

COTTON COMING IN  
26 Bales of Cotton have been received at the Merkel Cotton Yard to date.

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COMMUNITY FAIR  
A Community Fair for  
Merkel September 19-20.  
You Can Be a Booster.

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## MR. BURGESS MAKES AN ANNOUNCEMENT

School will open on September 15th. All entrance examinations should be taken before then, if at all. All free text books that are out for the summer should be returned BEFORE school opens. Any students who have not before attended the Merkel High School should come to the office on Thursday or Friday, September 11th or 12th and be classified. If all of these things are done before school opens, it will save you much delay when school actually opens, for when school opens the students who have attended to these matters will be issued books, and you will likely have to wait a week before obtaining books. Read the schedule below and govern yourself accordingly.

### Entrance Examinations.

Monday, September 8th, 9:00. Mathematics. Monday, September 8th, 1:00—History. Tuesday, September 9th, 9:00—English. Tuesday, September 9th, 1:00—Geography and Physiology. Wednesday, September 10th.—Any not mentioned above.

It is needless to mention that it will be merely a waste of your time to take these examinations unless you have actually prepared for them. Return free text books Thursday or Friday, September 11th or 12th. Classification of new students Thursday or Friday, September 11th or 12th.

New students will please bring with them their report card and book card for last year. If you are in the High School, you should bring not only your last year's report card, but all cards covering work done in the 8th, 9th, or 10th grade so that your High School record may be complete up to date.

### Seniors.

Students who will next year be seniors will be required to have twelve credits before you can be classified as Seniors at all. You should have these twelve credits before school starts if you intend to graduate this next May. If your record is not straight, please get the credits NOW. Don't wait until school opens to get them. If you wish to take entrance exams on any subject, be prepared, and be on hand on the days scheduled.

We are going to have a big bunch of Seniors this year—the first to graduate from our new High School building. Let's go. This will be the best year yet.

Respectfully,  
Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

### TEACHERS' BOARDING PLACES

The Merkel schools open on September 15th. A few days before then teachers will begin to arrive and will be looking for places to stay for the year. To make it more convenient for them and for you, I wish that all who would like to keep teachers this year would either drop me a line or phone me at 119, telling me how many teachers you want and your rates per month. Then when teachers arrive, they will be shown around and select the place desirable.

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Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Beidleman returned this week from a pleasant visit with friends and relatives in Hood county. Mr. T. A. says they enjoyed a real fishing trip—one where they had plenty of fish.

Finley Martin was here first of the week from Stanton, where he moved with his family first of the year from the Merkel country.

## DEFEATED CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR



Felix D. Robertson

## C. H. OIL CO. MAKES CITIZENS NEW OFFER

From a reliable source, the Mail learns that the C. H. Oil & Development Company has made a proposition to the citizens of Merkel and Stith, offering to drill the well which is now down to a depth of 3,500 feet, 700 feet deeper, a total of 4,200 feet, for a lease free to this company of 2,500 acres of land, with a contract from the C. H. Oil & Development Company, guaranteeing to the people of Merkel and Stith that they will begin drilling on said well at a given time, set by a committee suggested by the citizens of these two communities, and including a clause that they will continue until the well shall have been completed. All leases are to be placed in the hands of the said citizens committee, and held by them in escrow until said contract shall have been fulfilled.

As we understand it, Messrs T. G. Bragg, Jas. Patterson and J. B. Foster constitute the committee and anyone interested in the above proposition will see them for further information.

## GOOD RAINS FALL IN SOME SECTIONS

Rain amounting to from one-fourth of an inch to more than two and a half inches, fell in spots about Merkel this week. In the Stith, Noodle and Shiloh communities good rains have fallen. Also good rains have been reported in the Canyon. In and about Merkel the fall was much lighter.

Up until this week no rain of any consequence had fallen in this section since the first of June, and the crops as a result are expected to be indeed short, unless rain in sufficient quantities fall at once. However, since the acreage is so much larger in cotton this year, there is some speculation to the effect that Merkel will receive nearly as much cotton this year as last. The more conservative place the crop at around 12,000 bales as against 16,000 last year.

Mr. G. A. Hutchins and family of Loraine, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchins last week. Mrs. Denton Templeton and baby of Loraine also were visitors in the Hutchins home last week. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchins returned with Mr. G. A. Hutchins and family for a visit.

Mr. G. W. Teaff and son, Willie, left the last of the past week for Roswell, New Mexico, for a visit with A. D. Jones and family.

## P. T. A. SPONSORS LYCEUM FOR CITY

Merkel will have one of the best Lyceum Courses this year we have ever had. This course consists of five numbers: "The National Trio", "The McCords", "Birch", "Davault" and "The Ghost Between".

These five big numbers will be indeed a great treat, and Merkel is fortunate in having them.

The Parent-Teachers Club is giving this Lyceum Course to Merkel because we feel that every town should have the best and finest form of entertainment possible.

The boys and girls of Merkel deserve it and should have it.

The Club is not trying to make money on this course, but only hopes to be able to pay for each number, which will be about \$60 each.

Let's everybody buy a season ticket. They will be cheap—and put this over this year in fine fashion, so that next year we can be able to have a greater course than ever before.

"Mrs. and Mr. Polly Tick" is to be given in Merkel at an early date. This is a community play, given by home talent, and is clean and wholesome. The Parent-Teachers Club is expecting to realize \$100.00 from this Home Talent Play, that we may be able to place the \$25 library in each grades room that has none.

The Parent-Teachers Club is the servant of the school and community. Its one purpose and aim is to help make the school and community bigger and better. And the boys and girls of Merkel are a fine reason that every man and woman in Merkel should be a member of this organization. It is worth while to help hold our affiliation. It is worth while to help make a New High School possible; it is worth while to plant shade trees. It is worth while to give our town a fine Lyceum Course. It is worth while to help put Home Economy in our High School. Let's work together and make our town and school the BEST in the WEST.

## 26 BALES OF COTTON RECEIVED TO DATE

Mr. C. L. Tucker, our cotton weigher, stated that up to Thursday afternoon of this week there had been weighed in the cotton yard 26 bales, as against 300 the same time in August of last year.

### Secret Marriage Announced

Mr. J. Greenfield and Miss Laurine Click, have this week made the announcement of their marriage which took place at Sweetwater on June 18. Rev. Hinson, pastor of the Methodist church, pronouncing the wedding ceremony.

Mr. Greenfield is the son of Mrs. W. F. Hamblett and is a fine young man of sterling character and good business ability, while the young lady is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Click of the Mt. Pleasant community, and has many friends with whom we join in extending to both the contracting parties congratulations and good wishes.

\$100.00 will be given to any one who furnishes evidence that will convict the party or parties who stole the doors from my house some time ago. J. C. Hartline. It

Mr. Booth Warren and wife, Mrs. J. T. Warren and Mrs. Kirby Beckett returned last week end from a visit with relatives at Renner, Texas.

## LUNCHEON CLUB HAS FINE MEET

Last Tuesday evening was the regular Luncheon Club meeting, which took place at Ed's Cafe where a fine spread of good things to eat was enjoyed, and where a fine program of entertainment was enjoyed by all present. Mr. Dee Grimes, another of Merkel's hustling young business men, presided as toastmaster and splendidly did so. In fact he brought forth one of the most interesting and unique programs that the membership has ever enjoyed.

Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurry College, Abilene, was the principal speaker of the evening, and truly he did bring forth a fine address on the subject of "Community Building". Yes, a message that we wish every one in Merkel could have heard.

Next on the program was a reading by little Miss Nell Durham. And then Col. J. A. Buford, who always has something good to say, gave a brief but interesting review of the many fine things the club had done for Merkel. He was followed by Dr. S. W. Johnson, who stressed the need of better cooperation and what the results would be.

A treat indeed was the vocal solo by Mr. Jack West, with Miss Boog Sears at the piano.

Next came a big surprise and treat as well, when from a dark corner of the building came eight colored men, all dressed in their best, who were introduced by their leader as the Merkel Colored Glee Club. The songs and jokes by these gentlemen who really make up Merkel's Men Glee Club, was indeed fine and highly appreciated by every one present. The personnel of the Club is C. H. Jones, R. L. Grimes, E. Yates Brown, L. B. Scott, R. L. Hicks, Tom Largent, Tom Allday and Will Barnett.

After this, one of the finest programs that has yet been given at a previous meeting, the same was turned over to the chairman, Mr. L. R. Thompson, who conducted the business session. Among others who made appreciated talks during the evening were Dr. M. Armstrong, who told of the progress of the fine road work now being done, reporting about 40 miles already completed. Dr. R. I. Grimes also offered the local armory for the holding of the Community Fair here on September 19 and 20, for which the different committees are now arranging.

### SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS

This is your opportunity, boys and girls who are going away to school, to get the prettiest of stationery. Samples on display at the Mail office. Customer's name and address or monogram on envelopes and paper FREE. Quality paper, different colors, all for a very reasonable price. Call and see samples and get prices. Blanche Durham, agent for Exline Note Paper Co. It

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess have returned to Merkel to make their home for the next nine months. Mr. Burgess is busy getting ready for the opening of the public school, which will be September 15th.

Mrs. Bud Brown of Trent, Route 2, is back from the Christoval Baptist Encampment and reports it as being a grand success. Between three and four thousand people on the ground with Charlie Taylor's masterful sermons every night, and other strong denominational men each day. A \$3,800 collection for the encampment grounds was taken.

## DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FOR GOVERNOR



Miriam A. Ferguson

## LARGENT HERD IS WINNER UP NORTH

At the Sedalia, Mo. State Fair the fine Hereford herd of C. M. Largent & Sons, of Merkel, were among the biggest winners in the big Hereford Show. The Largents were awarded Sr. Grand Champion Cow, six first premiums, eight seconds and three third premiums.

It is stated that the competition at this show was very keen, but that the Merkel herd topped the show. From Sedalia the Largent herd will go to Des Moines, Iowa.

## RACES WERE CLOSE FOR COUNTY OFFICES

In the county races the winners were: For Sheriff, H. T. O'Bar of Ovalo, who won over John Bond by 46 votes. And J. K. Fuller won over Mrs. Laura Cook Mitchell by a vote of 704, for District Clerk. In the Tax Assessor's race, Mrs. Florence Vance was elected over J. T. Howard by a vote of 523.

In the race for County Commissioner from the Merkel precinct, Mr. Phillip A. Diltz was elected over Mr. T. R. Lassiter, by a vote of 745 to 464.

For public weigher, Mr. C. L. Tucker received the nomination for a second term without opposition.

### SUBSCRIPTION BAR-GAIN RATES NOW ON

Annual Bargain Rates for the Fort Worth Record are now on. For the Daily and Sunday \$7.45. For the Daily only \$5.95.

By subscribing now you are assured of these low rates. Come in and see us about these rates.

Mr. Seth Hamilton and daughters drove over to Carlsbad Sanitarium, near San Angelo, last Sunday after Mrs. Hamilton, who had been in the Sanitarium for a short time, and who returned with them to their home here, where it is thought she can be treated as successfully. She stood the trip well and is getting along nicely, all of which will be good news to the family's many friends.

Mrs. E. L. Turner was called to Weinert first of the week to attend the bedside of a brother-in-law, who was reported to be quite sick at that time, and who we regret to learn died the next day after her arrival.

Earl Thornton who underwent an operation at Abilene Wednesday for appendicitis, is, we are glad to learn, doing nicely.

## MRS. FERGUSON IS NOMINATED

In the run-off Primary in this state last Saturday Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, wife of former Governor Jas. E. Ferguson, who was impeached during his second term of office, was elected Governor of Texas in a race with Judge Felix D. Robertson of Dallas. Mrs. Ferguson's majority when all votes have been counted will be near one hundred thousand.

For Lieutenant Governor Barry Miller, a Dallas lawyer and old time politician, defeated W. C. Edwards, of Denton, by about 16,000 votes.

For Attorney General, Dan Moody, an avowed Anti-Klan candidate, defeated his opponent by more than 200,000.

Two years ago both Jas. E. Ferguson and Barry Miller bolted the Democratic party and stumped the state for Geo. E. B. Peddy, running for the United States Senate against Earle B. Mayfield, and were elected this year running on a Democratic ticket.

On next Tuesday the State Democratic Convention meets in Austin for the purpose of naming a platform, and a big fight and struggle is promised as to who will control the state political machinery for the next two years.

The Governor's vote in Merkel gave Robertson 456 and Mrs. Ferguson 274, a majority for Robertson of 182. While the county of Taylor gave Robertson a majority of 450 votes. For Lieutenant Governor, Edwards received 474 and Miller 234, and in the county Edwards received 3357 to Miller's 2112.

### FINE COUNTRY HOME BURNED SUNDAY NITE

On last Sunday night just a few minutes after Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hudson, who were residing on the farm of Mr. Eli Case, located in the Stith community, had started to church, they looked back toward their home and discovered that same was on fire. They immediately turned around and rushed back to the house, but arrived too late to save a single thing from the burning building.

The home was one of the best in that section of the country and was insured for only \$1000, while well worth \$3,000, we are told.

The loss is very heavy upon both Mr. Case and Mr. Hudson and family especially, who lost all their household effects. However, friends and neighbors have been liberal in offering aid to them.

Mr. A. M. Daniels, who lives in the Amity community, about 15 miles due north of Merkel, made the Mail office a visit on Wednesday while in town. He reports that crops were never better than is in his section at this time. He said he had 34 acres in maize, which is heading a ton and a half to the acre, and that cotton is very fine. Mr. Daniels also reported a three-inch rain in his community on Wednesday morning.

Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, accompanied by Miss Edith Brown were in Abilene Sunday visiting with Dr. Armstrong's son who was operated on recently for appendicitis at the Alexander Sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hill and two children of Milford, Texas, returned to their home Wednesday after a visit with Mrs. Hill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

## Safety of Deposits Guaranteed

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

Mr. Allen Norwood, of Oklahoma City, was here this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson and their daughter, Miss Lynn, he being a friend of the family while they were citizens of Sylvia, Kansas. Mr. Norwood is manager of a large mercantile business in Oklahoma City.

### YOU TELL 'EM



"Safety first!  
Always watch the car behind the one ahead of you"

### Good Groceries

—the only kind you want to buy and serve on your table—that is the kind you will always get here.

Come in and let us serve you—or you can help your self.  
11 lbs. Sugar ..... \$1.00  
25 lbs. Sugar ..... \$2.20  
20 bars Crystal White Soap \$1.00  
21 Bars P. & G. Soap .... \$1.00  
Plato Corn and Sugar Syrup, a better syrup, gallon ..... 70c  
Betsy Brand Sargnum .... 70c

**J. N. CARSON**  
GROCERIES

### Philathea Class Picnic

Tuesday afternoon about six-thirty, after meeting at the Methodist church, a few members of the Philathea Class went to Shannon's Pool for a swim and picnic outing. Only a few of the girls took a swim. A supper was then spread on the grass at the Shannon place.

Mrs. H. A. Sanders, who has been the faithful teacher of this class for seven years, and who had recently resigned as teacher, was the honoree of this outing. A pretty gift was given Mrs. Sanders as a token of love, and for the loyalty she has shown the class.

Members of the class enjoying this occasion were: Misses Jess Sutphen, Mae Burrows, Blanche Durham, Willie Toombs, Martha Bird, Lorea Dry, Lillian Cole, Julia Martin, Mae Beidleman and Mrs. H. A. Sanders.

### —FOR SALE—

Merkel folks here is a bargain for some one.

THE OLD COUNTS PLACE  
2 blocks south of public school, 3 acres, 3 wells, 5-room house, fine soil, could subdivide into twelve or more beautiful residence lots. Place once sold for \$3000; must sell now, price \$900. Terms to suit, phone or see—  
JOE L. HARRIS. 29tc

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and words of consolation during our great sorrow in the death of our dear son and brother. Also for the beautiful floral offering, and we pray that such a tragedy may never come into your lives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes  
and children. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Brown of Tuscola, announce the birth of a baby boy August the 25th. Mr. and Mrs. Brown formerly lived in Merkel.



### Dunn-Russell Wedding

On last Saturday evening, August 22nd, as the clock struck eight, Mr. Robert Dunn and Miss Mabel Russell marched into the reception room at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell, and were happily united in marriage. Rev. M. R. Pike, pastor of the Merkel circuit, in a very impressive ceremony pronounced them man and wife.

Both the above mentioned young people are well known, and are among this community's very best, coming from among the best families of the entire community.

Those present were only close relatives and friends of the family and contracting parties.

This paper joins many friends in extending congratulations and good wishes to the happy couple for a long life of happiness and prosperity.

### Weed-Miller Wedding

A wedding of interest here because of the many friends of both the bride and groom, was that Saturday evening when Miss Ella Murlene Weed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Weed, became the bride of Mr. Raymond Miller, son of Mr. R. H. Miller, who resides 15 miles north of Merkel. Both of these young people have attended the school here, and have many warm and admiring friends. The ceremony was said at eight-thirty, at the home of Rev. O. B. Tatum in the presence of a few close friends and relatives, with Rev. O. B. Tatum officiating.

After a short honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Miller will be at home at 1643 Thornton street, Merkel, Texas. Contributed.

### Miss Brown Hostess

Miss Sallie Brown was hostess to the Busy Bee Class Tuesday afternoon at her home on Ash street. A business session was first had, which included an election of officers. The officers elected were: President, Miss Opal Patterson; Treasurer, Miss Gladys Stutts; Secretary, Miss Elfe Chaney; Reporter, Miss Erma Lee Rea.

Following the business meeting a social hour was much enjoyed. The hostess, assisted by her sister, Miss Inice, and Miss Tommie Durham, served a refreshment plate to those present.

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## We Have Appreciated Very Much Your Liberal Patronage

And Hope our Services have Pleased You.  
Our Shop will be closed for Business after Saturday.

### YE BEAUTY SALON

MARY EULA SEARS LOYCE DRY

## Cozy Theatre

Friday and Saturday  
EXTRA BIG SHOW!

### "The Valley of Silent Men"

By James Oliver Curwood

A thrilling story of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police.  
A Big Paramount Picture in 7 reels.

### Also--- LARRY SEMON

The King of Fun Makers in  
"Lightning Love"

A BIG NINE REEL SHOW

Admission only 10-20-30c

IF IT'S A PARAMOUNT IT IS THE BEST SHOW IN TOWN.

### Party Honoring Visitor

Miss Erma Lee Rea gave a very pretty lawn party Monday evening at her home, honoring her house guest, Miss Vivian Kelly, of Rule, Texas. The lawn was made very pretty with lights, comfortable seats. Various out door games were enjoyed for a time.

A dainty refreshment plate of sandwiches, ice tea, and wafers was passed to the following: Misses Sallie Brown, Hallie Pike, Emma Toombs, Mary Hutcheson, Opal Patterson, Alma Patterson, Eva Mae Johnson, Intha Bird, Mona Margaret Jones, Gladys and Lena Stutts, Messrs. Wilbur Thomas, James Toombs, Adrian Rea, Euell Allen, Ray Garrett, W. L. Harkrider, Delmus McDonald, Clesby Patterson, Comer Patterson and Robert Mayfield.

### Mrs. L. E. Adrian Hostess At Luncheon

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian of Trent entertained with a luncheon Sunday, at their home, in honor of their Silver Wedding Anniversary. A tiny bride and groom bearing the date of the wedding, 1899, marking the place of each guest.

Covers were laid for Messrs. and Mesdames, B. L. Falkner, W. F. Steadman, J. T. Archer, J. C. Hamner, C. L. McLeod, Misses Rita and Lucille Adrian, the host and hostess.

### A Farewell Party for the Drake Sisters

On last Friday evening, August 22, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Eason, a farewell party was given for the Drake sisters.

Those present at the party were: Edwin Hill, Earl Douglas, Jewel Burns, Ouida Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Douglas, Viola Howard, Mr. W. M. Winter, Jimmie Giles, Mary Campbell, Nettie Mae Drake, Lora Drake, Leon Drake, T. J. Winter, Jack Howard, Gypsy Eason, Monetta Adcock, Elmer Adcock, Ira Howard, Gertrude Eason, Mr. T. Winter and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Eason.

Interesting games were played by the guests.

The Drake sisters sang several songs with the help of Mr. Eason to sing bass, which were enjoyed very much by all present.

After the singing the guests were called to the dining room and served delicious cream and cake. The guests marched to the dining room in couples.

The girls and boys drew numbers and the boy who drew No. 1 went with the girl who drew No. 1, etc.

## 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

After the refreshments, other interesting games were played. The party broke up about 12. No one had words to express their good time. A Guest.

### Swimming Party

The following girls enjoyed a swimming party to Shannon's Pool Tuesday afternoon: Misses Melba West, Ona Fae Rose, Dorris Durham, Johnny Sears, Gladys Mayfield, Juanita Tittle, of Abilene, Hazel Lee Rainbolt. After the swim a picnic lunch was spread, consisting of sandwiches, ice tea, pickles, cakes.

### Womans Missionary Society

We had a splendid program from the Voice on last Monday afternoon at our regular meeting of the Missionary Society. Every woman who had been placed on program responded with her part, and such interest and cooperation as is thus manifested in our Missionary work keeps our organization alive to the work that is mapped out for us to do. There were 15 present and we are glad to welcome one new member at this meeting. On next Monday afternoon we will have the regular business meeting, and after the business, a short lesson from our Mission Study book. There will be an all-day district meeting of the Missionary Societies of the Abilene district on September 12 at Oak street church, Abilene. Our local organization always sends a good representation to these all-day meetings. We are expecting a good attendance next Monday afternoon. Will you be there?

### D O N T

Don't risk life and limb by the use of imitation parts; use Genuine Ford Parts. Merkel Motor Company, Authorized Ford Dealers. 1t

Rev. Fred S. Rogers and family have been in Snyder, Texas, visiting for the past week.

### CARD OF THANKS

Ladies and gentlemen, I wish to extend my thanks to each and every one of you who supported and voted for me in the two recent elections. It shall be my purpose and intention to render the best service of which I am capable while your County Commissioner, rendering impartial service to all people and every part of the precinct, and in my efforts to do this I trust that I may have your friendship and cooperation. Yours truly,  
Phillip A. Diltz. 1t

Choice Colo. Lump Coal \$13.00 delivered in town this week. Swafford, phone 44. 1t

### Got the Result



Mr. Charles Moore, 2415 Eakin St., Dallas, well-known Texas citizen, says Karnak, the sensational new medicine, has freed him of two years of acute suffering from stomach trouble. "Indigestion and bloating had me so I couldn't draw a deep breath," says Mr. Moore, "and I was simply afraid to eat. I had to be always taking strong purgatives, too, and was so weak I could hardly get around. Karnak has fixed me up strong and well and for the first time in two years I eat anything I want. Karnak is a great med!"

For sale by MERKEL DRUG CO

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**FOR SALE**

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

**FOR SALE**—Have some Good cord wood at \$2.50 per cord on the ground. See L. W. Gilmore, 4 miles south Merkel. 29t3pd

**FOR SALE**—Home place. Located northwest Merkel. East front. Mrs. Frank Sears. tf

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—Good Hamburger and Drink Stand. See Latham. 1t

**FOR SALE**—Writing paper and envelopes to match. Name or monogram printed FREE. Call at Mail office to see samples. Blanche Durham. tf

**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. tf

**WANTED**

**WANTED**—Family to gather large cotton crop. Good house, wood and water all furnished. See R. B. Wells, Rt. 4. 29t2c

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

**WANTED**—A wagon. Would trade horse for one, or pay cash. See P. A. Diltz. 1tc

**LOST**

**LOST**—A Crank for a Maxwell car. Finder return to Dowell's Top Shop and receive reward, as well as a bottle of soda pop. 1t

**PERSONALS**

Miss Erma Lee Rea is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. M. Lane in Abilene this week.

Earl Lassiter and W. M. Tucker were visiting relatives and friends in Winters Monday.

All Authorized Ford Dealers sell Genuine Ford Parts. Merkel Motor Company. 1t

Mr. Clyde Sears and family of Abilene were here last week end.

Rev. C. S. Cameron of Abilene was here Sunday visiting with friends.

Miss Mae Burrows of Dallas, has accepted a position with Dr. Geo. Miller.

Mr. J. Hendrix and wife of Coahoma, Texas, came in Tuesday for a visit with relatives.

School days will soon be here. Call at Schindler's Variety Store for your school supplies. 1t

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

Mr. Delmus McDonald of Abilene is visiting his cousin, W. L. Harkrider this week.

Mrs. Ernest Mims of Abilene is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnson, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo Brown and children were in Abilene Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Scott returned to their home at San Antonio, after a visit with Mrs. Scott's mother, Mrs. Nannie Causseaux.

Miss Amy Gunn of San Antonio, Texas, is here for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Nannie Causseaux.

Miss Lorena Dry came in Saturday from C.I.A., at Denton, where she has been going to summer school.

Misses Minnie Coats and Mamie Ellis returned from Alpine, Texas, where they have been attending summer school at the State Normal.

Mrs. F. P. Hamm and children were in Abilene Tuesday. Miss Mildred Hamm remained for a visit with Miss Marjorie Bland.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ferguson and baby of Waco, Texas, are here for a visit with Mrs. Ferguson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Isom of Capps, Texas were here last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

Just unloaded two car loads of New Fords. They are going fast—three left. See us at once. Merkel Motor Co., Authorized Ford Dealers. 1t

Miss Vivian Kelly of Rule, Texas, who has been the guest of Miss Erma Lee Rea returned to her home Tuesday.

Mrs. C. F. Long of Abilene has been a guest in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

J. Ben Campbell and family left Sunday to visit relatives at and near Honey Grove. They will be absent about ten days.

Mr. Jim Patterson returned Friday from a business trip to Fort Worth.

Mrs. J. B. Hilburn and baby of Groom, Texas, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner last week.

**Dry Goods Buyers Return From Market**

Our buyers have just returned from the big Eastern Markets, where they carefully selected for this store one of the largest, most complete and best assorted stocks of dry goods, clothing, shoes, hats, and caps. Also, our Milliner personally selected a large and complete stock of the very latest in Millinery goods.

For some time much of these goods for every department have been coming, until now our stock is complete with many beautiful, useful and serviceable items in wearing apparel. Infact, our store is now brim full of the seasons best and latest in Dry goods and Millinery. Just a visit and inspection of our goods, will convince you that our prices, when quality is considered, are well in keeping with the conditions of today.

Everything for School Boys and Girls.

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What Wonderful Laundry Work!

day of drudgery but by the touch of a button we make it not a day, but an hour or two of pleasure. Come in and let us show you our stock of both new and used machines.

**Fill Those Empty Sockets!**

We are offering you an opportunity to fill those empty sockets for the dark winter nights, at a great saving. Until September 10th we offer your choice of any 6 of the following lamps for **\$1-25, PRICE \$1-65**  
10, 15, 25, 40, 50 watts

**WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO.**

**WE ARE IN THAT BUSINESS**

If it is cleaning and pressing you want, that is one of our specialties. Phone 218. Ligon, the Laundryman. tf

Mrs. J. D. Gaither, who has been here visiting her parnts, Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Cranford, left Tuesday for her home at San Antonio.

Mrs. Ed Leslie and children returned last Saturday from a trip via car to Clovis, N. M.

Last chance for Choice Colorado Lump Coal at Summer prices—unloading car at \$13.00 delivered in town. Swafford, south side, phone 44. 1t

Mr. Dolph Clark and Mr. Ben Clark returned this week from a trip to Clovis, New Mexico, and a visit with relatives at Lamesa.

Mr. T. J. Coats and family, accompanied by Miss Inice Brown, returned Saturday from a trip to Clovis, N. M.

Miss Jerelene Morrison, of View, Texas, is the guest of Miss Lerah Petree this week.

A message was received from Mrs. J. P. Sutphen, who has been visiting in east Texas for some time, that her mother, Mrs. Emma C. Macelroy, of Nacogdoches, had died suddenly.

Miss Ona Fae Bland of Abilene was in Merkel for a short time Saturday visiting with friends.

Call 180 and let us come out and get all of your dirty fall clothes and fix them up. We can do all kinds of repair work. Relining, dying and pleating at very reasonable prices. CASH TAILOR SHOP. tf

Miss Annie Bickley returned last week end from San Marcos where she has been attending summer school.

Miss Lillian Craig of Dallas was here visiting with friends a few days last week.

Rev. C. A. Bickley of Corsicana, Texas, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bickley last week.

Mr. Brannic Bailey who has been living at Nolanville, Texas, for some time, returned Tuesday to make Merkel his home. again.

Miss Geneva Middleton, who has been attending summer school at San Marcos, returned last week end.

Mr. Fate Richardson and wife and son Gene Carlisle and wife, of Venus, visited Earl Foster and wife Tuesday.

Rev. Albertson and family have been gone about a week visiting at Vernon, Texas, and other places.

Mrs. Robert Underwood, formerly Miss Josie Smith, is here for a short visit with her father, Mr. F. J. Smith.

Miss Juanita Tittle of Abilene is the guest of Miss Gladys Mayfield this week.

School days will soon be here. Call at Schindler's Variety Store for your school supplies. 1t

Miss Hazel Bell has been quite sick this week, but is reported much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case and son, Milton, spent last Sunday with relatives and friends at Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald spent several days this week on an outing and fishing trip to the Colorado.

Mrs. J. O. Dort, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hartline, left yesterday for California, where she will join her husband in making that state their home.

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kel, Texas as second class mail.

All the candidates have to go  
to the bother of preparing ac-  
ceptance speeches, but only one  
in each case will have to take  
the trouble of writing an inaugu-  
ral address.

**ELIMINATING UNFIT  
DRIVERS**

It has been estimated that  
from three to five per cent of the  
drivers of motor vehicles cause  
nearly all the accidents that oc-  
cur on the road. Hence it is  
claimed by some authorities that  
drivers who are involved in ac-  
cidents should be examined to  
see if they are lacking in those  
elements of caution or quick  
thought and action that will en-  
able them to meet emergencies.

Accidents are causing so much  
suffering and loss that it is ne-  
cessary that some radical steps  
should be taken to restrict them.  
During the War the army estab-  
lished certain testing grounds  
where all who wished to drive  
motors and trucks were exam-  
ined. From one quarter to one  
third of the applicants failed to  
pass this test the first time.  
Less than five per cent of those  
who failed the first time were  
able to pass the test thereafter,  
indicating that they possessed  
certain mental qualities that  
prevented them from becoming  
safe drivers.

The great problem in motor  
operation is how to eliminate  
such people as drivers. Public  
sentiment should demand tests  
sufficiently searching to exclude  
such persons from a responsi-  
bility for which they are not  
adapted.

**HAYDEN TURNER WRITES  
TO MAIL FROM ARKANSAS**

(Left out last week on account  
of not having enough space.)

Siloam Springs, Ark., Aug. 18  
Editor Merkel Mail,  
Dear Sir:

Will you kindly allow space in  
The Mail's columns to say to our  
many friends in the Merkel  
country, that we reached home  
again on August 12th, all safe  
and sound. We left Merkel on  
August 5th, stopped at Dallas  
one day and near McKinney,  
Texas two days, and then on to  
Madill, Oklahoma, where we  
visited Mrs. Turner's brothers  
for three days, and then on  
home, arriving at Siloam Springs  
at noon of Tuesday, Aug. 12th.

Indeed this great land of ours,  
"which lies just South of Miss-  
ouri," seems to be abundantly  
blessed. Crops of all kinds are  
very fine as we have had plenty  
of rain so that nothing has suf-  
fered for rain a single day and  
the corn is the best for several  
years. The tomato crop is also  
very fine and is now being gath-  
ered and canned. Our small  
canning plant is running full ca-  
pacity and is canning and ship-  
ping three to four car loads of  
Tomatoes every day.

We are surely enjoying the  
nice cool breezes of the Ozarks  
since our return from the sun-  
scorched prairies of Texas and  
we only regret that we can not  
share the bounties and beauties  
of this great North West Ark-  
ansas with our many friends in  
Texas.

Our town shipped its first car  
load of grapes last week. The  
grape crop is also very promis-  
ing and the quality very fine.  
The car just shipped was sold  
to a Chicago concern and  
brought the grower seven cents  
per pound. Since the Welch  
Grape Juice people have located  
a Grape Juice Plant in this sec-  
tion, thousands of acres have  
been set in grapes which are  
just coming into bearing.

We should be very glad to  
have our Merkel country friends  
visit us and enjoy with us the

many good things common to  
this section of the country, bath  
in our clear, sparkling streams,  
slake your thirst from our bub-  
bling fountains, and rest beneath  
the shades of our massive Oaks  
fanned by the Ozark breezes, and  
realize how very closely to na-  
ture we are living. (But we ask  
that you do not all come at  
once.) Indeed it is great to live  
in Northwest Arkansas. But we  
must close, lest you, in your  
haste, leave your wife to get to  
this "land of a million smiles".

Respectfully Yours,  
HAYDEN TURNER

The "Man with the hoe" used  
to be the subject of much pity,  
but when last seen he was quit-  
ting at five o'clock so as to get  
to the movies.

Our scientists ought to invent  
a mechanical handshaker, by  
which a politician could grasp  
the paws of 100,000 citizens a  
day, instead of only a measly  
thousand or two.

Mr. W. M. Cox and family  
have recently moved here from  
Colorado City, and Mr. Cox will  
be in the hamburger business,  
located in the building next to  
the Cozy Studio.

Mrs. Twyman Collins had as  
her guest Monday, Mrs. Ellie  
Williamson, Mrs. Tom McLeod  
and Mrs. Ernest Massey of Trent  
and Misses Lucille Massey, of  
Denton, and Odessa Moon of  
Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis had  
as their guest last Sunday, Mrs.  
Davis' mother, Mrs. J. E. Bad-  
gley, sisters Misses Lula and  
Lois, and Mrs. W. J. Tolaferro  
and two children, Edwin and  
Raymond and Mr. Floyd Gilbert,  
all of Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Tucker and  
daughters, Misses Margaret,  
Doris and Sara Agnes, have re-  
turned to their home in Ful-  
bright after a visit to Mrs.  
Tucker's parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
T. R. Lassiter.

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In these shoes you will see that every slightest detail has  
been given the most careful attention by expert workmen,  
resulting in footwear pleasing in style and comfortable in  
fitting. Our stock of shoes is complete, you can find what  
you want for any member of the family in this department.

**DRESSES**

You may choose your fall ready-to-wear dresses from our  
stock or if you prefer fashioning them from the latest in fall  
fabrics we have whatever material you are intending to use,  
in an ample choice of weaves, patterns and colors.

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Gloves are very essential to a complete wardrobe, we  
have a nice line in silks such as we are showing but if you  
wish to wear others, they are here in ample variety.

We carry hundreds of little articles too numerous to men-  
tion here; if you need Handkerchiefs, collars, sox; anything  
in the dry goods line we have it.

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at the price you pay for cheaper materials.  
Tents! Yes tents, to house the cotton picker  
or grubber. Wagon sheets to fit anything  
from a Tin Lizzie on up or down, all sizes.

We will make you an Excursion Rate on  
some few water coolers, freezers, lawn mow-  
err, one refrigerator, cots, water jugs, and  
some other few articles that we wish to clean  
up on this season.

Turn your foot prints this way.  
We have it.

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Company**

**PERSONALS**

Mayor H. C. West is reported  
to be quite sick at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Leach  
spent last week with relatives  
at Roby.

Miss Essie Floyd spent a few  
days this week in Plainview, the  
guest of Miss Jessie King.

W. J. Tyler and wife of Ris-  
ing Star are here guests of Mr.  
and Mrs. J. M. Johnson, parents  
of Mrs. Tyler.

Miss Mary McElroy, daughter  
of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McElroy,  
went over to Abilene this week  
where she had her tonsils re-  
moved.

Messrs. W. A. Tittle, J. J. and  
W. W. Toombs and Dee Moore,  
with their families, spent a few  
days this week fishing in Shack-  
elford county. They report a  
fine trip and plenty of fish.

Postmaster G. E. Comegys  
returned first of the week from  
a visit to his daughter, Mrs.  
Courtney Hunt, at Haskell.

Miss Vannie Hamblett, daugh-  
ter of Mr. W. F. Hamblett, left  
this week for Water Valley,  
Miss., where she will again enter  
school in that city.

Miss Pink Milligan, after a  
visit to her sister Mrs. W. G.  
Leach, left for her home at  
Roby.

We buy and sell Ford cars of  
all kinds. Can make immediate  
delivery on any model. Come in  
and look them over. Merkel Mo-  
tor Co. Authorized Ford Deal-  
ers.

Mr. R. J. Adcock returned  
home first of the week from  
Uvalde, where he has been for  
the past eight months, visiting  
a daughter. He will spend some  
time here with his sons and  
other relatives.

If you are thinking of buying  
a used car, we have many to  
choose from and prices which  
are interesting. Merkel Motor  
Co., Authorized Ford Dealers. 1

Mr. A. C. Rose, accompanied  
by Miss Evorie Clark, returned  
Tuesday from New York and  
other eastern states, where they  
have been to make purchases for  
the A. C. Rose Dry Goods.

Mr. J. E. Boaz attended the  
Col. R. L. Penick celebration  
last week. This celebration was  
held on the Penick ranch near  
Leuders, and was held for the  
citizens of Jones county who had  
been her residents for forty or  
more years.

Mr. L. A. Schmidt, of Breck-  
enridge, has accepted a position  
with the Cash Tailor Shop. With  
his wife, Mr. Schmidt is making  
his home at the home of Mr. and  
Mrs. C. E. Conner, where they  
have rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dobkins,  
Fort Worth, and two daughters,  
Ora Lee and Margaret, were the  
guests of C. C. Campbell and lit-  
tle daughter, Sally Mary, Fri-  
day and Saturday.

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on. tf

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# FARMERS

My gin is now Ready to Gin your Cotton. I have it in fine condition and can give you the best service.

Come to see me.

## Sam Swann

### TO THE VOTERS

I am sincerely grateful to the citizens of Taylor county for the position of trust to which they have named me. As your next Sheriff it is my intention to enforce all your laws, and to this end I earnestly solicit your full and cooperative cooperation. H. T. O'BAR.

See up to date stationery at Merkel Mail office.

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### ITCH!

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### Pain In Back & Sides

"FOR A LONG TIME," says Mrs. Dora Payne, of Huntington, Tenn., "I felt listless, tired and worn-out. I did not feel like doing my work, visiting or anything. I suffered much pain in my back and sides. My limbs hurt, my knees would tremble without apparent cause and I would have to sit down. I was very nervous. . . . I would have a tired, dull headache. I had read so much about Cardui I asked my husband

to get it for me. The very first bottle seemed to help me. After the second . . . I was better than I had been in months. I certainly can praise Cardui. "I have taken three bottles. Now I hardly wait when the sun shines to go to the garden. I am feeling fine." Similar results to those described above have been reported by thousands of other women. Cardui's 40 years of success should encourage you to give it a thorough trial for the relief of any common female ailments. For sale everywhere.

## CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

### FUNERAL SERVICES FOR ROGER HAYNES

The funeral services for Roger Haynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes, was held last Saturday afternoon at the Grace Presbyterian church, beginning at four o'clock. Rev. Fred S. Rogers, pastor of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. T. J. Rea, Methodist pastor, held the services.

Miss Melba West, pianist, played for the funeral procession. The procession was led by the pall bearers, who were all ex-service men, with whom the deceased was most closely associated when in Merkel. The pall bearers were: Messrs. Choc Jones, James Brown, W. L. Diltz Jr., L. J. Renfro, Parker Sharp, and John West. Other ex-service men followed after the family, and occupied seats just back of the family. Patriotic colors, red white and blue, were used here and there about the altar where the casket rested. The floral offering from friends was abundantly given and was very beautiful.

Roger Haynes was born April 29, 1893 at Ranger, Texas. He was 31 years, 5 months and 3 days old at the time of his death. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, his membership being in the Milford Presbyterian church, Milford, Texas, where he lived the greater part of his life. The deceased leaves to mourn his sudden going away, a mother, father, 3 brothers and three sisters. Roger Haynes was well known and much loved by a large circle of friends here, although for the past several years he has not made Merkel his home. He stood high in this community, he had high ideals, loved his home, and his family. We are told by those who knew him the best that he was the very spirit of courtesy and politeness. During the world war, he answered his country's call, serving until the armistice was signed.

Roger came to his death suddenly, having been shot and instantly killed while riding horse back in a Louisiana town, where he had been living for several years. No details leading up to or concerning his untimely death has been learned by us. The family have the sincere sympathy of friends throughout this entire community.

Relatives out of town attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ferguson, Waco; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hill, Milford; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Isom, Capps; and D. I. Haynes, Cotton Valley Louisiana.

### THE FRUIT SEASON

Modern dieticians say much in praise of fruit as an article of food. They regard it as one of nature's choicest gifts, a food that keeps the functions of the body operating regularly, and is supremely attractive to the human taste by its piquant flavor. The majority of people ought to eat more fruit than they do.

Formerly people used to have fruit trees and vines in their back yards much more than they do now. That custom has declined, owing partly to the losses sustained by thieving boys. It is usually possible however to trace the youngsters who commit such depredations, and a word to their parents usually stops them. Most families need fruit trees on their own grounds, so that they can eat with the utmost freedom of these healthful foods.

### TO THE VOTERS OF PRE. 2

I appreciate very much the vote you gave me in the last election. There was not enough to put me over but I will always feel grateful for the vote I received. Now I will cooperate with Mr. Diltz in any way to better the conditions in our precinct.

Respectfully, 1tp  
T. R. LASSITER.

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### WITH THE CHURCHES

#### Presbyterian Church

Next Sunday will close the summer season, let us make it the best in point of attendance of the entire summer. September will be Rally month, and every service will seek to be a Rally service.

There is always a place in our Sunday School for old and young. Come and make your class one of the best. Preaching service at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Come and help make every service one of spiritual revival.

Fred S. Rogers, Pastor.

#### First Baptist Church

In the absence of the pastor an able preacher will fill the pulpit at the eleven o'clock hour. It is earnestly requested that all be in their places Sunday at the Sunday school hour.

#### Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: "Sisterhood of the Americans."  
Leader, Mary Ellen Ashby.

1. Scripture reading, Mary Ellen Ashby.
2. Why we are Sisters, Bill Haynes.
3. South America, Avo Vaneaton
4. Central America, Fannie Belle Boaz.
5. North America, Clyde Mayfield.
6. Canada, Roy Giles.
7. Mexico, Lou Nell Lamar.
8. United States, Charlie Largent.

#### Junior League Program

Leader, John Frazier.  
Subject, "Christ's Heroes among the Indians."  
Song; Scripture lesson, Prayer. Explanation of lesson, Supt.  
"Heroes who helped us," told by Dorothy Daniels and Edna Wilson, dressed as Indians.  
Four Indians and a keg of whiskey, Sterling Sheppard.  
Lesson from Chinese Lanterns.  
Don't forget your dues.

#### FALL IS HERE

So come in and look over our new Samples. We have them in all the new shades and can give you a perfect fit in any style or price you might want. CASH TAILOR SHOP

### TAYLOR COUNTY SITE SELECTED STATE PARK

Abilene, Aug. 28. — Taylor County will receive one of the four major parks to be located in Texas, according to a decision of the State Park Board here, after being taken for a second tour of inspection of the proposed sites for a park at Buffalo Gap.

Members of the board who visited the Taylor county sites were D. E. Colp, chairman of the State Park Board; Mrs. Phoebe K. Warner of Claude, and Hobart Key of Marshall.

"I believe this ought to be the major State park in Texas, since the Davis Mountains site is to be made into a National park," Mr. Colp said.

"The board is highly pleased and enthusiastic as to the prospects for a major park here. The natural resources are among the best that we have found, and the park is the most accessible of any to the greater part of the State."

The board selected Round mountain, near Buffalo Gap, and plans to build a skyline drive around this. The view from this place is considered the best in West Texas, field glasses making it possible to pick out towns

forty and fifty miles away.

The city property below the dam of Lake Abilene also will be utilized. The board will recommend that the state take this over and develop it into a park. Included in the budget, which will be prepared by the board for the project, will be funds for the construction of the skyline drive and bathing beach below Lake Abilene.

The Park Board plans to construct a concrete dam below the reservoir and use the lake formed by this as a bathing beach. The entire park property will be cleaned up and strict maintenance kept by the state.

Between 500 and 600 acres are included in the present site and the board plans to add to this as the park is developed.

#### A Card of Thanks

We wish to express from the depths of our hearts the gratitude we feel for the help, sympathy and kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our darling baby, Clem Lee.

No people could have been more kind than you people were. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan. 1tp

Ed Scott and wife of Dallas, spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boney.

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 "Manhandled"  
 "Her Love Story"  
 Richard Dix Productions:  
 "Where Honor Ends"  
 "Headlines"

Valentino Productions:  
 "Monsieur Beaucaire"  
 "A Sainted Devil"  
 Zane Grey Stories:  
 "Wonderer of the Waste Land"  
 "The Border Legion"

Thomas Meigan Productions:  
 "The Alaskan"  
 "Whispering Men"  
 Bebe Daniels Productions:  
 "Argentine Love"  
 "Miss Bluebeard"

Pola Negri Productions:  
 "Lily of the Dust"  
 "Forbidden Paradise"  
 Betty Compson Productions:  
 "The Enemy Sex"  
 "The Female"

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### WHITE CHURCH

(Too late for last week)  
 In answer to the inquiry, "What's the matter with the White Church News?" First, there was a visit, next two sick babies in our home, then last, but not least, was the wonderful supply of plums in this part of the country. It seems a shame to let them go to waste without canning a couple of years' supply while they were so plentiful. Any way, we are still here, and not the least bit pessimistic. However, we found crops on an average in Knox county to be above the average in this community. We saw some that were not as good as ours so we came back pretty well satisfied with our prospects.  
 One crop we had the privilege to look over was one hundred and sixty acres of cotton grown by "Uncle Dan Chamberlain", as he is familiarly known in Knox, Haskell and Throckmorton counties. I assure you it is the most beautiful I ever saw at that time of the year. Small grain was also a bountiful harvest there.  
 As to the Vick babies, they are improving fast, and the gentleman of the house says after gathering about one hundred quarts of plums, "It's enough", so if not providentially hindered, you will hear more of White Church in the near future. That is, if we can find any thing to write about, and it seems possible that we may, for it will soon be school time and the chances are that these teachers we are going to have will live things up down the way. I understand that Miss Mae Beidleman of Merkel and Miss Dryden, of Abilene, have been employed to have that responsibility.  
 As yet, we have had no rain with the exception of two very light showers. Quite a bit of wind with one cloud blew over several out houses in the community and sent most everyone to the dugout.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. West left one day last week for San Antonio to visit relatives for several days.  
 Mr. Frank Demere and family spent a few days recently with Mr. Olin Clinton's family at Stanton.  
 Mr. Columbus Riggins and family, his sister, Miss Mary, and Grant Riggins and family of Trent, spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Gold Riggins of Big Spring. Also with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Connelly of O'Donnell.  
 Mr. Almer Barnes and family also visited relatives on the South Plains the latter part of last week.  
 Mr. Lee Burrus and nieces, Elen and Ethyl Perdum, of Rule, spent Sunday here before going on to Cuthbert to visit Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Burrus. Mr. Burrus reports his wife's health very much improved. After being taken to the sanitarium at Wichita Falls some three or four weeks ago, her many friends in this community will be glad to learn of her improvement.  
 Grandpa LaFlair, as he is familiarly known here, was seen carrying a new cotton sack under his arm a few days ago, which indicates there will be somethin' doin' "tout de suite."  
 Mr. Homer Tye is in Oklahoma this week on a business trip. We regret to hear his little son has been quite sick the last few days.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Edd Wills and sons from north of Merkel spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. West.  
 Monday night as twilight was stealing upon us, a new light shone on high, for God saw fit to reclaim the little soul of Clem See Doan. After an illness of several days, in spite of all that loving hands could do to keep this little one here a little longer, his spirit went to that sweet beyond where suffering will be no more. It seems that nineteen months is a very short time to be with us, but God knows best. A host of friends

and relatives in the Blair community, also in this community, sympathize with the father, mother and little brothers and sisters in their loss of this little one.  
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 Mr. Ennis Grimes of Chilli-cothe, Texas, spent a few days, with his father, T. L. Grimes, last week.  
 Jack Thompson and brother Irvin, of Lamesa, are here this week guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson of the Salt Branch community.

### TO THE PUBLIC

I wish to state most positively to the parties who have taken such a keen interest in my affairs that if I hear any more of their lying, slanderous remarks reflecting on my character, or the breaking up of my home, I shall prosecute the same for libel to the full extent of the law. Respectfully, Itady J. A. Louis Click.  
 Mr. D. T. Haynes returned to Cotton Valley, Louisiana, after a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.  
 Mr. S. A. Kirkpatrick of Louisiana was here for a short visit this week with Dr. W. V. Cranford.

### IN MEMORY OF ROGER

On this side and on that, men see their friends drop off like leaves in autumn; so it has been with our beloved friend, Roger Haynes "and for aught we know the very first swollen surge shall sweep us also, in."  
 The ones who knew Roger best loved him most. He was ever ready to challenge the side of right—and instances are readily recalled by his boy friends in which he championed their causes as his own. To his girl friends, he was the truest of friends—and a gentleman.  
 His philosophy seemed to be: "The only way to Have a Friend is to Be One." This was probably the secret of his wide circle of friends.  
 He was courteous at all times to all ages and we shall remember him in years to come as wearing that sweet smile with which he always greeted us.  
 He radiated happiness and we pray that when our summons come, our few days will have been blessed with such peace and friendship, kindness and sympathy towards our fellow-man!  
 He loved simplicity and truth; he enjoyed the companionship of little children and often took part in their play. As much delight could be found in his countenance as in theirs, while he made himself one of them.  
 His love for home and family was a true index to his character.  
 Farewell, dear friend, the bright and eternal doors have closed after thee. We shall see thy sweet face and happy smile no more, but your life has not been lived in vain; for you've made us better for having lived among us, scattering sunshine wherever you went.  
 God's own love has lightly, softly hemmed in our own dear Roger. Earthly pain has passed with him and joy and peace is his!  
 By his friends who knew him best.

### FORD PRAISES MOTIVES OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Montreal, Aug. 27.—"If the truth were known about the Ku Klux Klan it would be looked up to as a body of patriots," Henry Ford is quoted as asserting in an article printed in the Montreal Star yesterday.  
 "It (the klan) is the victim of a mass of lying propaganda," he is reported to have said, "and is therefore looked upon with disfavor in many quarters, but if the truth were known about it, it would be looked up to as a body of patriots concerned with nothing but the future of the country in which it was born and the preservation of the supremacy of the true American in his own land."

### COZY THEATRE The Home of Big Pictures

Beginning Monday, September 1st, the Cozy Theatre will run every day. We have carefully selected our pictures from a large list available and assure you they are the very best pictures made, and when you come you can always be sure of seeing a good show. Some of the big ones that are coming soon: Gloria Swanson in "Prodigal Daughters", "Manslaughter", "The Ne'er Do Well", "Triumph", "Spirit of the U.S.A.", "The Old Homestead", "Girl of the Limberlost", "When Knighthood Was in Flower" and many others of the same high rating.  
 The admission price you will pay will be no more than you have paid for ordinary program pictures. We have had a man from Dallas all this week thoroughly overhauling our big organ which assures you of good music. We are going to give you the best and serve you every day and will appreciate your patronage. H. T. Hodge, Mgr.  
 School days will soon be here. Call at Schindler's Variety Store 1t for your school supplies. 1t

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