

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## DALLAS BUSINESS ARE COMING HERE

One hundred fifty strong—a party of Dallas business and professional men, traveling in a special train, will arrive in Merkel on May first at 5:35 p.m., for a fifteen minute visit with our citizens. The occasion is the Twenty-third Annual Good-Will Tour of the Dallasites to points of interest in the Southwest Trade Territory. This year the party is endeavoring to stop at as many cities and towns in West Texas as its seven days schedule will permit.

Knowing the reputation of our business men for hospitality, the Dallas party is looking forward with keen interest to its brief call here.

A letter received from General Chairman, C. L. Norsworthy, announces the time of the trains arrival and expresses regret that owing to the large territory to be covered the party will not be able to spend a longer time in our city. The trip will embrace 2,026 miles, the longest and most important ever undertaken, and stops will be made at 69 of the West Texas cities, Mr. Norsworthy said.

The purpose of the tour will be to bring about a closer relationship and understanding between our merchants and the Dallas wholesale and manufacturing market. Members of the party will call personally at our business houses to meet our merchants and extend to them an invitation to visit the Dallas Market and avail themselves of the service it affords to its patrons.

The party will be made up largely of the executive officers of the large banks, jobbing houses and manufacturing concerns in Dallas. Each individual will be loaded with novelty souvenirs and will be anxious to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. Every effort will be made to develop commercial and industrial contact and the men from 'The City of the hour' are full of enthusiasm concerning the development possibilities of West Texas—"The Bread of the Nation."

Mr. Norsworthy especially requests that, if possible, our school children be on hand to greet the party at the depot. He promises that no child will go away empty handed.

A magnificent uniformed band of twenty pieces will accompany the Good Will party and will render a short concert during their stop. No effort or expense has been spared to make this the greatest Good-Will Tour Dallas has ever undertaken.

## ROBERT BEASLEY NOW SERVING TIME IN PEN.

City Marshal Jinks Winter returned first of the week from Houston where he had gone accompanying Robert Beasley, convicted and sentenced to the state penitentiary for seven years, for the murder of John Chadwick, in front of the Cozy Theatre in Merkel in 1921. The highest court in the state recently overruled the defense's motion for a new trial, with the result that Beasley is now serving his time.

Mr. R. L. Grimes and family took advantage of the holiday Monday which enabled the former to be away from his post as Cashier of the Farmers State Bank, to visit with friends and relatives in their former home at Winters. Mr. and Mrs. Grimes are also enjoying a visit by the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Grimes, who accompanied them home from Winters.

## MISSSES BROWN AND ANDERSON IN RECITAL

Friday evening at 8 o'clock Misses Lucy Track and Roberta Gay, teachers of Expression and Music respectively, presented two of their pupils, Misses Flora Frances Anderson, reader, and Inice Brown, pianist, in recital. This recital was given at the Methodist church, with many friends and acquaintances attending. Hearty was the applause of appreciation at the close of each number on the program for both pupils did well. The following is the program as it was rendered:

1. Idile, by Lack, Miss Inice Brown.
2. As You Like It, Shakespeare, Miss Anderson.
3. To A Wild Rose—Mac Dowell, Miss Brown.
4. (a) The Path to Home, by Guest; (b) Boy Blue, by Montague; (c) It Couldn't Be Done, Guest, Miss Anderson.
5. The Fountain, Carl Bohm, Miss Brown.
6. (a) Fauntleroy's Wail, Crane, Miss Anderson.
7. Star Dust, Cox, Misses Anderson and Brown.

## MANY BILLS ARE FOUND GRAND JURY

The grand jury of the present term of District Court, after a week's deliberations, last Friday afternoon recessed, and as a result of their labors about 30 bills of indictments were returned into open court.

We understand that more than 130 witnesses were questioned and examined. And according to the report, about 20 of the bills of indictments were for felony charges.

Hon. H. M. Rainbolt, one of our very best citizens, and a man who has had considerable experience in Grand Jury work, was made foreman, and through his foresight and ability, much splendid work has been accomplished. And associated with him as members of the Grand Jury from this part of the county we notice the names of M. P. Lattimer and Oliver Boden of this vicinity and W. E. Hamner of Trent, all of whom are among our best and most influential citizens.

## YOUNG BUSINESS MAN MARRIES ABILENE GIRL

The Mail is reliably informed that at Abilene on last Wednesday evening, Mr. J. F. (Shorty) Holloway, and Miss Iva Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Coleman, of that city, were happily united in marriage by the Rev. Mead. We also learn that immediately following the ceremony the happy couple departed for a short bridal tour, after which they will be at home in Merkel.

The groom is well known and held in high esteem by a large circle of friends, and is at present connected with the White House Cafe. And the bride, as stated, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Coleman of Abilene, and is held in high esteem by all who know her.

Mr. G. H. Tucker, one of our well fixed and successful stock farmers, made this office a pleasant and appreciated visit recently. Mr. Tucker has sold some 40 head of fine thoroughbred, big bone Poland China Hogs since January first, seven of which went out of the state. And to day he has many calls he can't fill. He also has some fine milk cows to sell.

## REGULAR LUNCHEON NEXT TUESDAY NITE

Next Tuesday is the regular time for the next big Luncheon held every two weeks by the citizens of Merkel, and which will be held at Ed's Cafe at 7:30 o'clock.

About seventy-five of Merkel's citizens, with a few farmers, have been attending regularly upon these meetings, and it is hoped that each one with others as well, will be present and take part in the proceedings of the forthcoming meeting.

As has been stated many times before, these meetings are open to one and all. Every man who has any interest in the city's welfare is invited to be present, where the things which go toward the upbuilding of Merkel are discussed and plans laid for doing something that will ultimately make our city a better place in which to reside.

The Luncheon Club is not for a few; it is wide open to one and all, so come out and join your friends and neighbors in their effort to help our city. If you have an idea that you think would help, come out and make it known, or if things are not being done as you think they should, come out and present your idea of a better way of improving them. We are all just friends and neighbors, and every one should feel that he has a right to express his views. And in doing so at these meetings you will be accorded the courtesy of freely expressing your views.

Dr. S. W. Johnson, one of our splendid local Dentists has been selected as Toastmaster, and we are sure that he will make the meeting both "snappy" and interesting. So, you who have been attending regularly, be there; and if you have not been coming, come out and enjoy the occasion.

## BAPTIST MEN IN A BIG BANQUET

On last Tuesday evening, in the parlors of the Baptist church the members of the Business Men's Class enjoyed a very fine banquet, the final outcome of a great contest put on by the class some time ago in an attendance race, and in which the "blues" were winners, and thus the whole class was feasted and entertained by the "reds."

Judge E. S. Cummings, who is the splendid and untiring teacher of this class, very ably and interestingly acted as Toastmaster of the occasion.

We understand that more than seventy-five members were present and enjoyed to the limit both the delicious feast and excellent program of readings, solos, quartets, etc.

This class is known in our city as a very live and enthusiastic class of church men, and we feel sure that they were all made happier by having met on the above occasion, for by such occasions we learn to love and esteem each other better.

Mr. B. C. Gaither expects to depart Monday for an extended visit among relatives and the family scenes of his boyhood days in the good old state of Tennessee. We join his host of friends here in wishing for him a most pleasant and enjoyable visit.

## PAGEANT PLANS WELL UNDER WAY

Brownwood, Texas, April 14. The coronation and pageant to be staged by Brownwood the second night of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention, May 13, 14 and 15, will be in three chapters, it was announced today by Producer Hal G. Worth of Miami, Fla., who has started work on the pageant in an effort to make it the best ever staged in West Texas.

The first chapter will be the coronation of the queen, in which the prime minister and Miss Brownwood will receive the visiting royalty from all parts of the state and welcome the king and queen of Brownwood. The foreign nations will also send their envoys, consisting of an ambassador and lady, two attendants in national costumes and the color bearer with the national colors.

The closing of the first chapter will be followed by an Oriental creation—a night in old Japan—in which the decorations and beautiful eastern costumes will be featured. Some exquisite dancing episodes will be added.

The closing chapter will be the evolution of West Texas, presented in full costume and with gorgeous lighting effects, portraying the steps of evolution that West Texas has taken to the present time.

Mr. Worth brought to Brownwood with him a solid carload of beautiful scenery properties and lighting effects, which should make this offering one of the smartest ever seen in this part of the state. Work is getting well under way on the production, as the work on the memorial auditorium is being finished. —Ex.

## REPUBLICANS CALL PRIMARY CONVENTION

Notice is hereby given that a Republican Precinct Primary Convention for precinct number 6 of Taylor county, Texas, will be held Saturday, May 3, 1924, at 2 p.m. at the following described location for the purpose of electing delegates to the Republican County Convention to be held at Court house in the city of Abilene, which is the county seat of Taylor county, Texas, on Tuesday May 6, 1924, at 2 p.m.

The basis of representation of the precincts in the county convention shall be one vote for every twenty-five votes or major fraction thereof cast in each respective precinct for Republican Presidential Elector in 1920, each precinct in any event to be entitled to one vote in said county Convention.

Any citizen who is a qualified voter regardless of past political affiliations, who will support the nominees of the Republican party and endorse its principles are entitled to participate in said primary convention.

H. C. Floyd, Chairman, precinct No. 6, Taylor county.

I hereby certify that this notice has been posted in three prominent places in this voting precinct No. 6 as required by law.

We understand that Mr. Marcena Doans and Miss Dulin, both of the Blair community, were happily united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage on last Saturday evening by the pastor, Rev. T. J. Rea.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE TO GIVE PROGRAM SUNDAY NIGHT

The following is the program that the members of the Epworth League will put on at the Methodist church Sunday evening at eight o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to come.

1. Hymn; Prayer by Pastor.
2. Special music.
3. Scripture Reading.
4. The Apostle's Creed.
5. Announcements and offering.
6. Talk, "The Meaning of our Motto," by Castle Ellis.
7. Talk, "The Epworth League as a Spiritual Force in the church," by Rev. T. J. Rea.
8. A Playlet "To Vision Heights"

Characters in the play: The Pilgrim, Russell Pike. Selfish Ambition, Murphy Thomas.

Sloth, Tom Allday, Pleasure, Boog Sears; Love, Marie Williamson; Prayer, Julia Martin; Knowledge, Madge Pearce; Inspiration, Rosie Laney; Consecration, Dorris Pike; Mary Dale, Rosie Laney; Nina Jones, Ethel Wilson; Harry Duncan, Adrian Rea; Sue West, Dorris Durham; Dave Smith, Dick Coleman; Jerry Downs, Loring Hamblett; Jane Harper, Marie Williamson.

## REV. ROGERS TO GRAND RAPIDS

At the semi-annual meeting of the Abilene Presbytery of the Abilene District of the Presbyterian church, Rev. Fred S. Rogers, the talented and able pastor of the Grace Presbyterian church of Merkel, was chosen as the delegate from the Abilene District to the National Meeting of the General Assembly of the church, which meets this year in Grand Rapids, Michigan during next month.

Rev. Rogers is one of the outstanding ministers in the Presbyterian church not only in this district, but throughout all the West, and we congratulate the membership of his church in thus honoring one so eminently able to represent them at their national meeting.

He expects to leave about May 15th, accompanied by Mrs. Rogers and their little daughter, and will be absent from his work here for about three weeks.

## Little Son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Reed Passes Away

Little Ozres Walker Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Reed, age ten months and twenty-one days, passed to the greater beyond last Friday morning at nine o'clock. Interment took place in the White Church Cemetery on Saturday afternoon at three, the Rev. M. R. Pike, pastor of the Merkel Circuit, conducting the funeral. Again are we in the knowledge that man is like unto the grass of the field. He springs up in the morning to be cut down in the evening, but again do we have the consolation of the knowledge that our heavenly father does not make mistakes, that he is enriching glory by his gathering of buds for the palace of heaven.

## Mrs. L. C. Miller Dead

Those who know Mrs. L. C. Miller will grieve to hear of her sudden and unexpected death which came on last Friday evening, April 18, at 7:30. At the time of her death she was making her home with her son, Roy J. Miller, Clyde, Texas. The remains were laid to rest Sunday afternoon at Tolar, Hood county, Texas, her old home.

## WILL DEDICATE HEBRON CHURCH

The Hebron Baptist church, six miles north of Merkel, under trying difficulties, by the direction of Associational Missionary A. R. Tyson, have recently erected a new meeting house. Members of this congregation as well as neighbors and friends are to be commended for their unstinted support in this enterprise. The house, we are informed, was built without paying one cent to any one for labor. The citizenship of Merkel, the Missionary informs us, backed this worthy enterprise in a most loyal way. For which the church is indeed grateful. Some obligations are yet outstanding but there are enough unpaid pledges to cover same, and through individual members this obligation will be lifted off the church, and the dedication service is to be held on Sunday, April 27. In connection with the dedication service the church is to have a four day Bible conference, a program of which follows:

**Thursday night, April 24**  
8:00 The place of Sunday schools in Kingdom Advancement, by Rev. O. B. Tatum.

8:30 Spiritual Stereoscopic views of God, by Missionary A. R. Tyson.

**Friday Night, 25th.**  
8:00 Laymen and the Religious Life of our country, by Judge E. S. Cummings of Merkel.

8:30 Present Outlook for N. T. Evangelism, and the Responsibility for its Success, by A. R. Tyson.

**Saturday Night, 26th.**  
8:00 The four-fold Test of a church, by A. R. Tyson.  
8:30 Conserving the Man Power in Our Churches for God's glory, pastor Albertson of Merkel.

**Sunday Services**  
10:30 to 11 Special talks to be arranged.

11:00 Dedication Service directed by the Missionary.

12:15 Dinner at the church. You are welcome.

2:30 Topic: God's call to young men and women. (a) To purity of life, member of Volunteer band; (b) Consecration and zeal in Christly service, by member of Volunteer band.

3:30 The church and an adequate program for our young people, by pastor Albertson.

8:00 Devotion, led by O. B. Tatum.

8:30 Nine fundamentals of a Christian, or church strength, by A. R. Tyson.

## ODD FELLOW—REBECCA ANNIVERSARY NOTICE

On next Tuesday evening at the Odd Fellow's Hall, the local Odd Fellows and Rebeccas will meet in celebration of the 106th anniversary of the Order, and all members and their families are cordially invited to attend. A good program with delicious refreshments will be given and served. Committee.

## SPECIAL AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. E. S. Tucker requests the Mail to announce that on next Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian church, he will preach at three o'clock, and that his subject will be "Perilous Times."

Rev. Tucker is one of the pioneer ministers of this country, and extends a cordial welcome to one and all to come out and hear him.

W. F. Hamblett left yesterday for a visit with his sons at Breckenridge.



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We drive 45 miles an hour going nowhere, just joy-riding. Dr. Coue said of Americans, "They don't have time to say "Every day in every way I'm getting better and better." They say, "hell, I'm well." Think it over.—Panhandle Herald.

We Americans have no time for old fossils like Dr. Coue. We are in a hurry and must get ours before some one beats us to it. We drive our twin sixes, doing business and hunting pleasure. Business and pleasure vie with us and with some business takes precedent while with others pleasure is the dominant passion. Those who do not have time for pleasure during the week days take a day off Sunday and go somewhere. No amount of warning seems to check folks in their mad rush for business and pleasure and events must run their course. There are two things wrong with America—the money-making craze and pleasure-seeking craze. We are afraid that it is going to send most of us to hell in the end.—Snyder Signal.

### M. E. Missionary Society

The Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist church met Monday in regular Mission study class. Having finished the home mission study, they will now study "The Creative Forces of Japan."

Monday, the 28th, the following program will be given:

Leader, Mrs. Bob Martin. Subject: Stewardship and proportionate giving.

Bible lesson 2Cor. 8:1-12; 1 Cor. 16:2. Prayer, Mrs. Sanders.

Hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign."

Item from the New American.

1. Naturalization papers, by Mrs. Thos. Durham.

2. An Italian expression of America, Mrs. Butman.

3. Leaving the old country for the new, by Mrs. Roy Harrell.

Hymn, Benediction, Mrs. Sandifer. Reporter.

For your chickens—Whole grain Scratch—Wheat Chops—Egg Mash—Baby Chick Feed.

Swafford, south side, phone 44.

## THE ENTERING WEDGE

TO BACKSLIDING IS NEGLECT OF THE CHURCH BUT FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE CLEAVES THE WAY FOR RIGHT LIVING. WHICH WAY DOES YOUR WEDGE AIM ?

## The Methodist Church

Merkel, Texas

### STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

"And let us consider one another, to provoke unto love and to good works. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting; and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."—Hebrew 10:24-25.

But quite a number of professed followers of Christ have no surplus of conscience in attending worship in an irregular manner, once a month, or once in six months, or part of the time during the annual protracted meeting. Surely no one would plead his own ignorance as the cause; hence various excuses are offered. See Luke 14:18-20. The commonest one is, Hypocrites in the Church. They are in the world too. Every old codger who pledged a pure untarnished love to that good woman he married, and who has another love is a hypocrite. There are many other such hypocrites. They are everywhere. Better live in the church with a few and be separated from them at the Judgment, than to live in the world with the multitude of hypocrites, and then spend eternity with all the hypocrites in the world and the church too. Another is, my member is not here. Yes, and the great Judge may say up yonder your members isn't here either. I give the Excuses commonly given for non-church attendance. Read them and see if your excuse is not among them, and if not, weigh it and you will find the truths.

1. Too deaf to hear the sermon. (He goes to the political speaking.)  
2. Too lame to walk up the steps. (He or she climbs two flights of stairs to the lodge.)  
3. Cannot get the familp up to breakfast; too late to dress.  
4. Clothing too shabby. (They go to th theatre.)  
5. Cannot get in the way of going, have stayed away so long.  
6. Always have company on Sunday.

7. Windows are open; cannot stand the draft.

8. Air is too close; cannot get breath; windows closed.

9. Children too young to leave; no servant.

10. Has to see the doctor every Sunday.

11. Don't like the singing.

12. The preacher does not call.

13. The preacher's family is stuck up.

14. Can't get home in time to get a warm dinner.

15. No one in th congregation notices her.

16. Always sees a man there who cheated him.

17. Minister corrected son; can't forgive it.

18. Preacher did not come when I was sick.

19. Don't like the preacher's delivery.

20. Lost husband; does not think it just.

21. Church all time begging; wants all a person has.

22. Minister preached right at me. Did you need it?

23. Sees so many hypocrites.

24. The church is only for the rich; poor folks have no show.

25. Can live just as good at home

26. Too tired; worked late Saturday night. (He walks to town ank keeps others from going to church.

27. Always have headache on Sunday. Does sin make your heart ache?

28. Have to go to the office and open the mail.

29. The weather has been so rainy. What about it now?

30. Couldn't go until she got a new hat.

31. Can read better sermons at home. Not many in the daily papers.

32. Preachr passed me on the street and never spoke.

Read Romans 1:20. If I die tonight, Eternity where, eternitiy where?

Rest not, sleep not, nor take in the world any share till you answer this question. WHERE SHALL I SPEND ETERNITY?

You are welcome to the Methodist Church at Trent. We want

you, we need you, you need us to help you. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Sunday morning April 27, at 11 o'clock, subject: "Junking the Sabbath Day." Evening at eight o'clock, subject "Under new Management."

Come to Trent Sunday at the Methodist church and hear the pastor on these two subjects.

J. B. Hibbert, pastor.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Grafford, accompanied by Mr. Grady Collins left Wednesday for Kansas City where Mr. and Mrs. Grafford will visit, and Mr. Collins will go on to Detroit, Mich.

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Close of Business March 31, 1924

Plus uniform courtesy and an unexcelled service, we solicit your account:

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$350,404.25
Loans, Cotton	1,171.14
Liberty Bonds and United States Treasury Cert. Indeb.	138,450.00
School Bonds & warrants	138,450.00
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,850.00
Other Real Estate	3,000.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
Overdrafts	1,536.44
CASH & SIGHT EX.	168,307.32
Total	\$693,716.55

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	14,247.57
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
RESISCOUNTS	NONE
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
DEPOSITS	608,218.98
Total	\$693,716.55

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Preaching 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.  
B. Y. P. U.'s at 7 p.m.  
Prayermeeting 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Sermon subject Sunday morning, "Cheap Religion Repudiated." There will be a special ladies quartet. Sunday evening the subject will be "New Testament Baptism." Meaning of the word; figurative uses of the word; description of the act; history of the ordinance; and significance of the ordinance. Also an explanation of so called "close communion." The ordinance of baptism administered at the close of the evening service. Thirty minutes song service beginning at eight o'clock.

The business Men's Bible class banquet in the basement of the church Tuesday evening was well attended and a splendid program was rendered. We are glad to note the growing interest and attendance in this class.

The teachers and officers of the school are asked to meet in the T. E. L. Class room at 9:30 Sunday morning.

The general interest is growing. There were four additions last Sunday evening.

If you haven't made other plans worship with us next Sunday. W. H. Albertson.

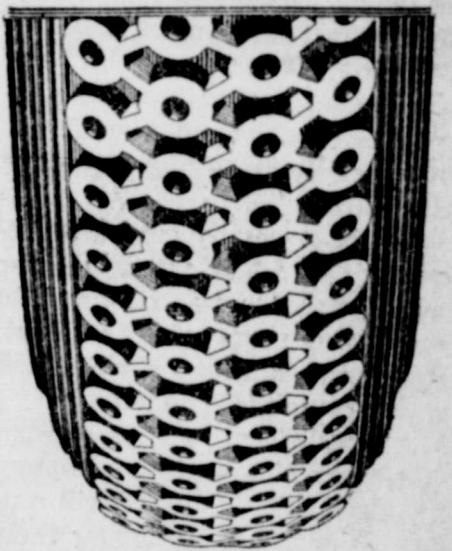
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Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott and son, Burneal, were in Abilene visiting with relatives and friends Sunday.

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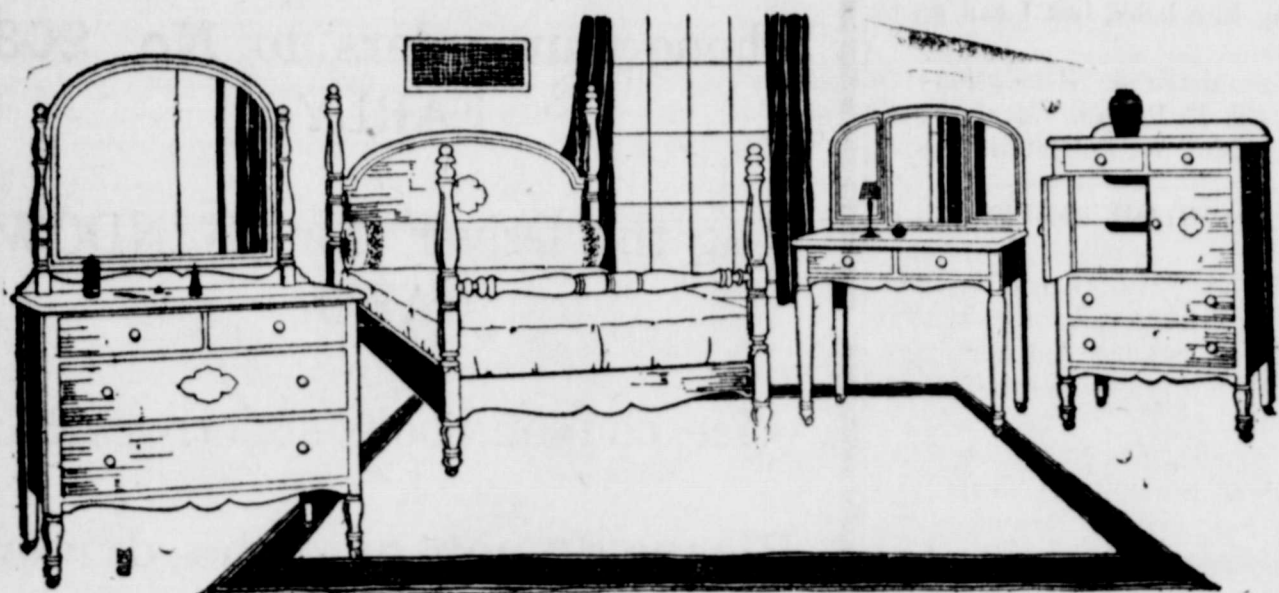
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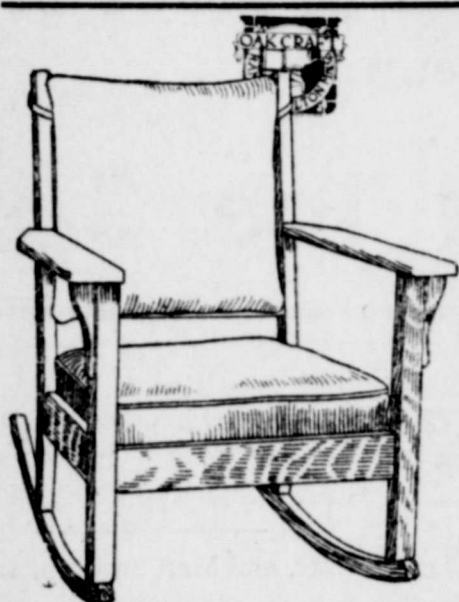
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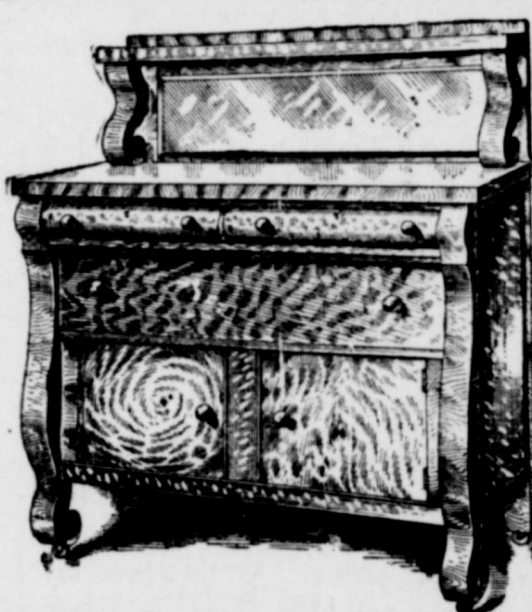
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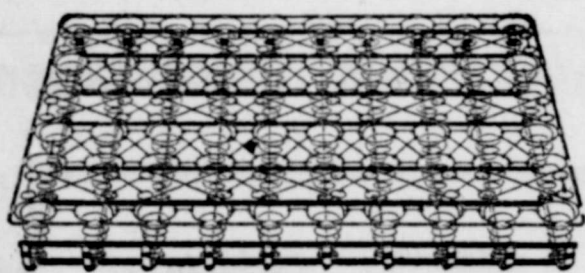
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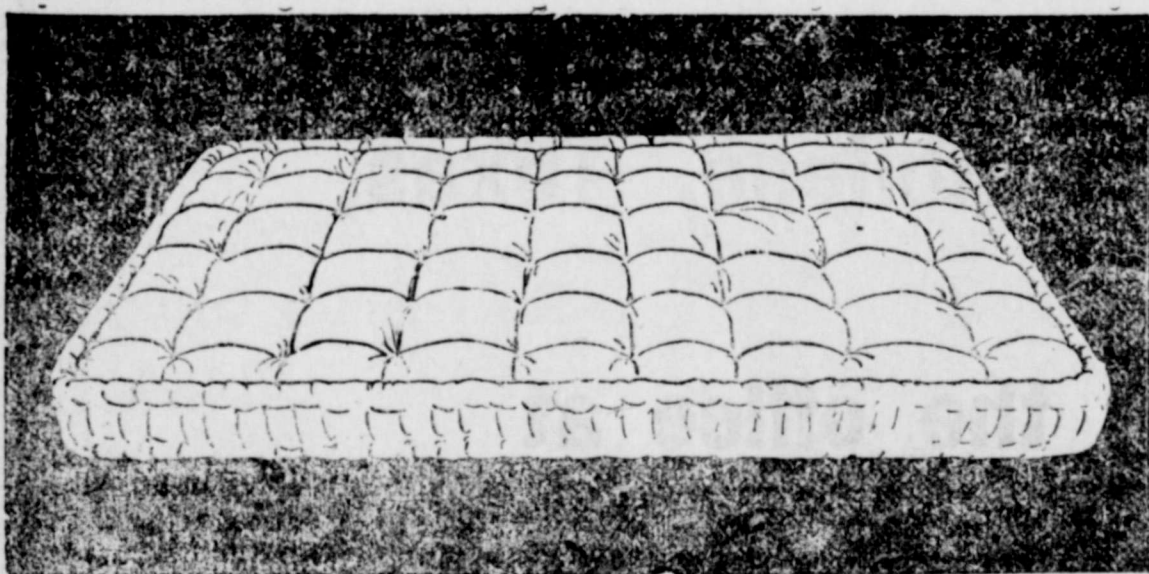
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Some people pay well to their church because it is popular to do so—others never pay at all, but generally pray louder and longer, and talk about religion being free.

Some men work splendidly for the church or even the best interest of the community—as long as you let them work in the lead. But the minute they are relegated to the back ground and some other is placed in charge—then it is that they quit, and generally become agin' everything that is brought forward.

The longer you own an automobile the more of a luxury it becomes—Big Spring Herald.

Riding around in our tin lizzie the other day we remarked to our companion. "Wonder what the country will finally do with the second-hand cars." Every 100,000 new cars built means 100,000 second-hand automobiles being taken to the junk pile. American wealth is going fast by the second-hand car route. Millions of cars are being junked each year, and therefore hundreds of millions of dollars are being wasted, or rather spent for pleasure. As fast as car sales increase so fast will be the increase of second-hand or worn out cars. The nation is certainly spending worlds of wealth in automobiles.—Snyder Times.

One writer has recently warned boys not to propose until after they hear her talk to her mother when no one is around.

It would be well for the girl to do a little eavesdropping also and hear the boy talk to his dad. If both talk to each other like the average boy and girl talk to their parents, their storm's a brewing on the sea of matrimony.—Snyder Times.

**STATE LIFE INS. CO.  
PAYS \$5,000 POLICY HERE**

Mr. M. K. Jackson, general agent out of Dallas for the State Life Insurance Company of Indiana, was in Merkel Monday to deliver a check for \$5,000.00 to Mr. Yates Brown, in full settlement for a policy for \$2,500.00 which his wife, Mrs. Lula Belle Brown carried with the State Life Insurance Company.

The policy provided that in case of accidental death the company would pay twice the face amount of the policy.

Only four premiums had been paid on the policy. The company was in no sense responsible for the delay in the settlement of the claim. The check was issued and mailed out from the home office on the day that completed proof of claim was received by the company.

**STAR PARASITE REMOVER**

Given chickens in drinking water will rid them of Lice, Mites, Fleas, Chiggers, Blue Bugs and all other blood sucking parasites. Will save many young chicks that these pests kill. Also is a good tonic and blood purifier. Keeps fowls healthy and increases egg production or money refunded. McLEMORE-BASS DRUG CO., ABILENE, TEXAS.

**Scholarship for Sale**

Miss Ouida Campbell has for sale an \$80.00 Scholarship in the Draughton's Business College of Abilene, and any one who is in need of a scholarship now, or anticipate attending this or any other Business College, will do well to see Miss Ouida Campbell at once. It will pay you to see her.

**WHITE CHURCH**

Everybody is glad to see this beautiful spring weather, and are very busy planting their crops.

The ten months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Allie Reed died last Friday after a ten days illness, and was buried Saturday in White Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Jessie Conley and baby son, Bourdon, left for the plains near O'Donnell Monday night after a ten days visit with her mother, Mrs. P. A. Riggan.

There was a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan's, Monday night.

Rev. Russell Pike filled his regular appointment at the M. E. Church Sunday morning and Sunday night.

They met in the afternoon and organized Sunday School which will be every Sunday morning at ten o'clock, Mr. Harrison being elected Superintendent.

Mr. Almer Barnes purchased a brand new Ford touring car one day last week.

Mr. J. C. Bickley and family and Loyd Harris spent last Sunday with the latter's homefolks near Trent, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Riggan of Trent visited Mrs. Riggan Sunday.

Nathan Riggan spent last week end with homefolks, and returned to Ranger, Texas, Sunday night.

Mrs. Voe Tye from Fort Worth is visiting relatives in this community this week.

The school is getting up a play entitled "Little Clodhopper" to put on the last of school which is May second.

Misses Ada and Orene Berry visited Miss Marie Pressly, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Arvada Hartman visited her cousin near Mt. Pleasant, Sunday.

Mr. Luther Dennis spent last night with Mr. Clovis Harrison.

Miss Thelma Fuqua of the IXL community is spending the

week with her sister Mrs. Chambliss.

Everybody come to church on next Sunday morning.

**RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT**

In the midst of life we are in the midst of death.

Bro. E. N. Brown, husband of our much loved teacher, Mrs. E. N. Brown, has answered the call to come up higher.

Therefore, we the members of the Althean Class extend our sincere condolence in this deepest sorrow to our dear Mrs. Brown and family.

We know you do not sorrow as they who have no hope, but like David can say: "I cannot bring him back, but I can go to him."

Committee on Resolutions:  
Mrs. T. E. Ragan, Mrs. F. A. Polly, Mrs. W. A. McCandless.

**SHILOH SMILES**

Friona, Texas, April 17, 1924. Spring is here and they say that Shiloh is putting on her new, and every one you meet wears a smile.

There is going to be something good at Shiloh. Let every one get their part. It may be a pastor's message sweet, or a Sunday School teacher's speech. It may be some little Shiloh boy or girl will sing, or a dear mother's prayer, who is constantly praying for thee.

We know the superintendent will be there for he was never known to falter. No matter what it may be, let each put on a smile and join with Shiloh.

Brownie's sister, Mrs. U. B. Wheeler, Friona, Texas.

Billie Lloyd Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith is much improved at present from a severe attack of the measles.

C. P. Stevens and family visited friends and relatives in Hamlin last Sunday.

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Misses Murphy Thomas, Rosie Laney, Gladys Milliken and Stella Wilson were in Abilene Monday visiting friends.

Irene Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones of Seymour, were here this week guests of C. P. Stevens and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott and son, Burneal, were in Abilene visiting with relatives and friends Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Lamesa visited Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monte Daniels, the past week end.

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Every Monday Afternoon From 1 p. m. To 5 p. m.  
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Mr. T. G. Bragg and wife and Mr. E. M. McDonald and wife left Tuesday for Paint Rock where they will camp and fish for three or four days.

Read the Classified Column.

**Preaching at Union Ridge On Sunday**

Sunday, April 27, is our regular day at Union Ridge. We expect a good attendance in the morning, but especially do we expect your presence at three-thirty in the afternoon. Rev. T. J. Rea will preach for us. We will have no service at night.

M. R. Pike, Pastor.

**FIELD SEED**

All kinds of field seed, Hay, Hulls, and all kinds of grain. Also improved Spurr Fetireta seed. Gazzaway & Polly Feed Store. Phone 16.

**NOTICE BREEDERS**

On May 1 I will turn my Percheon Stallion, Black Royal, in the pasture. Can take as many as 30 mares for 30 days at \$5.00 per month, cash in advance. If mare is folded you are only out \$5.00

Am now booking mares. Will not be responsible for accidents of any kind. Plenty of water and grass. G. M. Byrom, Trent, route two. 25t3p

For your chickens—Whole grain Scratch—Wheat Chops—Egg Mash—Baby Chick Feed. Swafford, south side, phone 44.

Mr. Homer Hodge of Abilene was in Merkel Wednesday of this week on business and incidentally shaking hands with old friends. Mr. Hodge formerly lived in Merkel and will be remembered by a host of friends.

The following are those who attended the Christian Endeavor meeting which convened at Abilene last Friday, Saturday and Sunday: Rev. and Mrs. Fred S. Rogers, Melba West, Venice Bell, Mildred Smith, Mona Margaret Jones, Enoch Tucker, Byrom and Evelyn Curb and Mrs. Geo. L. Miller and daughter, Clara Louise.

Read the Classified Column.

**Discovers Odd Fish on Trip to Northern Brazil**

A vulture that barks like a dog, a flat fish something like the plaice but equipped with a nasty poison spike, and vampire bats galore, are among the attractions reported by Capt. S. G. Bullock M. C., in a paper which he recently read before the Royal Geographical society in London, as having been encountered in his expedition last year to the Tocantina and Araguaya river regions of northern Brazil.

One of the members of the expedition, which traveled in a 25-foot steam yacht taken out from England, was bitten by one of the vampire bats and difficulty was experienced in stopping the bleeding. The bat is said to frequently attack humans and animals and is found in considerable numbers in the region.

The arara, as the flat plaice-like fish is called, lives in still waters and anyone bathing or walking in the water is very apt to have a foot pierced by the sharp spike with which it is equipped. The tail of the fish averages about six inches in length, and half-way along this tail is the spike, which contains a kind of poison. Natives of the district were ready with tales of many having died from the poisoned wound of an arara. The fish raises the spike perpendicularly when he senses danger.

"At one camp in this district," said Captain Bullock, "a large bird, quite new to us, was encountered, like a vulture, having five talons on each foot and one talon or spike on the middle joint of the wings, which measure nearly six feet from tip to tip. The bird is black, except for the breast and under side of the wings.

"Locally it is called 'luma' and it makes a noise very much like a dog barking. It is generally found near a lake and when frightened it takes refuge in a tree."

Captain Bullock told of an incident at one place where some waterhogs were encountered at a lagoon a short distance in from the river. Two of them were shot and one fell into the water. The water was too shallow to cover the animal and before the party could get to it the piranha fish began to eat it, jumping right out of the water and onto the waterhog's back in their haste to do so. Northern Brazil abounds in curious birds, beasts and fish according to Captain Bullock.

**A Marked Man**

It is custom of some hospital doctors who are treating patients suffering from heart or chest complaints of putting a blue pencil mark round the part affected, so that the condition can easily be examined day by day, sometimes leads to comedy.

One man so marked died the night following. A new patient was admitted to his bed, and the same blue-pencil process was repeated.

After the doctor had gone the neighbor of the new man turned to him and said, mournfully: "Your number's up all right."

"What do you mean?" said the patient.

"Well," continued his neighbor, "they always put a blue pencil mark round a chap what's going to die."

In a moment the new patient was out of bed, had seized his clothes from his locker and had left the hospital. As his condition was not serious, his dash led to no ill effects.

**Unfortunate Man!**

It used not to be common for Englishmen who have trouble with their "aitches" to own costly mansions, but the war has changed all that along with much else—which makes the following story credible:

Two Americans met at a London garden party. Said the first: "To look at that Englishman you'd think he was a tramp, wouldn't you?"

"Well, I know for a fact that he hasn't a place he can call home," replied the second dryly.

"Nonsense! Why, his mansion in London is—"

"Sumptuous, you were going to say? Yes, but he calls it 'ome.'—Youth's Companion.

**Capitalizing a Misfortune**

A clerk in a retail clothing store stayed out so late at night that he felt compelled to snatch naps during store hours.

Being a relative of a member of the firm was all that saved him from being fired.

The manager, becoming exasperated, enlisted the aid of one of his assistants. The next day the lethargic clerk found himself in the pajama department. On the counter before him was a sign which read:

"Our pajamas are of such superior quality that even the man who sells them can't keep awake."—Printers' Ink Monthly.

**Bow-Legged Ones**

A Lanarkshire coal miner, hearing a chum say he was going to Glasgow, asked him to bring back a pair of stockings. The friend accordingly called at a hosier's to make the purchase, but, although shown every kind and variety of stocking, declared all unsuitable. The anxious shopman assured him that he had seen every variety that was made and could not see why some of them would not suit, whereupon the miner replied, "What I want is a pair of bow-legged ones."

**Both Ways**

"Crimson Gulch hasn't parking space enough to accommodate the automobiles that come to town."

"No, sir," answered Cactus Joe. "This here is a growing community with expenses to meet. If we can't have a parking place for speedin' we get it for standin' still."—Washington Star.

**TRENT NEWS**

**Missionary Society Report**

On the account of the grave yard cleaning Monday, the ladies Missionary Society met Tuesday April 15th, at two o'clock p.m., at the Methodist church.

An interesting program on Missionary work at home was given. Mrs. E. L. Mangum presided as the president, Mrs. R. B. McRee was absent on account of sickness.

After the program there was a business meeting. The missionary ladies decided to send a delegate to the Conference at Vernon.

All old magazines and papers that you are through with, save and give to the Missionary Society and they will be put to a good use.

The Missionary ladies are going to serve dinner in July on primary election day. Announcements will be made further regarding the matter.

After business the Society adjourned to meet again Monday, April 21.

The H. H. Club went to Sweetwater Creek Thursday evening, April 17th, on a "wennie and marshmellow roast." Those present were as follows: Misses Annie Neal, Burnet Ulnor, Opal English, Loyce Pacobs, Lina Belle West, Gertrude Dowdy, Ora and Maurine Smith, Lillian and Emma Jean McRee, Beatrice McLeod, Mrs. Orbie Dowdy and Mrs. Rogers. Messrs: Hubert Beckham, Joe Alexander, Bert and Cecil McRee, T. G. Hamner, Leslie Beasley, Joe English, Allen Terry, Joe Watkins, Oakley Reid and Mr. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers went along as chaperones. Everyone had a good time. The H. H. Club will meet at Miss Beatrice McLeod's Thursday April 24.

**Personals**

Miss Clara Lee Howell of Fort Worth is visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Johnson of Eskota spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hale McRee.

Sunday April 20 a crowd of thirty-five or forty persons took their lunches and went to Lake Abilene where they enjoyed a good dinner and also a good time.

Mrs. Johnnie B. Winn, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. J. K. P. Winn and Mrs. R. B. McRee went to Sweetwater Tuesday afternoon.

For your chickens—Whole grain Scratch—Wheat Chops—Egg Mash—Baby Chick Feed. Swafford, south side, phone 44.

**Presbyterian Church**

Sunday April 27 closes the first month of our new year. Every member is needed to make it the best attended day of the month. Subject for the morning hour: "Saving That which is Lost." At the evening hour in the absence of the pastor, who will assist in installing the new pastor at Abilene, Mrs. Rogers will speak from the subject: "Farming Eden." Also special songs and readings will be had.

Don't forget next Wednesday night is church night. We want all our friends and members to be present. The "Fidels" and "Live Wire" classes have prepared an excellent program. The women of the church have been packing a box for the orphans home this week. We thank all those who helped. All C. E. Societies meet at seven o'clock.

Fred S. Rogers, pastor

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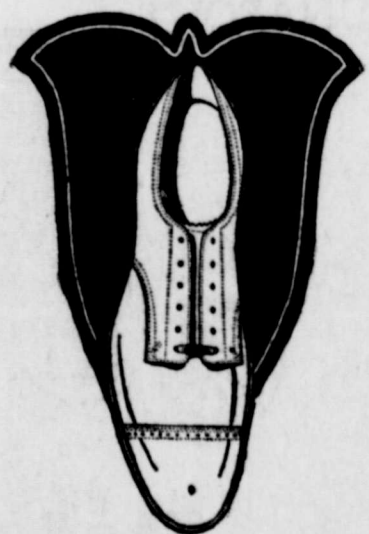
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**CALL FOR A WEST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

The signers hereof after some months of consideration and after consultation with numbers of citizens of West Texas who are interested in its history and its welfare, have reached the conclusion that a West Texas Historical Association is one of the pressing needs of our section.

Never before has so much interest been given to the history of West Texas as at this time; and never before has there been such a crying need and demand for facts about this history of this section of Texas.

Our section has a glorious past. The story of its settlement, the problems and hardships of its pioneers, their struggles with the Indians, their victorious fight for law and order—all these are history, as interesting as can be found in the annals of any people. And yet few of our own people know anything of even the fundamentals of that history. Children are growing to manhood and womanhood along some of our historic roads and trails without knowing even their historic names or the part these routes have played in the development of an empire.

Source materials are daily going to waste or are being destroyed because persons do not realize their value; and the men and women who helped make and develop the West are fast dying, taking valuable historical facts to the grave with them. Our people may make history in the future, our country may pass thru crises which leave behind them many a problem for the historian to work out and many a tale with which he can thrill his readers. But one fact is certain. Our country can never again be a frontier. Myriads of people may live here during the ages that are to come but it was given to a few men and women of one single generation to see this country in its virgin condition and to turn it into a land of homes, schools, and churches thru their energy, faith and courage.

This generation of pioneers is fast passing away. As pioneers they can have no successors. They were too busy to write their history, or even to keep a full record of their achievements. But there is much material yet to be had. Some of those who helped make the way for us are yet with us. Surely we ought not to lose any time in engaging in a concerted effort to preserve what still remains of the records of an interesting and thrilling past.

A call is hereby made for all persons interested in the history of West Texas, to meet at the Court House in Abilene, 3:00 o'clock p.m. on Saturday, April 19, 1924 for the purpose of organizing a West Texas Historical Association. R. C. Crane, Sweetwater; J. M. Radford, Abilene; Mrs. Dallas Scarborough, Abilene; B. E. McGlammery, Abilene High School; W. C. Holden, McMurry College; L. G. Kennamer, Abilene Christian College; Rupert N. Richardson, Simmons College.

Mr. B. C. Gaither returned the last of last week from a visit to his daughter at Tuscola.

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Mr. Russell Pike is now employed at the Liberty Hardware Company in the absence of Mr. Andy Brown who has been sick for some time.

F. M. Orr of Tennessee and Henry Orr of Cross Plains were here last week the guests of their mother, Mrs. M. E. Orr.

Mr. Joe Huber, of Oklahoma City is here this week for a visit to his brother who has been very sick for some time.

See Dr. Johnson's announcement on page four. If ruptured he can help you. **Adv. It**

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**CARD OF THANKS**

Mrs. E. N. Brown and children desire to thank their kind neighbors and many friends who so willingly gave of their time and assistance during the recent illness and death of their husband and father. They appreciate greatly every thing that was done and are wishing God's richest blessings on each friend.

I am glad to announce that I now have a large and complete stock of the Rawleigh goods on display at the W. D. Ramsey Grocery on Kent Street, and will be glad to have you call and see my stock, and feel sure that we can please you in many ways. **E. B. Barnes, phone 147.** tf

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Dr. Albert Venting returned to Fort Worth Monday after a brief visit with Mrs. E. N. Brown and family. Mrs. Venting remained a few days longer, returning home Thursday.

Miss Mildred Sanders left last week for a visit of a week with relatives and friends at Cross Plains, Cisco and other points east.

J. T. Biggs and family left first of the week for a visit with relatives and old friends in Comanche county.

Mr. Fred Guitar, splendid gin man of this city returned first of the week from a business trip to the state of New Mexico.

Mrs. S. W. Johnson and mother, Mrs. P. A. Sandifer, spent several days this week in Abilene the guests of the former's daughter, Mrs. Ernest M. Mims.

Herbert Beckham of Trent was a visitor in Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hargrove of Abilene were here Sunday to visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Mr. Joe Reidenbach of Abilene was a visitor in Merkel first of the week. He visited his parents who live in the Mt. Pleasant community while here.

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**Announcements**

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For County Judge: CARLOS D. SPECK, J. M. STEVENSON  
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County Attorney: FRANK E. SMITH, T. M. WILLIS, ROY L. DUKE  
For Tax Collector: D. T. HARKRIDER, ED. DICKERSON, R. A. McCLAIN  
For Tax Assessor: J. T. HOWARD, JOE T. PERRY (MRS) FLORENCE VANCE  
For County Clerk: W. E. BEASLEY  
For Sheriff: H. T. O'BAR  
For County School Supt. M. A. WILLIAMS (Re-election)  
For Commissioner: T. R. LASSITER, CHARLES P. STEVENS, PHILLIP A. DILTZ, HENRY R. HICKS, JOHN S. HUGHES  
For Public Weigher: C. L. TUCKER (Re-election)  
**JONES COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
For County Commissioner, Pre. 4 SAM L. GRAYSON

**Weekly Prayermeeting Program**

The prayermeeting will meet at the home of Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth Wednesday, the 30th at three o'clock. Song by ladies. Prayer by Mrs. Lamar. Scripture leader, Mrs. Meeks. Prayer by Mrs. West. Scripture in Old Testament, leader, Mrs. Allday. Prayer by Mrs. Causseaux. Business, Closing prayer by Mrs. Meeks.  
Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee of Lawn were here the past week end to visit with J. R. Pee and family.  
Mr. and Mrs. Luther Land were Abilene visitors Sunday.

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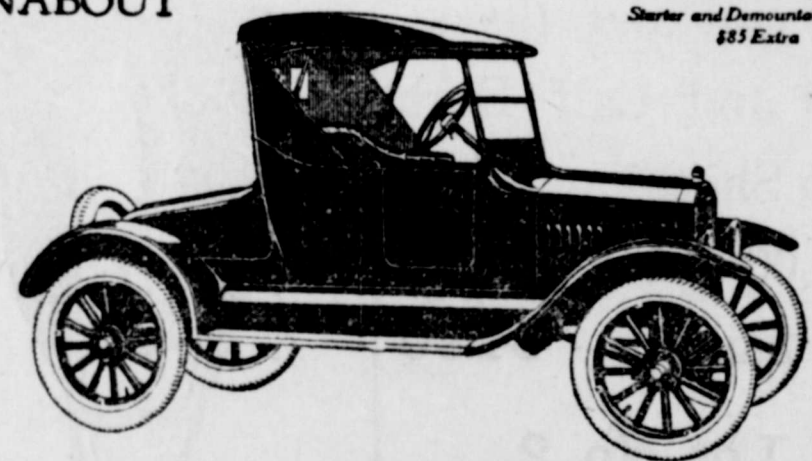
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**LEADING VARIETIES**—Tomatoes, 1000-\$2.00, 500-\$1.25, Porto Rico Potatoes, 1000-\$2.75, 5000-\$1.50. Sweet Peppers, 1,000-\$3.00, 500-\$1.75. Crystal Wax and Bermuda Onions, 5000-\$5.00, 1000-\$1.25, 500-70c. Dealers get our wholesale prices. **THE SEWELL COMPANY** Carrizo Springs, Texas. 4t4

**FOR SALE**—1 Firestone Ford Truck Tire, flat tread type, price \$15. West Company, Firestone Dealers. tf

**FOR SALE**—Kasch Cotton Seed for planting, \$1.50 bushel. On display at Ramsey Grocery. A. D. Barnes. 25t2p

**FOR SALE**—Baby Carriage, almost new. Mrs. G. W. Branch, phone No. 22. It

**FOR SALE**—Cotton Seed, culled and unculled, mebane, Kasch and Truitt strains, rolls dropped. Seed ginned while you were asleep. \$1.25 and up. Party who is stealing my seed from field is requested to call at barn and I will sell to him on credit. That may be cheaper for him. Lee D. Williams, Merkel, phone No. 9009-F12. tf

**LOST**

**LOST**—One \$5.00 bill and one \$10.00 bill between McFarland Garage and Patterson Meat Market, Friday afternoon. Found please return to Mrs. Laura Winters, Merkel, Route 2. 1tp Texas. 18t4p

**STRAY YEARLING**—There is a stray bridle calf in my pasture, which I would be glad if the owner would call and get. J. M. Williamson, Merkel, route two. 1tp

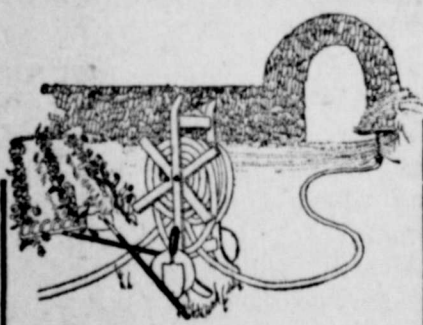
**LOST**—A ladies 'Gold WAHL Fountain Pen. Finder please return to Merkel Mail office. 1tp

**WANTED**

**WANTED**—A Good hand for one weeks work on the farm. Extra good pay. Wanted for next Monday. H. H. Tye, Merkel, route five. 1tp

**—WANTED—**

Everybody to come and see the new line of Shoes, ready-to-wear Goods, and low priced Groceries. These goods are moving out. The low prices are the thing that makes them move. Don't fail to investigate the big walking doll proposition at **A. L. JOBE'S** 25t2



**"How does your garden grow?"**

Make the grass trim and green this summer; keep your garden as you would like to have it. Here, at your hardware store, hose and garden implements that make out-door work a pleasure are awaiting you.

**MILLER LOCKS**

keep valuable tools and all other possessions safe from season to season. They are proof against weather, as they are against the cunning of the pilferer. Specify them upon your next order.

**WEST COMPANY**  
"25 Years of Better Service"

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Judge and Mrs. C. Eakman of Amarillo, Texas, are here for an extended visit to their daughter, Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Jr.

Miss Lillie Wheeler of Tulia, Texas is the guest of Miss Nell Swann this week.

The Schools of Merkel were given a holiday Monday to celebrate San Jacinto Day.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess were in Lubbock visiting with relatives Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Miss Ollie Garoutte is very ill at her home in the north part of town.

Miss Lena Bond of Abilene was a guest of Miss Minnie Maud Lamar the past week end.

Mrs. Booth Warren spent several days last week visiting with relatives at Lubbock. Mr. Warren left Saturday via auto and spent Sunday and Monday there.

Little Drayton Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Richardson is quite sick with the measles this week.

Misses Madilene Hunt and Helen Barron of Haskell were guests in the R. O. Anderson home last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Beidleman left last Saturday morning for Wala, Texas where they will visit relatives for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Warren are here to visit with Mrs. H. C. Williams and other relatives.

Mrs. Luke Woodroof and two children were here for a few days visiting friends before going to Crosbyton to make their new home.

Mr. J. R. Curb, for more than thirty years one of this community's best citizens, dropped into the Mail office one day recently and had us mark his subscription up another year, for which we are truly thankful.

Mr. Thos. W. Brown of Dallas, Texas, returned to his home Friday after attending the funeral of his father.

**MANX CAT WITHOUT TAIL**

Animal is Native to the Isle of Man—Jumps Forward Like a Rabbit.

The Manx cat, which is native to the Isle of Man, a British island in the Irish sea, is noted because of its absence of a tail, and a formation of body that distinguishes it from cats of other breeds. The origin of the Manx cat is attributed to the arrival on the Isle of Man of ships belonging to the Spanish armada that were wrecked there. It is said that these cats were most probably previously brought from Japan or other parts of eastern Asia. In the true Manx cat the forelegs are short and the rump arises as abruptly as possible, making the hind legs longer than the forelegs, so that the cat seems to jump forward like a rabbit and is therefore sometimes called a rabbit cat. The Manx cat may be of any of the recognized colors.

All of the cats of the islands in the East, the Malay peninsula, Japan, China and lands contiguous, and even those of Siam, seem to have curious formations of the tail, whether cut short, forked, kinked or otherwise. But these cats are smaller than the Manx cat and there are differences in the call or language and ways and character.—Detroit News.

**London Lawyers Hard Hit.**  
"The worst legal year on record," is given as the London lawyer's opinion of the last twelve months and more barristers than ever are said to be looking for a livelihood elsewhere than in the courts. General hard times lead the potential plaintiffs and defendants to settle their differences without the assistance of wigs and gowns, or, if they cannot settle it, they let the difference lie.

In spite of a common and old opinion that money flies as naturally to a lawyer's pockets as steel filings do to a magnet, the "flowing fees" of the bar at all times direct themselves chiefly to certain larger and more notable pools.

The emoluments of the great majority of barristers would rouse no great envy even in normal times; when a slump comes (and the big pools still be fed) the smaller receptacles are in danger of running dry, indeed.—Manchester Guardian.

**Methodist Church Notes**

We are indeed grateful for the splendid progress and good Christian fellowship that is being manifested throughout our church. Our attendance at both Sunday School and church service is good and growing with almost every service. On last Sunday we had more than 300 in Sunday School with a large attendance at the eleven o'clock hour, the house being filled to capacity at the evening hour.

On next Sunday we urge all members to be present and extend a cordial welcome to one and all. You are always welcome at this church. For the morning hour the subject will be "Why John the Baptist Sprinkled the Multitudes at the River Jordan." For the evening hour the Epworth League will be in charge, with a special and very interesting lesson. And if you are a Methodist and miss this program you will miss a real treat and spiritual blessing. Come one Come all. T. J. Rea, Pastor.

J. W. Bryson of Tokio, Terry county, was here last week on business and incidentally shaking hands with old friends.

Miss Dixie Howard, for many years splendid keekkeeper and saleslady at the A. C. Rose Dry Goods company, left recently for Hillsboro, where she accepted a similar position. Miss Dixie, as she is familiarly called by her host of friends here, is indeed a very competent and capable bookkeeper and sales clerk, and will no doubt make good in her new position. Her position here is being efficiently filled by Miss Ruth Boden.

The home of Cap. G. W. Johnson in the southwestern part of the city, has recently received a nice new coat of paint which adds much to its already neat appearance.

F. M. Hail and family of Meadows, Texas, were here last week for a visit with the former's brothers, Messrs. Frank and M. R. Hail.

Uncle Tom Compton is improving his home this week by adding a new coat of paint, papering, etc.

Mr. L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, went down to Abilene Thursday where he attended a meeting of the Lions Club, of which organization he is a member.

R. L. Bland of Abilene was a Merkel visitor Wednesday.

S. D. Gamble was a business visitor Monday in Abilene.

Little Nellie Marie Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis, is improving nicely from the measles.

The following enjoyed a picnic on Sweetwater creek last Monday: Misses Lera Petree, Ruth Jones, Gracie Lee Cranston, Melba West, Mrs. R. O. Anderson; Messrs Carlton Dennis, Jack Anderson and Weston West.

Fred Latham is beautifying his place by painting his house and improving the yard.

Messrs Joe Alexander and Bert McRee of Trent were in Merkel Wednesday.

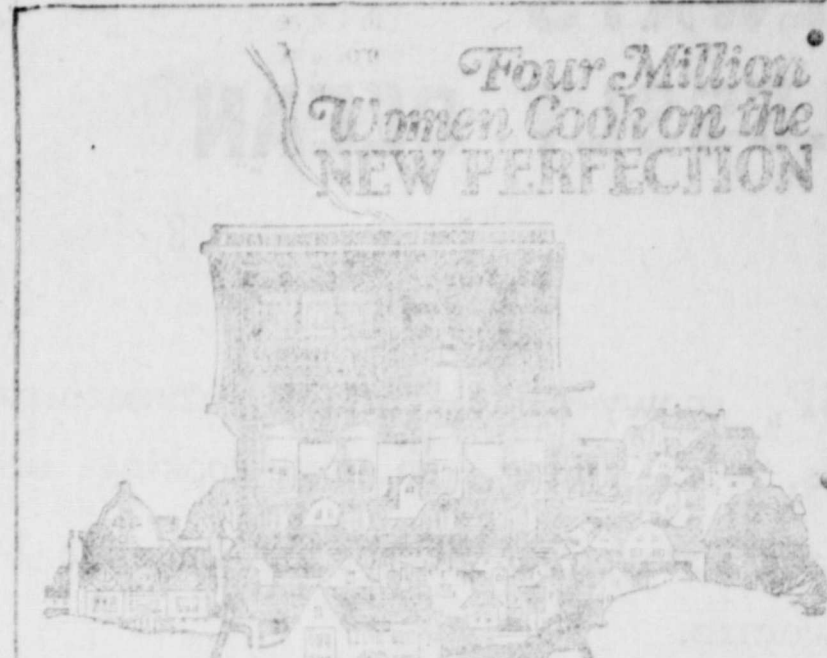
W. T. Sherrill was up from Abilene Wednesday on business.

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Dr. N. J. Smith of Hamlin, Texas, was here for a few days to call on friends and look after business.

C. P. Stevens and family visited friends and relatives in Hamlin last Sunday.

**New Perfection Stoves**



Four Million Women Cook on the NEW PERFECTION  
The quick-heating, clean-cooking blue chimney burner is the big reason why more than 4,000,000 women cook on the New Perfection Oil Stove. It cooks and bakes everything perfectly from boiled potatoes to the most delicate sponge cake. Ask your neighbors about their New Perfections. We'll be glad to demonstrate its advantages.

The warm days are soon scheduled to be here. Don't stand over that old cast range and melt, but get that old reliable New Perfection Cook stove and get your meal ready without heating all the house.

Lawn Mowers, Hoes, Rakes, Water Hose, Poultry and Screen Wire. Everything in seasonable merchandise. Come around and see for yourself. A few implements left.

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"Located in the Heart of the Clover Leaf City"

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Dry were here from Hamlin Sunday and Monday to visit Mrs. J. M. Dry and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Weaver and baby daughter of Big Spring, Texas are here on a visit to L. A. Arrington and wife.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown of Anson are here for a short visit with relatives.

The new Catpillar Tractor that the city recently purchased to work on the roads around Merkel has arrived.

Miss Maurine Angus has returned to Abilene Christian College after being at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus for the past few days.

Mr. Andy Brown is able to be up after an illness of some time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Grimes and children were in Winters Sunday and Monday visiting relatives.

Mr. Emmett Grimes was here Sunday visiting with his father, T. L. Grimes and friends.

Attorney Frank E. Smith of Abilene was here last Saturday calling on friends.

Carlos D. Speck of Abilene was here Saturday calling on friends.

Mrs. Lester Ellis was here Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives.

I have stored both Head Maize and Kaffir corn and will keep it all the time. Get my prices before buying. Telephone L. L. Murray. 18t2

Read the Classified Column.

Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Cox announce the birth of a baby girl whose name is Clara Joyce.

Miss Mary Cleo Booth of Simmons College was here the past week end to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth.

Miss Lois Christopher visited her mother at Lamesa the past few days.

Rev. John Hilbert of Trent was a caller in Merkel Wednesday. He was enroute to Cisco in response to a death message notifying him of the death of a relative.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Jones and children of Tulia, Texas, left Monday for their home after a visit for several weeks in the J. S. Swann home.

Read the Classified Column.

**Len Sublett**

Water well Driller, all work guaranteed first-class.

Merkel, Texas

**STOP THAT ITCHING**  
If you suffer from any form of skin diseases, such as Eczema, Itch, Tetter, Cracked Hands, Poison Oak, Ringworm, Old Sores and Sores on Children, Sore Blistered Feet or any other skin diseases, we will sell you a jar of Blue Star Remedy on a guarantee will not stain your clothing and has a pleasant odor.

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better than cure. Tutt's Pills taken in time, are not only a remedy for but prevent **SICK HEADACHE** biliousness, constipation and blood diseases  
**Tutt's Pills**

**Chills, & Stomach Trouble**

**M**R. N. A. SMITH, of Shaw, Miss., says he can't remember being without Thedford's Black-Draught liver medicine since he and Mrs. Smith began keeping house, many years ago. "When we have chills," says Mr. Smith, "Black-Draught is what we use and we find it just splendid. I had a bad case of stomach trouble. I couldn't eat enough and was very weak. Everything I ate hurt me, formed gas and I spit up my food. I would feel stupid or staggy. I didn't feel like doing any work. I knew what Black-Draught had done in colds and I began taking small

doses. I certainly got relief. It did me lots of good. "When I go to town, I look first to see how near out of Black-Draught we are, and then get more. We are a good way from the doctor and keep our home remedies and the main one is Black-Draught." In hundreds of thousands of homes, housekeepers keep Black-Draught on the shelf, handy for use when needed, as a household remedy to relieve constipation, biliousness, indigestion, and many other simple ailments. "A dose in time saves nine." A dose of Black-Draught costs only one cent. It may save you a big bill for medicine later on. Keep it on your shelf. Buy it at your store. Get a package today.

**BLACK-DRAUGHT**  
A Purely Vegetable Liver Medicine



# YOUR KITCHEN --ALWAYS SPOTLESSLY CLEAN

**C**RISP, snowy-white curtains, immaculate walls, floors ceiling, shining cooking utensils, and a stove that glistens are the pride of every woman.

Some women, whose kitchens are always spotlessly clean, manage it only by dint of ceaseless digging, scrubbing, scouring and polishing--- spending half their time and energies in the depressing drudgery of kitchen work.

Others simply do their cooking the modern way on an electric range---and spend their time in recreation.

## WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO.



ROY L. DUKE

Mr. Duke, who is a student in the Law Department of the State University at Austin, is a candidate for County Attorney of Taylor County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

He is a Taylor county product, and solicits the careful consideration of the voters of the county before they make up their minds as to whom to vote for in the County Attorneys' race.

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The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas regulating general elections.

A copy of this order, signed by the Mayor of the City of Merkel, attested by the City Secretary, shall serve as a proper notice of said election.

The Mayor is authorized and directed to cause notices of the election to be posted at three public places in the City of Merkel, one of which shall be at the City Hall, the place herein designated for holding said election, for at least thirty days prior to the date of said election.

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H. C. West, Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas.

Attest: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.

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# Cozy Theatre

FRIDAY and SATURDAY  
APRIL 25 and 26th.

*The Seed of Hate Conquered by a Woman's Love*

WILLIAM FOX presents

## ST. ELMO

FROM THE NOVEL BY AUGUSTA EVANS  
LOVED AND READ BY THREE GENERATIONS

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JOHN GILBERT

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BESSIE LOVE  
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Greater than  
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One of the Worlds Greatest Love Stories.

EXTRA! A good two reel comedy.  
Admission for this big special feature  
only 10c-20c and 30c

### ELECTION ORDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TAYLOR )  
CITY OF MERKEL

On this the 7th day of April, 1924, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, convened in regular session, at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall, the following members thereof, to wit:

H. C. West, Mayor; J. P. Sharp, Alderman; A. T. Sheppard, Alderman; W. O. Boney, Alderman; J. S. Swann, Alderman being present, and among other proceedings had, was the following:

It was moved by Alderman W. O. Boney and seconded by Alderman A. T. Sheppard that there be submitted to the qualified voters of the said City, who are property taxpayers therein, the proposition for the issuance of the bonds of said City, in the following amount and for the following purpose, to wit:

FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, for the purpose of the construction of sewers.

The above motion carried by the following vote: A. T. Sheppard, J. P. Sharp, W. O. Boney, J. S. Swann voting "AYE"; none voting "NO."

THEREUPON, the following ELECTION ORDER was adopted:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, deems it advisable to issue the bonds of said City, for the purpose hereinafter mentioned; therefore,

BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, that an election be held on the 14th day of May, 1924, which is not less than thirty days from the date of this order, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted:

"Shall the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the City of Merkel, in the sum

of FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$55,000.00), to become due and payable serially as follows, to wit:

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) in the year 1932.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) in the year 1937.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) in the year 1942.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in the year 1947.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in the year 1952.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in the year 1957.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in the year 1962.

and bearing interest at the rate of not to exceed SIX PER CENTUM (6%) per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purpose of the construction of sewers, and to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem them at maturity, as authorized by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, particularly Chapter Nine of the General Laws passed by the Thirty-seventh Legislature, at its Regular Session in 1921."

The said election shall be held at City Hall in the City of Merkel, Texas, and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers of said election, to wit: E. M. McDonald, J. A. Buford, W. A. Tittle, T. A. Beidleman.

The said election shall be held under the provisions of Chapter I, Title 18, Revised Statutes, 1911, as amended, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and none but resident qualified property taxpayers voters of the City of Merkel, Texas, shall be allowed to vote.

All voters who favor the pro-

position to issue the SEWER BONDS shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words:

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H. C. West, Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas.

Attest: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.

# SPECIAL

Beginning today we are going to offer you a special each week. This week it is "Men's SPRING SUITS" Gabardines, whipcords, Priestley's Mohairs, Tropical Worsted and Palm Beach.

PRICES: \$9.50, 13.50, 18.75, AND 22.75

A saving for you from \$3.50 to \$8.00, come in and give them the "once-over" and be convinced that our statement is true. We can furnish you extra trousers with any of these suits.

## BROWN DRY GOODS CO.

Quality Merchandise

### NOODLE NEWS

Health of the country good. Cotton planting seems to be the order of the day.

The Easter hunt given by Mrs. J. J. Boyd Sunday was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim White, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Talace visited T. Winter Sunday.

W. J. Bicknell and family, Gene Spurgin and family dined with Mr. and Mrs. Cade on last Sunday.

The play given by the school Friday night was a grand success. Noodle should be proud of her young folks.

Mrs. Bert Taylor of Electra is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Richard.

Quite a few from this place attended the dedication services at Shiloh Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Meeks took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Beene Sunday.

Odena Bicknell spent Sunday night with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Herring.

Some fifteen or twenty of the Noodle folks motored to the country place of Jim Touchstone Sunday evening to view his chicken farm, and I'll say that

### SHILOH NEWS

Easters come and go, and we all still have pretty gardens. What a lovely Easter. It should make everyone rejoice.

There was quite a large crowd attended church Saturday and Sunday night. The new building is completed except the paint and the ladies are planning to raise the funds to see that put on. So look out folks, Shiloh is on the move.

There was quite a crowd of relatives and friends took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Grayson Sunday, and in the afternoon there were fifty-five gathered to have an Easter egg hunt. Every one had an enjoyable time, especially the delicious eats.

Mr. Hardy and Lowel Rutledge and families, Mrs. B.L. James and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jones and Miss Maud Greene visited Mr. and Mrs. W. L. James Sunday.

Mr. M. F. Naron and family spent Sunday with his son, Mr. Henry Naron, over on the river.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greene were Merkel visitors Saturday night.

Mrs. H. O. Martin, formerly of Big Spring, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Grayson. Mrs. Martin is enroute to Abilene where she will make her home.

Messrs. Bill Brown and Tom Greene and wives enjoyed a nice dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Howell of Trent were Shiloh visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Conder and daughter, Miss Thelma, were pleasant visitors in our community Saturday night and Sunday.

There will be Sunday School Sunday. Every body come. We want to discuss a Mother's Day program. Brownie.

It was some sight to see. We first came to the hatchery with an incubator holding 1800 eggs then to the Brooder house where we saw 1000 little chicks, then to the roosting house where there were 1300 ready for the market. If one is interested in White Leghorns, they would do well to see Mr. Touchstone.