

## WHY MORE TAXES FOR OUR SCHOOL

In as much as it was found necessary by the local school board that to carry on the Merkel Independent School for the full nine months during the next term which will begin on September 10, more funds would be needed, and since the equalization board appointed by the school board has endeavored to the best of their ability and judgement to raise and equalize the property valuations within the said district so as to meet the needed requirements, and which has caused considerable comment, The Merkel Mail herewith gives a statement of salaries of teachers, superintendent janitor, Bonds and sinking fund necessary to carry on the school, and which we believe when noted and understood by the tax payers they, in most cases, believe the need for the extra funds to be justifiable for the maintaining and keeping of the school up to at least the present standard.

In the first place, every one knows that the school for the past several years has been in a very crowded condition, too much so for the various teachers to anything like render the service to which the children are entitled. Hence, the state Board of Education, learning of the crowded condition, made a demand upon the local board to the effect that unless additional teachers to the number of five be added that Merkel's affiliation would be discontinued. Also a demand was made that the old double seats must be replaced with the customary standard single desks. So, there being a surplus of \$1,500 left over from last year's term, they are replacing the old desks in accordance, and have employed the additional five teachers at \$80.00 each per month, or \$3,600.00 for the nine months, all of which is an additional expense over last year, and about the amount to be raised over that needed for last year. The following is a list of the anticipated expense for the school for the entire term for next year, which we hope will be sufficient to show the taxpayers just where their money is going and for what it is expended. We would also call attention to the fact that the state apportionment has been reduced \$1.00 per capita, which gives Merkel school \$630.00 less for next year than last. And we feel sure that when all things have been considered most citizens will find that the additional money is needed for the school, and that the board of equalization, which is composed of good, honest, conservative citizens, who desired to be fair and just, in their efforts to raise the budget for the maintenance of the

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## BIG CROWD HEARS KU KLUX SPEAKER

We are informed that one of the largest crowds ever before assembling at Noodle greeted the Rev. W. K. Horn, of Post City, who spoke at the former place Wednesday night in behalf of the Ku Klux Klan.

We are told that while some forty klansmen in full regalia sat quietly while the speaker who removed his hood that all might know him, told of the workings and principles of the organization. Perfect order and peace was had throughout the entire address.

## SERMON FOR MEN SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The announcement is made that on next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 exangelist E. E. Hendricks, who is conducting the revival meeting now in progress at the tabernacle, under the auspices of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches of the city, will conduct a special service for men only, and to which every man old and young, in and about the city is cordially invited and urged to attend.

That Rev. Hendricks is one of the really great preachers of the country is being attested daily by the throngs who are taking advantage of the opportunity to hear him at both the night and day services, and which insures one of the largest crowds of men and boys at the Sunday afternoon services that has ever before assembled upon a similar occasion.

Mr. Hilbert Kratzer, the able and diligent choir director for the meeting announces some special features for the men's service which will no doubt be appreciated and add much to the success of the occasion.

The subject of the sermon as announced by the Evangelist, for the above meeting will be "Is The Young Man Safe". This without doubt should not only interest every young man throughout the town and community, but fathers as well. Everybody come.

## BUSINESS HOUSES CLOSE FOR REVIVAL

In order that all clerks and others connected with the banks and various business enterprises of the city might have the opportunity of attending the revival meeting now in progress at the tabernacle, a petition asking all business houses to close their doors beginning next Monday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. was presented one day this week and signed by practically every business firm in the town; hence this announcement is made that the public may understand and know same, that each and all may be governed accordingly. If you want groceries or items of other commodities, make your purchases before ten o'clock or after eleven in the morning.

The best 8 oz. Duck to be had at the lowest price in Texas. Brown D. G. Co. It.

Dr. N. J. Smith was over this week from Hamlin, and while here found that he could buy cotton duck at six cents per yd. cheaper in Merkel than he could in Hamlin, so purchased a supply for the men on his farms. This fact should stop any complaint that such goods might be bought cheaper elsewhere, for surely a saving of six cents per yard on this item will mean much to the farmers in the Merkel country.

Mr. W. W. Bain of Rochester, is a guest of his grand daughter Mrs. L. B. Scott this week. Next week Mrs. Scott will accompany Mr. Bain on a visit to her brother at Spurr for a week.

Mrs. E. S. Cummings is spending the week with friends at Anson.

E. M. Heeter left this week for a trip to his old home in Pennsylvania, where he will spend some time with home folk and friends.

## BIG CROWDS ARE HEARING EVANG'L ST

In accordance with previous announcements, the Presbyterian and Methodist Revival began at the Tabernacle on schedule time last Sunday morning, with a large crowd in attendance, and which has been growing with each service during the week.

Evangelist E. E. Hendricks, of St. Louis, with his Choir director, Mr. Hilbert Kratzer, of Dayton, Ohio, were on hand for the first service, and entered enthusiastically and wholeheartedly into the services.

We might say to begin with, that Evangelist Hendricks is not only an able, eloquent and forceful expounder of the Bible and Christian religion, but demonstrates to his hearers that he believes in and practices the "Old Time Religion", such as has been taught and handed down by our fore-fathers, and on such as has our great country been builded; and which has enabled it to stand firmly against the onslaught of all those things that would otherwise destroy, wreck and ruin. He is interesting, logical and pleasing in the extreme, and while great crowds are hearing him especially at the evening services, we would impress upon any and all who have not taken advantage of the opportunity to hear him, that they are indeed missing some of the greatest gospel messages ever delivered by any one in this city.

The meeting will continue on through next week and over next Sunday, August 26, the services being at ten a.m. and eight p.m., and on tonight, Friday, the Evangelist has designated same as "Family Night", and will give a premium for the largest family present. All members of the family must be present and sitting together, and the premium will go to the youngest member of the family.

On Sunday there will be three services, at 11 a.m. and at night as usual, besides at 3:30 in the afternoon there will be a special service to "Men only". All men and boys are cordially invited and urged to come. At present both the interest and attendance is growing, and it is hoped and expected that the meeting will be a great success and of lasting good to the whole town and community.

Mr. Kratzer, the Choir Director, is indeed an affable and most excellent young man, who is able sincere and a most excellent leader in the position he occupies. He has a very large adult as well as junior choir and the music is very fine indeed. Two pianos are being used, Miss Ona Fae Bland playing one and Miss Lorena Frazier the other, and Miss Lynn Thompson accompanying on the Violin.

Let all who are interested in the spiritual welfare of the community feel free to enter into the work of the meeting.

R. B. Wells was in the city on last Saturday and had with him some fine heads of Dwarf Maize as we have seen grown any where or any time. He stated that he had some 25 acres all of which was as good.

W. C. Neill, one of the splendid farmers of the Nubia community, was in the city one day this week and has the thanks of the Merkel Mail for a very large and fine watermelon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Milliner Miss Willie Swann, returned first of the week from St. Louis, where they purchased a large and complete stock of fall and winter goods for the Woodroof-Bragg Company.

## ORGANIZE ABILENE POULTRY RAISERS

As we have organized and launched the cooperative marketing of poultry, I wish to call your attention to the fact that "In union there is strength". Men who have been enjoying the profits of our poultry would have you believe that all cooperative organizations fail in course of time, but I wish to speak of one in the state of Washington. It was organized in 1917 and has grown larger every year since. The Washington Cooperative Egg and Poultry Association, through which 2300 of men sell the products of 1,000,000 hens. Taking eggs alone, it last year paid to its members \$2,229,319.58 for 7,988,517 dozen, returning an average for all grades of 27.9 cents. Grading is the basis of such marketing plans and the grades averaged: Extras 32 cents, firsts 29 cents, pullets 25 cents, and peewees at 18 cents. Dressed poultry handled, mostly broilers, and feed purchased reached a volume of \$1,000,000 more. All this business has grown out of the results obtained in 1917, the first year, in pooling 7000 cases of eggs.

Grading may drive the careless producer out of business, but the real fellows will go on all the stronger. There are eight grades of eggs established by the Washington cooperative. Extras are white fresh eggs, clean, sound and uniform in size and shape. They must weigh net to the case 46 lbs. or 22 ounces to the dozen, minimum. No cream tinted eggs are included. White in this grade means real chalk white. Firsts look like good eggs to the layman, and indeed they are. Here are the specifications: fresh eggs weighing not less than 22 ounces the dozen. Must be reasonably uniform in size, white or light cream in color and to include washed eggs only when so marked and separated. Brown eggs are few in Washington. The white Leghorn is the favorite breed. Pullets' eggs are of two classes and the total scale runs down to bakers or thirds containing dirty, stained and off sizes, but of fresh salable stock.

In addition to establishing an outlet for eggs they have done likewise with dressed poultry. The cockrels, killed to dress one and one half lbs. to two pounds, for broilers, are an important item and they ship them in car lots.

Now, we should take some note of this success and we can not fail, but succeed. As a member of the association, may I urge every body to sign contracts and help us to success.

Yours for service,  
R. L. Adcock.

We are informed that Miss Ouida Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, who has been quite sick from typhoid fever, while very sick, is doing as well as might be expected. We join the family's friends in the hope that she may soon take a turn for the better.

The many friends of Mr. Jas. H. West will regret to learn that he has been for several days confined to an Abilene Sanitarium, where he again underwent an operation. We join a host of friends in the hopes that he will soon be up and back home again.

Messrs. H. A. Sanders and Geo. Brown with their families returned first of the week from a trip fishing and outing to the San Saba river. They report a very fine time.

## W. A. SHEPPARD GETS 1ST-2ND BALE

The first bale of cotton each year in Merkel, as well as most other towns in the state, always attracts considerable interest, and this year was no exception. Mr. W. A. (Uncle Willie) Sheppard, for many years a good citizen of Merkel, brought in on last Friday morning the first bale for the 1923-24 season. The bale was raised by Mr. Sheppard on several small patches in and about the city, and was bought in on the 10th day of the month, just five days earlier than the first was received last year. The cotton was ginned by Mr. Sam Swann, one of Merkel's splendid ginners, and was purchased by Mr. G. M. Sharp, a popular and well known local buyer for many years, at 22 and three-fourths cents per pound, which amounted to a little over \$95.00 for the bale which weighed 423 pounds, with the seed yet to be sold.

A subscription list was circulated among the business men and citizens, the amount of \$81 being raised, which was divided between Mr. Sheppard and the man who brings in the second bale as follows: \$60 to Mr. Sheppard and \$21 to the second bale.

And Mr. Sheppard stated that his cotton was opening very fast and that if the next man did not hurry that he might be able to secure the second premium. And as this is being written on the following Thursday morning, we learn that Mr. Sheppard is expected to bring in his second bale tonight, and unless some one beats him to it, he will be given the \$21 second bale premium. However, we are told that several bales are looked for during today (Thursday, August sixteenth).

Mr. Sheppard is one of the old time citizens of Merkel, and some twenty-five years ago brought in the first bale, for which he received six cents per pound and a premium of \$14.00 given him in merchandise by the business men of the town.

And we might mention that the handsome premium of \$60 in cash given Mr. Sheppard was not all he received, but there was added to same a first class shoe shine by a porter in one of the barber shops, a T-Bone Steak at one Cafe, and Ham and Eggs at another. Who would not want to bring in the first bale each year to Merkel?

The following is a list of those showing the progressive spirit in donating to the premium list:

We, the undersigned, hereby subscribe the amount opposite our names as Premium for First bale of cotton, 1923.

Farmers State Bank \$2.50, H. A. Sanders \$2.50, Merkel Dry Goods Co. \$2.50, Liberty Hdwe. Co. \$2.50, Merkel Drug Co. \$2.50, F. & M. National Bank \$2.50, Bob Martin Gro. Co. \$2.50, Brown D.G. Co. \$2.50, West Co. \$2.50, Woodroof-Bragg Co. \$2.50, J. T. Dennis Gro. \$1.50, Barrow Furn. Co. \$2.50, Max Mellinger \$2.50, Crown Hdwe. Co. \$2.50, G. M. Sharp \$1.00, W. F. Hamblett \$1.00, J. M. Garrett \$1.00, C. L. Tucker, Public weigher \$1, Woodrum Filling Station \$1, Tom Wilson, Jeweler \$1, Petty Barber Shop \$1, West Texas Utilities Co. \$2.50, Merkel Motor Co. \$2.50, Carrol Walton .50, Burton Lingo Co. \$2.50, Woodrum Hotel \$1, Mrs. C. L. Cash 50 cents, Frank Goliday \$1, Dr. Gambill 50 cents, Sam Swann \$3.50, Quality Bakery \$1.50, T. J. R. Swafford \$1, C. M. Largent \$1, Magnolia Filling Station \$1, J. C. Mason \$1, Watkins Market \$1, Fred Latham \$1, Chas. West \$1, Frank MsFarland \$2.50, Dr. R. I. Grimes \$1, Ed Ash \$1, White House Cafe, T-Bone Steak

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## KLAN VISITS NUBIA REVIVAL

On last Friday night just as Rev. W. H. Hughes, Baptist minister, was about to announce his text for the evening service at Nubia, where he was engaged in a revival meeting, some 18 or more members of the Merkel Ku Klux Klan in full regalia marched in at a side door and presented the minister with an envelope containing a handsome donation and the letter printed below in commendation and appreciation of the ministers faithful and untiring efforts in behalf of the Christian religion. After hearty thanks and a prayer by Rev. Hughes, the silent visitors marched out as orderly and quietly as they came, and disappeared in the darkness. The letter to Rev. Hughes from the Klan is as follows:

August tenth, 1923.  
Rev. W. H. Hughes,  
Nubia, Texas.

Reverend Sir and Brother: We as a committee representing Merkel Klan No. 137, deem it a great privilege and honor to extend to you a few words of commendation for the work you are so faithfully fostering for Christ and humanity.

We have been watching you, as well as all other men, who stand for principles of right and justice. We as a body most heartily commend you for all the work you are doing, we want you to know that we are at all times ready to be of any assistance to you that might be needed. In all the difficulties that you might encounter in the work of Christ, the Criterion of all Klansmen, we would have you remember that "Right will always win". Also we would have you know that in seeing the good that you are endeavoring to do we also see and know the element that is doing all in their power for the Devil in trying to hinder that which is right and Christ-like.

Yours in Service for the Master,  
"Merkel" Klan No. 137, Realm of Texas.

## BRO. PARRACK IN A GOOD MEETING

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, who is conducting a revival meeting this week at Comper, informs us that the meeting is progressing nicely, with added interest at each and every service held.

For a number of years Rev. Parrack has held the annual revival for the Comper people, and each meeting has resulted in much spiritual and lasting good to the church and entire community, and the Mail predicts that the present meeting will be no exception to the rule.

The pastor also announces that there will be Baptismal services Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at the Beasley tank, and to which all are invited.

In response to a message stating that her brother, Tom McKee, who lives near Honey Grove, Fannin county, had happened to a serious accident, Mrs. W. D. Butler, accompanied by her husband, left the latter part of last week for his bedside.

J. R. Edwards and wife, accompanied by their son, J. H. Edwards, and wife, all of Comanche, were here last week for a visit with friends and relatives.



## Deposit Your Cotton Checks in this Bank

During the fall months is a good time to build your next year's credit structure. Be sure and patronize a bank that has always taken care of the Farmer.

### Ask Our Customers

You insure your Home and your life, why not your deposit?

Only Guaranty Fund Bank in Merkel

## THE FARMERS STATE BANK

John Sears, President  
R. O. Anderson, Cashier

### WHITE CHURCH

Dry! Well, yes. Young cotton is still looking fine, but the earlier crops are not looking so well. Quite a few are preparing to begin picking right away. Feed will all soon be harvested.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Watkins and their daughter, Mrs. Mosley, have returned to their home at Rochester, Texas after a visit with relatives here.

Mrs. Mary Tucker Vickers was here from Pecos one day last week. It is wonderful to see older people come back to their childhood homes and hear the joyous reminiscences of what used to be.

Mrs. Viola Tucker Norris, from Arizona is here spending some time with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Druce Tucker. Our last information was that uncle Druce was better than he had been for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ensminger, who have been living and prospering in the "Ozarks" have been visiting Mrs. Frazier Demere.

Mr. Luther Franks from Wichita Falls has joined his family here and have gone down about Menard on a fishing trip, but will return here before going back to Wichita.

Owing to the fact that so many were harvesting their feed last week, there were not many who attended the working at the Cemetery on last Wednesday. Although the few who were there did some efficient work, and we are justly proud of it.

Claybourne McPeak of Floydada is back at work in the canyon now.

Grady Snow of Brownfield accompanied his grandfather, W. M. Snow home this week and will visit relatives here several days.

Mr. E. E. Chamberlain and wife of Munday were called to Tye to attend the funeral of Rev. Green, and they came on over to visit Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Snow on Monday night.

We haven't heard whether or not Mrs. West has returned from Oklahoma City, but we hear quite often that uncle Harvey doesn't like to batch.

Our old tried and faithful servant, O. J. Adcock, is back on the job. We think "Well, he needs a rest", but before a half week passes, if he is away, we can hear the same wish from every direction, "I wish Mr. Adcock would hurry back."

"Optimist."

### Junior B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: "The Story of Ruth and Naomi."  
Introduction by William Sheppard.

Three Widows in Moab, by Ellen Ashby.

Naomi Decides to go Home, by Jess Anderson.

Ruth's Choice, by Avis Deavers.

Back in Bethlehem, by O. B. Boden.

The first day at home, by Beth Hamm.

Gleaming in Boaz's Field, by Lula Miller.

A happy ending, by Christene Rister.

Just a few more days of our great "Mammoth Shoe Sale" Better come while you can get the saving. Brown D.G. Co. It

## Texas Banker Uses Ferrasal

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 Ferrasal 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. T. Cole. For Sale by Merkel Drug Co. at 50c per box. 29tf

### NOTICE TO FARMERS

As the time is almost here to begin to pick your cotton and possibly you are wondering what gin is ready to go, we are posting cards and here announce that all Farmers may see and know where they can get their first bale ginned. We are now ready to go and invite your inspection, and will certainly appreciate a chance to gin your cotton; as much or as little as you may wish to give us. Our aim is Service that Satisfies, as we know that a satisfied customer is the best advertisement that any business can have.

Please stop and think that we are human, just as you are, and should it so occur that we do not satisfy you, tell us so we can make good as we are here not to make excuses, but to make good. As I am a stranger to most of the farmers of this gin territory, and will not get to see you all personally, I am taking this method of reaching as near all of you as I can.

As I have yet to move my family, and the time is close at hand to begin ginning, and I want to say that we had rather show you than to tell you.

So give us a chance. I want to say, also, that we will be in the seed market and give as much as any one else. Should the price change and we fail to get it we will make it good, so don't worry about that line. And we also expect to keep up with the cotton market, and be in position to help you get all your cotton is worth, if you wish to sell on the days market.

Come around. We would like to meet you whether we gin your cotton or not. Yours for Service  
SOUTH SIDE GIN  
By L. L. Murray, Mgr. 9t2

Once a year Johnnie Ray, hustling merchant of Blair, with the able assistance of his good wife, tender to their friends and patrons, a big ice cream supper, and for this year the occasion took place on last Thursday evening, with a large crowd present. And it is said by those present that there was plenty and to spare. But that is Johnnie's way. He never does things by halves. The writer regrets that owing to the occasion taking place on Thursday, our regular press day, we were unable to take advantage of the invitation extended us to attend same, but here and now promise Johnnie that we expect to be on hand next year, or know the reason why we are not.

Mrs. L. M. Moore of San Angelo is in the city the guest of her niece, Mrs. W. L. Burns.

## THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank



Nothing is MORE IMPORTANT Than a GOOD BANKING CONNECTION The Time to Make it is NOW

We have called especial attention to every published statement we have made and we direct your attention to our statement as of June 30th published below.

Notice our large CASH RESERVE That we have no Borrowed Money nor Re-discounts

We have taken care of every customers needs and have not turned away a loan which would be attractive to a careful banker.

We sell Travelers' Checks, Good in any Country in the World.

### Condensed Statement Close of Business June 30, 1923

#### RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$296,614.07
U. S. Securities	9,750.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	34,660.60
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,600.00
Other Real Estate	4,100.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX.	123,490.35
Overdrafts	195.02
Total	\$476,472.54

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	6,265.74
Circulation Acct.	5,950.00
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
DEPOSITS	399,256.80
Total	\$476,472.54

J. T. Warren, President L. R. Thompson, Cashier  
Booth Warren, Asst. Cashier Owen Ellis, Asst. Cashier

#### DIRECTORS

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

### Friendship Club Notes

The Club met last Friday with Mrs. C. M. Pogue.

After spending a good part of the time in friendly conversation papers were passed containing a story, having blank spaces to be filled in with counties of Texas. Miss Autry Porter received a lovely linen handkerchief as first prize. Mrs. Porter received a paper of pins at the booby prize.

Refreshments of delicious ice-cream and cake were served by Misses Ruth Jenkins, Emma Toombs and Sadie Lou Gandy.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Murray Farmer at their home out on route five, Sunday.

### Intermediate League Program

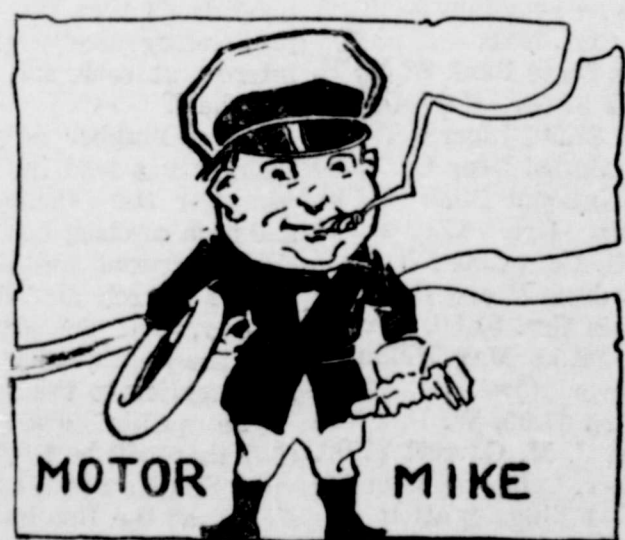
Leader, Stella Wilson.  
Song, Scripture lesson Heb. 13:1 and Matt. 5:16.

Give him a chance, by Anna Lou Russell.  
Let Christ in, by Emma Toombs.  
The Cause of Disease, by Gladys Milliken.

The Lords Prayer.  
Moral Disease, by Ruth Jenkins.  
Let the world of Christ dwell, by Elfe Chaney.

Let your Light shine, by Owen Hutchenson.  
Song, League Benediction.

New Crop Halls—Also Meal Bran, Shorts, mixed feed and Hay. T. J. R. Swafford, phone 44, South Side.



You reach a hill and find your car Will simply not ascend it. Remember then, it's on the bum, And that we soon can mend it.

Yes, when it won't go up hill it needs parts or repair service at our Garage. Bring it on, we shall gladly fix it up.

"You tell 'em Radiator, you can cool 'em off."

## McFarland Garage

# FARMERS!!

## My Gin is Now Ready to Gin Your Cotton

I have it in excellent shape to give you the best possible Service.

Electric power insures you against any delay when you come in with your first bale.

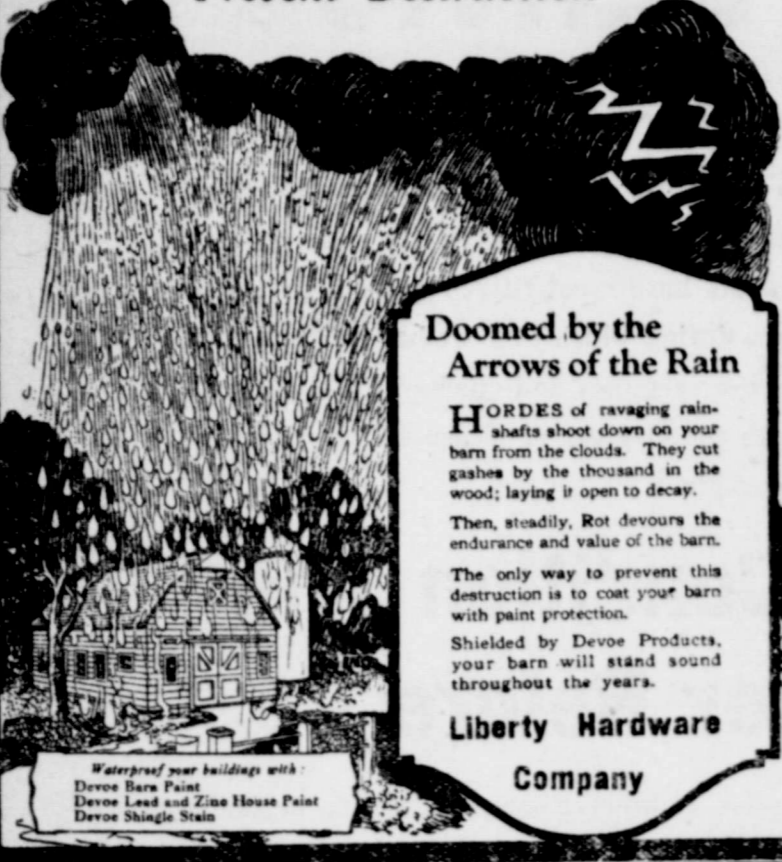
The only Electric Ballbearing Gin in Merkel.

# SAM - SWANN



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### Doomed by the Arrows of the Rain

**H**ORDES of ravaging rain-shafts shoot down on your barn from the clouds. They cut gashes by the thousand in the wood, laying it open to decay.

Then, steadily, Rot devours the endurance and value of the barn.

The only way to prevent this destruction is to coat your barn with paint protection.

Shielded by Devoe Products, your barn will stand sound throughout the years.

**Liberty Hardware Company**

Waterproof your buildings with Devoe Base Paint, Devoe Lead and Zinc House Paint, Devoe Shingle Stain.

### Senior Epworth League

- Leader, Geneva Middleton.
1. Scripture, Luke 16:19-31, by Murphy Thomas.
  2. Reasons for Reversal, by Blanche Durham.
  3. Monday, Cart before the horse Isaiah 29, Mabel McNees.
  4. Tuesday, Turning way of wicked up-side-down—The topsy turvey young people—Psalm 146 Tom Allday.
  5. Wednesday, Turning the world up-side-down, Acts 17:6, by Joe Reidenbach.
  6. Thursday, The last shall be first, The topsy-turvey Christian, Matt. 19:30; Luke 13:24-30, by Annie Bickley.
  7. Friday, The exalted here humble there, Luke 18:9-14, by Ethel Wilson.
  8. Saturday, last before the first, Matt. 20:25-27, by Cyrus Pee.
  9. Reading, "The Mansion", by Miss Lorena Dry.
  10. Duet, Have thine own Way. Prayer and dismissal.

Jasper McCoy shipped two cars of cattle to the Fort Worth market Saturday.

You know the quality Duck we have handled every season. We have plenty now at the lowest price in Texas. Brown D. G. Company.

### Senior B. Y. P. U.

Topic: "What do the Works of a Christian Have to do with his Future Reward?"  
Leader—Ola Sharp.  
Introduction by the leader.

1. Our life on Earth continues in Heaven, by Flossie Campbell
2. Heavenly Citizens Temporarily Detained, by James Swann.
3. Jesus Taught about Treasure in Heaven, by O. R. Bird.
4. Good Works here win a Crown up there, by Mrs. Yates Brown.
5. What kind of Work here will Help the Life over there, by Miss Valerie Dye.
6. The Relative Importance of doing these works, by Bill Haynes.

### FARM FOR SALE

I am offering my well improved farm of 320 acres, 165 in cultivation, with 80 acres more suitable for cultivation for sale. Lots of wood and fine grass. For price and particulars see the undersigned. The land is located five miles from Merkel. R. B. Wells.

Mr. Grady Snow, son of D. E. Snow, of Gomez, Texas, is here for a visit with his Uncle, D. R. Snow, of the White Church Community.

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### Dr. I. D. Ellis Honored

Saturday evening, August 4, on the Methodist church lawn, the married ladies' class of that Sunday School honored their teacher, Dr. I. D. Ellis, with an old-fashioned, home-like social. The occasion was Dr. Ellis' forty-fifth birthday and each lady had been requested to bring a handkerchief. An idea of the size of the crowd present can be estimated from the fact that the Doctor received 44 handkerchiefs, besides other gifts.

The crowd gathered about 8 o'clock, and each family brought a basket filled with the good things that make all feasting occasions in Troy a success. The delicious viands were spread on a large table in picnic style. J. C. Gibson made a short talk, in which he voiced the love and esteem in which Dr. Ellis is held and assured him that his efforts in behalf of humanity were appreciated. The Doctor responded in his characteristic way, and expressed profound appreciation for the honor done him. Chas. Amunson invoked a blessing upon the occasion, and the feast began. Prominent in the midst of many delightful dishes was the birthday cake, baked and decorated by the honoree's wife.

After the bounteous repast, the evening was spent in conversation, games, and extending personal felicitations to Dr. Ellis whose friends wish him all the happiness this world affords.—Troy Enterprise.

The item above, from the Troy Enterprise, is concerning Dr. I. D. Ellis, who is a son of our Mr. R. A. Ellis, and is indeed very complimentary to both the son and father.

Mrs. Lucy Bumpas is here from San Angelo on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Will Burns.

### CLASSIFIED ADS

#### FOR SALE

FARM FOR RENT—190 acres, 85 in cultivation, good five-room house and other improvements, will sell cheap for cash or good cash payment and vendors lien notes. Phone 113 for particulars. 9t2p

FOR SALE—Seed Wheat. Good seed wheat for sale, clear of Johnson grass and weed seed. R. B. Wells. 17t2

FOR SALE—House, 24x36 feet. Can be moved. See R. O. Anderson. 1t

FOR SALE—A good two horse power gas engine. For further particulars see J. L. Hardy, at the M. D. Angus office. 17t2p

#### FOUND

FOUND—A man's straw hat, on the Highway near the Section House. Owner can get same at this office. 1t

#### WANTED

WANTED—MAIZE. Will buy twenty-five or thirty tons of good Maize. Homer Patterson. 2t

### ADVICE TO THE AGED

Age brings infirmities, such as sluggish bowels, weak kidneys, torpid liver.

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have a specific effect on these organs, stimulating the bowels, giving natural action, and imparting vigor to the system.

# The Kitchen of Her Dreams

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This is the kitchen of which you have dreamed, and this is the kitchen which you can have with the aid of a

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### The Glad Girls

The Glad Girls Bible Class met in social session with Mrs. E. S. Cummings on Monday afternoon in South Merkel. We completed our organization with officers as follows:

President, Fannie Belle Boaz, 1st. Vice President, Nellie Sharp second vice president, Gladys Mayfield; third vice president, Marry Parrack; Secretary, Lila Mae Bird; Treasurer, Thelma Condon; Reporter, Ina Mae Martin; Chairman of Activities, Godie Richie; Efficiency Chairman, Thelma Deavers. Class Scheme:

Name: The Glad Girls Bible Class. Colors: Purple and Gold. Motto: "I am Third". Scripture: Psalm 121. Flower: Violet. Song, "Help Somebody Today". Aim: To find something in everything to be glad about. Poem: Others.

After a short business session and pleasant social hour we repaired to the dining room where we were served with delicious ice cream and cake, our only regret being that there were a few absentees.

Rah! Rah! Rah! who are we, Glad Girls, Glad Girls, come and see. This is the way we yell it this is the way we spell it, G-L-A-D, glad, glad, glad.

Reporter.

### BAPTIST LADIES AID TO ELECT OFFICERS

Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock the ladies Aid and Missionary Society of the Baptist Church will meet in the church auditorium to elect officers for the ensuing year.

On account of the early date of the meeting of our association, which meets at Colorado September fifth, with an all-day womens meeting on that date, we need to elect and install the officers now. Let every lady in the church come and help start the work for another year.

Reporter.

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

### HARKRIDER-LARGENT

On last Sunday evening at seven o'clock sharp, at the home of the bride's mother, Mr. Roy Largent and Miss Hazel Harkrider, were happily united in marriage, Rev. M. C. Hays, pastor of the Methodist church, in his usual pleasing and appropriate manner, pronouncing the ceremony which bound in Holy Wedlock the happy couple.

The bride is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mrs. W. L. Harkrider, who by womanly graces and pleasing manners counts her friends and admirers all those with whom she may have become acquainted, while the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent, who, too, has by his honest, sincere and gentlemanly characteristics won the friendship and respect of a large circle of friends.

We are informed that the happy couple immediately went to the splendid Largent ranch, just north of town, where the young groom had previously prepared and handsomely furnished a lovely home, where they will make their future home.

The Merkel Mail joins a host of friends in wishing for them much happiness and prosperity throughout their married career.

### DR ARMSTRONG TO ARRIVE HOME TODAY

The Mail is pleased to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Dr. M. Armstrong, who with his wife and daughter, Miss Lola, have been spending the past two weeks in New Orleans with young Dr. Frank Armstrong, announcing that they will be home today. The Doctor states that they are having a pleasant time, and would like to be able to spend more time there but for the press of business back home. He also mentions among other things that he "hopes we have had rain here", but in this we feel sure he will be disappointed, unless the weather man changes things up mighty quick.

## AT 69 SHE FEELS YEARS YOUNGER

Aged Resident of Fort Worth Says Stella Vitae Gives Strength and Energy

"Although I am 69 years old I feel many years younger since taking Stella Vitae," recently said Mrs. M. C. Schwier, 1512 Ellis Ave., Fort Worth, Texas.

"My greatest affliction was those awful pains in the back of my neck and terrible headaches. At times I felt a misery in my chest and shoulders that made it almost impossible for me to do anything. I was constipated, too, and my blood was bad. I didn't sleep much on account of my nerves being in such wretched shape.

When I started taking Stella Vitae I soon felt it was helping me and I began to get stronger and feel more energy. Headaches and other pains began to get less severe and stay off longer. I am a thousand times better I think, and I am going to keep it up as long as I feel that I need anything."

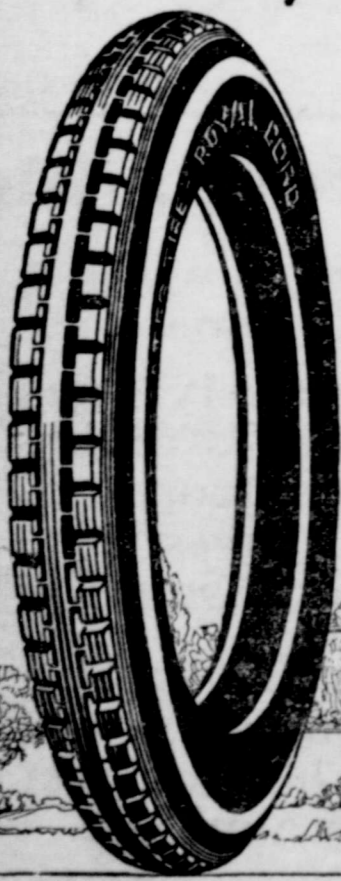
Stella Vitae may be obtained from any druggist and the purchase price will be refunded if it fails to bring relief.

You know the quality Duck we have handled every season. We have plenty now at the lowest price in Texas. Brown D. G. Company. 1t

J. S. McFarland, son R. N. and daughter Miss Jessie, all of Jackson, Tennessee, are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFarland. The former is our Mr. McFarland's father, and their visit to him is indeed a very pleasant one.

New Crop Hulls—Also Meal Bran, Shorts, mixed feed and Hay. T. J. R. Swafford, phone 44, South Side. 1t

## Here's Good News for the Man who needs a Royal Cord



**ROYALS** are the only tires in which you get the benefit of the three new U. S. discoveries—Sprayed Rubber—Web Cord and the Flat-Band Method of building a Cord Tire.

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**MR. SHAPPARD GETS FIRST AND SECOND BALES COT.**

Campbell Cafe, Ham and Eggs, West Barber Shop shine boy, 1 shine, Hamilton and Case \$1, Patterson & Baker \$1, Merkel Mail \$1, Boney's Drug Store \$1, E. L. Turner 50 cents, L. D. Matlock \$1, Percy Jones Barber shop 50 cents, Merkel Garage \$1.00, Jno. Bell \$1, Howard Hand \$1, Merkel Ice Co. \$1, Bill Brown Filling Station \$1, J. T. Darsey \$1, A. L. Jobe 50 cents, Merkel Lumber Co. \$2.50, W. W. Campbell \$1.00.

LATER—Mr. Sheppard at about noon today (Thursday) brought in the second bale, received the \$21.00 premium and 23 and one half cents per pound for same.

Lee Acuff spent Monday in Abilene.

Watch this paper next week for Ray's ads. Two stores, Blair and Trent. It

You will find Miss Lillian Tedford behind the counter at Ray's store, Trent, Texas. It

Mrs. Annie Owens of Wichita Falls, is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Etheredge.

H. N. Mashburn is here from California visiting friends and relatives in and near town.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black had as their guest, last week, their son, B. D. Black, now of Houston, Texas.

The best 8 oz. Duck to be had at the lowest price in Texas. Brown D. G. Co. It

Minister Brannon of Winters, is conducting a gospel meeting at Noodle this week for the Church of Christ.

Mrs. Elma H. Moore of Abilene, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. H. Jones, Tuesday night of this week.

C. L. Witecarver and daughter, Miss Maggie, returned last week from a trip to points in East Texas.

Lieutenant Cleburn McCauley and wife of Fort Worth, were guests of Mrs. Judd Sheppard this week.

Mrs. Sam Jones and two little daughters of Oklahoma, are in the city the guests of their relatives, J. E. Hendricks and family.

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

Rufus Adcock and family attended the Charley Nichols meeting at the Tabernacle near Anson Sunday.

We will have a nice stock in Ray's Store at Trent on August 18th. Look it over. The big opening day will be August 25. Several presents to be given away on August 25. It

Miss Lula Mae Boaz spent several days this week in Clyde, the guest of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Allen and two daughters, Misses Roberta, and Oneta, are guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dowell this week.

**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

**MY GIN IS READY FOR SERVICE**

We are glad to say to our former customers and all other farmers in general, that while we have lived in this country for almost forty years and have spent fifteen years of that time in the ginning business, during which time we have always tried to give our customers the very best and quickest service possible, and now it is with the greatest of pleasure that we announce to you that our gin is in

**Better Condition Than Ever Before**

Infact, we have one of the best equipped gins to be found in the state, adding this year about \$8,000 worth of new equipment.

And, besides having our gin in A-1 condition, which insures a good clean turnout, we have also added a number of other conveniences, such as a watering place, as well as stalls and sheds for your stock.

So bring us your cotton and be convinced that we are prepared to, and will give you the best ginning service to be found in this part of the country.

**F. P. HAMM**

**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.

Miss Trentie Birchitt, of Abilene Christian College, and Miss Peggie O'Neal and Miss Lula Mae Mills left Monday morning for Abilene after a short visit with the former's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Pribble.

Mr. and Mrs. Burk Pribble and two sons, Tris and Foy, from Hamlin, Texas, the former being a rural mail carrier out of his home town, returned last Friday from a visit with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Pribble of Merkel.

Cream is up to 32 cents from 28 cents. Bring it to Hamblett's.

**PROGRESSIVE TOWNS.**

Had you ever noticed that towns and cities that voted bonds for good school buildings, waterworks, sewerage systems, parks, paved streets, etc., are generally among the most progressive and rapidly growing cities in the state? If we have improvements we must expect to pay for them. Cities and towns don't just grow themselves. They are built by the progressive citizenship.—Grandview Tribune.

**BARGAINS**

Spectacles and Jewelry at a bargain. Watch repairing, satisfaction guaranteed. I have been in business thirty-eight years, and came to Merkel for my health, and I am permanently located here. I do most all kinds of repairing. R. A. Tarbutton. tf

Mr. and Mrs. Bromo Crim, of Lubbock, were here this week, guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black.

Miss Catherine Grimes, after an extended visit here among relatives, left first of the week for her home at Meridian.

O. J. Adcock and family returned Sunday from a weeks vacation at Comanche, Gatesville, Temple and other points. While absent, Mr. Adcock attended the meeting of the State Letter Carriers' Association at Temple.

Miss Audrey Smith, of Arlington, is visiting in the home of her cousin, Mrs. Ira Huss and also her grandfather, Mr. F. J. Smith.

Rotan Cypert of Crosbyte was here the first of the week to visit his parents, Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Snow of the White Church community, were shopping in the city yesterday. Mr. Snow reports that while the crops in his section have been cut short considerably by the continued hot and dry weather, he believes the crops in his community are equal to or better than in most any other community in this section.

Expecting Car Colorado Fancy Lump Coal. Summer Prices. T. J. R. Swafford, phone 44, South Side. 1t

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**WHY PAY MORE TAXES FOR OUR SCHOOLS**

school for nine months as well as make it possible for it to keep its full affiliation with the state schools of higher education.

**Merkel School 1923-24 BUDGET**  
3 teachers at \$90.....\$270.00  
11 teachers at \$80..... 880.00  
4 teachers at \$110..... 440.00  
Principal at \$135..... 135.00  
Janitor at \$50..... 50.00  
**Total per month—\$1775.00**

Salaries for 1923-24..\$15,975.00  
Supt's salary..... 2,250.00  
Bonds and sinking fund 2,450.00  
Coal, insurance incl.. 2,500.00  
**Total for year—\$23,175.00**  
or \$24,000.00

**Increased Expenses over Last**  
5 new teachers at \$80 per month, \$400x9 months.....\$3,600.00  
State Apportionment short \$1 under last year, \$1 each on 630 scholastics..... 630.00  
**Total—\$4,230.00**

Surplus of \$1,500 of last year used for desks will leave next year about \$3,000 more to raise than last year.

**Income**  
State apportionment of \$12 each for each of 630 scholastics..... \$7,560.00  
Local taxes.....16,440.00  
**Total—\$24,000.00**

Local taxes last year were about \$13,000. This year they are \$16,440. Increase this year over last year in local taxes \$3,440 or about \$3,000, twenty per cent or one fifth over last year. Total valuations for 1923-24 should be at least 15 or 20 per cent above last year.

B. P. Middleton and family returned last week from a trip to De Leon, Dublin and other east Texas points, where they visited friends and relatives.

Expecting Car Colorado Fancy Lump Coal. Summer Prices. T. J. R. Swafford, phone 44, South Side. 1t

**Baptist Announcements**

Sunday School at 10 a.m. with the Business Mens' Bible Class meeting at the Gem Theatre at 9:45 and a cordial welcome to all members and visitors.

We will hear a report from the Christoval encampment where there were nearly 2,000 in Sunday School last Sunday. Let every member remember that we are all to be present Sunday to get our part of the "Spizerintum" brought back by our members that were in Christoval Sunday.

The pastor will preach at 11 o'clock in the morning.

Young peoples meeting at 7. No evening service on account of meeting at the tabernacle.

Our association meets in Colorado September 5, so we are nearing the end of our associational year. Let every loyal Baptist come and help us make a good closing to the year's work.

Comper meeting going fine, with six approved for Baptism up to Wednesday and numbers of others interested.

We will have the baptizing at the Beasley tank Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. Ira L. Par-rack.

Messrs. J. M. and Milo Jones of Dallas, came in last week for a visit with home folks and friends. Their many friends here are glad to have them visit among them again.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott of this city and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard, of Colorado City, spent last Sunday at the big Baptist Encampment at Christoval, returning Monday.

We are glad to learn that Mr. L. P. Ligon, who has been quite ill at his home in this city for some time, is now reported as improving nicely. We join many friends in the hopes that he may continue to recover, and that his health may be regained entirely.