

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## SCHOOL CLOSING BEGINS MONDAY

The closing exercises of the Merkel High School will begin on Monday evening, May 19th, and close the following Monday night.

Monday night, 8:30, Baptist Church, Music and Expression Recital.

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Thursday night, 8:30, Cozy Theatre, Senior Play, "All of a Sudden Peggy."

Friday night, 8:30, Methodist Church, Seventh Grade Exercises.

Sunday night, 8:30, Methodist Church, Commencement Sermon.

Monday night, 8:30, Methodist Church, Graduation Exercises and address.

The public is cordially invited to all of the above. For the play on Thursday night at the Cozy Theatre there will be a charge of 35 cents for school children and 50 cents for others. On Friday evening at the Methodist Church, the members of the Seventh Grade will give tickets to those whom they wish to invite (no charge). No ticket or admission either is required for any of the other exercises. You are invited to come.

The Music and Expression Departments under the direction of Miss Gay and Miss Tracy have been working hard this year. Come on Monday and Tuesday evenings and see the results of their labors. You will miss a treat if you miss these two programs at the Baptist Church.

The Seniors under the direction of Miss Tracy have been working for weeks upon their play, "All of a Sudden Peggy." The public can judge the excellence of this production by former plays given under the direction of Miss Tracy. Then, too, the Seniors are to put this one on. See them at the Cozy on Thursday evening. Admission 35 and 50 cents.

Rev. W. H. Albertson will deliver the principal address on the evening of May 23rd, when the seventh grade will have their graduation exercises at the Methodist church. Gladys Deutschman will deliver the Valedictory for the class, and Sterling Sheppard will deliver the Salutatory.

On Sunday evening at the Methodist Church, Rev. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurry College, will preach the Commencement Sermon.

On Monday evening, May 26, at the Methodist Church, the Graduation of the Merkel High School will be held. They have prepared an excellent program. Dr. P. W. Horn, president of Texas Technological College, will deliver the Commencement Address.

Detailed program for the above will appear in next Friday's issue of the Merkel Mail. Watch the "Mail."

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\* WORDS OF \*  
\* MISS MERKEL \*  
\* There are microbes going \*  
\* about seeking for their pray \*  
\* There is nothing pure to \*  
\* eat or drink, \*  
\* And no safe place to stay \*  
\* There are the Mullygrubs \*  
\* And the Grouchers, \*  
\* The Pros and the Cons, \*  
\* The wills and the Wonts. \*  
\* If we had not voted for \*  
\* the sewer system. \*  
\* They would have certainly \*  
\* got our Goats. \*  
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## CELEBRATES BOND ELECTION; TURNS TO LEFT-FINED

In most every election there is generally more or less fun injected into the matter, by both the victors and losers, and the Sewer Bond Election held here Wednesday showed no exception to the rule, it being told on one of the "City Dads," who happened to be in favor of the bonds, and who happened to be at home milking the cow when the fire whistle began to blow, announcing the victory, jumped into his car, made a bee line for the business section, running up main street at a swift gate and turning around in the middle of the street, stopping his car in front of the Mayor and an "irate citizen," who had voted against the bond issue, and who promptly said to the Mayor, "Do your duty," the said alderman having violated the city's traffic laws was no better than anyone else.

And the violator, "City Official," promptly paid into the coffers of the City Government the usual \$9.70 charged for violating the traffic laws, exclaiming that it was well worth it since sewer bonds had been voted.

## HOW TO KILL GRASSHOPPERS

By R. R. Reppert, Entomologist.  
Wheat bran ..... 25 lbs.  
White arsenic or Paris green 1lb  
Lemons or oranges ..... 6 fruits  
Low grade cane or sorghum molasses ..... 2 quarts  
Water ..... 2 gallons  
— Mix the bran and poison thoroughly while dry. Dilute the molasses with the amount of water as named. Squeeze the lemon juice into this diluted molasses, then grind the rind of the lemons with a meat chopper and add this also to the liquid. Now mix the liquid thoroughly with the poison bran mixture. After an even mixture has been obtained, add more water and mix, until a mash is obtained so that after being squeezed in the hand, it readily falls apart.

Grasshoppers feed in the morning, and as the bait loses its attractiveness when dry, it should be applied so as to be as moist as possible at this time. It will therefore be best to put it out about sunrise. Provide the ground is not hot and dry as to remove the moisture during the night, it may be put out late in the evening in case the area to be treated is too extensive to be quickly covered in the early morning. The mixture should be scattered, as if sowing seed, by hand, or any type of seeder capable of distributing it. The amount given in the formula should cover about five acres.

Where the hoppers have become distributed over the cultivated field, the entire area should be sown, and the application repeated in a few days if necessary. If the hoppers are found to be advancing from pasture lands, distribute the mash in front of their line of march for a distance of a couple of hundred yards, keeping also the margin of the pasture land treated daily until the danger of damage has passed.

The mixture should be made exactly as directed, leaving out no part. Where the infestation is general, community action is recommended. The materials should be provided in large quantities, and a large amount of the mixture made up at a central place in the evening, or better, well before daylight in the morning. Each farmer will then take his portion and apply immediately.

## SENIOR PLAY FOR THURSDAY NIGHT

The Senior Class of the Merkel High School will present at the Cozy Theatre on Thursday evening, May 22nd, at 8:30, their class play entitled "All of a Sudden Peggy." This is a three-act comedy by Ernest Denny, and promises to be the most interesting play a Merkel class has ever given. The play is under the direction of Miss Tracy, teacher of Expression in the High School.

An admission charge of 35 cents for pupils and 50 cents for all others will be made. The proceeds of the play will be donated to the High School Library and to help defray expenses of securing commencement speakers for the class exercises.

Below is a synopsis of the play:

Act 1. "The Suddenness of Peggy," the White Hall at Hawkhurst, Lord Crackenthorpe's Country House.

Act 2. "The Suddenness of Consequences," at Jimmie Keppel's Flat in London, a week later.

Act 3. "The Consequences of Suddenness," the Whitehall at Hawkhurst, on the evening of the same day.

Following is a list of those in the Senior Class who will present the play:

Anthony, Lord Crackenthorpe, Spencer Bird (Fellow of the Entomological Society).  
Jimmie Keppel (His brother).  
Merrill Collins.  
Major Archie Phipps (retired).  
Lady Crackenthorpe's brother, Willard Reeves.

Jack Menzies ..... Weston West  
Parker ..... Jack Anderson  
Lucas (Manservant at Jimmy's Flat) ..... Brannic Bailey  
Lady Crackenthorpe (Lord Crackenthorpe's Mother), Boog Sears.  
Millicent Keppel—Maurine Tipton.  
Mrs. Colquhoun—Gladys Middleton.

Mrs. O'Mara (Widow of Prof. O'Mara) ..... Lois Christopher  
Peggy, her daughter—Dorothy Sanders.

## GIRLS CHORAL CLUB CONCERT

The concert by the Girls Choral Club, with Miss Fae Bland director, at the Cozy Theatre Monday evening was well attended and highly enjoyed. The Users were: Messrs Weston West, Jack Anderson, Carlton Dennis, and W. L. Harkrider. Misses Johnnie Sears and Ruth Jones handed out the programs.

As a whole, the program was well carried out, each number it seemed being better than the other, as the evenings entertainment came to a close. The surprise of the evening came in the fifth number, when the girls stepped back a little and in came "Negro Mary" a real darkey, who sang an old time negro melody, with the choral girls singing the chorus.

Too much can not be said concerning the wonderful training these high school girls have had under the direction of Miss Bland this year. There was harmony effect, pause, and attention carefully given by each member in every number.

The readings by Miss Lola Dennis were very entertaining and interesting. Miss Ona Fae Rose, piano soloist interpretation of "To a Waterlily" by McDowell and "Hark! Hark! The Lark" by Schubert were wonderful.

## SEWER BONDS WIN BY 52 VOTES

In the election held here Wednesday to determine whether or not the city of Merkel should issue bonds in the sum of \$55,000.00 for installing a modern sewer system, the vote stood 265 for the bonds and 213 against the bonds, giving a majority of 52 for the question.

Great interest was shown by the people for and against the sewer bond question for several days, and especially was the fight a warm one during the entire election day. And notwithstanding the fact that the question for a similar issue was defeated a little more than a year ago, by a vote of 69, those opposed to voting the bonds seem to accept their defeat in a very good natured manner, and this paper predicts that the whole citizenship will now fall in line and work united together for a bigger, cleaner and better Merkel.

## BIG RACES ABILENE ON JULY 4TH.

Abilene, Texas, May 16.—With a record of 15,000 people in attendance at the Fourth of July races of last year, Abilene is planning to make the fourth annual Independence Day event the biggest racing classic of its history at the West Texas Fair Park this year. From the entries already filed with the officials of the races, speed fans from all over this section are promised real thrills for this year on the Abilene track.

Phil (Red) Shafer, who nosed out for big money at the last two July 4 events has sent word that he will be here, and this year he will drive a Miller Special instead of the faithful Duesenberg Special in which he snatched former victories. Six cars of this former type were featured in the great 500 mile Indianapolis classic of 1923. Schafer is on his way to compete once more in this premier automobile event, where he drew laurels last year.

Dick Calhoun, the most daring racer who ever faced the starter on the West Texas Fair Park track, in his "Fronty Ford" in which he chashed through the fence last Fourth in his spectacular and close run for first money, will again drive for the high stakes, assuring the crowd of much excitement and thrills. A few new ones with high racing records will furnish the unknown element and zest, and the story of the entries for the big West Texas racing event is but half told at this time.

Purses totaling \$3000, the largest money ever offered on the Abilene course will be hung up for this year's winners. A record breaking crowd is anticipated for the gala occasion and extensive preparation of the track to make it one of the speediest affairs in this part of the country is going forward, officials spending some \$1100.00 Calcium Chloride is being used to make it as near "dustless" as possible.

Construction started Monday on a new up-to-date bungalow home for Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett, located on Oak Street.

Miss Mona Margaret Jones pleased the audience very much with two beautiful solos.

Merkel is proud indeed to have Misses Bland and Misses Gay with the school this year.

## BAPTIST MEN BANQUET ON MONDAY EVENING

On last Monday evening in the parlors of the Baptist church the members of the Business Men's Class, with a few invited friends, enjoyed a fine banquet and class meeting.

Mr. T. J. R. Swafford, ably presided as Toastmaster, and addresses were made by Messrs. S. D. Gambill, Judge E. S. Cummings, and Dr. R. I. Grimes, as an invited guest.

Besides enjoying the fine banquet and able addresses, a move for holding in this city in the near future, a "Father and Son Banquet" and the following were named as a committee on arrangements as to date of holding same etc., which is expected to include the entire community.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT LECTURE THURSDAY

The Mail is requested to announce that on Thursday evening, May 29, Hon W. J. Milburn, National Lecturer for the Anti-Saloon League, will deliver an address at the First Baptist Church in Merkel on Law Enforcement, or "Shall Our Government Stand?". He will also illustrate his talk with motion picture slides.

He is said to be one of the best and most able platform lecturers now appearing before the American public, and has a wonderful message, one that is interesting and will really wake up every one who hears it to the importance of law enforcement in this country.

We are informed that at least three of the local pastors of the city are sponsors for and stand squarely behind Mr. Milburn in his splendid efforts along the line above mentioned. The lecture is free to one and all and all are invited.

## COLLEGE BAND COMING HERE

The Mail has received a communication from M. L. Williams, Dean of North Texas Agricultural College, located at Arlington, stating that on May 30, the 28 piece band of that college expects to be in Merkel and delight us with a fine night concert.

Mr. Williams states that while this school is not asking any special favors of Merkel, yet they would like to know if our citizenship will not care for and entertain this band while in our city over night.

As this paper views the matter, this should come under the care of the Luncheon Club, and we trust that this organization will take it upon themselves to decide what they will do in the matter, and so report to Dean M. L. Williams, Arlington, Texas.

## MR. BRAGG BUYS FINE HOME IN MERKEL

A deal was closed this week whereby Mr. T. G. Bragg became owner of the L. L. Huddleston fine home in the south part of the city, known as the J. T. Warren home, and which Mr. Huddleston purchased from Mr. Tom Johnson last year. We understand Mr. Bragg made the purchase as a business investment. As to Mr. Huddleston, we have not learned his intentions, but trust that he will build or secure other property and remain in our city.

## 150 ATTEND BIG LUNCHEON HERE

Tuesday night the Merkel Luncheon Club held open house at Ed's Cafe for all who wished to attend, including ladies, about 150 men and women attended.

The toastmaster for the evening's program was Rev. W. H. Albertson, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Rev. Fred S. Rogers, pastor of the Presbyterian church, said the invocation. Rev. Albertson in an introductory talk stated that this meeting had been given over specifically to the subject of the Sewer Bond Issue, thus opening up the way for the speakers to follow.

The first number on the program was a musical reading by E. L. Turner and Margaret Turner, which was very much enjoyed.

J. A. Buford, the first speaker on the program, in a concise manner stated "Why I'm for the Sewer." Mr. Buford said, "after investigating the matter thoroughly I'm for the Sewer first and last and all the time." He declared that there were 4 high points in his mind that made him want the Sewer. 1st, a town ought to not only be clean in spirit but in flesh, 2nd, on account of the many advantages for the school children; 3rd, as a citizen of Merkel I do not want to be a drone; 4th, the love of a citizen for fellow citizens." Mr. Buford closed his talk with this question: "Shall 90 per cent refuse to vote for the Sewer just because ten per cent can't have it?"

Mr. Sam Swann spoke on "Why I am Against the Sewer," giving as his chief reason the raising of taxes. Mr. Swann quoted a list of figures showing how taxes on various enterprises had increased in the last few years.

Superintendent Roger A. Burgess made a very enthusiastic talk on "The Advantages of a Sewer for the schools," showing how that in dollars and cents it meant a saving, also showing how it would decrease disease among school children.

County Health officer, Dr. R. I. Grimes, spoke from the standpoint of how a modern sewer would benefit health of the community. Dr. Grimes declared that the unsanitary conditions that now prevail within the immediate business district was appalling, let alone in the residence district. He also stressed the great problem that Merkel ought to have a public Rest Room where people from nearby communities who come in to trade could be served. He brought forth the idea that other towns had these improvements, why not Merkel?

Mayor H. C. West spoke on the question "Will \$55,000 build a sewer for Merkel." Mr. West stated that it could not be said definitely because we, the citizens are not in that business, but we have to take the words of those who are engaged in the business of constructing such systems.

Abilene Mayor, Judge Charles E. Combes was called on among those of the out of town visitors and made a very helpful and able talk, clearly showing Merkel what it would mean for her to vote the Sewer Bonds, then what it would mean if she did not do so.

Others from Abilene making brief talks were Geo. McDaniel, representing the Abilene Reporter and Mrs. Laura Cook Mitchell.

Mr. John West is improving the looks of his home by having it painted.

# Progress Thru Mutual Aid

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### Wedding Anniversary Celebrated With Luncheon

On Friday of last week Mrs. T. E. Collins entertained a number of friends with a two-course luncheon in celebration of her Fifteenth Wedding Anniversary. A delicious menu was served consisting of fried chicken, stuffed peppers, fresh beans, new potatoes, fresh tomatoes, deviled eggs, fruit salad, olives, pickles, hot rolls, iced tea, ice cream and jam cake. This being her "Crystal Wedding Anniversary," Mrs. Collins was presented a beautiful cut glass lemonade jug with glasses to match. This occasion proved to be a delightful ingathering of friends and all during Luncheon hour merriment ran high. Those invited to enjoy this pleasant occasion were Mesdames A. R. Booth, L. B. Howard, W. J. Largent, Thos. Bearden, Ernest Massey of Trent, Earl Lassiter, L.B. Scott, Fred Latham, Misses Dovie Teaff and Willie Swann, all of whom wished the hostess many happy returns of the day. At three o'clock Mrs. Collins assembled the members of the T. E. L. class for their regular monthly business meeting. Bro. Saffle, father of one of our class members, Mrs. W. J. Largent, visited with the class and conducted the devotional which was very inspirational and instructive. Mrs. L. B. Howard, president, conducted the business of the class and several matters of importance were discussed. During the social hour that followed a Bible contest and cake contest were enjoyed. Refreshments of orange ice, white cake and jam cake were served to about twelve or fourteen members and two visitors.

### Will Preach at Trent

Eld. W. G. Cypert announces that he will fill his regular appointment at Trent next Sunday morning and evening. All are invited to hear him.

### NEW GILBERT FILM COMING HERE SOON

John Gilbert, in his latest William Fox release, "The Wolf Man", written by Frederick and Fanny Hatten, will be seen at the Cozy Theatre for two days, opening Friday, May 16. The picture deals with the strange experiences of a young Englishman, wealthy and pampered, who suffered from a dual personality. How he found his real self in the timber country of northern Quebec and also won the girl of his heart, are said to combine in an excellent story which has been well staged. The direction was by Edmund Mortimer. A strong cast, according to advance accounts, gives the principals first rate support.

### Mrs. Golliday Hostess To King's Daughters

Tuesday afternoon, May 13, '24, the King's Daughters met in the home of Mrs. Golliday. The Hostess was ably assisted by Mesdames Beene, Patterson and Daniel. The usual routine of business was carried out, after which the following program was rendered. Devotional lesson was read by Mrs. Hutcheson, prayer by Mrs. Swafford. The class joined in singing "Near the Cross." We were then favored by readings by Misses Dorothy Daniel, Ruby Fae Golliday and Mrs. McSpadden.

Quite an exciting potato race was enjoyed, then we were given an interesting contest in which the "Presidents" figured. Much fun and frenzied thinking was created. Next was a lovely refreshment plate of delicious cream and cake. The hearty welcome, lovely flowers and sweet strains of music proved so enticing the guests lingered till late afternoon.

All voted Mrs. Golliday a charming hostess and hoped to have the pleasure of meeting with her again.

### LOSER IN ELECTION WAGER RIDES WINNER IN WHEELBARROW

It is well known to every citizen in Merkel that the fight for and against the sewer bond election held here Wednesday was interestingly and enthusiastically waged by both factions, but in most every instance with good feeling, and it is a well known fact that each side had in Messrs J. G. Hale and Emory McDonald a real champion, the former being opposed to the bond issue, while the latter was just as enthusiastic for the issue, and some days before the election these gentlemen jokingly made a wager to the effect that the one championing the losing side would black his face and ride the other around the business section in a wheelbarrow, and Thursday morning, Mr. Hale, who always fights hard, but fair and honestly for any measure he happens to champion, hunted up a big wheelbarrow, blacked his face, and loaded his 'victorious champion' Mr. McDonald in, and gave him the big bass drum belonging to the local band boys, and proceeded to roll him throughout the business section, all to the merriment of both those who had previously stood for and against the issue.

As stated above, no man ever fights harder, longer and more enthusiastically for or against a thing than does Mr. Hale, and no man can be a more game loser and show the right spirit than does he, when he has been honestly and fairly beaten in such matters. Hurrah for Mr. Hale, who is one of our enterprising and successful cotton buyers, and who has more friends in Merkel today than ever, and he has always claimed a host of our best citizens as such.

### KINDERGARTEN CLASS TO RENDER PROGRAM

Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, excellent teacher of the Kindergarten Class, will present her pupils in a unique and interesting program, Thursday evening, May 22, at four o'clock at the Methodist church. Mrs. McSpadden, as a teacher of these little pupils, deserves much credit for the patient and efficient service she has given. The program as planned will be:

- Welcome address, Jack Lowe. Song—America.
- Reading, "Trees to Let," Walden Huskey.
- Reading, "The Captured Bear," Burnie Hendrix.
- Ten Little Indians, by ten little boys.
- Reading, "Grandmother," Elna Tucker.
- Reading, "Two Little Birds," Billy Robbins.
- Reading, "A Perfect Gentleman," Harold Reece.
- The Birds' Party by eleven boys.
- Reading, "The Child and the Owl," L. V. Moore.
- Reading, "Once a Show came to our Town," B. L. Carter.
- Reading, "When Daddy Was a Boy," David Gamble.
- Play: The Fairy's Child.
- Fairy Queen, Annie Lee Owens.
- Princess Honeydew, Sarah Shepard; Mosskin, Queen's Page, Hail Derstine; Trudie, Woodcutter's daughter, Mary Olive Simpson; Thistlekin, Fairy's Child, Neil Durham; Slump, the Caterpillar, Jack Lowe; Faries: Waldeline Huskey, Joy Meador, Edna Tucker, Pauline Lassiter, Glenna Rea, Gillie Bernice Gamble, Dorris Jackson, Loessa Simpson.

Mrs. Robert Hicks returned first of the week from her trip to East Texas. She was accompanied on her return by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Walters, who will visit here for some time.

Messrs. L. B. Howard, "Choc" Jones and Dr. J. P. Howard returned yesterday from Brownwood, where they attended the great West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention, which they report a splendid success.

### BAPTIST LADIES HELD QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The second Quarterly Workers Conference of the Sweetwater Association Auxiliary met Wednesday, May 7, at the Baptist church. Nine Societies were represented and an attendance of more than seventy-five ladies was registered. The meeting opened at 10:30 o'clock and the program began with singing the Doxology, followed by "How Firm a Foundation," after a prayer by Mrs. J. C. Burkett, Abilene, for God's leadership for the day, Mrs. L. B. Howard very beautifully sang "Just For Today." The devotional was conducted by Mrs. W. H. Albertson, wife of our local pastor, choosing as her scripture Matt. 6:9. After brief but well chosen words of comment the body joined in singing "Amazing Grace." Mrs. W. F. Fry of Abilene Associational President, conducted the business for the day and reports and matters of business took up the morning session. At noon a delightful luncheon was served in the basement of the church by the local ladies.

The afternoon session was given to the discussion of apportionments and reports from the District Meeting which met recently at Haskell. The feature of the program was given by Mrs. Monteen Booth of Mary Frances Hall, Abilene, on the subject of the 75 Million Campaign. This meeting was indeed soul stirring and a very feeling and beautiful close for a perfect day in the Masters service. Mrs. L. B. Howard followed with a beautifully rendered vocal solo "Duty Done, Victory Won." The session adjourned to meet again the first week in August. The Ladies' work in the W.M.U. is growing which was attested by the hearty co-operation and Christian fellowship which prevailed throughout this day.

### PLENTY OF HIGHWAY PLATES

Bring or send your receipt to the Tax Collector's office and get your Highway Numbers. If you are entitled to them for either auto or truck.

Don't fail to bring your receipt as that will save time in delivering numbers.

Respectfully,  
D. T. Harkrider, Collector.

### Senior Epworth League

Subject: "How Jesus overcame temptation."  
Leader—Brannic Bailey.  
Hymn, The Lord's Prayer.  
Hymn, Prayer.

1. Temptation is inseparable from the Experience of a moral being, Miss Marie Williamson. Prayer.
  2. The Character of Temptation varies with our personal history by Miss Madge Pearce.
  - Vocal solo, Miss Ruth Watts.
  3. Overcoming temptation, by Bro. Rea.
  4. Some Things to do when tempted, Miss Julia Martin.
- Announcements. Benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith returned last week from Hamlin where they spent two weeks at the home of the former's parents, Dr. and Mrs. N. J. Smith. We are glad to learn that young Mr. Smith returned home much improved in health, and is now again at his post of duty with the Merkel Drug Company.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred S. Rogers left yesterday for Grand Rapids, Mich., where they go to attend the National Presbyterian Conference.

We are sorry to learn that our good friend and excellent citizen, Mr. W. H. Laney, has been on the sick list for the past ten days, and join many friends in the hope that he will soon be up and about again.

Mr. Elmer Nelson of Fort Worth was here last week visiting with friends.

## Based on the Following STATEMENT

Close of Business March 31, 1924

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### RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	.....	\$850,404.25
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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### OFFICERS

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

## THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

### SPECIAL AT THE GEM

Announcement is made that there will be a special big show at the Gem Theatre on next Tuesday night, May 20th, and that the local Five-piece Orchestra will furnish music.

This will be a great show and all who attend are assured a great time.

### BIG DOLLAR FLOWER PLANT COLLECTION

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All kinds of field seed, Hay, Hulls, and all kinds of grain. Also improved Spurr Fetireta seed. Gazzaway & Polly Feed Store. Phone 161.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cranston were in Abilene Wednesday.

## REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS FIRE INSURANCE

There is just one day when it is wise to insure. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow may be too late. Today, the day Before you may suffer a loss by fire, or Theft, is the one wise day to cover yourself fully with insurance.

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**SWAFFORD**  
South Side Phone 44

The City Barber Shop, Messrs Jones and Lackey proprietors, has recently had the interior of their shop repainted and otherwise improved their shop.

Two cars loaded with new gin machinery arrived for the McDonald and Stith gin at Noodle, and will soon be installed.

Mr. John Bond of Abilene was here Tuesday visiting and calling on friends.

**M. E. Womans Missionary Society Notes**

There was a splendid miscellaneous program rendered at the regular meeting of the woman's Missionary Society on last Monday afternoon. This program included the report of the Meeting at Vernon by Mrs. Grimes. We appreciated this report very much and as a Society we are glad we were able to send two delegates this year instead of one, as has been our custom in the past. Mrs. Sandifer was leader for the afternoon and gave us a very inspiring Bible lesson from one of the Psalms, after which Mrs. Swafford led in prayer. Our attendance was not so good at this meeting as it should have been although every woman who had been placed on the program was present and responded admirably with her part. We are starting on a new conference year and one of the requirements for a place on the honor roll is an average attendance of one half the membership. We failed to be on the honor roll last year and the failure in this requirement was one of the things that kept us off. May we not have at least twenty-five women present on ever Monday this year. The Society needs you and you need the Society. Next Monday we will have the first lesson in our new Mission Study Book. The creative forces in Japan. The hour of meeting has been changed from 2:30 to 3:30. Please remember the change and be present at 3:30.

Mr. J. C. Mason, candidate for Railroad Commissioner, from this city, returned first of the week from a business trip to Dallas, and left immediately for Brownwood, where he went to attend the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention. He returned Thursday from that city, and reports the convention a great success, and a general good time.

Messrs. Hamilton and Case have had carpenters busy this week making some splendid improvements on the interior of their grocery store.

Dr. and Mrs. Miller have as their guests this week Mrs. J. E. Adkisson, Mrs. Harry Leyrer, and Mrs. Woodard Altgelt, all of San Antonio, Texas.

**PERSONALS**

Robert Dunn of route 2 accidentally shot his thumb while cleaning a gun, severely hurting his thumb.

C. M. Pogue formerly of Merkel, now of Post City, arrived this week to be with his mother who has been seriously ill.

Geo T. Moore, Jr., is at home with his parents after attending Tyler Commercial College for the past few months.

Mr. Lee Acuff was in Dallas this week attending the State Showman's Convention.

Mrs. W. V. Cranford left last week for San Antonio to visit her daughter.

H. L. Propst and Ben Jones made a business trip to the Plains on business this week.

Mrs. E. L. Wills returned recently from a visit to her daughter in California.

Ted Lamar of Fort Worth is here for a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lamar, and friends.

N. A. Dowell, Jno. Bell and M. D. Angus were in Abilene attending court Tuesday.

W. H. Stevens of Hamlin came in first of the week to visit his brother, C. P. Stevens.

E. Dixon came in this week from Ranger to be with his family for a few days.

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Bill Brown returned last week from a prospecting trip to New Mexico.

Mr. Herbert Russell returned Monday from Ballinger, Texas, where he visited his parents last week end.

Miss Annie Mae Swann of Simmons College and Mr. Lewis Swann of Abilene were here to visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann, over the week end.

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# Max Millinger

Mr. Lendon Coats and Mr. Ernest Lackey left Sunday via auto for San Antonio and other south Texas points.

Lee Massey of Pilot Point, Texas was here to visit several days last week with friends.

Miss Bettye Rogers left Wednesday night for DeLeon, Texas where she will visit friends and relatives for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley B. King of Trent have recently moved to Merkel and will make this their home.

Mr. J. C. Mason, candidate for Railroad Commissioner returned first of the week from Fort Worth, where he went on business a few days ago.

J. O. Barbee and wife returned last week from a visit to McKinney, Texas.

Mr. E. L. Turner, owner of Ed's Cafe is having built a nice banquet room at the Cafe.

Mr. Clyde Service of Crosbyton, Texas stopped off here a while Thursday afternoon visiting with his sister, Mrs. Thos. Durham, and family.

Mr. Paul Smith of Hamlin, Texas, was here last week end to visit with his brother, Warren Smith, and wife.

Miss Nell Tracy was at home with her mother, Mrs. E. M. McDonald, from Baird, last week end.

Miss Mary Cleo Booth of Simmons College was at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth last week end.

Miss Lola Armstrong of McMurry College, Abilene, was here Sunday spending the day with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong.

Mrs. Mitchell of Cisco, Texas, came in last week to visit with her daughter, Mrs. McSpadden.

Bud Sears, wife and children were here to visit with relatives last week from Menard, Texas.

Mr. R. L. McClain of Abilene was here Saturday calling upon friends.

Frank E. Smith was here last week end mixing with citizens and friends.

**—NOTICE—**  
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Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jones of Anson, Texas, were guests in the J. T. Darsey home last week end.

E. L. Ash and wife left last Saturday for Dallas, where Mr. Ash will be under treatment of Specialists for some time.

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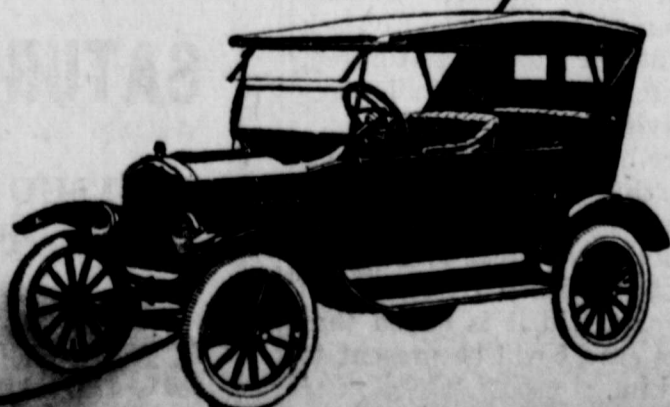
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**Weekly Prayermeeting**

Will meet with Mrs. Chas. West Wednesday at 3 o'clock. 11th chapter of Cor., Mrs. Meeks leader. Prayer, Mrs. Fannie King. Jeremiah's Warning, Mrs. Casseaux. Jeremiah's Crisis, Mrs. Mack Busbee. False and true worship, Mrs. Lamar. Deceitfulness avenged, Mrs. Meeks. The Prophets anguish, Mrs. Estes. The potter and the clay, Mrs. King. Supplication and confidence, Mrs. Holden. Prayer, Mrs. Tatum. Song 'On higher ground' Lesson in Genesis, Mrs. Allday. Prayer, Mrs. Rister. Minutes and business. Closing prayer, Mrs. Sears.

**Teachers Council Meeting**

For Sunday afternoon, May 18th. Devotional, Mrs. Beene. Paper, maintaining order in the Sunday School, Mrs. Cox. Paper "Our Plans for the summer months," Mrs. McSpadden. Paper, "The Value of the Sunday School Paper", Mrs. Sheppard. Round table discussion of each of the above topics.

Mr. C. L. McLeod of the Farmers State Bank is having a neat four-room bungalow built in the south part of Merkel.

**Miss Buchanan, 78, Dies**

After only a few days illness, Miss Matilda Boyd Buchanan, who for many years had made her home with her sister, Mrs. H. W. Derstine, passed to her reward on Thursday, May 15, at the home of the latter.

Deceased at the time of her death was 78 years, six months and eleven days old, and had made her home for more than fifty years with the Derstine family. She was born in Mercer county, Penn., and came to Texas more than thirty years ago with the Derstines. Early in life Miss Buchanan was converted and joined the Methodist church, in which church she remained a consecrated and loyal member until her final summons. She was loved and esteemed by a large circle of close friends, for her kindness and charitable disposition, and leaves to mourn her demise, besides her friends, her sister, Mrs. H. W. Derstine, of this city, who is one of our staunch and most excellent citizens, two sisters and one brother, all residing in the Northern States.

Funeral services will be held today (Friday) at one p.m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Derstine, conducted by her pastor, Rev. T. J. Rea, with interment following immediately in Rose Hill Cemetery.

This paper joins the host of friends of the bereaved in extending to them deepest sympathy in the loss of this good Christian woman.

Mrs. Dewey Brown and little daughter, Billie Joyce, of Tuscola are visiting in the J. S. Thomas home.

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**CON AMORE**

By IDA M. GOULD

ELINOR GAGE fastened her boat and wandered through a path she had dearly longed to explore. A narrow path led irregularly to Nowhere. She rested on a fallen tree trunk, listening to the humming of insects. She let her eyes search the bypath, and they fell on a glittering small object, which proved to be a ring. A large amethyst, bearing the words "Con Amore," set in diamonds. Brushing the moss particles from the trinket, she slipped it on her finger.

When the old routine of school teaching was resumed the ring adorned her slim finger.

As the next summer vacation ended she planned to spend a few days in Boston sight-seeing. On one of her jaunts she lost the ring. How she missed it! She inserted a description and promise of reward in the lost and found columns of the newspapers.

Returning from her pilgrimages next day, she found a tall, middle-aged gentleman awaiting her.

"I am Mr. Lian Childs," he announced, stiffly. "You are the advertiser of a ring, Miss—"

"Gage," faltered Elinor. "Miss Gage, is this the ring you lost?"

Carefully holding the ring so that it might be seen on all sides, he noted the joyous expression of the girl's eyes as they identified her lost property.

"Yes—ph—yes," gasped Elinor, reaching for the ring, which the man still held.

"This is my ring," he began, with his unsympathetic manner. "Where did you find it?"

"At Beechwood."

"I thought so. I lost it there last summer. It was a gift from my wife." The stern eyes softened.

"Miss Gage, why not accept a duplicate ring from me? I owe you that much for restoring a cherished keepsake."

"I cannot agree to such an arrangement."

"It seems fair to me," smilingly said the owner of the ring. "May I ask if you are in Boston permanently this winter?"

"Oh—no. I start tomorrow for the West, where I teach school." Elinor looked frankly into the man's honest eyes.

"At least, Miss Gage, the ring having been the vehicle by which we have met, may I hope to see you soon again?"

"I think not. I leave here for my home tonight." And Elinor Gage extended her hand.

"Au revoir, then; perhaps at Beechwood next summer."

"Perhaps," Elinor watched him disappear past the crowds in the lobby.

"No more adventures until I find another keepsake," thought Elinor.

At Beechwood the following season Elinor went, as usual, walking, boating through familiar scenes with revived memories of the beautiful ring she had so unexpectedly found. Nothing was farther from her thoughts than the man she found awaiting her one day, after a long tramp in the woods. Her face was aglow with her walk. Her hands full of pine branches; so, greetings exchanged, she disappeared until tea time.

Few guests remained on the porch, for the air became chilly early.

Mr. Childs asked Elinor if she would go for a constitutional stroll.

When he said good-night he placed a package in her hand, saying it was a trifle he had picked up in Boston and asked her judgment on it.

Elinor found the package to be a ring, almost a duplicate of the lost one, differing only in the omission of the words "Con Amore."

Next morning, intercepting the giver as he was about to start on one of his daily walks, she protested that he should not have offered her the gift.

Fearing to create comment from bystanders, she walked slowly down the road, trying to appear unconcerned, he keeping step, until they reached a turnstile.

"Take care!" he warned, too late, however, for she had twisted her ankle in stepping back too quickly.

"Lean on me, until we get to the house, Elinor."

White with pain from exertion, she had to submit.

The nearest doctor was called. He prescribed perfect rest for ten days.

Chapters could be written narrating the daily talks and readings and Mr. Childs' tender ministrations to distract Elinor from her painful condition.

When Elinor was able to limp to the hammock under the apple tree, her devoted attendant ceased his readings and began to plead his own suit.

Once more he placed the package in her hands.

"Is it just like the one you offered me before my accident?" queried the girl.

"No. Look for yourself, Elinor."

"Oh—how lovely!" exclaimed the girl, coloring as she met the earnest eyes near her.

"Accept it with the inscription, 'Con Amore,' which has been added. Does the phrase find an echo in your heart, dear?"

"Con Amore," whispered Elinor, as he kissed her.

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She—I don't doubt it. This is the one I always wear.

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**Mrs. West Hostess**

Mrs. James H. West was the charming hostess to a few friends at a seven o'clock dinner Tuesday evening. Mrs. West was assisted by her sister, Mrs. Bill Brown, of Anson, in making the evening one of pleasure for Misses Julia Martin, Madge Pearce, Martha Bird, Marie Williamson, Willie Swann, Mamie Ellis and Mrs. R. A. Burgess.

Promptly at seven o'clock the guests were ushered into the pretty dining room, where the dinner was served. The color scheme of pink and white was attractively carried out, the table being centered with a lovely center piece of pink rose buds.

The menu consisted of chicken fried, cream asparagus, tomatoes, cucumbers, sweet potatoes en casserole, iced tea, pineapple salad, cherry sherbert and cake.

Each guest, after spending an hour or two after dinner in conversation, told their hostesses good evening, declaring this to have been a most pleasant evening.

**REV. R. B. FREEMAN TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY**

Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the Methodist church announces that on next Sunday morning, the Rev. R. B. Freeman, the Evangelist who conducted the splendid Methodist revival in Merkel during the month of March, will preach Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour, at the Methodist Church, and extends to one and all a cordial invitation to hear him.

Since holding the revival here in March, Evangelist Freeman has held several revivals in several of the Northern and Southern states. He is a great and good man, and it is hoped that a large crowd will be present to greet him.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many good people of Merkel, who in any way assisted us, during the sickness and death of our little boy, Thomas Dewitt.

Especially do we thank you for the many beautiful flowers, which so fittingly represented his beautiful life. He was just a little bud, but has faded from our earthly existence, and will blossom as the rose in the better world to come.

May your lives be blessed in time of need, with a host of just such friends as you proved to be to us, in this sad hour.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Simpson. 1tp

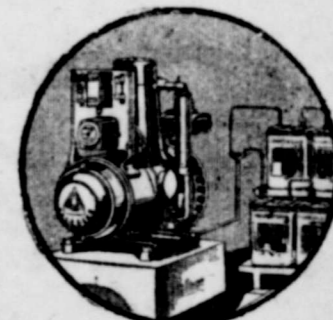
Mrs. F. M. Cordell, Miss Ora Bradley, Mr. Bush Tucker and family visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Matthews last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Luther Land is quite sick with the la grippe.

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Miss Alice McClain returned to Draughon's Business College after spending a few days with her parents who reside in the Salt ranch community.

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Miss Fae Bland, assisted by Misses Iva Bragg and Christene Collins, very gaily entertained the members of the Choral Club at the home of Miss Bragg on Wednesday afternoon.

Victrola music was a feature of the afternoon's entertainment until Miss Bland passed around a little memory booklet in which each was asked to write. Following this, Mrs. Grace Tipton sang a beautiful solo, and Misses Melba West and Ona Fae Rose gave a few piano selections. Miss Bland received a surprise when Miss Ona Fae Rose presented her with a token of appreciation on behalf of the Club. Miss Roberta Gay, who has so faithfully served as the accompanist, was also included in this surprise.

Delicious refreshments of cream and cake were served to about thirty club members, and guests. The afternoon pleasures were ended with a song by the Choral Club.

**BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. B. Y. P. U.'s at 7 p.m.

Prayermeeting at eight o'clock each Wednesday evening.

There was a very substantial increase in Sunday School and church attendance last Sunday. There were five additions at the evening service. We give you a cordial welcome to our services next Sunday. There will be special music at each service.

The Military Band of North Texas Junior Agricultural College will give a free concert in the Baptist Church Friday evening, May 30th. This band is composed of 28 pieces and will render a program that will be worth your time to hear. Come early if you want a seat. Remember the date.

The pastor appreciates the general spirit of cooperation that is prevailing in the church. Our treasurer sent last week to the 75 million Fund \$1460.00 which is a good showing for the spring round-up.

When you pass our way, fall in. W. H. Albertson.

**Celebrates Eighth Birthday**

Little Miss Mabel Corinne Morton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Morton, celebrated her eighth birthday on last Saturday afternoon with a party.

The little guests began to arrive about four o'clock, bringing a shower of pretty gifts for the honoree.

Lively games of every sort were enjoyed very much. Mrs. Fred S. Rogers pleased all the little guests very much by telling stories for some time.

Refreshments of cake and cream were served to the following: Nell Durham, Louise Booth, Ruth Rogers, Thelma Leach, Mary Zoe West, Jim Jr. West, Nell Hughes Lucille Campbell, Mildred Richardson, John Jones, Mildred Watts, Missie Dye, Rogene Dye, Artie Lee Agnew, Mary Olive Simpson, Duncan Briggs, Isabelle Propst, Louise Rose Vivian Lasater, Lavern Holden, Bertie Mae Leslie and the honoree.

Miss Levy Tittle returned Sunday from a weeks visit with her brother at El Paso, Texas.

**JAYTON SCHOOL HIT BY  
LIGHTNING; DESTROYED**

Clairmont, Kent Co., Texas, May 14.—Kent County was hard hit the second time in twenty-four hours with a heavy hail-storm yesterday evening about dark. The heaviest storm gathered over Jayton, the lightning setting the schoolhouse on fire, burning is up, with the total loss of about \$20,000, partly covered by insurance.

The hail and rain beat the roofs and windows of houses to bits. The estimated loss to other buildings is placed at \$50,000, this being the second storm to occur in and around the city in twenty-four hours. One casualty was reported from the first.

The crops and fruit are a total loss. Wires are nearly all down and it is impossible to gather full particulars.

**\* COMPERE NEWS \***

Our school was out last Friday. Most of the children made their grades.

The farmers are having to plant their cotton over on account of the big rains.

The grass hoppers have started their work early here.

A. W. Clemmer and family went to Merkel Saturday on business.

Mrs. Jim Touchstone is back home.

A. W. Clemmer and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Ola Spurgin, hearing news over the radio.

Mrs. Chester Lucas, Mr. R. C. Milliken and wife and Zenolia Marshal made a speedy trip to Merkel Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Young spent the afternoon in Merkel Saturday.

Grandma Young is improving some.

Mrs. C. S. Childress has been operated on for appendicitis but is improving some now. She is in the sanitarium at Abilene.

There will be preaching at the school house Sunday evening and B.Y.P.U. at the church Sunday night. Every body come and help in the program.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rister went to Merkel last Saturday.

Bro. Jim Wade made a speedy trip to Abilene last Saturday. Bro. Wade preaches every fourth Sunday at the church. Every one is invited.

Lee Stevens of Trent was a Merkel visitor Thursday.



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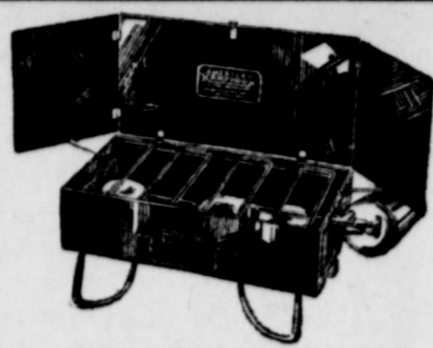
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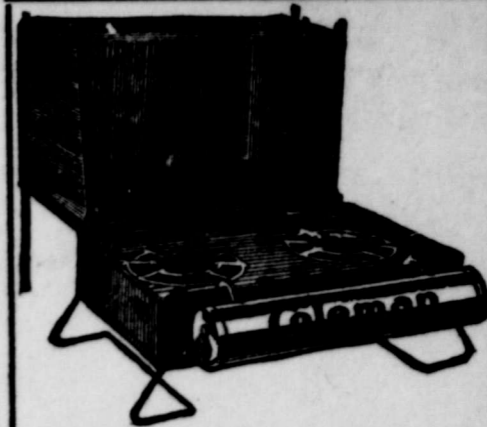
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**Teachers-Seniors Banquet**

Thursday evening the Parent-Teachers Club gave an informal banquet for the Teachers and Seniors of the Merkel High School. Forty guests were present, which included teachers and students.

The banquet room in the basement of the Presbyterian church was made pretty with decorations of High School colors of purple and gold. The tables were tastily arranged and were covered with pretty linen and laid with silver. Baskets of pink roses were placed here and there on the tables. The menu consisted of baked chicken, cream potatoes, sliced tomatoes, fruit salad, hot rolls, English peas, iced tea, orange ice and angel food squares, with letters P.T.A. on them.

Mr. R. A. Burgess, superintendent of schools was chosen toastmaster and proved very interesting in his talk and in introducing the other numbers on the program. Mrs. Fred S. Rogers, president of the P. T. A., gave the welcome address; Mr. Jackson, teacher, responded in behalf of the teachers and Miss Boog Sears responded for the Seniors. The last number on the program was a class special by the Seniors, which included class songs and yells.

The committee representing the Parent Teachers Club who were responsible for this evening of pleasure were: Mesdames R. A. Burgess, R. O. Anderson, R. I. Grimes, Bob Martin, D. Briggs, A. R. Booth and Fred S. Rogers.

**Farmer-Campbell Wedding**

Mr. Whit Farmer and Miss Mattie Campbell were united in marriage at the court house on last Saturday evening at three o'clock, accompanied by a few of their relatives, then returned to the home of the bride's Uncle, Mr. Hugh Campbell, where a nice supper awaited them. The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. J. Hamp Campbell of the Blair community, the groom is the industrious son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Eddie Farmer of the White Church community where they will reside.

Bro. Tatum of Merkel officiated. A Friend.

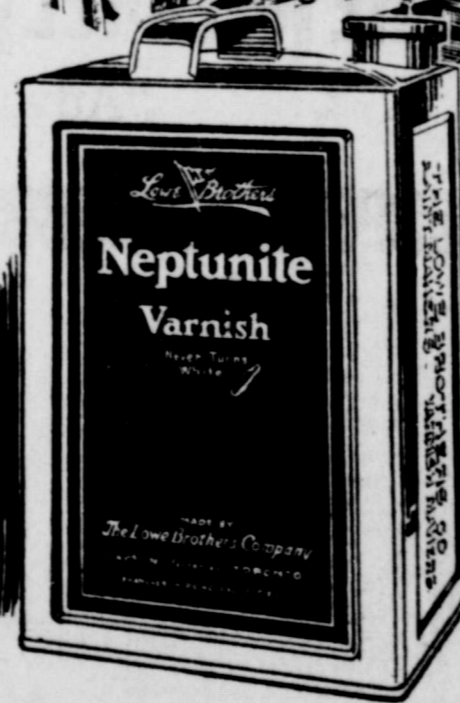
Davis Jones of Trent was in Merkel Wednesday.

Mr. W. F. Hamblett, one of our splendid grocerymen, is having made to his home some nice additions in the way of a commodious sleeping porch, new kitchen, and a nice coat of paint added to the entire building, all of which when completed, will make this one among our nicest residences.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Schindler, of Shiner, Texas, are here this week, guests of their son, J. W. Schindler and family. The former Mr. Schindler is well pleased with our town and country, this being his first visit to this city and section of the state.

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The many friends of Mr. L. R. Thompson will be delighted to learn that he continues to improve from his illness of some ten days, and infact is now able to spend some time each day at his desk. We sincerely trust that he may continue to improve and infact soon regain his former good health.



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FOR SALE—2 Holstein Bulls one about 9 month, the other 12 months old. Price \$20 and \$25. See F. J. McDonald, Merkel, Rt. one, 1½ miles northwest of Stith. 9t2p

FOR SALE OR TRADE—90½ acre farm in Hamilton county, to sell or trade for Merkel property, or exchange for small farm near Merkel. See W. S. Telford, Merkel Tex. 9t4

FOR SALE—A few Pigs, ready to wean, will sell right. See O. A. Lucas, 8 miles north. 1tp

FOR SALE—Good gentle, broke Mules. For Cash or good note. See L. L. Huddleston. 16t2p

FOR SALE—One crate of Real Fresh Hams, just received. prices from \$1.65 to \$2.50. J. D. Porter. 1tp

FOR SALE—Second-hand Eclipse Windmill and piping for sale. See A. W. Hunter, Merkel, route five. 1tp

FOR SALE—Dining Table and chairs, Cabinet, Princess Dresser, bedstead and springs. Mrs. W. A. Worley, north Edward street. 16t2p

FOR SALE—The Taylor County Farm is for sale. See W. F. Frazier Commissioner from this precinct. 1t

FOR SALE—A course in Tyler Commercial College. Worth \$60.00, but if sold at once, will go at a bargain. This is absolutely one of the best Commercial Colleges in the south. For particulars, about this scholar-

**Announcements**

For State Representative:  
**JOHN N. HODGE**  
 For District Clerk:  
**J. K. FULLER,**  
**Mrs. LAURA COOK MITCHELL**  
**J. E. McPHERSON**  
 For County Judge:  
**CARLOS D. SPECK,**  
**J. M. STEVENSON**  
 For County Treasurer:  
**AUSTIN FITTS**  
 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**  
**JOHN S. BOND**  
 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**

**WHAT CAUSES KIDNEY TROUBLE?**

It is a well known fact that most kidney sufferers are also constipated or at least do not eliminate properly. The food wastes stick to the sides of the colon and become hardened. Uric poison is absorbed by the blood and the kidneys are overworked trying to get rid of it, and soon break down and become diseased.

A physician discovered a preparation known as FERRASAL, which dissolves the food wastes in the Colon and eliminates the accumulated poisons. It also aids digestion and the proper assimilation of the food and keeps the kidneys regulated. FERRASAL is absolutely harmless, contains no habit-forming drugs.

Take FERRASAL night and morning for a month. It will do the work for YOU or your money will be refunded.

"Ferrasal Saved My Life"  
 "Two doctors said I had Bright's Disease and it would be necessary to remove one of my kidneys. I started taking FERRASAL when I was unable to walk across the street. I showed marked improvement from the second box and have never had a doctor since. FERRASAL saved my life and today I am in wonderful health. Mrs. Winnie Watkins, 3816 Second Ave., Dallas, Texas."



50c per box at Merkel Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black visited with relatives here last week end. They returned to their home at Trent Monday.

Messrs. A. V. Dye, W. F. Patterson and Joe Owen, are in McKinney this week attending the state Firemen's Convention.

Prof. and Mrs. R. J. Miller were up from Clyde last week, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett, Mrs. Miller's parents.

Everybody who reads magazines buys newspapers, but everybody who reads newspapers doesn't buy magazines. Catch the Drift? Here's the medium to reach the people of this community.



**John & Truett**

MY TWO JACKS  
 Will make the season at my barn on Bitter Creek, four and one half miles north of Merkel.

TERMS \$10.00  
 When colt stands up and sucks. I take the risk. If mare is sold or parted with or removed from neighborhood where bred, fee is due at once.

**Lee Baker**

Merkel, route 1 Phone 9004-R3

ship see the Merkel Mail or Mr. C. W. Seago, Trent, Rt.2. 16t4p

NOTICE—Ford Coupe in first class condition to trade for 1923 or 1924 Ford Touring. Telephone No. 69. 1tc

**WANTED**

WANTED—Clean, white Cotton RAGS. No ducking, cotton bagging, or the sort accepted. Good Price. Merkel Mail Press Room.

**PROFESSIONAL**

PILES CURED  
 No Knife, No Pain, No detention from work.  
**DR. E. E. COCKRELL**  
 Rectal and Skin Specialist  
 IN MERKEL MONDAY, MAY 19 FOR LAST TIME AT Collins Hotel  
 If you expect to use my services You had better see me then. Phone 359 Abilene, Texas

**THOS. C. WILSON**  
 The Jeweler  
 Watches, Clocks and Jewelry Repaired  
 All Work Guaranteed  
 Located at Merkel Drug Co.

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 Physician and Surgeon  
 Hours 10 to 12 a.m. 2 to 5 p.m.  
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 Office over Farmers State Bank  
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 Insurance—Notary Public  
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 Practice Limited to

**EYE, EAR, NOSE & THROAT**  
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**"FISHING and Outing Time"**

Fishing and outing time of the year will soon be here. We are prepared to furnish you with most anything you will need in outing supplies. Cots, Camp Chairs, Paper plates, Camp Stoves, Fishing Tackle, Guns, Ammunition, Car Tents, Thermalware Jugs. Almost anything in hardware line. We have some Implements left if you need one to plant over or cultivate.

**LIBERTY Hardware Co.**

"Located in the Heart of the Clover Leaf City"

**FOR CAR OWNERS**

An advantageous purchase of new fresh, first quality Vacuum Cup Tires enables us to offer certain popular sizes at prices about one half what others ask. Look over the list, if you can use any of the sizes, come in and let us show you.  
 32x4½ Vacuum Cup Cord \$16.00  
 32x3½ Vacuum Cup fabric 13.50  
 33x4 Vacuum Cup fabric 14.00  
**WEST COMPANY** 1t

Dawson Fancy Egg Coal—Best Colorado Lump—McAlester Lump—give us your summer orders and save money. Swafford South side, phone 44. 9t4.

Lee Meeks' Home Laundry—Enemy of Dirt. All work guaranteed. Give us a trial. 16t3p

Mr. Nixon, representing the Famous National Biscuit Company, announces a big demonstration of this splendid line of goods at Bob Martin Grocery Company on Saturday, May the 17th. 9t2

**\$125 SCHOLARSHIP FREE**

For Name and address of any graduate of our \$125 course that we cannot place in \$125 a month position within ten days. Ten times as many calls as graduates. Position contract and catalogue No. 7 free. Write today. Draughon's Practical Business College, Abilene, Texas. 1t

Dodges! A 32x3½ new, fresh, first quality Vacuum Cup Fabric Tire \$13.50. West Co. 1t

**Scholarship for Sale**

Miss Ouida Campbell has for sale an \$80.00 Scholarship in the Draughon'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. 1t

**LAUNDRY SERVICE**

Semi-Finish or Family washing, everything included except silk and woolen material. Ten pound minimum at 10c per lb. Eighty per cent ready to wear. Finished work and cleaning and pressing our specialty. One day service on cleaning six days out of every week. Leave at West's, Petty's of City Barber Shop, or phone 218. Alfred H. Ligon, agent Abilene Laundry Company. 1t

The best Flour we can buy, Albatros, American Beauty and Bewley's Best. J. D. Porter Cash Grocery. 1tpd

**IF YOU HAVE**  
 Malaria, Piles, Sick Headache, Constipation, Dumb Ague, Sour Stomach, and Belching; your food does not assimilate, you have no appetite,  
**Tutt's Pills**  
 will remedy these troubles

Jack Burkhead, former Merkel citizen, was here this week on business.

**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.

**Len Sublett**

Water well Driller, all work guaranteed first-class.

Merkel, Texas

**Dull, Sluggish Feeling**

"BLACK-DRAUGHT is our household stand-by," says Mrs. Thomas H. Kell, who lives near Ellijay, Ga. "We have been using it years and years. My mother's family used it and we do here and my four sisters do, too. "I could not run my house without Black-Draught. I give it to the children whenever they need a purgative, and both Mr. Kell and myself take it. As a medicine for sluggish liver and

headache, and the ills that come with constipation, Black-Draught is fine. "Lots of times I have felt dull and sluggish, my head would ache and I had to make a great effort to do my work. A little dose of Black-Draught would correct this feeling. We always keep it on the medicine shelf." Be sure that you get Thedford's, the old, reliable Black-Draught powdered herb liver medicine. At all dealers'.

**Thedford's BLACK-DRAUGHT**  
 Over Ten Million Packages Sold a Year

**Americans Are Largest Chair Users of World**

Americans are becoming the biggest chair users among nations, says a bulletin of the national foreign trade council.

Like its user, the American chair is constantly on the move, and to make it strong enough to withstand his fidgeting, this chair now passes through 86 operations in its building. More care is taken with it than any other piece of furniture we make.

The chair, commonly regarded as stationary, may travel thousands of miles and meet many adventures in its lifetime, according to the national foreign trade council, which has taken the chair as an astonishing illustration of the international character of trade.

Two chairs that do not travel are St. Peter's chair at Rome, dating from the Sixth century, the most famous of ancient chairs; and the world's largest chair, placed as a monument near the railway station at Gardner, Mass.

The number of old and new chairs in the United States is estimated at upwards of 700,000,000, with three to four million annually manufactured. We are more favored than the European peoples of before the Sixteenth century; until that time chairs were used only by kings or the nobility, and common people stood or sat on the floor.

The ancient chair was built of heavy carved and gilded woods, and covered with costly stuffs. The Egyptian chairs were often made of ebony and ivory. Little used or moved, they lasted.

Taking its average life at ten years, and considering its daily shiftings by a lively people, the travels of the American chair in the home or office have been counted at a minimum of 186 miles. Its movings to other houses or offices, or to other vicinities, add many more miles. The travels of an American rocking chair have been placed at 442 miles. The lazy-rocker, however, is passing out of use.

**Wood "Wool" House Lining**

Household fuel bills can be cut from a quarter to a third, it is claimed, by insulating the walls of the home with a fireproof "wool" made from waste lumber. The material is said to be almost as effective an insulator as pure wool, which, of course, is too costly for building purposes.

The insulator is a flexible blanket made of spruce lumber waste cemented together and packed between two sheets of asphalt-lined, tough waterproof paper. The waste is chemically fireproofed first, and then dried by fans and steam pipes. Next it is ground by machines, cemented, and, after drying, is packed between the paper sheets. The finished product is said to be light, flexible, and easy to apply and to accommodate itself to shrinkage or vibration of the building. —Popular Science Monthly.

**Swallowing Exhibit A**

In "Anecdotes of Bench and Bar" Mr. A. H. Engelbach tells the following story of an attorney's unfortunate juggling with the evidence:

Peter Burrows, a well known member of the Irish bar, was on one occasion counsel for the prosecution at an important trial for murder. Burrows had a severe cold and opened his speech with a box of lozenges in one hand and in the other the small pistol bullet by which the man had met his death. Between the pauses of his address he kept supplying himself with a lozenge. But at last in the middle of a highfaluting period he stopped. His chest heaved; his eyes seemed starting from his head, and in a voice tremulous with fright he exclaimed:

"Oh! Gentlemen! Gentlemen! I've swallowed the bullet!"

**"Prince Rupert's Drops"**

"Prince Rupert's Drops" is the name given to tadpole-shaped pieces of glass, formed by melting the glass and allowing it to drop into cold water. If the point of the tail of one of these be broken off, the whole will at once shiver to pieces with a loud report.

Owing to the sudden cooling, the particles have not had sufficient time to arrange themselves in a stable manner, and hence they fly asunder as soon as the structure is broken. These curious drops are commonly supposed to have been discovered by Prince Rupert, the grandson of James I of England, but Faraday says that they were simply brought by him into England in 1660. —Detroit News.

**Idolized**

"It says here, 'One of the idols most revered by heathen is a figure of a woman, seated, resting her chin in her hands,'" said Mrs. Farr, reading from a book.

"Which proves they are about the wisest people on earth," suggested her husband.

"How so, Orrin?"

"Well," said Mr. Farr, with emphasis, "because they make a deity of a woman who has sense enough to give her chin a rest." —Pathfinder.

**Reminded Him of the Song**

A pun perpetrated by Comyns Carr is so bad that it is good. He was doing on a train between Southampton and Waterloo when, as they passed through a town of jerry-built monstrosities, he suddenly sat up and exclaimed: "Good heavens, what is this?"

A friend replied mournfully, "Well, Carr lay back again and shut his eyes, murmuring: 'If this be Woking, let me dream again.'"

**A COST SALE**  
— AT —  
**BRAGG DRY GOODS CO.**

When we say COST we mean **WHOLE SALE COST**—not re-marked merchandise and prices changed.

In our Millinery Department, you can buy any Ladies' Ready-to-Wear or trimmed hats at actual COST.

Our entire stock of Ladies' Suits Coats and Silk Dresses are priced at COST, no special price tags will be placed on these garments but any sales-person in our store will read the cost mark to you.

Special prices will be made on all curtain draperies during this sale.

A big shipment of Japanese and fabric parasols on display at special prices.

You can buy 36 inch Brown Domestic at per Yard . . . . . 14c

20c grade 36 in. Bleached Domestic selling at per yard . . . . . 15c

9-4 Bleached sheeting special . . . . . 49c

9-9 unbleached seeting special . . . . . 46c

This sale begins **FRIDAY, MAY 16th.** and continues thru

**Saturday, May 31st.**

**OUR LOT OF MISSES and CHILDREN LOW CUT SHOES, WORTH TO \$3.60 SPECIAL - - - - 98c**

**Bragg Dry Goods Co.**  
Place Most People Trade

**MOTHERS DAY WELL ATTENDED AT M.E. CHURCH**

At the Methodist church Sunday there was a record breaking attendance at each service. Four hundred and seventy in attendance at the Sunday school hour, and all available seating space taken at the church hour. A very appropriate program was had at the opening of the Sunday school hour, with the following taking part on the program: Reading by a member of the Philathea Class, Quartette by Messrs. Dick Coleman, Jack Durham, Tom Allday and Cyrus Pee, special prayers, and special music by the choir in keeping with the day. At the preaching hour, Miss Boog Sears very prettily sang "Mother Machree" The pastor, Rev. T. J. Rea delivered a very wonderful sermon on "Mother."

At the evening hour, the following officers of the Epworth League were installed by the pastor: President, Adrian Rea; Vice-president, Ethel Wilson;

First Department Supt., Bran- nic Bailey; Second Department Supt., Rosa Laney; Third Department Supt., Cyrus Pee; 4th Department Supt., Leonard Wills; Secretary, Murphy Thomas; Treasurer, Tom Allday; Epworth Era Agent, Roy Tucker.

**POULTRY ASSOCIATION**

Poultry Association members may deliver eggs and springs at Swafford Grain Store. The local market price will be advanced upon delivery.

Abilene Poultry Producers Ass'n.

**—NOTICE—**

After June 1, the County will pay no more bounties on Wolf and Cat scalps. W. H. Frazier, county Commissioner.

Mr. Jim Black of Big Spring, Texas, was here a few days last week. He was accompanied by Mrs. Alice Rose who had been there visiting for some time.

**Epworth League Enjoys Picnic Outing Friday**

Last Friday evening at the Methodist Church twenty-eight members of the Senior Epworth League gathered and left about six-thirty in cars for a picnic. After driving five miles north of town a pretty place was found. The boys gathered wood and built a big camp fire. Old time games were greatly enjoyed by all until darkness came. Then a lunch of sandwiches, bacon, pickles, potato chips, olives, cakes, candy, peanuts, and soda water were spread, and partaken of readily, for every one was hungry after participating in so many games.

Those enjoying this outing were: Misses Murphy Thomas, Blanche Durham, Ethel Wilson, Lillian Watts, Lillian Cole, Edna Watts, Bettye Rogers, Lota Butman, Roberta Gay, Julia Martin, Dorris Durham, and Messrs. Adrian Rea, Tom Allday, Jack Durham, Castle Ellis, Russell Pike, Loring Hamblett,

Judson McRee, Roy Tucker, Joe Riney, and Mrs. J. A. Milliken, Mrs. Maud Rogers, Rev. T. J. Rea, and Bro. Robert Hicks, all chaperones.

**Kings Daughters Meeting**

The Kings Daughters met with Mesdames Golliday and Daniel Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Golliday. Sixteen members answered roll call and had seven visitors. After the business session a delightful social hour was spent. Songs, readings, and a potato race were greatly enjoyed. Then a president contest followed, Mrs. Martin proving to be the best guesser, and received a beautiful bouquet of roses tied in the class colors. The hostess served delicious home-made cream and cake. Each one expressed herself as having a very pleasant afternoon and hoped to meet again in this hospitable home. Reporter.

Mr. R. L. Bland was here on business Monday from Abilene.

**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. C. 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 Tocatina 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 'tuma' 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**

The 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 "atches" 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 Quich 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 catch a livvor for speedin' we get it fur standin' still."—Washington Star.

**SATURDAY IS MEN'S DAY**  
AT BROWN'S

ONE DOLLAR	<b>69c</b>	SATURDAY
WORK SHIRTS		ONLY

REMEMBER WE RUN A SPECIAL EVERY WEEK AND WHEN WE SAY "SPECIAL" IT MEANS SOMETHING