

LUNCHEON MEET
The Merkel Luncheon Club will have its regular meet Tuesday night.

THE MERKEL MAIL

COMMUNITY FAIR
A Community Fair for Merkel September 19-20.
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JOE REIDENBACH IS LAID TO REST

LARGE ATTENDANCE WITH MANY VISITORS AT FUNERAL

Funeral services for Mr. Joe Reidenbach, young Epworth League worker, who came to his death suddenly last Saturday night while at Clarendon, Texas, in the interest of the League work, was held here Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist church.

Every seating space in the church auditorium was taken, people crowding the rear and front entrances of the church. Friends and loved ones came from all over West Texas, especially from the North West Texas Conference District where young Reidenbach had worked for his League and church, to pay respect for one whom they had learned to love so well. Leagues from the following towns sent delegates to attend the services: Stamford, Abilene, Clarendon, Rule, Goree, Haskell, Trent, Amarillo and Sweetwater.

The funeral procession was played by Miss Lorena Frazier. Mr. W. W. Wheeler, a close friend, with whom the deceased had made his home for several years while in Merkel, led the procession, followed by the following girls who were Epworth League members: Misses Julia Martin, Mary Eula Sears, Murphy Thomas, Ethel Wilson, Mabel Toombs and Lynn Thompson. The pall bearers were Messrs. Judson McRee, Jack Durham, Loring Hamblett, Cyrus Pee, Kenneth Pee and Russell Pike, also League members.

Favorite songs were sweetly sung by the choir, directed by Mr. Robert Hicks. A double quartette, composed of Messrs. L. B. Scott, Yates Brown, Robt. Hicks, Tom Allday, Delma Compton, Will Barnett, Tom Largent sang a pretty number. Bro. R. E. Huston, evangelist offered a prayer. Scriptures were read by Rev. Oren W. Carter of Stamford and Rev. W. E. Hamilton of Anson. Pastor T. J. Rea, assisted by Rev. W. M. Murrell, of Chillicothe, and Rev. Elmer D. Landreth, of Oak street church, Abilene, held the rest of the services.

A great profusion of flowers from friends and loved ones was banked all around the chancel rail. Tables and stands were arranged with beautiful flowers. Indeed was the floral offering so great that many boxes containing beautiful flowers were only opened, as there was no room left in the church auditorium for them.

Following the services at the church, the remains were laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Joseph Henry Reidenbach was the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Reidenbach, and was born January 2, 1898 in the Mount Pleasant community near Merkel. Besides the father and mother, the deceased is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mary Click and Miss Bessie Reidenbach, and an aunt, Miss Georgia Reidenbach, of the immediate household, besides many other close relatives.

It was in the spring of 1920 that Joe was converted and joined the Methodist church at Merkel. And it was from the time of his conversion that the Christian life of Joe began to yield forth its great spiritual influences. His membership remained in the Methodist church at Merkel until the past fall, when it was removed to Oak Street Methodist church, Abilene.

As was told by Rev. W. M. Murrell, of Chillicothe, who was

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DEBATE ON GOVERNORS RACE TO-NIGHT

According to reports published in the Abilene Reporter the past few days, Rev. Lewis N. Stuckey, of Abilene, and Judge J. M. Wagstaff, also of that city, will meet in joint debate at the Tabernacle in Merkel tonight, at 8:00 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing the issues involved in the present campaign for Governor in Texas.

Rev. Stuckey will speak in behalf of Felix D. Robertson while Judge J. M. Wagstaff will speak in behalf of "Ma" Ferguson.

Let every man and woman come. They should come. But it is to be hoped that those backing each speaker will act like decent people and give their opponent a fair deal. It's all right to cheer your favorite when he makes a point, but be a gentleman and when the other speaker is talking, keep quiet and take your medicine.

FIRST BALES OF COTTON ARE SOLD

The first bale of 1924 cotton brought to Merkel for this season was brought in late Wednesday afternoon by Mr. Andy Shouse, of South of Trent, was ginned by the Fred Guitar gin. The bale weighed 385 pounds, but at this writing had not been sold.

The second bale was brought in by Mr. L. W. Cox, residing a few miles south of Merkel, and was ginned by the F. P. Hamm Gin. Mr. Hamm also bought the cotton at 30 cents per pound. While there had been no bonus raised for the first bales, it is expected that a nice premium will be made up for each of the two. Last year the first bale was received August 10, and was sold for 22 1/4 cents per pound.

BIG DAY EXPECTED AT M. E. CHURCH SUNDAY

Presiding Elder of the Corsicana District, Rev. C. A. Bickley, will be here and will preach at the morning church hour and also at the evening hour. Come hear him. Those who have heard him will need no further invitation, for he is a splendid speaker and a good man. Rev. Bickley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bickley of this city.

Last Sunday there was unusually well attendance at both the Sunday school hour, there being 301 present, and at the eleven o'clock service. There is enthusiasm and interest shown in all services. There is always a welcome for every stranger. We invite you to come to both the Sunday School and church services Sunday.

T. J. Rea, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson and their daughter, Miss Lynn, returned last week from their visit to L. P. Jones and wife at Sierra Blanco. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson report one of the most pleasant trips of their lives, and declare Mr. and Mrs. Pat Jones capable of extending the highest and most cordial entertainment known to the West, which is saying a whole lot, and yet most every one in Merkel knows that Mr. and Mrs. Jones are just that kind of folks.

Judge and Mrs. C. Eakman of Amarillo, Texas, returned to their home Thursday morning after an extended visit with their daughter, Mrs. W. L. Diltz.

SEWER BONDS SOLD WORK BEGIN SOON

NO DELAY EXPECTED AS MONEY FOR BONDS IS DEPOSITED HERE

Mayor H. C. West received word yesterday to the effect that the money amounting to \$55,000 would be placed to the credit of the city of Merkel, in a local banking institution on that date, received from the sale of the Sewer bonds voted last spring, which bonds were approved by the Attorney General's Department last week. Some time ago the bonds were sold at par and accrued interest, and besides the bonding company is to pay all expenses of printing the bonds, etc.

And the Mayor states he expects 2 ditchers here next week and that work on installing the system will be started at that time. The same company that will put in the system here has just finished putting in sewers at Winters. And they did the work in five weeks, and the city had considerable bond money left in the treasury after they were installed.

With a fine system of good dirt roads, a sewer system and a few other civic improvements, we expect to see this old town take on new life.

MANY FROM HERE HEAR JOINT DEBATE

Quite a number of Merkel citizens drove over to Baird Wednesday night to hear the joint discussion held in that city by the Robertson and Ferguson supporters, wherein the Rev. Lewis N. Stuckey, of Abilene, and Judge J. M. Wagstaff, also of that city, were the speakers.

There was a tremendous crowd present, and naturally the friends and supporters of both sides of the question went away feeling that their speaker had won the discussion, and this writer will not discuss the merits of either side, further than to say that although Judge Wagstaff is an able attorney and politician of many years standing, no one who had any fears that Mr. Stuckey would not be able to take care of himself in such a controversy, would think so had they been present.

These men are scheduled to speak at the Tabernacle in Merkel tonight, and it is hoped that every man and woman voter in this part of the country will be present and hear them discuss the two candidates for Governor of Texas.

Some Fine Peaches

This office is under everlasting obligation to that big hearted citizen, Uncle Tom Toombs, for some of the biggest, most beautiful and best peaches we have ever been presented with. They were grown in Mr. Toombs' splendid orchard at his home in the city.

In presenting them "Uncle Tom" stated that he did so with the view that the Editor would need them to stem our hunger while making our trip up salt river in case the election next Saturday did not go according to our liking.

Mrs. J. B. Ferrier, who has been visiting her son, Mr. Geo. Ferrier at Sumpter, New Mexico, arrived home Saturday, accompanied by her son, who will visit here a while.

THE LINE-UP IN ELECTION SAT.

GOVERNOR'S RACE OVERSHADOWS INTEREST IN COUNTY CONTESTS

Tomorrow, Saturday August 23, will close one of the hottest and hardest fought political battles that has been waged in Texas since the memorable Hog and Clark campaign, which is only remembered by the older voters of this state.

In the election tomorrow there are seven state offices and five county offices to be voted upon, as follows:

- For Governor:
 - Felix D. Robertson of Dallas county.
 - Miriam A. Ferguson, of Bell county.
- For Lieut. Governor:
 - Will C. Edwards of Williamson county.
 - Barry Miller of Dallas county.
- For Attorney General:
 - Dan Moody of Williamson county.
 - Edward B. Ward of Nueces county.
- For Comptroller:
 - S. H. Terrell of McLennan county.
 - O. D. Baker of Milam county.
- For Railroad Commissioner:
 - (6-year term)
 - Clarence E. Gilmore of Van Zandt county.
 - Ed. E. Weaver of Bowie Co.
- For Railroad Commissioner:
 - (4-year term)
 - W. A. Nabors of Wood county.
 - Lon A. Smith of Travis county
- For Chief Justice Supreme court
 - C. M. Cureton of Bosque Co.
 - Wm. C. Wear of Hill county.
- For District Clerk:
 - Laura Cook Mitchell.
 - J. K. Fuller.
- For Sheriff:
 - John Bond.
 - H. T. O'Bar.
- For Tax Assessor:
 - J. T. Howard.
 - Mrs. Florence Vance.
- For Co. Commis. Pre. No. 2:
 - T. R. Lassiter.
 - Phillip A. Diltz.
- For Co. Com. Pre. No. 4:
 - Henry Newby.
 - J. H. Moody.

REGULAR LUNCHEON NEXT TUESDAY NITE

The regular Luncheon of the Merkel Luncheon Club will be given at Ed Turner's Cafe, next Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock, August 26. Mr. Dee Grimes will preside as toastmaster and a good program is assured. As well as an important business meeting anticipated. All members are urged to be present, and every body is cordially invited who desires to partake of same. L. R. Thompson, Pres.

Dies at Bronte

Mr. T. L. Grimes was called to Bronte last Sunday morning to attend the funeral of his nephew, 37 years of age, who died the day previous, following an operation for appendicitis. Deceased was the son of Mr. T. L. Grimes' older brother and was a cousin to Mr. R. L. Grimes and Dr. M. Armstrong, who accompanied Mr. T. L. Grimes to Bronte for the funeral.

This paper joins their many friends in extending deepest sympathy.

Rev. W. M. Murrell of Chillicothe was here a few days this week to attend the funeral of Mr. Joe Reidenbach.

ROGER HAYNES SHOT TO DEATH

A telegram was received here early this (Thursday) morning stating that Roger Haynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes, of this city, had been shot and killed at Shreveport, La. The message did not give any details leading up to the cause of the killing, only stating that the body of the dead man, accompanied by his brother DeWitt, who was with him in Louisiana, would arrive in Merkel on the five o'clock train Thursday afternoon.

Arrangements are being made for the funeral to be held some time in the afternoon of today (Friday).

This paper joins the citizenship in extending deepest sympathy to the good father and mother of the deceased, during this their saddest hour. A more extended write-up next week.

ARMORY BOYS RETURN FROM CAMP

The First Battalion Headquarters Detachment and Combat Train, 131st Field Artillery entrained for Camp Stanley, Texas, August 3rd, returned to their home station August 19th. Camp Stanley is located 22 miles from San Antonio, Texas. Artillery practice with the famous French 75mm guns was held every day. 12th Field Artillery of the regular army furnished material and assisted in the instruction.

The following is a list of the boys going from here and the officers: Capt. Robert I. Grimes. Lt. Robert R. Adams, Lt. William L. Diltz, Lt. James R. Brown, Sergeants: Stuart A. Grimes, Lake J. Renfro, Carlton L. McLeod, William C. Daniels. Corporals: Bowie H. Floyd, Walter Frazier, Weldon B. Wells, John A. Woodard, Privates, 1st Class: Jack A. Goode, Stephen H. Haynes, Dallas C. Hand, J. D. McCaughey, Chris H. McGhee, Delbert Polly, Kenneth Sharp, Stanley Stanford, Gilbert C. Walton, Privates: Virgil Adams, Evan H. Allen, Euel P. Allen, Melvin Ash, Cecil O. Benge, Ted R. Bicknell, Jessie W. Childress, Lenden A. Coats, Billie Cobb, George E. Cox, Fred N. Giles, Lewis E. Giles, Samuel E. Gilmore, Morris G. Goode, Hugh W. Mayfield, Ernest W. Moore, James E. Morris, Roy Owen, Aubrey Reagan, Wilbur E. Reagan, Herbert L. Russell, Lester C. Tittle, Carlton O. Vick, B. M. Williams, Jr.

EVANGELIST HUSTON IN MEETING AT ANSON

Mr. R. E. Huston, personal Evangelist, who held a meeting for the Methodist people here in the spring of 1922 is holding a meeting at Anson, Texas, for the Methodists there. Mr. Huston is one of the very best evangelists in Texas, and is especially a great personal worker to win people to Christ. It will be remembered by many what wonderful success he had in the meeting here, there being over a hundred conversions and reclamations during the revival. And during the time that he spent here, he won many personal friends. Brother Huston was here Tuesday to attend the funeral services of Mr. Joe Reidenbach.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rose of Hot Springs, Arkansas, are here for a visit with relatives.

COMMUNITY FAIR HERE SEPT. 19-20

PLANS BEING FORMULATED BY LUNCHEON CLUB COMMITTEES NOW

Some months ago the question of whether Merkel would have a Community Fair was discussed at the Merkel Luncheon Club and that organization decided to have such an occasion.

Col. J. A. Buford was made chairman of the Committee appointed to make the arrangements and put the Fair over. Mr. R. A. Ellis was appointed as manager of the Poultry and live stock exhibits. Mesdames Fred Groene and Frank McFarland were appointed to have charge of the Fine Needle work, cooking and Fine Arts Displays.

At a meeting of the general committee it was decided that the Fair would be held on September 19th and 20th, and Col. Buford and the other members of the Committee are hard at work making the necessary arrangements. And, let this writer say here, that we know by experience that they are entitled to and should have the united and unstinted support of every man, woman and child in and about Merkel.

In getting up this Fair, we are mindful of the fact that the late hot, dry weather has made the crops of all kinds very short in this community, and that the exhibits will in all probability not be up to those of last year, and yet we should have a fine fair. And we can, if all will cooperate.

Through the courtesy of Dr. R. I. Grimes, Captain of local Army Unit, 131st Field Artillery, the Fair will be held this year in the Armory building. Dr. Grimes, who is always found anxious to lend any assistance toward any movement for the progress and betterment of the city, has turned the entire building over to the committee to be used as they see fit, and further assuring them that the Armory Boys will also help in putting the occasion over.

The Community Fair is a fine thing, and especially every business man should join hands in making the occasion a success. Also, we would say to the farmers, and every one else, that they should prepare to bring their exhibits and place them in the contests for premiums which will be offered.

Mr. Buford has raised a nice sum of Cash to be given on premiums and it is expected that the business houses will also offer individual and interesting premiums, a list of which will be published soon.

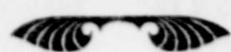
A DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

The election next Saturday is a Democratic Primary, expected to be participated in only by Democrats — Democrats who pledge themselves to go to the polls and vote for the nominee in the general election, and any man or woman who does vote in the election Saturday and then votes any other but the Democratic ticket in November is and should be considered a violator of said pledge.

Underwent Operation

Dr. Frank Armstrong, son of Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, of this city, underwent a successful operation in Abilene first of the week for appendicitis. It is said that although he had been suffering from appendicitis for a long time, he withstood the operation well, and would soon be up and about again.

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When you place money in this institution for safe keeping, it is not alone in our recognized strength and stability that a comfortable feeling of security is afforded.

The Texas State Laws, under which this Bank is chartered, provide for a Depositors Guaranty Fund, of which this bank is a member, which insures absolute protection against loss.

To take advantage of this wise provision, let the Farmers State Bank guard your funds.

Farmers State Bank
MERKEL, TEXAS

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF E. S. TUCKER

At a stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A.F.&A.M. held on the 9th day of Aug. A.D. 1924, the following resolutions were adopted:

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Merkel, Lodge No. 710 A.F.&A.M.: We your committee appointed to draft resolutions in Memory of Brother E. S. Tucker, beg to submit the following:

Whereas, on the 21st day of July, A. D. 1924, it pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in His Infinite Wisdom to remove from our midst, our Dear Brother, E. S. Tucker and to transplant Him as a member to that Celestial Lodge Above where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides; and,

Whereas Brother Tucker, for the Greater part of his useful life been a True and Tried Mason, always Loyal to every Cause for the upbuilding of Masonry and all kindred Institutions, he was a Loyal and Pioneer Minister of the Gospel, a Loving Husband, and a Patient and forgiving Father; that in the Death of our Brother this lodge has lost a Worthy Member; one who lived and practiced the true Principles of Our Order in every day life, and His every life was a living example of these Great Tenets, Faith, Hope and Charity; having Faith in God, Hope in Immortality and Charity toward all Mankind; ever ready to lend a helping hand to a Brother or a friend, to aid him in reformation, and while We drop a sympathetic Tear for His bereaved Ones, we bow in humble submission to the Will of our Heavenly Father, and leave in His hands the Soul of our departed Brother.

Be it further resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy delivered to the Bereaved Family of our departed Brother, and a copy handed to the Merkel Mail for Publication, and that the members wear the Usual Badge of mourning for thirty days. Respectfully Submitted,

N. D. COBB
W. A. TITTLE
W. O. BONEY. 1t

FARMS AND RANCHES FOR SALE

I now have the largest list of lands I have ever had on by book. Have farms listed from \$12.40 per acre to \$100.00 per acre, owing to quality and location. And I have 1,280 acres of good land just over the state line in New Mexico, to trade for Merkel property, or farm land here. I also have a contract to sell land in several West Texas counties on small payments and long time. I have been over these lands and can tell you about them.

So, if you want a home in Merkel, a farm here or out West, it will pay you to see me, as I make it my business to get the best bargains to be found, and can save you both time and money by showing you what I have. Have over 10,000 acres on my book. See or write E. D. COATS, Merkel Texas, over West Company store. 15t2

Second hand Ford Coupe, motor in A-1 condition, good tires, lock steering wheel, foot accelerator, cut out, big electric horn, new paint, a real bargain. Price \$200.00 Merkel Motor Co., authorized Ford dealers. 1t

Messrs. J. P. Aycock and C. G. McCord of Sweetwater, representing the Sweetwater Monumental Works, were here first of the week in the interest of their business. They have the best Monumental works in all West Texas, and any one wishing a monument for a deceased relative will do well to see them.

Miss Gladys Milliken returned last week from a visit with relatives at Duncan, Oklahoma. She left Friday for Tuscola, where she has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Dewey Brown, this week.

PERSONALS

Mr. George Sharp spent last Sunday with friends at Hamlin.

Mrs. R. H. Turner of Meridian spent a few days this week with Miss Amanda Curtis.

Messrs. Newton Cobb and Zedic Johnson visited friends in Clyde, Texas, last week-end.

Mr. L. B. Scott was in Abilene last week-end visiting with his parents.

Mrs. Austin Fitts of Abilene was here visiting with friends last week-end.

Red Nelson, express messenger on No. 5, was here Friday of last week calling on friends.

Mr. Ab. Sheppard of Shep, Texas, was here visiting with relatives and friends Monday.

Mr. Melvin Hail and family of Meadows are here visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Lottie Butman spent the week end visiting with Miss Autry Porter.

Mrs. S. D. Gamble and two children, David and Elma Mae, are visiting relatives at Dallas and Fort Worth this week.

Mr. Homer Jobe and family spent several days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe.

Mrs. Laura Gray and daughter, Miss Virginia, of Arkansas, are here for a visit with the former's father, Mr. F. J. Smith.

Dr. J. H. Craig of Dallas, a former Merkel citizen, is here this week looking after business interests.

Rev. Gaston Foote, now assistant pastor of the Methodist church at Sweetwater was here Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Kenneth Watkins of Electra is here this week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Watkins.

Another car Colorado Lump Coal to go at summer price of \$13, delivered in town—Come guess at our big lump. Swafford, south side, phone 44. 1t

Messrs. Geo. West and wife, John West and wife, and Weston West returned first of the week from a pleasant trip to the Davis Mountains.

Commissioner and Mrs. W. H. Frazier returned first of the week from a visit to the former's parents at Haskell. Mr. Frazier reports fine crops in that county.

Mrs. George Cauthren and son of Brawley, California, visited relatives last week here. They left Monday for Snyder, Texas, where they will visit a while before returning to their home.

M. L. Dry and wife returned to Hamlin last Sunday after a visit of a week with Mrs. J. M. Dry and daughter, Miss Loyce. Mr. and Mrs. Dry are preparing to move soon to Dublin, where Mr. Dry has accepted a place with a Drug Store there.

Dr. R. I. Grimes and wife and two children, Mary Elizabeth and Robert Jr., visited Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Hayes and daughter, Miss Esther, at Kilean, Texas. They report a most enjoyable visit. Rev. Hays will be remembered as a former Merkel pastor of the Methodist church.

Mrs. A. P. Smith and son, C. C. Smith of Merkel, spent the week in the city guests of her daughter, Mrs. O. F. Leerstang at 706 Orange street. She returned home Monday taking her grandson, Earnest Leestand with her to spend the week.—Sweetwater Reporter.

Cotton Picking is Near at Hand

—and in anticipation of a fairly good crop we have improved and increased our facilities for taking care of our customers.

We give you credit for your cotton checks whether they are drawn on this or some other bank.

If you are a member of the Farm Bureau, we have perfected a system unexcelled for keeping your account with the bureau.

We invite you to deposit your cotton checks in this bank and share in the service we render.

If you wish to establish relations with a Safe, Strong, Conservative Bank, abundantly able to care for all the legitimate needs of its customers, we invite you to deposit your

COTTON CHECKS IN



The Old Reliable
FARMERS & MERCHANTS
National Bank

NAZERINE REVIVAL

The Mail is requested to announce that the Nazarine Revival will begin at the Tabernacle in Merkel, on August 29th, to be conducted by Evangelist J. A. Puett and wife, of Roby.

It is expected that a competent pianist and choir director will be present to help in the meeting. Everybody is cordially invited to attend and take part in the meeting.

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J. N. CARSON
GROCERIES

TO MY FRIENDS

Once more, Dear Friends, I am calling your attention to the Fifth Sunday Singing which will meet under the tabernacle in the beautiful city of Merkel at 10 a.m. August 31st. We want this day to be the best day in the life of our convention in the way of music and also dinner. So now, to all classes, please come, give us a good turnout from each one and bring plenty of hog and hominy and any thing else to eat that you think would fit the taste of a hungry singer or a special friend. So let's all bring a basket, not a little one, but a big one, and have it full of good things to eat, and show every one that we can spread as fine a dinner in Merkel as any place in Texas. And remember this is for all, every body, no creed or church to have any preference, but a real music time for all. We will have some of the best talent in the state there. People who can sing any thing in the book. So if you have a special song, come and put it on and if you need any help there will be people there able to lend any assistance you need. We truly hope some class will be there to call for our next convention, but remember Blair always takes it when no one else asks. Hurrah for Blair. So all classes that have books bring them along so we will have plenty, and listen now, good friends, no not forget to bring dinner for I'm hungry now. Yours truly, T. H. Spears.

PREACHING AT STITH

There will be preaching at Stith Methodist Church next Sunday, August 24, at both the morning and the evening hours. Let us start in for a real battle on the homestretch before our annual conference. B. Y. Dickinson, pastor.

WANTED—Second hand Fords. Merkel Motor Company, Authorized Ford Dealers. 1t

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—221-acre farm, two sets of improvements, 165 acres in cultivation, five miles north-east of Noodle, one and one-half miles from school and church. Half cash, balance easy. \$27.50 due loan Co. \$55.00 per acre. See F. J. Smith, motor Rt. B., Anson, Texas. 1tpd

FOR SALE—1923 model Studebaker Special Six Roadster, 1923 model Dodge Coupe, 1920 model Dodge Touring, all in A-1 condition. Cash or terms. MARVIN BONEY. 1t

FOR SALE—Good mules and a double-row John Deere Cultivator. See C. W. Simpson, Trent, Route 2. 22t2p

MARES and MULES—Have some good work mares and young mules would trade for good Ford car. See H. P. Wilkins. 1tp

FOR SALE—A good 135 acre farm within 1 mile of town. Terms if desired. See W. S. J. Brown at Brown Dry Goods. 1t

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FOR SALE—Farm in Gains county. Will trade for town or farm property in or near Merkel. Dan Ridenbauch. 8t3p

FOR SALE—My place of 100 acres, five miles north of Merkel. Also have some property close in, in Merkel for sale. Phone or write H. P. Wilkins, Route one. 15t2pd

FOR SALE—Shetland pony and saddle \$50. Would trade for good horse. T. J. Beidleman, City. 15t2p

WANTED

WANTED—Second hand Fords. Merkel Motor Company, Authorized Ford Dealers. 1t

WANTED—Stock to pasture. Good pasture, ever lasting water. Six miles north of Trent. Lee D. Williams. 1t

FOUND

FOUND—2 Mules and 1 Horse. Have been on my place since 1st April. Mules are black and about 2 years old; horse is sorrel and 2 years old. Owner see G. W. Cox, Jr., Route 3, Merkel. 1tp

Fall Is Here

THE BETTYE BONNET BOX

wishes to announce
its informal opening
on next Saturday
August 23.

We already have several
shipments of the newest
Millinery for Fall. Also
new materials and trim-
mings are ready for Fall
business.

YOU have a special in-
vitation to see us on next
Saturday.

Don't Forget.

If you are wanting to buy a
good farm close to town, see W.
S. J. Brown at Brown Dry Goods
Co. Terms if desired. tf

Now if those splendid athle-
tes who throw the hammer so
wonderfully, will show equal
power in throwing forkfuls of
hay up to the barn lofts, all will
be well.

UTILIZING CIVIC ENERGY

A visitor remarked the other
day, regarding conditions in her
home town, that a certain lady
who was a perfect dynamo of
energy, was not permitted to ac-
complish much for the benefit of
the community, because some
people did not like her. She had
a considerable desire for the
lime-light, and might have been
considered to force herself to
the front a little, which was
some what irritating, particular-
ly to the older residents. They
did not care to see one who was
a newcomer given a position of
so much prominence.

Yet this woman was intelli-
gent and progressive, she liked
to work in public causes and was
willing to give her time to them.

Her failing was after all a
minor one. If people were not
sensitive, they might not be im-
pressed that way. Many peo-
ple who have done large work in
the world have had a certain
amount of conceit. They have
been pretty well satisfied with
themselves, else they might not
have stood all the criticism and
faultfinding that is apt to come
when a person attempts to ex-
ercise leadership.

Some people are sharply re-
pelled by a person who has self-
assertive traits, or any other
characteristics that seem to be
inconsistent with the most fin-
ished culture. They can't ad-
just themselves to these folks,
and are so antagonized that
they will not work with them.

Any person who is willing to
work for the good of the com-
munity, and who has a fair de-
gree of intelligence in carrying
on such activities, is a valuable
asset, and one to be made the
full use of. If in Merkel the peo-
ple will follow only those per-
sons who are free of all faults
and follies they are likely to
have to wait a long time before
they accomplish the ends the
community might easily attain.

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Merkel Mail office.

AMERICA'S SOUL

An expression somewhat fre-
quently used by clergymen in
their sermons, is that this coun-
try is in danger of "losing its
soul". If you asked them to de-
fine what they meant, they
would say that the American
people are pursuing material-
istic ends so intensely, that they
are allowing their higher na-
tures to starve. They are chas-
ing after money and pleasure
with too fervent ardor.

The warnings of the moralists
have some effect to rouse peo-
ple from such pursuits, and show
them the selfishness of their
lives. A man of sense dislikes to
appear too self centered. He
realizes that it is not good form
to grab all the good things of
life for himself and think noth-
ing whether other people are
getting their share.

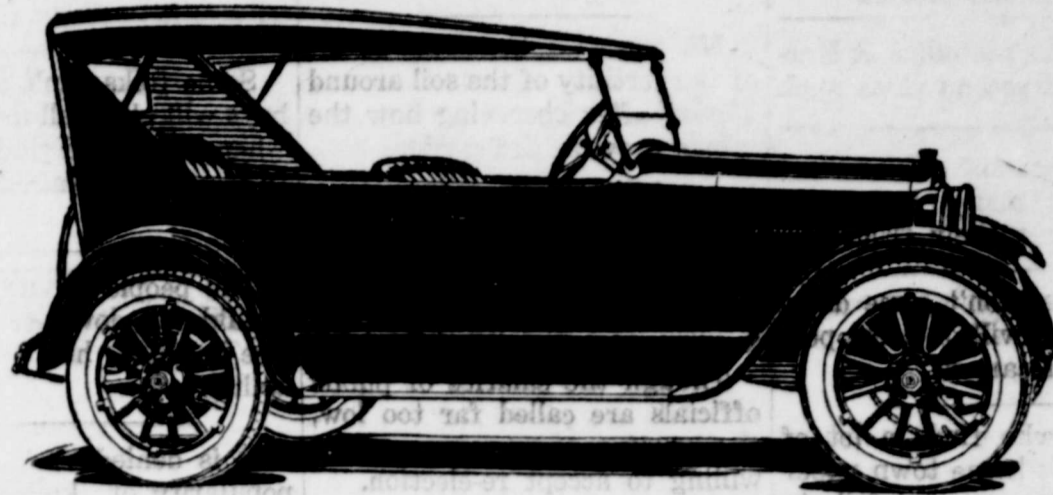
He can often be made to see
that selfish conduct in a man is
about the same thing as the ac-
tion of the greedy boy at a child's
party, who grabs the big share
of cake without waiting to see
that others get their portion.

All educational institutions
and churches should be centers
where a noble view of life is dis-
seminated. The colleges dwell
largely on such thoughts, and
present a philosophy in which
good citizenship and public ser-
vice and generous conduct are
exalted as the ideals that young
people should follow, rather than
materialistic pursuits. The great
number of young people who are
now taking the higher education
should constitute a leaven of
culture and ideals.

Every community organiza-
tion, every club of women and
men which has good speakers
and talk upon civic subjects,
can help circulate these finer
views. The newspapers of Amer-
ica do their share, as they
preach public service as the ideal
to be sought rather than money
getting. In these ways America
can save its soul.

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Dodge Brothers Cars are constantly improved but
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ways spotlessly clean, manage it only by
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The others simply do their cooking in
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MRS. A. N. GORDON OF TRENT DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. A. N. Gordon was born
November 3, 1871, was convert-
ed at the age of eleven years,
and joined the Methodist church.
She lived a devout Christian life
from the time she was converted
until the Lord said it is finished.
November 3, 1889, she was mar-
ried to Mr. A. N. Gordon. To
this union was born five child-
ren, three boys and two girls,
who are left to mourn with their
father the loss of a kind and
loving mother and wife. The
morning of August the 18th,
1924, Bro. Gordon went to awake
her and found that her spirit
had returned to its maker. The
Lord had said, well done thy
good and faithful servant, enter
thou into the joy of thy Lord.
Bro. Gordon's children are all
married but one young son. He
and his father are left alone.
Dear ones, while you are sad
heaven and the angels are hap-
pier by her coming.

May God's richest blessings
rest upon you bereaved ones is
the prayer of the writer. To the
young man left alone, you will
miss your dear mother in the
home, you will perhaps come in
home at times and wonder where
mother is, but remember she is
just inside the eastern gates
beckoning for you, so be true to
the Lord. Mother can't come to
you, but you can go to her. A
mother has gone from her home
and household cares into the
Master's presence.

Mother Dear, we are lonesome
here,
How we miss your loving face,
You left us all to remember
None on earth can take your
place.
Sleep on, dear Mother, your
work is over,
Your willing hands will toil no
more.
On earth there's grief; in
Heaven there's rest.
We miss you most who loved
you best.

A good wife has been called
from the duties of this life into
the dwelling place of the most
High. At the age of fifty-two
years, nine months and 14 days.
Not only a good wife and mother

gone, but a true friend, how we
will miss her smiling face. She
was loved by all that knew her,
we have heard so many kind
words spoken of this good fam-
ily. But weep not as one that
has no hope. Let her grave be
a sanctuary where you shall
draw near to God. So live that
you shall meet her in Heaven.
The sweetest words in history
are, Mother, home and Heaven.

Funeral services were con-
ducted by Rev. John B. Heibert
and Bro. R. V. Tooley of Syl-
vester, and then Sister Gordon
was laid to rest in the Newman
Cemetery.

So live that when thy summons
comes to join that innumerable
caravan that leads to that mys-
terious realm where each shall
take his place in the silent halls
of death, thou go not like the
quarry slave at night, scourged
to his dungeon, but soothed and
sustained by an unfaltering
trust, approach thy grave like
one who wraps the drapery of
his couch about him and lies
down to pleasant dreams.
Servant of God well done,
Thy glorious warfare's past,
The battle's fought, the race is
won,
And thou art crowned at last.

By her pastor, Jno. B. Hilbert,
Trent, Texas.

Mr. Thos. Durham attended a
political speaking at Abilene on
Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sanders
attended the political speaking
at Abilene Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. West, left
Wednesday for a two weeks va-
cation trip and visit to Marlin,
Oklahoma.

Mr. Wrenn Durham, Misses
Tommie, Dorris and Blanche
Durham returned from a trip to
Crosbyton, Texas, where they
visited relatives.

Mrs. Burt Kimbrough, for-
merly Miss Belle McDonald, of
Fort Worth, came in this week
for a visit with relatives.

Miss Sarah Stuckey of Las
Cruces, New Mexico, left Satur-
day night for her home after a
visit with relatives here.

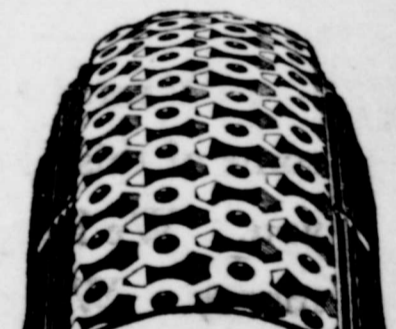
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you want, that is one of our
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the Laundryman. tf

Mr. C. T. Beckham of Trent
was a business caller in Merkel
Tuesday.

Rev. W. G. Cypert returned
Monday from Towe Valley, Tex-
as, where he has been holding
a meeting.

Messrs. Choc. Jones, R. E.
Sharp and Ray Adams attended
the American Legion Meet at
Brownwood last week.



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Thos. Durham, Editor-Mgr.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Mer-
kel, Texas as second class mail.

Claimed that the farmers are
making too many harrowing
speeches about their troubles.

If the taxes don't come down
soon, the axes will on some peo-
ple's political careers.

The man who finds a lot of
fault with his home town paper
may be badly upset if it fails to
be delivered to him some day.

Some people reported getting
so dry that water turns to steam
when it flows down their
throats.

Some men in Merkel are showing
the spirit of economy by deny-
ing their wives any new cloth-
es this season.

Time has gone by when you
could open the door of opportu-
nity by knocking. You should
ring the bell of advertising now.

If people want to make their
mark in this world, they will do
well to use considerable print-
ers' ink.

The young crowd often look
sleepy about their work, but you
should see them energetically
foxtrotting at midnight.

Advertise in the Merkel Mail
that prices are droppin', and
see how fast the public will
drop in.

The less people's time is forth,
the more likely they seem to be
to scatter paper around the
streets for some one else to pick
up.

Not many city folks willing
to be dirt farmers, but their
children don't object to being
real dirt kids.

From the way a lot of people
work they are evidently alarmed
about the evils of over product-
ion.

No one need have any doubt
of the fertility of the soil around
Merkel after observing how the
weeds grow in the garden.

Did it ever occur to some bus-
iness men, that the reason that
automobiles sell so freely is that
they are advertised so well?

Though the salaries of public
officials are called far too low,
the great majority are usually
willing to accept re-election.

The kids will enjoy their back
yard ball game much more if the
neighbors occasionally get mad
and hide the ball.

People who delayed taking
their baths on account of the
danger of getting cold, are now
assured that the weather makes
it reasonably safe.

Much is said about the evils
of invisible government, but
anyway the politicians are all
visible for a number of months
before election.

Plenty of girls are trying for
beauty contests, but a few more
contestants for the milkmaid
championships would be wel-
come.

The boys who were very sto-
ical about those low marks on
their school reports, may be
quite depressed over their low
percentage in the base hit
column.

Some scientist should explain
the nature of the magnetic at-
traction that draws the kids'
baseballs through the kitchen
window, though they throw
them in a wholly different di-
rection.

The umpire who decides right
along in favor of the home team,
is considered very square by the
bleacherite crowd.

Some people say that adver-
tising is not read, but if people's
initials are printed wrong in
The Merkel Mail you are pretty
sure to hear about it.

Some folks can't see why the
boys will play ball in the streets,
when they could find vacant lots
to play in by walking a mile or
more.

The people should not turn a
candidate down for public of-
fice because he has business
ability.

It is denied that the great
popularity of knickers among
the girls is because they are
such a good working costume.

THE IDEALS OF BUSINESS

(Number 8.)
The Merchants of Merkel
During several recent issues,
the Merkel Mail has endeavored
to express some thoughts as to
the ideals that the business
community should cherish. It
was not doing so to lecture our
business men. Rather, these
thoughts come as a result of ob-
serving the way business has
developed here. They are the
ideals which our business men
cherish.

Conditions are favorable in a
community like ours for the de-
velopment of ideals of service
and honorable dealing among
the merchants. Our business
men come close in contact with
the people whom they serve,
they form many personal friend-
ships among them, they depend
on their loyalty, and they natu-
rally desire to give the people
their best in return.

Never before in our commu-
nity was there so much honest ef-
fort to please, to serve the pub-
lic faithfully, to give a dollar's
worth of value for a dollar paid
over, to take trouble and pains
to please the public.

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**A Number of Patterns at
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From three to seven rolls
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thing from a Tin Lizzie on up or down, all sizes.

We will make you an Excursion Rate on some
few water coolers, freezers, lawn mowers, one refriger-
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We have it.

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Company**

WHY TAXES ARE HIGH

The increase of taxation, fed-
eral, state, and local, during the
past 10 years, is the subject of
growing alarm among business
men and thoughtful citizens.
Many cities are levying nearly
twice as much in taxes as they
asked for in 1914. The increase
in federal taxation is staggering
and though due largely to the
war, additions for such purposes
are not the only forms of in-
crease that cause alarm.

We call upon our public offi-
cials for greater efficiency, and
we deplore wastes of one kind
and another that are known to
exist in many forms of public
work.

Yet what can you expect? Private concerns and corpora-
tions will pay a man from two
to ten times as much as he can
earn in the employ of the gov-
ernment. And yet the people
are surprised when the low paid
government officials fail to show
the same results that would be
secured by high paid men in a
private business. To get good
talent and ability, you usually
have to pay for it.

Yet if you increased these sal-
aries to the private business
level, the scramble of incompet-
ent politicians would be many
times worse than it now is, and
many unqualified men would get
such jobs. The results in many
cases might be worse instead of
better.

The lesson of the whole thing
is that the citizens will not get
efficient government until they
devote the same thorough at-
tention to public matters that
they give to their private af-
fairs. The first step is for peo-
ple to buy and read a number
of independent and informative
newspapers, and to pick out the
papers that give the most seri-
ous attention to the vital pub-
lic questions. The reading pub-
lic usually votes intelligently.

Mr. T. B. Barber, wife, two
sons and a sister of Fairfax,
South Carolina are here visiting
J. B. Jones and family.

THE CAMP MOVEMENT

The summer camp movement
for boys and girls is becoming
a big feature of American life,
and is training thousands of
young people to become more
manly and womanly. The fun
and benefit of out door sports
and the appeal to higher ideals
are cleverly worked together.

It is too bad that all young
people can not have this chance.

These boys and girls who pay
for their fun by obedience to the
rules of community life and
sport, learn a lesson of order
and regard for authority that
many of them would never get
in any other way. It is a splen-
did philanthropy to take a lot of
boys and girls from home that
can not pay camp fees, and give
them the same kind of training.

Mrs. George Foster, formerly
Miss Myrtle McDonald, of Oil
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August 22th & 23th

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Baptist Church Notes

Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. Preaching at 11:00 a.m. The pastor being away on his vacation, arrangements have been made for an able minister to fill the pulpit at the morning service, and to which every member is urged to attend. Also the public has a cordial invitation to be present.

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CARD OF THANKS

We, the undersigned, take this method of expressing to our friends who were so kind to us during the illness and death of our beloved father, our sincere thanks and appreciation of every kindness and favor extended. May the Lord bless and care for each and every one, is our prayer. E. F. Vantrees, T. W. Vantrees, L. V. Vantrees, Mrs. S. E. Pierce, Mrs. J. M. Sloan, Mrs. E. H. Scott, Mrs. Ada Lowe. Especially do we wish to thank Dr. Miller for his faithful and untiring efforts. 1p

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RHEUMATISM
The powerful, healing warmth of Hunt's Lightning Oil gives instant and positive relief from throbbing, nerve-racking pain of Rheumatism, Sprains, Swellings, Sore Throats, etc. See and try the bottle.

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The Woman's Tonic

GOLAN NEWS

Every one was smiling Friday and Saturday night when the clouds were hanging low. But on the morrow they arose with the same odd dry weather grins.

Our Methodist meeting has closed. We had a real good meeting. Had twelve or thirteen conversions. Some who joined the church. The Baptist meeting starts Saturday night, the 23rd of August. Every one is invited.

Mr. W. E. Byrom, wife and children spent Sunday with V. P. Byrom and wife.

Mr. G. M. Byrom and family also Linnie Garner spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lawlis.

Mary Lou Brown and Audra Dell Hudspeth took lunch with Pearl West Sunday.

Miss Vera Lawlis spent Sunday with Miss Eva West

Ruth Thompson had lunch with Letha Davis Sunday.

Bro. Luther Tooley, brother to our pastor at this place, has been holding the meeting for Bro. R. V. Tooley.

Miss Vaughn West, who has been visiting relatives here, motored to her home Sunday afternoon. Miss West will be our primary teacher at Golan during this term.

Mr. J. D. Northcutt and family have just returned home from their visit to East Texas, reporting a good time.

Mary Northcutt spent Sunday afternoon with Minnie West.

Vennie May McKay took supper with Gertrude Byrom Sunday night.

A. J. Hill was the guest of Wesley Northcutt Sunday.

Merrel Dean and George Davis took lunch with Sarah and Palmer Lawlis.

C. C. Stribbling and family of White Flat, also Clyde Williams, wife and baby, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Duncan Sunday. Dandelion.

Sunday School Entertainment

On Tuesday evening the Sunday school class of Miss Maxie Banner entertained the class of Mr. Yates Brown.

The class members gathered at the Baptist church about 7 o'clock and drove to Shannon's Pool for an evening of fun. Various games were played and much excitement was caused by a large black beetle caught by Bill Haynes.

Delicious sandwiches, ice tea, cakes and ice cream were served picnic style to the following:

Misses Maxie Banner, Vergie May Campbell, Dorothy Higgins, Elsie Richie, Vera Matlock, Stella Wilson, Lois Higgins, Flossy Campbell, Autry Porter, Mrs. E. N. Brown and Mrs. Nellie Hilburn.

Messrs. Bill Haynes, Yates Brown, Floyd Dowell, Robert Mayfield, Jimmie Toombs and Ray Garrett.

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(No delivery on these prices)
P. & G. Soap, 21 bars... \$1.00
24 van Camps naptha Soap \$1.00
White Ivory & other soap 6 25c
Chippo, 12 pkgs. \$1.00
Royal Syrup, 1 gal. 65c
Royal Syrup, 1-2 gal. 35c
All other syrup at cost and less.
5 lb. Mary Gold Jelly 40c
5 gal. Oil cans 70c
No. 3 galvanized tubs 75c
4 plugs Brown Mule Tob. 60c
1 lb. W.N.T. Tobacco 75c
1 lb. Tinsley thick 75c
13 lbs. Pinto Beans \$1.00
12 lbs. Navy Beans \$1.00
7 lbs. Lima Beans \$1.00
12 lbs. Pink Beans \$1.00
Sulphursid Blk. Salt 50s, ... 50c
3 lbs. Box Crackers 35c
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Garrett & Honest Snuff 3 \$1.00
4 bottles Catsup \$1.00
Every thing else in house goes at COST. Don't miss this opportunity.

Any one knowing themselves indebted to me please call and settle by Sept. 1st. and oblige. A. L. JOBE. 1t

GIVES BIRTHDAY PARTY SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Henderson, a dinner was served in honor of Ernest Henderson, Tom Winter, Bertye Winter, and Miss Le Verle Winter, their birthdays all being in the past week. Ernest and Tom are both fine young men, and we wish for them many more happy birthdays. Mrs. Winter and Miss Le Verle Winter are splendid young ladies, and we also wish them happy years in the future.

The dinner was served by the charming young hostess, Mrs. Ernest Henderson, to the following. Uncle Tom Winter, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winter and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winter. In the afternoon ice cream, cake and delicious ice cold soda pop was served. Various games were played and enjoyed by all. Uncle Terrell told tales of his pioneer days, which was enjoyed very much by the young folks.

All present enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, and here's wishing them many prosperous, happy years. Waldo Cox.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, in His mysterious providence our Heavenly Father has taken into the house of many mansions the spirit of our beloved fellow-worker, Joseph Henry Reidenbach, Field Secretary of the Northwest Texas Conference.

Therefore be it resolved, by the Merkel Epworth League, that in the death of Joe our conference has lost an untiring worker and a consecrated servant of Christ, whose life and labors have been a great blessing to the church of God; and though he has fallen asleep in Christ his works do follow him and we know where to find him.

Resolved secondly, that we cherish the memory of our dear friend and brother, his faithful service to our church and the abiding faith and hope that characterized his daily life.

Resolved thirdly, that we tender to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy and pray God may give them grace and consolation from the heavenly fountains.

Resolved, fourthly, that a copy of these resolutions be given to the bereaved family, and that a copy be sent to the Merkel Mail for publication.

(Signed) Julia Martin, Mary Eulla Sears, Judson McRee, committee. 1t

CARD OF THANKS

We the undersigned wish to take this method of expressing our thanks and appreciation for the many kindnesses shown us in our recent bereavement. We wish especially to express our thanks to the good people of Clarendon, and to the Leaguers of the North West Texas Conference for the many tokens, for your love and appreciation of Joe, and the many favors shown us.

We fail to find words to express our appreciations to Mr. and Mrs. Parson, and to each one and all of you. Your kindness in this dark hour helps to alleviate the sorrow that is ours in the loss of our dear son and brother.

We wish to extend our thanks to Judge W. W. Wheeler and family and to the local Leaguers, for their pains-taking care in seeing that every thing was done that could be done. We pray God's blessings upon you and thank you one and all.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Reidenbach, Miss Bessie Reidenbach, Mrs. Mary Click, Aunt Georgie Reidenbach. 1tp

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Drive around and Fill up-- The more you buy the better you like it.

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Service that you like. When you run out of Gas or Need a Tire Phone 192 or 144.

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Weekly Prayermeeting

Weekly prayermeeting meets with Mrs. Hollingsworth on Wednesday, August 27, 4 p.m.

Song No. 39. Prayer, Mrs. Sears. New Testament study, Jesus talks with a Samaritan woman, John 4:4-14, Mrs. Causseaux. White harvest fields, John 4:24-38, Mrs. Lamar.

The spirit promised, Isaiah 44:3-8, Mrs. Estes. The satisfying chapter, John 7:37-44, Mrs. Meek. God's gracious provision, Isaiah 41:17-20, Mrs. Campbell. Earth filled with the truth, Habakkak 2:9-14, Mrs. Hassie. The God of my salvation, Psalm 25:1-7, Mrs. King.

Song 155, Prayer by Mrs. Causseaux. Study of Joshua chapter 9, leader Mrs. Meeks. Song 329. Scripture quotations. Closing prayer.

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ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS THANKFUL

At the close of the meeting in this city of the West Texas Odd Fellows and Rebekah Association, a resolution of thanks was offered and adopted extending the sincere thanks and appreciation of the Association to the Grace Presbyterian church for the use of this splendid edifice and grounds in holding their meeting, also thanks and appreciation of the untiring and valuable services of the past President, Mr. J. J. Allen, in his efforts to make the Association a success during the past year, and especially for his energetic efforts in making the present meeting the splendid success that all pronounced it to be.

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The West Texas I.O.O.F. Association, composed of eight Central West Texas counties convened at Grace Presbyterian Church last Wednesday, August 13, at 10:00 o'clock.

Splendid welcome addresses were delivered by Judge E. S. Cummings on behalf of the city, D. I. Shelton, on behalf of the Subordinate Lodge, and Miss Dota Garoutte on behalf of the Rebekah Lodge. In response, Judge Mausea of Sweetwater, and Mrs. Shaw of Abilene, delivered splendid addresses. T.D. Compton of Merkel also delivered one of his (keynote) speeches at Wednesday morning session.

There was inspiration in the pertinent remarks and genial smile of President J. J. Allen, who presided during the session.

After many introductions and happy greetings, the fine body of men and women composing the Association was assigned homes with members of local I.O.O.F. and Rebekah lodges.

Routine business was transacted at the afternoon session. At four o'clock the ladies assembled at I.O.O.F. Hall while the Subordinate members retired to the basement of the church to contest for the beautiful prizes which had been offered for those proficient in delivering secret work, lectures, etc.

At 6:30 a big feast of barbecued chicken was served on the church lawn to some 250 visitors and members.

At 8:00 o'clock all teams were set and "rearin" to be at the great contest for the grand prizes, the beautiful silken banners awarded each year by the Association for the best degree work in both branches of the order. Sweetwater team scored high in proficiency, but Abilene Rebecca Lodge again carried off the banner, while Sweetwater Subordinate Lodge brought home the bacon in a contest with the Abilene I.O.O.F. team who certainly gave a good account of themselves.

The Association will meet next year with Big Spring Lodges as host and hostess, under the leadership of Bro. T. D. Compton of Merkel as President and Mrs. Green DeLaney of Colorado as Secretary.

Many expressions of appreciation were heard during and after the Association, of Grace Presbyterian Church, the local Lodges and the Merkel Mail, for courtesies extended.

At Thursday's session the usual routine and some constructive work was done for the advancement of the cause in this section.

Service above self seemed to be the motto of all present, and the session was like unto a love feast throughout, old friendships were renewed and new ones found, which no doubt shall last the span of a life time.

Long live the I.O.O.F. and the West Texas Association as a unit of this great Universal Brotherhood in the family of man. C. L. TUCKER.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Winter, of Wellington, were here last week for a visit with the former's brothers, Mr. Sam Winter of this city, Messrs T. and Joe Winter residing near here, as well as other relatives. It had been many years since the former Mr. Winter had been here for a visit, and many changes had taken place since that time. He is one among the most prosperous, most substantial and influential citizens in Collingsworth county.

Prof. John R. Covey, former Principal in the Merkel schools, but now serving ably as Superintendent of the School at Lovington, New Mexico, passed through here this week on his way to Lovington, after a visit in Johnson county.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee of Lawn, Texas, visited home folks and friends here last week.

R. L. Bland and family of Abilene were here last week-end visiting relatives.

Mr. Jerome Hutcheson, who has been so ill, is much improved and is able to be up.

Mr. Owen Ellis was in Abilene Sunday visiting relatives.

Mrs. Bob McDonald who has been in Fort Worth and Dallas visiting returned home Tuesday night.

Mrs. E. P. Beene and daughter, Juanita, left Tuesday for a visit with relatives at Cross Plains, Texas.

Mr. R. L. Proctor and family and Mr. G. W. Branch and family left first of this week for a fishing trip.

Miss Mary Cleo Booth is visiting friends at Rising Star, Texas this week.

Mrs. W. F. Scarborough of Midland is the guest of Mrs. H. M. Mayfield and other relatives this week.

Miss Annie Mae Swann returned Wednesday from Abilene where she visited Miss Sallie B. Yeats a few days.

Mr. G. B. Brown of Abilene was here Wednesday on business.

Mr. W. P. Morton of Santa Anna, Texas, returned home Saturday after a short visit with Miles Morton and family.

Mrs. Bernia Rone of Sweetwater, who has been here visiting her sister, Mrs. Claude Comegys returned to her home Tuesday.

Misses Marjorie and Mary Howell of Abilene are the guests of Miss Mae Collins this week.

Mrs. Roy G. Leamon of Fort Worth is the guest of Mrs. Tom Largent this week.

Mrs. Jim Prince of Coleman was here this week visiting her mother, Mrs. Miles Morton.

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Ben Jones and family returned last week from a pleasant visit with friends and relatives in Comanche county. They report a very fine trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald have recently moved back to make Merkel their home. They have been at Oil City for the past two years or more. They are welcomed back to Merkel by many friends.

Mr. J. M. Boney of Oklahoma is here for a visit to his mother, Mrs. A. C. Boney, and brothers, Messrs. W. O. and Marvin.

Dr. I. D. Ellis, of Troy, Bell county, was here last week the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dunn and children of Hale Center, Texas, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pee this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren, Mrs. J. T. Warren and Mrs. Kirby Beckett, of El Paso, Texas, left Tuesday morning via car for a visit with Mrs. H. C. Coit at Renner, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jedren of Lubbock stopped over Friday of last week with the latter's sister, Mrs. O. R. Douglas. Mrs. Jedren was on her way to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor, of Fort Worth.

Methodist Womans Missionary Society Notes

We had a splendid lesson from our Mission Study Book on last Monday afternoon. Our attendance was fairly good, considering the very warm weather.

On next Monday afternoon we will have a program from the Voice. We earnestly hope that we have a still better attendance and that all who are placed on the program will respond with their parts. Following is the program:

1. Song. 2. Prayer.
3. Bible Lesson, The Outlook of prayer. Isaiah 49:5-13; Rev. 21:1-4, Mrs. Sanders.
4. Prayer.
5. Missionary News from the Bulletin.
6. A new gospel track over the hills, Mrs. Vaughn.
7. Our Mountain schools opening God's highways, by Mrs. Thompson.
8. Reading, Nance's Dream Doll, Mrs. McSpadden.
9. Echoes from the Voice by membership.

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Mr. R. C. Penny and family of Winters, who were returning from a trip to New Mexico, stopped off here for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case this week. Miss Marreta Penny stayed for a more extended visit in the Case home.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Boney, accompanied by Mr. Boney's mother, Mrs. A. C. Boney, and brother, J. M. Boney of Oklahoma City, who has been here for a visit, went to Temple about ten days ago, where Mrs. A. C. Boney remained for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Boney and children went on to Galveston for a few days stay. All of the party returned home this week.

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JOE REIDENBACH IS LAID TO REST HERE

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his first pastor, and who had that privilege for about three years, Joe's whole heart and great ambition was to do service for his Master. Soon after being converted, he was chosen as president of the Merkel Epworth League, serving for two years. And it will be well remembered by those who most closely associated with him, how earnestly, courageously and untiringly Joe worked, and in his efforts helped make a name for the local League that was pointed to as an example throughout the conference. Others, higher up in the Epworth League, saw his ability and called him to the office of District Secretary of the Abilene District. He served at this post of duty three years, and since June of this year has been acting Field Secretary for the Epworth League of the North West Texas Conference.

The deceased was a loyal member of the young men's class, known as the Baraca Class, and he was just as faithful as a class member as he was a League worker.

As a student at McMurry College, Abilene, it is learned that he proved to be classed with the very best. Joe was interested in any thing that he could do to make himself more capable of doing his Master's work, hence after being out of school for ten years, he was not too proud to start back in order to better fit himself educationally for his chosen work.

Joe, as he was familiarly known, lived a true Christian life. He was a cheerful, ambitious, courageous and serving Christian. Not only was Joe known for his great work in the Epworth League throughout this conference, but those who were associated with him most, say he was of clean mind, heart and soul. He was tender and sympathetic, always ready to try to do any thing to further God's work and to help any one in any kind of trouble. Especially was the strong personality of Joe felt among the young people where ever he was. In all, he was really an inspiration from God for the young people to live spiritual lives.

Out of town pastors attending the funeral were: Rev. W. M. Pearce, Abilene; Rev. E. D. Landreth, Abilene; U. S. Byrd, Abilene; Rev. Gaston Foote, Sweetwater; Rev. W. M. Murrell, Chillicothe; Rev. R. E. Huston, of Greenville; Rev. R. S. Watkins, Albany; Rev. O. W. Carter, of Stamford; W. E. Hamilton, Anson.

WHO WILL WIN IN TAYLOR COUNTY?

Naturally there is much speculation by the voters of this county as to who will win a majority of votes in the coming election next Saturday. Each side claiming a landslide for their favorite.

And while for several years in the past Jim Ferguson has been carrying this county. Senator Earle B. Mayfield defeated him in the county by a few hundred votes, and in the Merkel precinct Mayfield received 432 votes to Jim's 162.

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