, Cashier.

## KU KLUX KLAN PAY FUNERAL EXPENSE

The following letter from the local Ku Klux Klan No. 137, Realm of Texas, to Mr. J. O. Joplin and family residing in the country near Merkel, in which family death has recently claimed a member, has been sent to the Merkel Mail for publication:

Merkel, Texas  
July 1, 1923

Mr. J. O. Joplin & Family,

Dear Bereaved ones:  
Learning of your sorrow, and being in sympathy with you as well as with every other sorrowing family, we desire to help as far as we can in lifting a part of the load from you in this hour.

We have taken care of the expense of the burial of your loved one, as far as we could learn of same. You will find enclosed herewith receipted bill for all this.

As we do this we pray that the Lord, the one who enters in hearty sympathy with all who sorrow, may comfort you with that comfort that he alone can give.

Sincerely yours

Merkel Knights of the Ku Klux Klan No. 137 Realm of Texas

We are told that on last Sunday evening ten Klansmen, fully robed in the usual regalia, visited the Joplin home, where on Saturday before death had claimed one of their loved members, and delivered to them the above letter accompanied by a receipt from the local undertaker showing that the burial expenses for the deceased amounting to about \$85.00 had been paid by the Klan, as a token of their desire and purpose as an organization to lend a helping hand to those in distress and need.

Mr. and Mrs. Joplin were very grateful for the assistance rendered, and assured the visiting klansmen of their appreciation of same.

## BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching service at 11:00. All the B. P. U.'s meet promptly at 7:15. Every member of all the unions is urged to be present. The Intermediates will have charge of the opening program.

The Senior B. Y. P. U. will have charge of the regular evening service. A special and a very interesting program has been prepared. If you want to hear a live program on a timely subject given by these young people, don't forget the time and place. At the church at 8:15. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

Roberies are becoming quite numerous. Two stores were entered by thieves at Trent on last Friday night and quite a bit of goods and money taken. Sheriff, John Bond and deputies captured two young men on the road just this side of Abilene, and we are informed they stand charged with the burglary. Also several business houses were entered last Saturday night at Abilene, two safes blown open and money and valuables taken. Also the store of A. L. Jobe in Merkel, we are told was entered during Saturday night and a small amount of money taken from the cash drawer.

Home State Bank, Trent, L. E. Adrian, Cashier.  
Security State Bank, Lawn, M. R. Roberts, Cashier.

—Abilene Reporter.

## JOHN T. ORR AD-DRESSES FARMERS

Speaking to a large crowd at the Merkel picnic, John T. Orr, president of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association, gave an outline of what this association has accomplished and what it proposes to do in the future.

"We are told by the government," said Mr. Orr, "that \$12.40 a bale is absorbed on an average in the process of distribution, including cost of handling, profits, etc. We are also told that there is one complete grade difference between the cotton which the growers produce and which the spinners buy. In other words, somewhere between the spinner and producer, the cotton improves a grade, the value of which grade must be added to the \$12.40 per bale to make up the average cost of marketing a bale of cotton under the speculative system. One of the purposes of our organization is to eliminate all the unnecessary costs in marketing, thereby saving to the growers these unnecessary expenses in handling. We call these savings, along with the savings country damage, the immediate benefits of cooperative marketing."

Mr. Orr told of the improvements made by the association in their storage facilities and declared that \$156,495.16 had been saved in cost of storage, handling and insurance by concentrating the cotton at Houston where the association has the advantage of the most approved, modern triple "A" ware houses that there is in the country, according to Mr. Orr.

He also told of the advancement made in classing and said that this year the classing had been uniformly correct and satisfactory. He also declared that little difficulty was experienced in financing the organization.

"The average price for the various pools we made an average gross price of 26.58 cents per pound, or \$140.34 per bale, based on 528 pounds f. o. b. interior," stated Mr. Orr.

"Costs of operation are \$3.59 per bale, general overhead, expenses and \$1.35 per bale interest, leaving a net income of 25.54 cents per pound, or \$134.85 per bale, based on a 528 pound bale," he said.

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At the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Russell on last Saturday night in honor of Bob Russell's birthday a family reception was held. Present on this occasion were, Selma Russell and family, Charley Russell and family, Bob Russell and family, John Russell and family, making 24 persons of the Russell family. Ice cream and cake was served and a real good time was had.

Mr. Seth Hamilton, accompanied by his wife and children, on last Sunday afternoon, visited their fine farm in Fisher county, twenty miles northwest of Merkel. Mr. Hamilton reports crops very fine indeed, with some damage by the grass hoppers and worms. But on a whole he says the crops are as fine as one could wish.

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Miss Dota Garrouette was among those of our city spending the day Wednesday with the Presbyterian people at the encampment at Buffalo Gap.

## LADY 83 WINS FIDDLERS CONTEST

The big barbecue under the management of the Home Guard unit, was a success and the crowd was estimated at several thousand. The greatest interest centered in the night program and especially the Old Fiddler's Contest. Mrs. Mollie J. Starkey, aged 83 years, won the first prize, \$20. and T. W. Collins second prize. Mrs. Starkey is the mother of Mrs. H. R. Hicks and closely related to the Subletts here.

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## LOCAL UNIT NAT'L GUARD IN TRAINING

About fifty members of the local unit of the 131st Field Artillery, Texas National Guard, including the officers, who according to information given us, composed of Dr. R. I. Grimes, W. L. Diltz, Jas. Brown and H. L. Easterwood, left Abilene Wednesday night for Camp Stanley, near San Antonio, where they will be in training for the next two weeks.

We expected and would have been glad to have given the complete list of all those making up the party, but a list was not given us, but will say that the boys come from all walks of life among our citizenship; bankers, merchants, farmers, etc. Some of the boys have promised to send us a letter for publication in our next issue, telling of their experiences in army life.

## CROWN HARDWARE MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

The Crown Hardware Company, as is their custom to always keep in the fore front of progress and improvement, are this week starting the work of making some handsome improvements on the interior of their hardware and grocery departments, in the way of putting in some nice new show windows, new shelving etc., all of which when completed will add much to the comfort and appearance of this store.

## PICNIC A SUCCESS

The Big Free Barbecue and Picnic given here on last Friday was enjoyed by at least two thousand people. The program was varied from the start at 10 o'clock until 11 o'clock p. m.

Aside from the contests there was an abundance of entertainment, food and drinks and the success of the picnic was greatly due to the untiring energy of J. C. Mason, who seemed to be every where looking after the comforts of the picnickers.

The welcome address was given by Rev. M. C. Hays, pastor of the Methodist church here. L. R. Thompson was the next speaker who talked on the Sow Cow and Hen. This was followed by an address on the Good Roads movement by Dallas Scarborough; then dinner was announced.

After dinner J. T. Orr gave an appreciated and timely talk on the Farm Bureau Cotton Association. This was followed by an address of some length on the Farm Bureau Poultry Association by G. A. Lackey of Sweetwater.

There was ball games, Polo games and at night, band concert, readings and old fiddlers contest.

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## CHURCH OF CHRIST REVIVAL CONTINUES

At the first service of the revival meeting of the Church of Christ, at the Tabernacle, the evangelist showed that "Preparedness" insured success and cited the first great gospel meeting on Pentecost that Christ planned the work and the Apostles worked the plan.

(1) They, the preachers, were all at one place.

(2) All of one accord.

(3) All were filled with the Holy Spirit.

(4) That they all labored together with God. 1 Cor. 3:9.

"The Immutability Laws of God" was the theme last Sunday. Text: "Be not deceived, God is not mocked; whatsoever a Man Soweth that shall he Reap." Gal. 6:7

As in the natural kingdom, everything brings forth after its kind, so in the Spiritual Kingdom. Whatever is begotten must be born. That man is never blessed only in obedience God's law and suffers every time he disobeys God's laws, either in nature or Grace.

The third sermon was many examples shown in both old and new Testaments of the "Value of Decision"; men that could decide for God: Moses, Eligah, Daniel, Esther, Paul, Peter, the Prodigal boy, etc. That indecision destroys, fails and lets men down into destruction; Agrippa, Felix, Titus et al.

One of the most wonderful and helpful lessons was on the conversion of (1) The meanest man in the world, Saul; (2) The best man in the world, Cornelius. The first breathing out threatenings and slaughter, the latter, "Praying to God always" the first, a Jew, the second a Gentile. Thus proving that God is no respecter of persons but that in any nation, Jew or Gentile, "He that feareth God and worketh righteousness shall be accepted with him." Acts. 10:34

In another sermon, the Evangelist showed how God Almighty was specially and personally interested in One Single Soul. That the shepherd left the ninety and nine and hunted until he found the one, just one sheep that had strayed. So the woman lighted the candle and hunted the one piece of money, and the father ran to meet the one prodigal son.

Hence God saw one man, the Eunch, an earnest, honest, interest seeker and inquirer, a religious man, had been to Jerusalem to worship" returning home God saw him, knew his heart, his desire, hence sent an angel and a preacher away from the great populous city of Jerusalem down the way that goeth to Gaza to save that man. Note, every means and medium of Grace is in this wonderful personal salvation, God, an angel, spirit and a preacher. The word of God teaching faith, the confession, water baptism a great meeting; The whole audience saved; went his way rejoicing and the spirit of the Lord guided the preacher on to other fields.

The evangelistic meeting which opened here on last Saturday night is growing in interest at each service. Evangelist Milholland is a power in the pulpit and has been giving his auditors some excellent lessons on the fundamental principles of serving the Lord, both to the saint and sinner alike.

The meeting will continue over next Sunday and perhaps longer. Souls are being saved. Come, listen, think and act. Services twice daily, 10 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. All are welcome.



## The Community Fair at Merkel

This Bank heartily co-operates in a Fair, displaying our products, and will gladly lend any assistance possible to help advertise Merkel's trade territory; believing that we are second to none, and that as fine agricultural products are grown here as any part of Texas.

The promoters of this enterprise have our hearty support.

### THE FARMERS STATE BANK

John Sears, President  
R. O. Anderson, Cashier

The gospel meeting at the Tabernacle in this city under the management of the Church of Christ is in full swing and Evangelist Thos. Milholland is delivering some soul stirring sermons each morning and evening. You are missing good at each service if you are not attending.

#### REMOVAL NOTICE

I have moved my auto top shop to the rear of The Lone Star Hotel where I have got a much better place to take care of your top and curtain work. I have most anything that goes with the top such as window glass, top material of all kinds, Ford tops, Side Curtains and Linoleum for running boards; also the molding to go with same. My prices are right. Come in and let's see if we can trade some, and get out of the hot sun and the rain. My trade mark is good work and good material. See Dowell the Top man on Front Street. It

#### LAUNDRY SERVICE

Do you dread wash day?—Then comes the ironing, do you enjoy that? Did you know you could have your entire family washing and ironing done at a less figure than you can afford to do it yourself, or by a wash-woman? We are in that business, work fifty four people who thoroughly know their line of duty. A trial will be convincing to you that you have been awakened to something appreciative. Cleaning and Pressing. No gas odor—One day service for prices that you can afford to pay. Let me at least relieve you of some of your hard work. Ask those who are using the service. My Flat rate, rough dry rate, or Semi finish rate will appeal to you. Ligon, the Laundryman. Phone 218 brings my car.

#### Epworth League Program

Subject, "Christian Brotherhood.

- Leader, Blanche Durham.  
Song.  
Scripture (1 John 3 10-24; Matt. 23 8.  
Prayer.  
Song  
1. Love the foundation, Iva Bragg.  
2. The Christian's Badge, Hazel Harkkridger.  
3. Conquering heroes, Brannic Bailey.  
4. Unselfish, Joe Ridenbauch.  
5. How to love, Genevera Middleton.  
Announcements  
Song; Benediction.

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#### MERKEL B. Y. P. U. VISITS COMPERE

On last Sunday afternoon a goodly number of Merkel B. Y. P. U. members drove out to Compere Baptist church and rendered a most inspirational program to a large and appreciative audience. The theme was "Prayer", with Mr. Holland H. Teaff, as leader, first giving an outline of the entire program and making a few preliminary remarks. Followed by splendid talks by Misses Dixie Howard, Nell Tracy, Valerie Dye, and Lucy Tracy. The thought of each talk was beautiful and all were so well connected as to form one beautiful talk on the subject as previously outlined by the leader portraying the necessity of prayer in the daily lives of all christians.

We would not fail to mention the excellent duett, rendered by Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott.

At the close of this program, Mr. Holland, field secretary of the B. Y. P. U. delivered a short but interesting address, outlining the Field Work of the B. Y. P. U.; leaving a special invitation to Merkel and Compere B. Y. P. U.'s to attend the encampment at Leuders July 22.

The program was concluded by an octette, specially arranged by members of the local B. Y. P. U., the organization of which was perfected on June 17, with officers as follows: Ben H. Moore, Pres., D. W. Ashby, Vice-Pres.; and Miss Lola Moore Sec'y-Treas. The program committee, consists of Mrs. Ben H. Moore, Mrs. J. J. Rister and Mrs. E. R. Foster. The programs are rendered on the 1st and 3rd Sunday nights of each month.

Again we thank the members of Merkel B. Y. P. U. for the rendition of the splendid program and invite you, as well as all others to attend our programs at any time.

E. R. Foster  
Mrs. C. Merritt.

#### Intermediate B.Y.P.U.

1. Why I joined our church by Mary Parrack.
2. Steps into our church by Fannie Belle Boaz.
3. How has our church helped me? by Joe Ben Ashby.
4. Ought the unconverted to join the church? by Eunice Bird.
5. Out the converted remain out of the church? Mildred Swafford
6. Support your church, by Clyde Mayfield.

Messrs. A. T. Sheppard and L. W. Cox, accompanied by Mrs. W. L. Harkkridger and children, left Tuesday evening for a fishing and outing trip to San Saba and Llano rivers. They will be away ten days or two weeks. Here's hoping you make a big catch fellows.

We have just read the "Copy" of the announcement that Merkel Merchants and Business men are contemplating a COMMUNITY FAIR displaying farm and household products, and later displaying them at the Abilene Fair.

We are heartily in favor of such a movement, and for all movements that seek to bring the town and rural communities into a closer relationship.

To further this enterprise our entire force will gladly co-operate with any and all who wish to advertise Merkel territory as the best Agricultural part of West Texas.



## THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

J. T. Warren, President L. R. Thompson, Cashier

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If there ever was a town and its people that needed to practice that word "COOPERATION", it is Merkel. For no people ever succeeded without a certain degree of cooperation.

The department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., issued its forecast of the coming cotton crop on July 2nd at 11,412,000 bales. The forecast gave Texas as being 77 per cent normal.

Of course it's a long way to gathering time, and many disasters could get in the way before that time, but at this time there is every indication of big cotton and feed crops to be gathered here this fall, and Merkel business men should leave nothing undone toward looking after making safe as theirs, the big business they will be entitled to. A little "Co-operation."

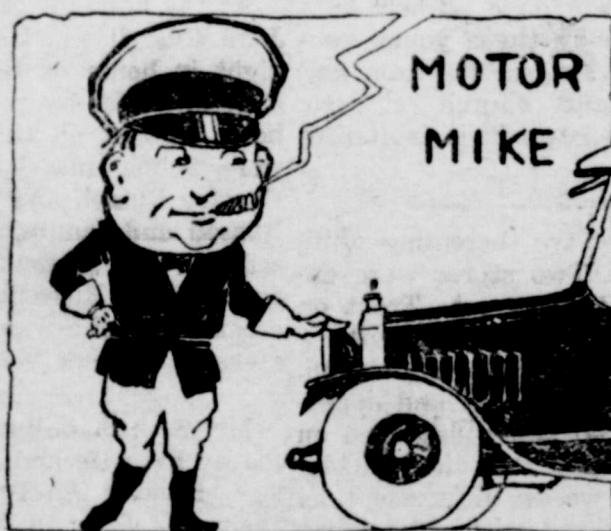
Hon. Joe Burkett, of Eastland, present state Senator from this district, has announced as a candidate for Governor of Texas in the next campaign. We expect bigger and better qualified men to announce for this office before the coming primary, yes, several of them, which will enable us to pick a choice from among them for certainly we will never vote for Mr. Burkett.

Five thousand five hundred ninety dollars and sixty cents is the amount paid out by one produce firm of this city to the farmers of the Merkel trade community for chickens, butter and eggs in the last four months.

Thanks to Messrs. John Sears, Jim Patterson and the other members of the picnic barbecue committee, for the fine barbecued meat prepared for the occasion. But then such men as these never do things by halves. They most generally deliver the goods, as was the case on this occasion.

A "Community Fair" in Merkel just before the West Texas Fair at Abilene, which is going to be the best and biggest thing that has happened in Merkel in many years. The merchants will offer prizes for the best farm and garden products, fine cattle, hogs, colts, all kinds of ladies fancy work. So folks, get your exhibits ready. Yes, let's make preparations to make this a great time in Merkel. It should be helpful to the entire town and community. But if the occasion is a success it largely depends upon the co-operation extended by the citizenship.

There are 468,000 farms in Texas and out of that number, 160,000 are without a hen. In other words 1 out of every 3 farms is without a hen. That is rather remarkable, since hens are among the most profitable property one can have on the farm. It is any wonder that thousands of farmers in Texas mortgage their cotton or their teams for groceries long before the cotton crop is planted? We have not the information at hand, but we will venture to assert that no farm with a medium flock of hens, and two or three cows operates under a load of mortgage so heavy as those which do not have these. If there is one it is an exception.—Crowell Index.



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#### THANKS EXTENDED FRIENDS AND KU KLUX

Words cannot express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and untiring efforts shown us during the illness and death of our dear wife, mother, daughter and sister, Mrs. Johnnie Florence Cathren. The floral offering was beautiful.

Also we wish to sincerely thank the Merkel Knights of the Ku Klux Klan No. 137, realm of Texas, who visited our home and for consoling words in our sad bereavement, and for the donation they so generously bestowed upon us. May heaven's richest blessings rest upon each of you is our prayer.

John Cathren and child  
Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Joplin  
and Children.

#### NATIONAL GARD UNIT THANKS THE PUBLIC

The Merkel company of 131st Field Artillery is indebted to the general public of Merkel and the Merkel community for the funds derived from the general stand at the recent barbecue. The profits from this endeavor will be used as a mess fund while the local company is in camp at Camp Stanley, San Antonio.

#### Appreciation

We wish to express our great appreciation and thanks to the gracious women and kind and thoughtful women who showered us with money and useful gifts. We appreciated all the kind attentions and words of sympathy extended us after the loss of our home and entire contents. Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dye.

Mrs. Guy B. Crawford and little son of Alpine Texas are here on a visit to the parents of the former, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McNees. They will leave for their home the last of the week.

Mr. W. P. Derrington, splendid citizen residing near town, had the misfortune to have two fingers cut off in a grain binder while working with same early Monday morning. He immediately had the wounded hand given medical attention, and is now getting along nicely.

## An Interesting Conversation

The owner of an automobile drove into a repair shop down on Front street the other morning with a broken speedometer cable.

A loquacious mechanic, with screw-driver in his teeth, and on his back under the front axle, said:

"I thought they quit making this model over a year ago."

"They did," replied the customer, "that's an old one repainted."

"Ah heck, don't tell me that. The frame work and all is just out of the factory. She's a new one from front to back."

"No," argued the owner, "she was a sight before I took her to Kimbrough's Paint Shop, but they dolled her up so I didn't know her myself. They don't slight their work believe me, and reasonable in price too."



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  3. Scripture reading 23 Psalm by Hallie Pike.
  4. Song.
  5. Inspirational talk, Mrs. M. C. Hays.
  6. Song.
  7. Reading, "Nearer Home by Maza Chaney.
  8. Announcements
  9. League benediction.
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J. S. Thomas and family spent last Sunday withrel atives at Caps.

Pure Comb Honey at W. F. Hamblett's. It

Mrs. W. M. O'Briant left recently for California, where she will spend some month or more with relatives and friends and enjoy the splendid climate of that country.

J. T. Vantrees was in the city Monday and reported he had just returned from a trip to Wood, Ellis and other east Texas points. He expects to soon make a trip tohis old home in Tennessee.

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Miss Christene Collins left this week for an extended visit with friends in Dallas.



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### A YOUNG MOTHER PASSES AWAY

On Saturday morning, June, the 30th at 9 o'clock, the death angel visited the home and claimed as its reward, Mrs. Johnnie Florence Cathren, beloved wife of John Cathren.

Mrs. Cathren was born near Garland, Texas, July 7, 1903, being 19 years, 11 months and 22 days old. When the end came she was at the home of her brother, J. O. Joplin, near Merkel. She came here from Dallas, Texas some 3 weeks before, thinking the change might prolong her life a few weeks, but it was not to be, for she was a sufferer of the dreaded disease, Tuberculosis. For many months her suffering has been intense, but we know that she is resting now.

She leaves to mourn her departure, her husband and little baby, her father, E. Joplin of Dallas, one brother, J. O. Joplin of Merkel, and two sisters, Mrs. Henry Williams of Dallas, and Mrs. J. J. Boothe of Rinehardt, Texas.

The father and brother were with her when the end came, but the sisters were unable to reach here.

The funeral services were conducted by Evangelist, Thos. E. Millholland of Vernon Texas at the tabernacle Sunday morning and her remains were tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery.

W. O. Boney and family returned home from their visit to Temple and other points in Bell county.

Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott and son Willie Joe were here this week from San Antonio shaking hands with old friends. These good people were formerly identified with Merkel business interests in days gone by and have many friends here who are always glad to see them.

Mrs. Nannie George is here from Electra visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lee Acuff, and brother George Holland.

Flour \$3.00 per hundred lbs. at W. W. Campbell's. 5t2

### Texas Banker Uses Ferrasol

One of the most widely known financiers in Texas is Mr. T. T. Cole, President of the Texas Mortgage Co., of Dallas, who writes: "I am pleased to say that I have used Ferrasol for indigestion and acid stomach and I believe it is the best remedy I have ever tried for such troubles. I know of no better remedy for indigestion, constipation and kidney trouble where due to acidity. Yours truly, (signed) T. J. Cole. For Sale by Merkel Drug Co. at 50c per box. 29tf

trade for anything of value that doesn't eat. See T.W. Collins 1tp

FOR TRADE—Pair Mules, wagon and harness for old building to tear down for lumber. Will trade for anything of value that doesn't eat. See T. W. Collins. tf

### LOST

LOST—Home made book containing Band music, at the picnic Friday. Return to H. H. Hand. Reward. 1t

LOST—A Cameo Set Ring on the picnic grounds in Merkel last Friday the 29th. Finder return to the Mail office and receive reward. 1tp

LOST—An ear screw between Dr. Millers home and town. Remsembles a cluster of grapes or strawberry in shape. Finder please return to Merkel Mail office. 1tp

WANTED—Frying chickens from 1 1-2 to 2 1-2 pounds, Mer kel Produce Co. tf

### A DAY OF OUTING WITH PRESBYTERIANS

We, like most others of our town and community desiring to spend the Fourth of July as a day of recreation and rest from work and business cares, the Editor and family that is, most of the family) drove over to Buffalo Gap and spent the day with the Presbyterian people of West Texas, who are engaged in holding their annual encampment at this most delightful and historic place.

It was a splendid day well spent among these good people. We had the pleasure of hearing able and eloquent leaders of this church deliver brilliant and interesting addresses, as well as partaking of the excellent hospitality of the laymen and "laywomen" for they were both very much in evidence.

Our own splendid pastor, Rev. Fred S. Rogers and his good wife, both of whom are faithful, able and untiring leaders and workers in this church, headed a large delegation of the Merkel Presbyterians, and we are indebted to them, as well as others, for many courtesies. Among those of this city who are or were in attendance on this occasion, we noticed, Mayor H. C. West and family, R. L. Bland and daughter, Miss Ona Fae; T. M. Smith and family, W. M. Elliott and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, of Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Tipton, W. L. Diltz, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Russell, and among those of other denominations from Merkel who also spent the day there we noticed, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Largent and Mrs. Tom Largent and children, C. L. Tucker and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamblett, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Spurgin of Comper, and likely others whose names we fail to recall just at this time.

### WHITE LEGHORNS

I have some A-grade M. Johnson White Leghorn Cockerrels for sale at \$1.00 and some special mating at \$1.50. J. S. Touchstone, Hawley, Route 2. 7t6pd

Will the party who found pair of spurs in car Friday after the Rodeo please bring them to this office and receive reward. 1tp

Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnson spent the Fourth in Abilene with their daughter, Mrs. E. M. Mims.

Minister R. T. Harris of Abilene was in the city the first part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Counts and children left for their home at Whitie Calif., Friday night.

The little baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lassiter was carried to a local sanitarium at Abilene Saturday for treatment. Mrs. Lassiter is with the baby, and word from its bedside Wednesday stated that its improvement was very slight.

Arthur Rose, of the Merkel Dry Goods Company, made a business trip to Cisco Monday.

We understand that Night watchman John A. Woodard will leave the last of the week for Galveston where he will attend the state convention of the Sheriff's and City Marshals.

Get your cold drinks at the little store in the Alley. 5t2.

City Marshal Jinks Winter, being a member of the local unit 131st Field Artillery State National Guard left with the boys Wednesday for the two weeks annual encampment at Camp Stanley, and in his stead former Constable and Deputy Sheriff W. H. Laney is acting City Marshal. Mr. Laney is also a good officer and we would advise the evil doer to "lay off" unless he is willing to take the consequences.

## The Summer 'PEP' Producer



West Texas Utilities Company

We trade for old tires. Merkel Motor Co.

P. & G. Soap, 5 cents. W. W. Campbell. 5t2.

One car of cattle was shipped to Fort Worth from here Saturday by Collins Bros.

J. A. Elliott of Stamford visited his sons, W. M. and George Elliott here Friday and Saturday.

Robbers broke into the A. L. Jobe store on Kent street Sunday night and secured from the cash drawer about \$2.00 in cash and a few articles of merchandise.

W. W. Campbell returned from Shreveport, La. where he had been called to see his father who was reported seriously ill. He left him very little improved.

The HOME of the Everlasting rease. Well pressed is well dressed. Cash Tailor Shop. Phone 180. tf

Mrs. J. E. Hendrix and little grandson, Harrold Reese, left Friday for Lamesa to visit for a few days.

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

Mrs. Doss Sheppard and daughter of Dallas, came in last week to visit relatives.

Battery work done at Merkel Motor Company. tf

Wrenn Durham is working at the Merkel Drug in the absence of Warren Smith.

Rev. Dodd, a former citizen of Merkel, but now of Abilene, was in the city for several days this week.

## IT IS GOOD BUSINESS



With building operations away behind the demand, with no better prospect as to building prices, the man who builds and does not delay is the man who will win out today.

**Builder's Hardware--Carey's Blue Ribbon Paints and roofing are the Best.**

If you will decide to build, come to us for the materials, you will congratulate yourself in the days to come.





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For Sale and Guaranteed by  
**John S. Hughes Cash Grocery**

Mrs. Hatie Bacon and baby returned to Abilene Friday, after a pleasant visit here with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hendrix.

Mrs. Verley Robinson came in Monday evening from Trenton, Tenn., and is stopping with her mother, Mrs. Peebles and other relatives.

The little store in the Alley will save you money, try it. You can get the highest market price for your chickens and eggs. W. P. Duckekt. 5t2.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, Pastor of the local Baptist church, is away for a ten days revival in San Saba County.

S. G. Houston of Abilene was over last Friday attending the big picnic and incidentally meeting his many friends.

Mrs. Willie Addington, traveling representative for the Presbyterian Orphanage at Albany, with headquarters in Dallas, was here this week for a short visit with her father, W. F. Hamblett. She also attended the Buffalo Gap Presbyterian Encampment on the Fourth.

Mrs. A. M. Rice, of Uvalde, Texas, formerly Mrs. Hibbits, was a guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore.

E. D. Coats and family left first of the week for Dallas county and points in south and east Texas, for a several weeks visit with friends and relatives.

Claude Partridge was over last Sunday from Hamlin for a visit with friends. Claude is a fine fellow and his Merkel friends are always glad to have him visit them.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston spent the fourth in Sweetwater visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Otis Willburn. They were also glad to meet Mr. Huddleston's nephew, who had just returned from the Phillipine Islands, where he has been in the government service.

Good Ford car for \$65.00 at Merkel Motor Co. tf

J. N. Taff left last week for Temple, where he went to attend the 42nd birthday celebration of that city as well as to meet old friends and relatives.

It is estimated that possibly three thousand people were in attendance upon the big barbecue and picnic in Merkel on last Friday. Anyway, there was somecrowd present, and from the expressions of many in attendance, most every one had a real good time and the occasion was a real success.

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

Miss Mary Eula Sears left Thursday for Haskell, where she will visit Madeline Hunt.

We do not offer you anything but the best in our short order cafe department of good eats, and in our grocery department nothing excels our candies, canned goods, sugar cured hams and bacon, and the price is right on all we sell. W. T. Daniels, Front street. Open until nine at night. tf

Mrs. R. C. Ponder and grandson Claude Cash, returned this week from a visit to relatives at Idalou, Texas.

Mrs. Gene Nix and children of Dallas are here for a visit with friends and relatives this week.

L. A. Arrington, of the Merkel Drug Company, accompanied by his wife and baby, left this week for a visit to friends and relatives at Mt. Vernon, Texas.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott and son were among those who attended the races at Abilene on the 4th.

All kinds of tube vulcanizing at Merkel Motor Co. tf

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

Mrs. Sam Swann was the guest of friends in Abilene the first of the week.

Mrs. L. B. Scott was shopping in Abilene Tuesday.

The Misses Sears were among Tuesday's visitors to Abilene.

Mrs. B. Reeves, splendid sales lady at Max Mellinger's is this week spending her vacation with relatives in the country. Miss Edna Watts has been substituting in her place.

Miss Bessie Ash returned Tuesday from Albany where she has been visiting her brother for the past two weeks.

Mrs. C. B. Smith and little son Victor, left this week for an extended visit to relatives at Houston.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. T. King of Pecos, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis drove over to Winters Tuesday, where on Wednesday they attended the big Ginners Picnic near that city. They report a nice trip and the picnic well attended.

# Hardware Specials

We have a few  
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on Hardware to  
clean up and not  
have any  
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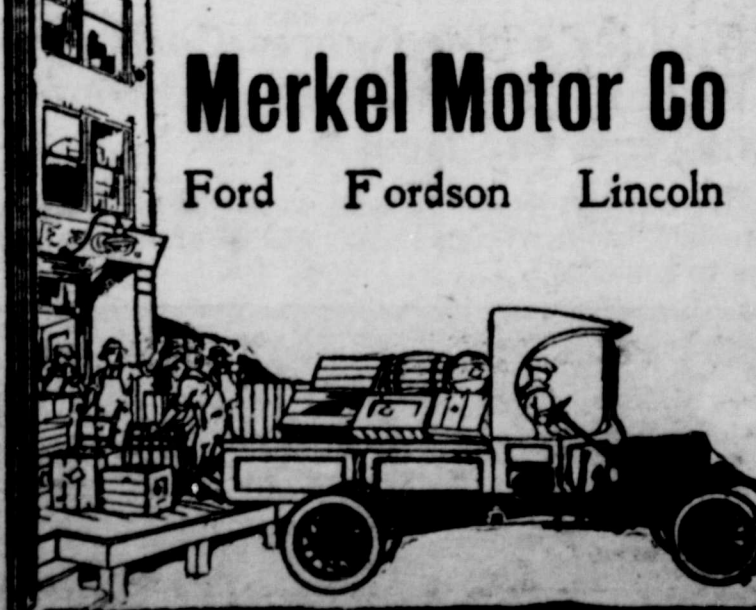
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Start now toward the ownership of a Ford Truck or Light Delivery Car—use the

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**\$5.00** Enrolls You  
Under the terms of this Plan, we deposit this money in a local bank at interest. Each week you add a little more—this also draws interest. And in a short time the truck is yours to use. Come in and let us give you full particulars.



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

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fryar, of Abilene, were over Sunday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainmolt, father and mother of Mrs. Fryar.

H. M. Rose and family, who recently moved to Sweetwater, drive over last Sunday afternoon for a short visit among friends and relatives.

Misses Mabel Jenkins, Susie Lanchester, Elsie Zuber, Lillie Morris, Ruby Dunagin, and H. D. Philato of Abilene were here Friday attending the picnic and while here were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson.

Durability comes first, we have it. SERVICE comes next, we give it. SATISFACTION is what we all want, we guarantee t. Cash Tailor Shop. Phone 180 tf.

Misses Maud Hardy and Gladys Mayfield spent last week in Abilene visiting Miss Elba Cox, now of that city.

J. S. Touchstone, of Hawley, route 2, was here first of the week, called on this office, renewing for the Mail another year, and placing an advertisement in same for several weeks. Read it.

### Dr. Gilbert Uses Ferrasal

I am using Ferrasal for indigestion and acid stomach and it is the best remedy I have ever taken. I also recommend it in my practice for pyorrhea and acid conditions of the mouth, and am getting excellent results. I know others will appreciate Ferrasal as much as I do if you will bring it to their attention. Dr. J. M. Gilbert, 1413 1/2 Elm street, Dallas, Texas. 50c per box at Merkel Drug Co. 29tf

A. M. Wimberley, of Abilene, but who owns a fine farm in the Stith community, was here first of the week looking after same.

Plenty of Good Used Fords at Merkel Motor Co. tf

FOR SALE—Six 33x4 1/2 non-skid, extra size, Keen Kutter fabric tires. Your opportunity to equip your car with over-size tires at a low cost. Our tire stock is complete; our prices are the lowest. See us. West Company. tf

### WM. WRIGLEY'S PHILOSOPHY ON ADVERTISING

While riding on a train recently William Wrigley, the famous gum manufacturer, was approached by a man who addressed him: "Pardon me, Mr. Wrigley, but do you know you're wasting a

lot of money?" Mr. Wrigley, always anxious to learn anything about his business, asked in return, "How?" "Why in advertising!" the man replied. "Your product is so well known you don't need to advertise."

"My good man," Mr. Wrigley answered him, "do you know what would happen if we were to cut the engine off from this train?" The train would coast along a while and stop, I suppose." "Exactly," replied Mr. Wrigley, "and that's just what my business would do if I cut off advertising. Advertising is the engine that furnishes the motive power for my business."—Ex.

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