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BIG TRACTOR AND GRADER AT WORK

Some few weeks ago the idea of the county buying for this Commissioner's Precinct a big Caterpillar Tractor and Grader was suggested by Commissioner W. H. Frazier and the question was immediately taken up and urged by other enterprising citizens, with the final result that through a committee from the Luncheon Club, \$1,000.00 was raised by the business men and citizens of Merkel, to be used as a cash payment and donation to the county as such on the machinery, and on last Saturday the tractor and grader were rolled out for trial, all of which proved very successful.

Then on Monday, Commissioner Frazier, with two capable and experienced men to operate the machinery, began in earnest the building of a system of good dirt roads leading into the city of Merkel, the equal of which when completed will be hard to find. The first road to receive attention is what is known as the west Noodle road, a distance of about four miles to the Jones county line. This road is fifty feet in width, just what is needed to build the type of road that Commissioner Frazier proposes to build, which has been proven by experts to be the best all-around road in the state.

The writer in company with Mr. T. J. Toombs, had the pleasure of driving out to and over the new road work Wednesday, and we want to say here and now that it is by far the best we have ever seen in the way of a graded dirt road. It is 40 feet from ditch to ditch, with a 24 foot crown, all well graded and rounded up and when finished is ready for easy travel.

The machinery being used is what is known as the 40-60 horse power Caterpillar Best Tractor and the Adams 12-foot grader. To anyone doubting the ability of these instruments to do the work most efficiently and with much more speed than could dozens of teams, we would only invite them to go and watch the work proceed. In fact we would like for those farmers and land owners who own land along roads that are now but 30 feet in width, who hope and expect to have their roads graded and made good by this machinery, to take it upon themselves to go and see this machinery work, and see the kind of road that Commissioner Frazier is putting down. We believe most every one would be willing to set their fences back in order to have such a road built along their land.

We would also state that in our opinion the farmers of the Merkel country will soon see the day when they will thank Commissioner Frazier, the Merkel Luncheon Club and other business men and citizens who fostered and promoted the idea of making this machinery investment for the Merkel Commissioner's precinct, as they are now assured of a fair system of good dirt roads leading to their trading point, which will prove a great saving to them in time and money in marketing their crops.

We understand the next road to be built is the East Noodle road, known as the road by Largent's, and when these two roads are completed it is hoped and expected that our good Jones County friends who do their trading in Merkel, will get busy and arrange for building good roads in their county to connect with these.

LUNCHEON CLUB MEETS TUES. NITE

Next Tuesday evening is the regular meeting night of the local Luncheon Club, which will take place at Ed's Cafe, at eight o'clock. Since the organization has just been successful in sponsoring and putting over some important project for the benefit of the town and country, it behooves the membership to originate and put forth something new, and finish up other matters projected or under consideration; hence the next Luncheon is expected to be one of the best and most interesting of any held.

Mr. Robert Hicks, one among the city's progressive young business men, has been selected as Toastmaster, and those present may be assured of a very interesting and elaborate program.

Let every member of the Club and all others who may desire to be present, see the arrangement committee, composed of Messrs. F. Y. Gaither, L. B. Scott, Chas. H. Jones and W. L. Diltz, Jr., and make the necessary reservations for a plate and save this committee so much walking and hunting you up. This should be done by not later than Monday noon, so as to give the Cafe man time to prepare for every one.

The Luncheon Club is doing fine work and every citizen who feels an interest in the betterment of the city should feel it his duty to take part in its work. ALL, yes every one, is invited to be present next Tuesday night.

LOCAL FORD DEALERS ATTEND DIST. MEETING

Mr. L. B. Scott, manager of the Merkel Motor Company, the local dealer for the Ford car, in company with Messrs. Luther Land, W. M. Martin and A. R. Johnston, all salesmen for the local firm, attended an enthusiastic district meeting of the Ford Managers and Salesmen at Sweetwater, Thursday.

Manager Scott, who is one of the "live ones" representing the Ford interests in this section of the state, reports a large attendance and an interesting and enthusiastic meeting.

8,385 SCHOLASTICS IN TAYLOR COUNTY

The Mail is in receipt of the following report of the scholastic population of Taylor county as has been approved by the state department, which is furnished by our able and splendid County School Superintendent, Mr. M. A. Williams.

The scholastic census rolls for Taylor County have been approved by the State Department as follows:

Common School Dists.	3337
Abilene Ind. District.	3847
Merkel Ind. District.	611
Potosi Ind. District.	210
Trent Ind. District.	203
Tuscola Ind. District.	177
Total for County.	8385

Twenty-two of the forty-one schools have closed. Many others will be out on the 23rd, and all others will have completed their terms by the 30th. of May.

Mr. J. A. Grimes of Bronte, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Bridges, is here for a visit with the former's brother, Mr. T. L. Grimes and family.

GRADUATION ON MONDAY NIGHT

On Monday night, May 26th, at the Methodist Church the graduation exercises of the Class of 1924, Merkel High School will be held. The program will start promptly at 8:30 o'clock. On this evening the 28 members of this year's Senior Class will receive their diplomas. The Seniors have prepared a short program which they invite you to hear.

Dr. P. W. Horn, president of Texas Technological College, of Lubbock, will deliver to the Seniors their graduation address. Mr. Horn is already well known in west Texas, is a man of national prominence and a good speaker. He was for years superintendent of the City Schools of Houston, later superintendent of American Schools of Mexico City, and recently elected president of the new state college located at Lubbock. You will enjoy hearing him.

Below is the program for the evening:

Invocation, Rev. W. H. Albertson.
"From Woodland and Glade" by the Senior Class.
Address, Dr. P. W. Horn, president Texas Technological Col.
Presentation of Diplomas and Awarding of Scholarships and Certificates.
"One More Song" Seniors
Benediction.

COMING TO BAPTIST CHURCH MAY 29TH

As stated in this paper last week, the Hon. W. J. Milburn, National Lecturer for the Anti-Saloon League of America, will be in Merkel next Thursday evening, May 29, and deliver his great address on "Law Enforcement," which will be illustrated by James K. Shields' six-reel motion picture drama, "Lest We Forget," which is a great illustration of the well known and famous drama, "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" multiplied by ten.

According to press and magazine reports, this illustrated lecture has won the applause and approval of the law-abiding and best citizenship of the nation wherever it has been given and shown, and this paper urges every man and woman in this city and surrounding country to be present at the First Baptist church on next Thursday evening, May 29, at eight o'clock, who believes in the necessity of enforcing all the laws upon the statute books of the nation.

3-ACT COMEDY AT COZY NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

At the Cozy Theatre on next Monday evening, May 26th, at eight o'clock, the Abilene Dramatic Club will present the three-act comedy play, "Twenty-Four Hours", (not by Elinor Glynn) which, according to personal and press reports is one of the best and most interesting comedy dramas that has ever been given in this part of the country. The cast is composed of twelve people, all talented and capable of performing their respective parts in a most pleasing and satisfactory manner.

The people of Merkel who appreciate clean, high class, wholesome entertainment will enjoy this play, and the Mail trusts that a full house will greet the entertainers from the Capitol

COMMENCEMENT SUNDAY NIGHT

The Senior Class of 1924 of the Merkel High School will have their Commencement Sermon preached to them at the Methodist Church on next Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock. An excellent short program has been prepared. You all are cordially invited to be present. Rev. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurry College, Abilene, will preach the sermon. Those who have heard Bro. Hunt on other occasions know what a treat is in store for those who hear him Sunday night. Merkel is indeed fortunate to secure such a man of prominence and ability to deliver for them the Commencement Sermon.

Seats will be reserved for the parents (only) of the Seniors, for the members of the board of trustees and their wives, and for the members of the faculty. Others desiring seats will have to arrive early in order to secure one. Seats reserved for the above cannot be held after 8:30. Please be present at 8:30 sharp.

Below is the program for the evening:
Processional, Miss Roberta Gay.
Invocation, Rev. T. J. Rea.
Hymn number 135.
Vocal Solo, Miss Fae Bland.
Sermon, by Rev. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurry College.
Hymn number 57.
Benediction, Rev. T. J. Rea.

COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES A WARNING

Several merchants in the county have come to me with propositions in a desire to stimulate their business. But these propositions, I think, clearly come within and are violations of the law. And this notice is hereby given to every concern in this county, in order that the merchants may know what should be a violation of law and in order to be fair with everyone in regard to the rival and lottery law, I give you the following information:

For example, an automobile concern desires to sell a number of cans of cold patching—large dollar sizes for a dollar—and with each can of cold patch the purchaser gets a number which entitles him to a chance at a certain automobile that is to be given away when the required numbers are sold, the lucky number to be drawn.

Another example: If where a merchant with every dollar's worth of merchandise sold gives a ticket which has two numbers on it, one the holder keeps and the other is placed in a box, at the end of a designated period, usually some Saturday. The numbers in the box are shock and some disinterested party draws one, two and three numbers from this box. The holder of the first number gets first prize. The holder of the second number a second prize, etc.

Both of the above examples are violations of law. And both of these examples have been sent to the Attorney General and his answer in part is "In our opinion the schemes devised in these two instances are prohibited by our Statutes as constituting a lottery."

Any merchant who desires to stimulate trade may do so by giving with each dollar's worth of merchandise a ticket and

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GRAMMAR SCHOOL PROGRAM TO-NIGHT

This evening (Friday) at the Methodist church at 8:30 o'clock the Graduation Exercises of the Merkel Grammar School will be held.

Due to the large number of pupils passing from the seventh grade to the High School, it will be impossible to accommodate more than the friends and relatives of the members of the seventh grade. Each member of the class will be given a number of tickets to distribute among his relatives whom he wishes to come. No charge will be made for the tickets. This method of invitations will be used to insure seats for those who are invited, only as many tickets as there are seats will be distributed.

They have prepared a nice program which you will enjoy. Below is the program:

1. Invocation . . . Rev. T. J. Rea
2. Song, "The Spring Awakens" by Seventh Grade.
3. Salutatory, Sterling Sheppard
4. Address to Class, by Rev. W. H. Albertson.
5. Presentation of Diplomas, by Superintendent Roger A. Burgess.
6. Valedictory, Gladys Deutschman.
7. Song, "Good Night" by the Seventh Grade.
8. Benediction.

The following members of the seventh grade will graduate tonight from the Grammar School and be promoted to the Merkel High School:

Mannie Barnes, Bennie Butman, Paul Causseaux, John Dee Coats, Elton Cole, Lois Curb, A. V. Dye, Jr., Paul Floyd, Gladys Acuff, Berdelle Adcock, Monetta Adcock, Flora Frances Anderson, Goldie Barnes, Venice Bell, Eunice Bird, Lola Mae Bland, Lela Brown, Marie Brown, Nell Brown, Sallie Mary Campbell, Edith Carter, Mary Cole, Elfe Chaney, Gladys Deutchman, Norma Foster, Iris Garrett, Ruby Fae Golliday, Pearl Avery, Zella Mae Beaty, W. P. Jones, Durwood Owens, Roy Propst, Sterling Sheppard, Ethel Simpson, Victor Smith, Alfred Tittle, Burnis Tucker, Fred Yandell, Mildred Hamm, Lois Suber, Elizabeth Harkrider, Milbra Suber, Rubyjo Higgins, Ruby Walton, Mildred Holloway, Gladys Watts, Tommie Kell, Clare Williams, Ina Mae Martin, Ella Murlen Weed Vera Matlock, Beatrice Armstrong, Lucille Owens, Irene Perry, Agnes Sanders, Deshazo Simpson, Edna Skurlock, Ruby Skurlock.

MUSIC-EXPRESSION DEPT. IN PROGRAMS

The Music and Expression Recitals, Misses Gay and Tracy teachers, was held Monday and Tuesday evenings at the Baptist Church, with every available seating space taken. Monday evening's program was rendered by the younger pupils, and Tuesday evening was given over to those in the older class. Too much cannot be said in the way of complimenting the two classes, for each number was very well and interestingly given.

Misses Gay and Tracy are excellent teachers and are much loved by the people of Merkel for their splendid efforts during the past two years of work in Merkel.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

28 PIECE BAND IS COMING MAY 30TH

Arlington, Tarrant Co., Tex., May 19, 1924.—The Military Band of the North Texas Agricultural College of Arlington will appear in concert in Merkel May 30th., at 8 p.m. The band is making its second annual tour of the State under the direction of Lt. L. W. Caine, Commandant and Director.

The Band consists of 28 college boys all of whom have appeared in concerts and contests over the state for the past year, having won second place at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention at Brownwood May 15th, and being the official Band of the East Texas State Fair at Pittsburg. Excellent entertainment is in store for the public at their concert offered in our city. The Band has also appeared in concert over the Dallas and Fort Worth Broadcasting stations several times this year, each time receiving a very wide spread applause from the public.

The program to be given here will include several classical numbers by the band, as well as popular airs. The band's famous Mail Quartet will render several selections, and Mr. Chas. Watson the, silver throated tenor, will sing. The program will also include a Negro sermon by Mr. Rex Everett, and a monologue by Mr. Connie Arnold, the drum Major of the Band.

The personnel of the Band: L. W. Caine, director; Edw. Bookser, E. E. Hall, W. D. England, N. D. Caine, Cerzen Zevlerly, Harry Collins, L. B. Corneliou, Octburn O'Neal, Barton Parks, Link Tidwell, William Allison, Edw. Martin, Harry Royce, Jack Boothe, Sidney Boynton, Glen Wilson, Rex Everett, Robt. Teitze, James Boone L. H. Evans, Sam Bennett, William Bennett, Lloyd Carter, Victor Cooper, Hooks Bruce, Connie Arnold, Chas. Watson.

As stated in this paper last week, the officials of the above college wrote several organization heads, pastors of the different churches and the Editor of the Mail, stating that the band was to make this town a visit, and that they would like to spend the night, Friday, May 30th, in Merkel, and wanted to know if the town would not care for and entertain the members of the band party. Rev. W. H. Albertson, pastor of the First Baptist church, upon receipt of the communication to him, immediately took the matter up with some of the leaders of his church with the result that arrangements were made for the entertainment and care of this splendid College Band.

The boys will no doubt give to the citizenship of Merkel and surrounding country a very interesting and high class entertainment, and this paper feels sure that the entire town and community will be in attendance at the Baptist church.

Owing to the fact that for the past ten days Mr. L. R. Thompson, capable cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, has been in ill health, he was unable to attend the Annual meeting of the Texas Bankers Association now in session in Austin and to take his place as one of the speakers on the program. His many friends regret his illness but rejoice over the fact that he is now improving rapidly and to the extent that he is now spending some time each day at his desk in the bank.

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Buck Moore was in the city this week after lumber and building material to be used in the handsome and commodious addition he is making to his splendid country home. In fact Mr. Moore's home when completed will be among the best and most modern bungalows in the country surrounding Merkel.

Mr. A. J. Cannon, last week purchased the S. T. Cannon Estate, eight miles northeast of Merkel, consisting of 320 acres of land. The deal was made by Mr. R. W. Hayne of Abilen, and the consideration involved was \$21,350.

R. L. Grimes, Cashier of the Farmers State Bank left Sunday for Austin, Texas, to attend the State Bankers Association.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jones, formerly of Merkel, but now residing at Sierra Blanco, arrived in the city last Saturday evening. Mr. Jones returned to their home Monday, while Mrs. Jones remained for a more extended visit with her father, Mr. J. C. Moore, and numerous friends. We are glad to learn that these good people are getting along fine in their far western home, having good health and excellent prosperity.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Arthur and two children of Plainview, Texas, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan Matthews last week.

The C. H. Oil and Development Co. oil well contract has been completed at the depth of 3500 feet, with no great showing of oil found.

COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES A WARNING

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when the purchaser has a certain number of tickets this would entitle him to a certain premium. In other words when every customer receives as much for his money as any other customer who spends a like sum there is no lottery and no chances, but whenever there is an unequal distribution it is a lottery and a violation of law. It matters not how small or how large the prize or premium given away, if one man buys a lucky chance, secures a larger value for the same money, than any other customer for the same money it is a violation of the law, and is prohibited by our statutes. Yours very truly,

FRANK E. SMITH,
County Attorney, Taylor county, Texas.

POTOSI MAN WEDS MERKEL YOUNG LADY

On last Monday, May 19, at five p.m., Elder W. G. Cypert, in his usual pleasing and appropriate manner, united in marriage Mr. J. A. Haggard, of Potosi, and Miss Inez Sharp, the ceremony taking place at the home of the minister.

Mr. Haggard is a teacher by profession, having taught some of the best country schools of the county for several years past, and is well known and highly respected by a large circle of friends throughout the county. And the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp, of this city, and is likewise a teacher, having taught in the public schools of the county for a number of years. She has been reared here and has a large circle of admiring friends.

MERKEL SCHOOLS CLOSE A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

With the Commencement Address at the Methodist church Monday evening at eight o'clock, by Dr. P. W. Horn, president of the West Texas Technological College, at Lubbock, the 1923-24 school term for the Merkel schools will have come to a close, and it goes without contradictory saying that this has been the best and most successful school year that the people of Merkel have possibly ever enjoyed.

Under the able management, progressive ideas and good leadership of Superintendent Roger A. Burgess, the Merkel Public Schools have for some five years been steadily advancing toward a school of the first class, and with the greatest progress during this year's work it has now reached a rank second to none in towns similar to that of our city of Merkel.

And to the capable efforts of Principal I. L. Jackson, as well as the very efficient corps of teachers, should much credit be given for the extra successful term this year.

While there has been capable and efficient management of our schools this year, there has likewise been a better and more co-operative spirit extended the school from the side of the patron and pupil, which makes it easier for the faculty, and which every school must have if the same reaches that degree of success which it should. Thanks for a good free public schools, under the management of good Christian, God-fearing men and women, such as are to be found in the Merkel Public Schools.

Messrs Linden Coats and Irvin Lackey returned first of the week from a ten days fishing trip to Keerville, Texas. They report having had a fine trip and plenty of fish. Mr. Lackey's grandparents returned with them for a visit.

C. T. Beckham of Trent was a Merkel visitor Thursday of last week.

'ETERNAL STRUGGLE' CAST BRAVE DANGER IN CANADA

Actors Spend Three Months in Snow Country Near Banff in Screening Metro Picture.

With a setting that reflects the majesty of the towering forests and great, open stretches of the Canadian wilderness, and a story fairly pulsating with the romance and adventurous thrills of the land of the Northwest Mounted Police, "The Eternal Struggle," at the Cozy Theatre, Friday and Saturday, not only seems like the real thing. It is.

Reginald Barker directed the picture for Louis B. Mayer presentation through Metro. The story is based on G. B. Lancaster's powerful novel, "The Law-Bringers," and the scenes were filmed in northwestern Canada on the original locale represented in Mr. Lancaster's book.

Months were spent in preparation for the trip, for mechanically it was a big engineering project, and because of the tremendous overhead on the company every conceivable obstacle had to be solved before hand in order to prevent costly delays once the filming expedition was launched.

Friendship Farewell Party

Mrs. E. L. Turner entertained the Friendship Club Wednesday afternoon with a farewell party to Mrs. L. E. Sanders, who leaves this week for California where she will make her home.

The Banquet Room on the second floor of Ed's Cafe was beautifully decorated with flowers of various colors and kinds.

Two very interesting contests were enjoyed, Mrs. Frank Golliday winning first prize in contest number one, Mrs. L. E. Sanders receiving first prize in contest number two, which consisted of a little gift of remembrance from each lady present.

Memories of bygone days were recalled, and a general history of the Club discussed. One important fact was that Mrs. Sanders gave the Club its name.

A musical reading was given by Margaret and E. L. Turner, Miss Rennie Burns at the piano. Every one enjoyed the reading very much.

Piano music was furnished during the social hour by Miss Renna Burns and Mrs. V. B. Sublett.

Several interesting games of 42 were enjoyed, also the old favorite game of cross questions and crooked answers caused much commotion.

Pimento and cheese sandwiches, strawberry ice cream and devil food cake was served to the following: Mrs. L. E. Sanders, Misses Renna Burns, Maxie Banner, Luna White, Mesdames Frank Golliday, Will Butman, Lake Renfro, Marvin Boney, Earl Stanford, Will Patterson, Sam Owens, Geo. McDonald of Abilene, Elmer Lowe, Allday, V. B. Sublett, B. T. Sublett, Agnes Sanders, and Mrs. Turner, hostess.

Mr. J. R. Edwards of the Golan Community was in the city Tuesday, in company with his son, who had lost a dun horse mule, strayed from their home in that community recently. Mr. Edwards reports a very disastrous hail throughout his community last week. He stated that in some sections the damage was great to crops and farm property, and that the trees in the wake of the heaviest hail looked as if it was dead of winter, every bit of the foliage having been beaten off.

Miss Josie Smith came in this week from Del Rio, where she has been teaching school, and will be at home with her father, F. J. Smith during the summer.

Mr. Carl Black and wife and little daughter of Trent were here a few days last week end visiting relatives.

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HENRY JAMES, Vice President.



L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier.
BOOTH WARREN, Ass't Cashier.
OWE NELLIS, Ass't Cashier.

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

Mr. A. M. Daniel, who for 35 years has resided in this section of the West, and who has been a resident of Jones county, fifteen miles north, during which time he has always made Merkel his trading point, was here one day recently and made this office a very pleasant call. He stated that he had not planted any cotton up to that time, as it was a little early according to his ideas, but that his feed was up and growing nicely. He stated that the best cotton he made last year was planted on the 18th day of May. He also stated that the Baptists of his community had just recently finished building a handsome new house of worship, which they expect to soon dedicate, and invited the writer to be present and enjoy the occasion with them.

W. O. Boney writes Hail Insurance on growing crops. 23t2

Dr. N. J. Smith and wife of Hamlin, were here one day this week for a visit with their son Warren and many friends. Dr. Smith congratulated Merkel upon the forward step taken last week in voting for a sewage system, saying also, that the city of Hamlin had such conveniences, and that same was a success and the people well satisfied with it.

We are glad to add to our large list of subscribers the name of Mr. J. D. Bradley, one of the successful farmers of the Stith community.

Miss Bettye Rogers returned Sunday from a weeks visit to relatives at DeLeon, Texas.

Mrs. J. R. Pee has as her guest this week, Mrs. J. A. Pike and Mrs. Marlin Pike and two children of Bagwell, Texas.

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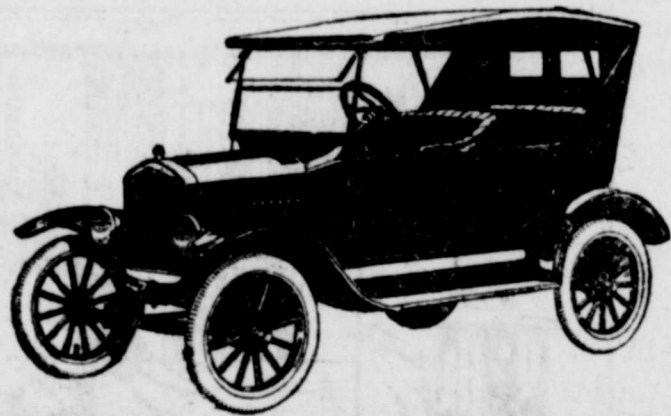
Mrs. F. P. Hamm and daugh-
ters, Evelyn and Ruby were in
Abilene Monday.

The Lula Belle Baptist par-
sonage is being nicely improved
by a new coat of paint.

Mr. Boyd Meeks, and Miss
Louise Petty of Noodle were
married in Abilene last Thurs-
day.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Burns of
Canton, Texas, are here for a
visit to W. L. Burns and family.

A new 135 horse power An-
derson Oil Engine arrived last
week and was hauled to the
Hendrix Gin at Stith.



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PERSONALS

Judge N. D. Cobb, and Grover
Hail made a business trip to Ab-
ilene last Thursday.

Mr. H. A. Vick and Miss Ven-
nie Harris, both of the Noodle
community, were married in
Merkel last Sunday by the Jus-
tice of the Peace, W. W. Wheel-
er, of this city.

Mr. R. L. Grimes, efficient
Cashier of the Farmers State
Bank, is in Austin this week,
attending the Annual Meeting
of the State Bankers Associ-
ation.

Mr. Mabin Rogers came in
this week from DeLeon, where
he has been going to school, to
make his home during the sum-
mer with his mother, Mrs.
Maud Rogers.

G. F. West is building a new
sleeping porch to his home on
Oak Street.

Mr. Cyrus Pee was at home
from McMurry College to be
with his parents last week end.

Mr. Joe Reidenbach, attend-
ing McMurry College, was at
home to spend Sunday and Mon-
day with his parents.

Mr. Davis Jones of Trent,
Texas, was here on business
Monday of this week.

Mr. Doyle Garrett of Kansas
City, Mo., is here to visit his
parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gar-
rett, for a few days.

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Company. tf

Miss Lula Mae Rucker of Ab-
ilene visited her cousin, Miss
Erma Lee Rea last week end.

Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Rea had
as their guests last week end,
Mrs. Byer, Misses Geraldine and
Geneva Greenrock, and Miss
Lola Johnson, all of Baird, Tex.

Mr. A. T. Sheppard, manager
of the Barrow Furniture Com-
pany, left Sunday to attend the
Undertakers convention at Dal-
las, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippet,
of Del Rio, are in the city for
a few days visit, before start-
ing on their trip overland in
their car to Chicago for a visit.

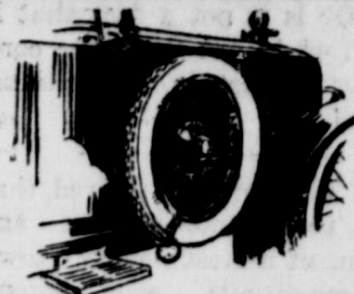
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris re-
turned first of the week from
their visit to their daughter at
Cooper, and their son at Dallas.
They report a fine trip and Mrs.
Harris's health greatly improved
because of the trip.

We are very thankful to Mr.
J. E. Halbrook, of Trent for a
letter enclosing the price of the
renewal for his subscription to
the Merkel Mail, and in which
he stated, "Just Keep 'er com-
ing, can't keep house without it,
for through the columns of the
Mail we can learn just what is
going on over the country." And
the Editor appreciates such nice
words of encouragement, and it
helps him in his efforts to make
a paper such as is appreciated
by all.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Richard-
son and children visited friends
at Lawn, Texas, Sunday. They
were accompanied by Mr. Ken-
neth Pee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burgess of
Lubbock are here this week
visiting their son, Superintend-
ent Roger A. Burgess, and to be
present during the closing ex-
ercises of our schools.

Mr. L. A. Watts returned this
week from a ten days stay at
Glen Rose, where he went in the
interest of his health, which we
are glad to learn seems greatly
improved by his trip to this
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Holly Lane



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The political pot is boiling,
but it does not seem to cook up
as many jobs as formerty.

People are not lazy any long-
er, but are merely suffering
from an attack of spring fever.

Formerly parents used to ad-
vise their children, but now the
children advise their parents.

There is one way in which
Congress might acquire some
popularity, and that is by ad-
journing.

It is not surprising that the
boys pants' industry is flourish-
ing, with all that are being worn
out while sliding to bases.

The pen is greater than the
sword, but the hoe will provide
more potatoes for dinner than
either one of them.

While we all believe in mili-
tary training, the country also
needs to see some drilling be-
hind the plough this summer.

Experts on pig raising claim
that pigs need play. Perhaps
this may explain why many of
the road hogs drive so fast on
the public roads.

Claimed the younger genera-
tion is going to the dogs, but
perhaps they are only going to
the hot dogs.

Hurrah for the good roads
move, let everyone help push it
along.

The new Road Grader arriv-
ed last week and was immedi-
ately given a trial which proved
to be fine.

In this paper will be found an
article on the question "What
Constitutes a Lottery," written
by Hon. Frank E. Smith, Coun-
ty Attorney of Taylor County.
We trust that our readers will
read carefully Mr. Smith's ar-
ticle.

How about the fellow with
the everlasting and eternal un-
forgiving spirit, who never
ceases to search for a way to
get even. Is the community
made any better by having
within its confines such a per-
son? Or is it not a fact that in
his effort to get even, the com-
munity is kept in a continual
turmoil.

It's a shame the hatred that
exists today among men and
women, of almost every town
and community, even among
those calling themselves Chris-
tians. And the further shame
of it is that such hatred exists
among the members of the dif-
ferent denominations. And in
most cases such hatred grows
out of just the mere differences
of opinions.

Messrs. A. J. Barbee and C.
T. Derrick, well to do citizens
of the Noodle community, were
here last Saturday and report-
ed lots of the farmers in their
section would have to replant
their cotton. Mr. Barbee stated
that he had some very fine oats
and wheat, some estimating
that his oats stood a fair chance
of making a yield of from 60 to
70 bushels per acre.

Mr. and Mrs. John Warnick
of Dallas, were guests last week
at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
Bob Martin. Mr. Warnick
formerly resided here and has
many friends among the old
timers.

**PRESBYTERIAN LAYMEN
TO HOLD SERVICE SUN.**

In the absence of the pastor,
Dr. S. W. Johnson's Class will
present the following program
at the eleven o'clock hour next
Sunday. Every body invited.

Song by congregation.
Offering.
Scripture reading: James 2:14-
26, Dr. S. W. Johnson.
Prayer, W. L. Diltz.
Special song, Male Quartette.
Address: History of Grace Pres-
byterian church, W. A. Camp-
bell.
Remarks, W. L. Diltz.
Special song, Male double quar-
tette.
Address: Benefits derived from
study of Characters as present-
ed in Sunday School lessons, by
Judge Cyrus Eakman.
Special song by ladies.
Benediction, F. W. Erwin.

At The Methodist Church

We are proud of the progress
being made in our Church in
that the attendance during the
year has grown steadily and
substantially, and at no place
have we enjoyed a finer fellow-
ship than is being shown in the
Merkel Methodist Church. On
Mother's Day the Sunday school
attendance was 464 and on last
Sunday there were 369 present.
On next Sunday at 11 o'clock
we will speak on "The influence
of a Cheerful Life", and we
would be glad to have every
Methodist present to hear the
message. With our church mem-
bership and Sunday school en-
rollment, we should have a reg-
ular attendance every Sunday
morning in Sunday school of
not less than 400, and we are
hopeful of soon reaching that
number, in which we solicit the
aid of every Methodist in mak-
ing that our "Goal." A "Pessi-
mist" says it can't be done; an
"optimist" says it can be done;
and a "Peptomist" rolls up his
sleeves and does it. Now, in
which class are you? What are
you going to do about it? Come
to Sunday school and church.
T. J. Rea, pastor.

Senior League Program

Subject: Preaching the Gospel
in Foreign lands.
Leader: Leonard Willis.
Hymn: Prayer.
Scripture reading: Acts 8:5-8;
19:19-21; 13:38-43; 17:22-23.
Song: Prayer.
Stories of the conversion of:
A Japanese student, Roy Tucker
An old chinese man, Castle Ellis
A Brazilian mother, Murphy
Thomas; A Man From India,
Cyrus Pee; A Korean Woman,
Dorris Durham; An African
Woman, Julia Martin; A Mexi-
can man, Loring Hamblett; A
Cuban man, Joe Riney.
Leader's talk.
Prayer; Song.
Announcements; Benediction.

Intermediate League Program

Subject: "The Gospel in the
Sunrise Kingdom."
Leader: Leonard Bailey.
Song service.
Scripture: John 14:10-14; Acts
1:8. Prayer.
Solo, Lois Dixon.
Beginning in Japan, by Elfe
Chaney.
Methodism Enters Japan, Lewis
Tucker.
Reading, Tommie Durham.
Our Mission Work, Ermalee Rea
An Earthquake Story, by Comer
Patterson.
Reading, Sallie Brown.
Facts about Japan, Orpah Pat-
terson.
Piano Solo, Inice Brown.
Benediction.

An Outing

Tuesday afternoon the follow-
ing party took an outing on the
Clear Fork and took supper on
the banks of that historic old
stream. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bick-
ley, Misses Annie Bickley, Gen-
evera Middleton, Messrs. Harry
Lee and Vernon Simpson. Be-
sides a delightful outing, a fine
catch of fish is reported.

Baptist Church

Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Preaching at 11 a.m. No service
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Make your plans now to come
next Sunday.
Two great attractions next
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Thursday night, free picture
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You're always welcome.
W. H. Albertson.

Junior League Program

1. Song.
2. Bible Lesson, Luke 20:9-16,
Lynn McSpadden.
3. A Tag that led to Africa, by
Dorothy Daniel.
4. Sneaky Jim's Necklace of
tears, Ross Ferrier.
5. The man who became a hun-
ter of souls, Victor Smith.
6. Yow-To's first lesson, Ethel
Hamilton.
7. Distribution of mite boxes.
8. Benediction.

**M. E. Womans' Mis-
sionary Society Notes**

The Womans Missionary Soci-
ety met last Monday after-
noon in Mission study. We had
for our lesson the first chapter
in our new Mission Study Book.
The Creative forces in Japan.
There were 12 present and one
visitor. On next Monday after-
noon we will have a program
from the Voice. We are looking
forward to a good attendance
at this meeting. Members, if we
are to accomplish anything
worth-while this year, we will
have to put first things first
and become interested enough
in the work to attend the week-
ly meetings and help carry on
the work of the Society.

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A Birthday Celebration

On last Sunday, May the 18th a birthday dinner took place at the home of Mrs. M. E. Young at Mesquite, Texas. The dinner was served as a surprise in honor of her sixty-second birthday. The cake was placed in the center of the table, encircled with flowers and trimmed with 62 candles and the word mother in yellow. Covers were laid for 33 guests. A color scheme of pink and white roses was carried out for the decoration of the home. The mother was seated just opposite the cake. On making a wish and blowing the candles out she turned her plate up and found an offering, each child wishing her many more happy birthdays.

Sure we love the dear silver that shines in your hair and the brow that's all furrowed and wrinkled with care. We kiss the dear fingers so toil-worn for us, Oh, God bless you and keep you mother.

The children present were: Mrs. F. A. Polly of Merkel, Mrs. M. E. Noble of Mexia, Mrs. W. M. Lewis of Wylie and C. C. Young of Dallas and Nellie Young of Tripp.

HOTEL FOR SALE

The Woodrum Hotel is for sale or trade for good farm. For particulars see G. W. Boyce. tf

Miss Vera Baze has our thanks for a subscription to the Mail which she sends to her brother, Earl, who is now living at Dunlap, New Mexico. Mr. Baze and Bill Brown, and possibly others of Merkel, have recently filed claims on government land in that state, and are engaged in improving and otherwise living up to the requirements of a bonifide home-seeker.

Nat Anderson of Petrolia, Texas, is here this week visiting with relatives and friends.

Skidmore.

Mr. Sam Martin and wife spent the week end at Rotan with the lady's parents.

Messrs. Carlton Davis and Clinton Gazzaway have returned home after an absence of several months.

Mr. Edward Blackwell and wife visited Mrs. L. C. Dubree Sunday.

Miss Vivian McLun spent Sunday with Miss Thelma McAninch.

Miss Lucille Coatman returned to her home at Elmdale Friday night.

Quite a number of people from this vicinity went to Noodle Thursday night to see the program.

The singing given by Mr. Archie Harris Sunday night was highly enjoyed.

Next Sunday is our church day. Everyone come and bring some one with you. Bonnie Bee

Mrs. L. A. Phoenix of Colorado, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. I. C. Holden, this week while enroute to visit other relatives in Dallas.

UNION RIDGE ITEMS

As I have not seen any notes from this vicinity for some time I resolved to send in a few.

Our school closed the 16th., with a short program which was enjoyed by all. We are sure that the pupils were well trained with Misses Lucille Cotman, Mabel Russell, and Audrey Porter as teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hartline entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night.

Mrs. H. C. Barnett and daughters, Lois and Lillie Claud, spent Saturday night and Sunday at Hamlin.

Mr. O. R. Douglas and wife and Mr. Nelson Gazzaway spent Sunday with Clyde and Johnnie Davis.

Mr. Oliver Dark and wife and Miss Ruth Hartline visited relatives at Tye Sunday.

Miss Evelyn Barbee visited friends in the Canyon Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Lola Mae Jones was the week end guest of Miss Pearl

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NOODLE NEWS

Health of the community is good with the exception of Mrs. Newsom, who is no better.

Farmers are busy replanting their cotton after the heavy rains and hail.

Wedding bells have been ringing at Noodle of late. Mr. Harry Vick and Miss Velma Harris, Mr. Boyd Meeks and Miss Louise Petty. We wish for them a happy and prosperous life.

T. Winter returned from Brownwood Sunday, where he went to visit his son, John Winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eason spent Sunday evening with W. J. Bicknell.

Mrs. Edward Talace spent the day Thursday with Mrs. Otto Bicknell.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox spent Saturday night with his father at Shiloh.

Miss Grace Patten has gone to Roscoe to spend the week with her sister, Mrs. Eoff.

J. O. Joplin and family visited Jerry Clinton and family Sunday night.

Mrs. Horton of Blair is spending the week with her son, Arthur Steel of this place.

Vent Steel, wife and little daughter visited in the home of Tom Jinkens on last Friday.

Miss Marson of View is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lile Cade. Little Norman Bicknell has been quite sick but is much improved.

Gurney Richards and wife spent Sunday with E. C. Richards.

Jim Spurgin spent the day Sunday with Gene Spurgin and family.

Mr. Cade and family took dinner with W. J. Bicknell and family Sunday.

Quite a crowd from here went to Golan Sunday evening to the singing, but I think they found an empty house.

J. J. Boyd and family visited

Mrs. Walter Green at Golan on Sunday.

Our school closed Friday night with a good play that was enjoyed by all present.

Our young folks certainly did well. All they need is encouragement from the older folks.

Mrs. Bob Clark was called to the bedside of her mother who is very ill. We hope she finds her better.

Mr. A. T. Sheppard, the efficient and courteous manager for the Barrow Furniture Company, returned Thursday morning from Dallas and Fort Worth. At Fort Worth Mr. Sheppard had the pleasure of attending a fine entertainment tendered the furniture dealers of the state, by the Fakes Wholesale Furniture Company, and at Dallas he attended a meeting of the State Furniture and Undertakers Association. He reports a very fine trip.

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Weekly Prayermeeting

The weekly prayermeeting will meet at the home of Mrs. Harris at three o'clock Wednesday.

Song, "Nearer, My God, to thee. Prayer, Mrs. Meeks. Lesson, the Babylonian Exile of Judah, 2nd. Chronicles 36:11-21, Mrs. Causeaux.

1. The book of the law discovered, Mossie Sears.
 2. A national Reformation, Mrs. Elliott.
 3. Repentance too late, Mrs. Meeks.
 4. The final rebellion, Mrs. Mac Busbee.
 5. The doom descends, Mrs. Joe Harris.
 6. The sorrow of the Exiles, Mrs. Estes.
 7. A prayer for salvation, Mrs. Fannie King.
- Song, "Just as I am. Prayer, Mrs. Lamar. First Corinthians, 12th chapter, leader Mrs. Meeks. Song, "Just when I need Him." Prayer, Mrs. Estes. Lesson in Genesis, Mrs. Allday. Minutes read. Closing with sentence prayers.

JOINT METHODIST REVIVAL BETWEEN NUBIA AND WHITE CHURCH TO BEGIN 4TH. SUNDAY IN JULY

..Somewhere near the spot of ground originally occupied by the old Butman gin, a brush arbor will be erected, and will serve as a gathering place for what we hope will be an old fashion Methodist Revival. The period of time covered by the services shall be two weeks, beginning July 27th. and extending until the second Sunday in August on August 17th. Rev. T. J. Rea, Pastor of the Methodist Church of Merkel will do our preaching, Bro. Cyrus Pee will have charge of the song services.

We hope to make these two weeks a time of general Revival spirit throughout the whole of our community. Everyone is cordially invited to come and take part in each and every service. Remember the date, 4th. Sunday in July, the 27th and boost for the meeting.

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

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

FOR SALE—A course in Tyler Commercial College. Worth \$80.00, 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 scholarship see the Merkel Mail or Mr. C. W. Seago, Trent, Rt. 2. 16t4p

FOR SALE—150 feet red picket fence. 150 to 175 feet oriental iron fencing. See L.R. Thomson. 1t

FOR SALE—Two second-hand two-row cultivators for sale at a bargain. See the Liberty Hardware Company. 1t

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

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Mr. W. F. Jenkins and daughter, Miss Mamie, of Menard, were here a few days first of the week. While here they visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Richardson. Mr. Jenkins came mainly to look after business interests.

Mrs. A. C. Rose, son Billie and Mrs. R. L. Proctor left first of this week for a visit in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and little daughter left first of the week for a visit in Hillsboro, Houston and Galveston. Mr. Grimes, who is a splendid member of the Bragg Dry Goods Company, is taking his vacation.

Mr. A. M. Wimberly of Abilene, was here last week looking after his fine farms near here. He is always a welcome visitor.

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

Mr. J. S. Swann who spent Monday on his fine ranch some fifteen miles northwest, reports his cattle doing well, in fact better than usual.



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

"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"

SAVED FROM OPERATION

For some time physicians have been puzzled concerning the cause of certain diseases of the Stomach, Kidneys and Blood. Many needless operations have been performed for Gall Stones, Appendicitis, Stomach and Kidney Trouble when the real cause was Colitis.

Colitis is the result of food wastes sticking to the sides of the colon and becoming hardened. They give off uric and toxic poisons, which the blood absorbs. The Kidneys are overworked in trying to rid the system of these poisons resulting in diseased kidneys, high blood pressure, rheumatism, etc.

A physician discovered a preparation known as FERRASAL, which will dissolve the food wastes in the colon and eliminate the accumulated poisons. It also aids digestion, keeps the kidneys regular and is absolutely harmless. It proved successful with hundreds of his patients and now FERRASAL can be purchased at your druggist's.

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

"I feel that your preparation FERRASAL, saved by life. I was advised to have an operation for Gall Stone. I started taking FERRASAL and in one week's time I could eat again. It has cured me and I believe it will cure any case of stomach or bladder trouble if taken properly. R. D. Elliott, 4227 Thomas Ave., Dallas, Texas."



50c per box at Merkel Drug Co.

Lee Meeks' Home Laundry—Enemy of Dirt. All work guaranteed. Give us a trial. Telephone No. 101. 16t3p

E. Yates Brown of the Brown of the Brown Dry Goods Company, is spending a few days this week in Fort Worth.

Mrs. M. R. Woodrum has been quite ill for the past few days.

The Famous Missouri Albattross Flour, regular price \$2.40 per sack, now \$2.20 per sack at J. D. Porter's. 1tp

Better see W. O. Boney and have him place hail Insurance on that crop. 23t2

Len Sublett

Water well Driller,
all work guaranteed
first-class.

Merkel, Texas

Mrs. S. C. Lowe and daughter Beulah, left Tuesday morning for Tahoka, Texas, after sending a few days with her brother, Mr. W. E. Weed and family.



Store Dawson Fancy Egg Coal and save \$1.00 per ton.

3x5 inches just the right size—Less slack—less soot. High in heat

SWAFFORD

South Side Phone 44

WHOLE BODY SEEMED IN ONE AWFUL PAIN

Morse, La.—Mrs. L. P. Lambert, who has been a popular school-teacher here for several years, recently told a visitor of her interesting experiences with Cardui.

"Just before my . . . came on," said Mrs. Lambert, "I would ache all over. My feet, my toes, my arms, hands, head—my whole body seemed to be in one awful pain. I would grow so nervous that I could not hold a cup in my hand. My husband would have to hold my coffee for me to drink. Last fall I was in such a bad condition that I had to spend about three days in bed every month. It seemed to me that I was on my last go-round."

Then one day, said Mrs. Lambert, she happened to read about Cardui and the experiences of some women who had been helped by it. "I felt that Cardui might help me if I tried it," she

continued, "for I had been suffering with similar troubles to those mentioned there. I had heard of Cardui all my life and I knew many women who said they had been helped by it. The very next day I began to take it."

"Very soon after, I began to notice my improvement. I kept on till I felt like a different woman. I gained in weight from 98 pounds to 115 and felt better than I had in years. I took six bottles right along and found it a splendid tonic. My suffering was partly due to a run-down condition and the Cardui stimulated my appetite and helped me to gain the strength I needed. . . . I take a bottle every now and then, even now, just as a tonic to keep up my strength, but I am in better health than I have been in for years."

All druggists sell Cardui. Try it.

**BRIGHTEN UP
THE HOME TOWN**

The impression of beauty in a town is not given principally by its fine public buildings or costly business structures. It comes down principally to three things: Its homes, its streets, and its parks. The condition of the homes is the principal element in these three. Any town can be beautiful, if its residents will only care for its homes.

Substantial business and public structures give a fine impression of prosperity and culture. They are a good investment within reasonable limits of expense. They make it look as if a town was doing well and going ahead.

But to get beauty, to make a cheerful looking town, you must fill the people with an affection for their dwellings, a desire to give them those loving touches and care and decoration that will turn a mere living and eating and sleeping place, into a sweet and restful and winsome home.

To get an attractive town, you must have well kept homes. The first thing to be done about many homes is to attend to simple jobs of repairs that have been allowed to go neglected.

It is astonishing how much injury to the appearance of a place some little condition of disrepair will produce. A fence with a few posts missing, or one which leans over to one side, conveys a suggestion of deterioration. Just straighten up and repair the gaps in that fence, and you have improved your place much as a good drill master improves a company of slouching soldiers.

Tumbledown sheds, chicken coops, etc ruin the appearance of many homes. The removal of such a decrepit structure would add more to the value of many places than the cost of a new one to take its place. The first step toward brightening up the home is more hammer and nail work in the back yards.

One of the biggest factors in giving a town a fine appearance is the frequent application of housepaint. A building may be unattractive in its lines, it may be ancient and plain and bare. But if it is painted regularly with some attractive color, it has a touch of modernity and it pleases.

There are many towns that have few costly buildings in their business center. But if its buildings are kept painted regularly, the town looks up to date and enterprising.

A town with many poorly painted dwellings gives an impression of seediness and dullness. Many people say they can not afford to paint at the present high cost of labor and materials. Yet they should ask themselves if they can afford to let their buildings deteriorate by exposure to the weather.

The homeseeker comes into the town with the buildings kept well painted, and he says that this is a place that is built on a substantial foundation, and it is a place with initiative and standards of achievement, and he is likely to locate in such a community.

COME TO BLAIR, TEXAS

Yes, come to Blair, second Sunday in June, three in the afternoon, as we are going to have a real time singing. No chance to fail because we will have some of the best talent in the state with us at this time. We are looking for Mr. Joe Nally and all the Dowdys from Trent, O. J. Adecock and brother, a noted bass singer, and Mr. Dan Simpson from Merkel, some from Stith, Nubia and Cross Roads, Prof. Bicknell of Noodle, also Prof. Lee Eason from Jones county and Willie Woods and Z. D. Haley of Abilene and don't you know with all these real singers we will have a time worth while. So come be with us. Come for preaching in the forenoon, if you desire. Will have dinner at my place at 12:30 or 40.

"Uncle" Tom Spears.

Millinery at Less Than COST

Fifty Ladies', Misses and children's Hats on sale Sat. at \$1.98
About two dozen Childrens Hats to sell at - - - - 98c

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 salesperson in our store will read the cost mark to you.

All \$1.25 Pre-shrunk Dress Linens at - - - - 95c
Cotton Goods are advancing but we continue to offer you 9-4 bleached Sheeting, a good one at - - - - 49c
9-4 un bleaced Sheeting at - - - - 46c
New Dress Gingham and Shirtings per yard - - - - 20c

Come In For Real Bargains

Bragg Dry Goods Co.

Place Most People Trade

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors who in any way assisted us during the illness and death of our sister and aunt. We can ask no less for each of you than that in your hours of need and sadness, you may be likewise blessed.
Mrs. W. H. Derstine and Children. 1tp

HOTEL FOR SALE

The Woodrum Hotel is for sale or trade for good farm. For particulars see G. W. Boyce. tf

Rev. R. B. Freeman, accompanied by his family were in Merkel Sunday. Rev. Freeman delivered a very fine sermon at the Methodist Church Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour.

Johnnie Ray, for many years merchant of Blair, now in business at Buffalo Gap, where he resides, was in Merkel a few hours Tuesday, having been to Trent to visit his store there. Mr. Ray believes in printers ink, and while here had the Mail do some printing for him.

We have grasshopper syrup, bran and lemons. J. D. Porter Cash Grocery. 1tp

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case, accompanied by their son, Milton, drove down to Buffalo Gap last Sunday where they were met by relatives from Winters, and together they spent the day very pleasantly in that beautiful historic West Texas spot.

Rev. T. J. Rea is spending a few days in Abilene attending the meeting of the Epworth League Quarterly Institute.

FORD USES 254 MILES OF COPPER TUBING DAILY

It takes more than 254 miles of copper tubing a day to supply just one requirement in the radiator department of the Ford Motor Company's plant at Highland Park, Detroit, under the present high production schedule. In other words the copper tubing used annually for Ford radiators would go round the world three times or if bent into a circle with the earth in the center it would stand 8,000 miles away from the earth's surface.

The radiator department is called upon to produce 9,000 radiators a day and materials necessary to attain this output run into surprising figures. In addition to the copper tubing, of which 95 pieces 18-7/8 inches long go into every radiator, other materials used in a single day's production of radiators comprises 38 tons of sheet steel, 6 tons of terne plate, 67 tons of brass, 9 tons of solder, 18,000 malleable castings, more than four miles of brass tubing for drains and 1,068 gallons of acid.

In the making of a single radiator 140 operations are necessary and every step of the manufacturing process requires unusual care.

Rigid inspection is maintained all through the process. Every part is closely scrutinized before assembling, and assembled radiators are tested under water at an air pressure of 15 pounds per square inch. Before the finished radiator is sent out from the department, it is given a final inspection for quality and appearance.

OLD COUPLE CELEBRATES THEIR BIRTHDAYS SUNDAY

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shelton's birthdays, which happen to come close together, the former being 73 and the latter 65, a great feast and birthday dinner was prepared and served by this splendid old couple's children and friends, on last Sunday at the home of their granddaughter, Mrs. J. M. Dunn Jr., with the following present to enjoy the happy occasion:

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dunn, Sr., and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott and son Roy, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Dunn and daughter, Marvin Strickland and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dunn, Jr.

All present report a delicious dinner and a general good time, and sincerely trust that Mr. and Mrs. Shelton will have the pleasure of seeing many more happy birthday occasions come and go, and that each may be permitted to be present.

Another Big Egg

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Winter, of the Shiloh Community, were in the city last Saturday, bringing with them the largest egg coming from a Rhode Island Red Hen that the writer has ever seen. The Egg measured eight and one-half by seven and one-fourth. And not only do they claim the largest egg from this breed of chickens, but they also had with them the smallest, and the funny part of it is, that both eggs were from the same hen. The smallest egg measured four by three and one-half.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sanders and family will leave Saturday via auto for California, where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders have lived in Merkel for many years, during which time they have won a large circle of friends and as citizens they are among the best in Merkel. The Mail joins the rest of the citizens in wishing for them much happiness and prosperity in their new home.

Stationery with your name and address or Monogram printed on both envelopes and paper. See Blanche Durham at Merkel Mail Office. tf

AT BROWN'S Our Special For Sat.

LADIES! THIS IS JUST WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR

EVERY LADIES HOUSE SLIPPER AT COST

PRICES **78c** **85c** **96c** **\$1.32**

Colors: JADE, Copen Blue, Purple, Fawn, Wine, Brown Black, Nell Rose, American Reauty etc.

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