

HIGHWAY NO. ONE FOLLOW OLD ROUTE

Highway No. 1, extending east and west through Abilene and Taylor county, will be allowed to remain on the south side of the T. and P. railway along its present routing, according to a letter which has been received by County Judge Carlos D. Speck from Gibb Gilchrist, state highway engineer. Highway No. 1 is to be paved soon, the state and federal governments paying two dollars of the expense for each dollar paid by the county.

"We have agreed to a location in Callahan county, meeting Taylor county on the south side of the T. and P. railroad," the letter states. "We do not know whether Callahan county is going to construct along this line or not, but such agreement was made with Callahan county in order that we might adjust, as far as possible, all differences between Callahan and Taylor counties and this department.

"This would deliver State Highway No. 1 to you on the south side and it could go into Abilene that way, making what ever changes in alignment from the old road that might be required. Mr. Haile's suggestion was that this route through Abilene be via South 9th street to Oak, thence north on Oak to South 1st, thence west on south 1st. Our agreement to use this location is contingent on Taylor county making a satisfactory grade separation with the T. and P. railway west of Abilene, and that you provide sufficient right-of-way for construction, and make whatever changes in alignment that are required for satisfactory location.

"Further than the general outline above, no specific alignment data can be given but I have no uneasiness but what we can agree on it, since we have conceded to you the change of general location from that which in our best judgment was correct. In other words, there is no question but what the north side of the T. and P. railroad from Baird west is the best route for this road."—Abilene Reporter.

Preaching At Mt. Pleasant

There will be preaching at Mt. Pleasant next Sunday afternoon after Sunday School. This will be the last appointment this year at this place. Your presence is requested, and will be appreciated. E. Y. Dickinson, pastor.

Mr. Lee Williams was here Wednesday from his home in the Noodle community, and dropped in to pay us for a little Want advertisement which he had been running in the Mail for some time, and which he says brought to him many inquiries regarding the matter advertised.

C. E. French, of Dallas, who spent some ten days here the guest of his sister, Mrs. G. W. Boyce and family, left this week for his home. While here Mr. French visited Buffalo Gap and Abilene, and stated that he always enjoys his visit to this city.

Rev. W. H. Albertson attended the meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, which convened in Sweetwater for two days this week.

Mr. W. R. Sumpter, of route one, was here recently and had us send the Mail to him for another year. He reports crops very good with him.

Rev. T. J. Rea went to Abilene Monday of this week on business.

BADGERS MEET SWEETWATER ON LOCAL GRIDIRON 3:30 TODAY

The Merkel High School Badgers will meet a formidable school team and old time foe on the High School gridiron this afternoon at 3:30 when they enter the game with Sweetwater High School.

Although the Sweetwater team was victorious over the Badgers last season, the Merkel team this year is much stronger, and local fans do not believe that the Badgers will come out holding the small score.

This is further substantiated by the recent large scores piled up against Clyde and Ballinger, neither of these teams being allowed to score.

The local boys are now selling season tickets, and at very reasonable prices. Financial backing is the thing they need to make a complete success. Buy a season ticket today. And then attend the games and "root" for Merkel. The game today is going to be one of the best on the schedule; don't miss it.

HE RETURNS FROM RIO GRANDE VALLEY

Mr. J. A. Stanford and family who last year sold their splendid farm located in the Shiloh community, and moved to the Rio Grande Valley, where they purchased land, have returned to Merkel to make their home.

This writer has not had the opportunity to talk with Mr. Stanford since his return, but according to friends of his whom we have talked with, Mr. Stanford seemed to have been given a pretty raw deal in the purchase of land in the Valley. We will also state that we have in our possession a copy of a newspaper published in the Valley, giving a page write-up of the facts and details concerning Mr. Stanford's land purchase there, which will appear as an advertisement likely in this paper next week, and which would have appeared this week but for the rush of work and press of time to insert same.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hall, who have spent the past two years in California, returned to Merkel first of the week, and will at least spend the fall and winter here. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have been citizens of Merkel off and on for many years, and their many friends in and about Merkel are delighted at their return and trust that they will decide to make this city their permanent home.

Mr. John West, who won high honors with his fine chickens among the fine poultry raisers at the Community Fair here and the West Texas Fair at Abilene, sold one of his fine young Cockrels for \$10.00 to an Abilene party last week.

Notice in Change of Meeting of M. E. Missionary Society

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will meet at 2:30 on Monday afternoon instead of at four.

Monday, October 6, will be a business meeting. All officers are asked to be ready with reports. Publicity Com.

Mrs. Frank Sears returned with her daughter, Mrs. T. V. Touchstone to Chillicothe, Texas, for a visit last Friday.

Miss Opal Bradley of Abilene has accepted a position with the Merkel Motor Company as bookkeeper.

THE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ORGANIZE

The Senior Class of the Merkel High School met on Thursday afternoon and organized for the year. The class is the largest and the most enthusiastic ever to graduate in Merkel High School. They also will have the distinction of being the first class to graduate from the beautiful new high school building.

Melba West was elected president; W. L. Harkrider, vice-president; Ona Faye Rose, Secretary-treasurer; and James Swann, press reporter. The class for this year, consisting of forty one members, is composed of the following members: Gladys Breeden, Marvin Brookreson, Jewell Burns, Mary Batman, Mamie Coates, Vada Cole, Byron Curb, Evelyn Curb, Eula Deavers, Doris Durham, Ray Garrett, Fred Giles, Effie Grayson, Lucille Guitar, W. L. Harkrider, James Harris, Lois Higgins, Velma Holloway, Isabel McAdams, Royce McDonald, Clyde Matthews, Mildred Matthews, Gladys Mayfield, Leon arrett, Fred ee-rGGi'oro, rty3. Mullen, Harold Miller, Clesby Patterson, Jarrett Pinckley, Pauline Pinckley, Ruth Pinckley, Nola Provine, Hazel Lee Rainbolt, Adrian Rea, Ermalee Rea, Ona Fae Rose, Perry Shannon, Buford Smith, James Swann, Ruth Watts, Melba West, C. R. Williams and Stella Wilson.

YOUNG DR. WILL LOCATE FT WORTH

Dr. W. F. Armstrong left Tuesday night for Fort Worth, Texas, where he will locate and practice his chosen profession. He will be associated with Dr. Harrell Johnson and Dr. Lyle. Office 205 W. T. Wagoner Bldg. Young Dr. Frank is the son of Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong of Merkel, and has one of the brightest futures of any young man, having had the best of training and education, as well as experience.

Mr. W. M. Snow of the White Church community returned the first of the week from an extended visit to relatives in the state of Arkansas, and in which state Mr. Snow was reared. He reports many changes, and says that he has no desire to ever reside there again. In other words, Mr. Snow says the "Old Home State ain't what she used to be."

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Easterwood of Taft, Texas, who formerly made Merkel their home for a number of years, announce the birth of a baby girl, weighing seven and one-half pounds, on September 28th. The baby has been christened Mabel Claire.

Rev. C. A. Tucker, who is this year finishing at Simmons College, was here first of the week for a visit with his parents Mr. Tucker, while attending Simmons, is also pastor for the Presbyterian church at Munday, Texas.

Mrs. O. R. Dye has as her guests this week, her mother, Mrs. E. S. Murphy of Abilene, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. E. C. Murphy of Dallas, Texas.

Miss Tina Moore left last week for Odessa, Texas, where she will spend a few days, and then go to Sierra Blanca to stay with her aunt, Mrs. L. P. Jones.

REGULAR LUNCHEON NEXT TUESDAY NITE

Next Tuesday night is the regular meeting of the Merkel Luncheon Club, which will take place as usual at Ed's Cafe. A large number have already bought tickets, and a good attendance is therefore assured. However, as the Luncheon Club has for its purpose the upbuilding of the town and community, everybody is welcome and infact cordially invited. Especially the business men of the city should be on hand. If you have not been attending, come out next Tuesday evening.

The editor of the Merkel Mail is to be Toastmaster at the evening's entertainment, and in obedience of a command and a threat from the President that any member failing to cooperate with the organization or who refuses to carry out any task placed upon him, that said member be immediately expelled from the organization, we here and now promise to deliver the goods to the best of our ability.

COTTON PICKERS BADLY NEEDED HERE NOW

We notice in the big dailies where those papers are playing up the great crops to be gathered on the plains, stating that thousands of hands are needed. And we are truly glad that good crops are to be found in that section, but we feel sure that the crops in this section are several weeks in advance of the Plains; hence the need of hands in this section is much greater than in that section at present. Yes, a thousand hands could find good cotton picking in the Merkel country at this time.

Rally Day Sunday at the Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 5, is Rally Day at the Presbyterian church. We are seeking to make this the biggest day in point of attendance of the year. A special rally day program will be given, and promotion exercises will be given.

Those who attend next Sunday morning will enjoy seeing the seven members of the cradle roll graduated to the beginners department. These little folks will have on their caps and gowns just like real graduates. Help us make this a great day by your presence and support. Fred S. Rogers.

The Fire on The Hearth

Philosophers and poets have already loved the fire on the hearth which autumn brings to many of our homes. The hearthstone has not been kept up in many dwellings, and many modern ones have no such open fireplaces. But there are plenty of people left who value highly this feature of the old homes.

The low blazing fire with a flame dancing before the back-log, starts currents of reflection and it promotes intimate conversation and reminiscence. It emphasizes friendship, and it invites the neighbors and associates to come in for an hour of thoughtful talk.

The open fire is dreamy and restful, and the strife of the world seems far away as the red coals glow. Perhaps if more of our people loved these family and friendly gatherings before the open fire, there would be less of the mad rush for wealth and sensuous pleasure.

Mrs. L. P. Jones left Saturday for her home at Sierra Blanca, Texas, after a visit with her father here.

THE DALLAS NEWS TO OFFER BARGAIN

We are in receipt of a letter from the Dallas News, stating that reduced mail subscription rates will be announced not later than Dec. 1. This will be the first offer of this kind to be made by the Dallas News. This is no doubt good news to many newspaper readers who buy their daily newspaper by the year.

The News stated it printed more news and more pages during the year just passed than any other Texas newspaper. The number of pages exceeded that of the next newspaper by 1,200. The letter also brought out the fact that The News maintained the highest priced news-gathering organization in the Southwest, its pay roll for this class of service being 53 per cent higher than the next newspaper.

According to their statement, The News also maintains TEN LEASED WIRES, which exceeds that of any other Texas newspaper.

This news, concerning the big State newspaper which has meant so much in the growth of Texas, will be of interest to the entire reading public.

MESQUITE PASTOR COMMENDS "ZIM"

That the people of the Methodist church and of Merkel and surrounding country may learn of the work of Zim, the Tithing Evangelist, now holding a meeting in Merkel, did in the Methodist church at Mesquite, Dallas County, Texas, we give the following report of the meeting at Mesquite, as written by the pastor of the church, and published in this week's Texas Christian Advocate, as follows:

Rev. O. F. Zimmerman, the Tithing Evangelist of the Texas Conference came to us the 4th Sunday in July and spent four weeks. It is impossible to tell what the results were and will be in the future. Practically every active member in the church was signed up to tithe. Three Sundays have passed since the meeting closed and the people continue to bring the money in. Last Sunday the Sunday School offering was \$83. The church building has been painted and the little debts which have been accumulating along are being paid and no doubt within six months the church can be dedicated.

There were several conversions and reclamations during the meeting. The spirit of the people was never better. It is a real pleasure to be the pastor of Mesquite now.

Mesquite believes in Zim. Some of the people have expressed themselves as desiring him to return next summer for another meeting. There is no question as to his ability when it comes to putting on a tithing campaign. He is logical, fearless and religious. (Signed) Emmett H. Mays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald and Mrs. T. G. Bragg made a trip to Westbrook, Texas, for a visit with Mesdames Bragg and McDonald's mother.

Miss Alma Patterson who is attending McMurry College was at home last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Pattersons.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippet and daughter, Joy, of San Angelo, Texas, were here last week spending a few days with Mrs. E. N. Brown and other relatives.

Rev. R. E. L. Stutts was here Tuesday visiting with friends.

MEETING CONTINUES METHODIST CHURCH

Services continue twice daily at the Church and "Zim" is bringing some wonderful messages at each service. Although the attendance is small much good is being done. Methodist should either erase the deficit of the Church, disprove this doctrine, or attend these services.

No man can gain any thing by running from the truth. Zim is either right or he is wrong. If he is wrong you should prove him so and get his one thousand dollars. If he is right then we can have an abiding peace of conscience when we have done our duty.

I believe in the people called "Methodist". I believe that they are the truest, noblest, and most self sacrificing bunch of people to be found any where, but facts are facts and we must face them sooner or later. "Come Thou with us and we will do thee good." T. J. Rea, Pastor.

P. T. A. PROGRAM FOR WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8

Devotional, Mrs. Booth. Piano Solo, Inice Brown. "Is the Child to Blame", Mamie Ellis. Reading, Flora Francis Anderson. Business. Violin Solo, Lynn Thompson. Round table discussion, "Why we should have Domestic Science in our school", led by Mrs. Durham.

FIRE DESTROYS 30 BALES HERE

Fire of an unknown origin destroyed about thirty bales of cotton in the local cotton yard here Thursday morning at about four o'clock.

We are informed that most of the cotton, which belonged to local buyers, was insured; however, the farmers of the community were also losers of a few bales.

Singing at Nubia

We are requested to announce that there will be singing at Nubia at three p.m. at the Methodist church Sunday, October 5th. Every one is heartily invited to attend.

Mrs. O. J. Shaffer and children of El Paso, are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. West, Mrs. Shaffer being a sister of Mrs. West.

Miss Nell Swann was at home last week end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann. Miss Swann returned to Simmons College Monday to resume her studies there.

The Carson Grocery Company has this week installed a New Service Display Counter, which adds much to the appearance and convenience of the store.

Mrs. P. A. Sandifer had as her guest her grandson, Fletcher Groover, accompanied by Mr. Perkins Wells of Oklahoma City, this week.

Mr. Bud Sears and family of Menard were here a few days last week visiting Mrs. Frank Sears and daughters.

Mrs. J. A. Canon and little daughter, Margaret, spent last week-end with relatives at Abilene.

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MODERN ENTERPRISE

The average man has little idea of the spirit of enterprise that is alive today, and of how the business world is competing to take advantage of openings in every direction.

A bank official in a large city was remarking the other day, on the care with which his institution was going through the newspapers of the smaller cities and country towns, in search of possible business. It was determined to know at the earliest possible date of every chance for the development of enterprise, as that made new chances for the use of its own services.

Also he noted how carefully such newspapers were being read by the representatives of business organizations all over the state. If the item was printed in some local newspaper, that such and such a man or concern contemplated starting a branch of its business, or building a factory out in other ways, the eager eyes of many representatives of Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade would note that little item.

Immediately they would get to work writing letters to this party. Solicitors and canvassers and secretaries would interview him, until he might be fairly pestered by such rivalry.

The lesson of such observations is that a community has to be very wide awake in these times if it is to hold its own. Its own business men who contemplate some form of expansion, may be lured off to other places.

Most towns have at any time a certain number of ambitious people who cherish in their heads plans for some form of business development. Many of these schemes are visionary and will not amount to anything. But a certain proportion of them are practical and possible.

Here in Merkel we want our business men and ambitious young fellows, in their plans for development, to prefer their home town so far as possible.

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS OPENS AT DALLAS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Saturday, Oct. 11 will be opening day of the thirty-eighth annual State Fair of Texas at Dallas, and the declaration is made that there will be more new features and that visitors will see more actual and contemplated improvements than at any previous exposition.

There will be thirteen days of running horse races, with four stake events.

The former coliseum, directly at the entrance of the grounds, has been made into a magnificent agricultural building, in which the farm products of more than forty Texas counties will be displayed to maximum advantage.

In the main exhibit building, an entirely new and most artistic effect has been secured by rendering the whole interior into the replica of a Spanish village, even to the chimneys which ring out hourly from the belfry of the village church.

Texas manufacturers will have numerous "action exhibits" in the manufacturers' section of the big automobile and manufacturers' building and the south's greatest automobile show will be given in the automobile section.

Demonstrations of agricultural implements, farm power machinery and kindred lines, will be found in great variety all over the grounds and thousands of head of fine stock will be shown in the live stock department. A ten-day poultry show and the annual show of the Texas Kennel Club, featuring particularly fine hunting dogs, will be additional features.

A two-day horse show will be held Oct. 22 and 23; six big football games are scheduled for the athletic stadium, and the All-Collegiate Circus and coronation of All-College Queen will take place in the stadium on the night of Saturday, Oct. 18.

Crack R. O. T. C. companies from Texas High Schools will appear in competitive drills on Friday, Oct. 21.

In an amusement way, the best features obtainable have been secured, including "Tokyo," a most pretentious fireworks spectacle, to be given every night; "The Passing Parade of 1924," magnificent musical and scenic spectacle, with a company of seventy-five; twenty great circus acts, to be given before the grandstand twice daily, and nightly airplane flights by Lieut. Henry Toncray, Texas veteran of the world war, who will perform in an illuminated bombing plane.

MOTHERS AT STATE FAIR OCTOBER 18 THIS YEAR.

Oct. 18 has been designated as Texas Congress of Mothers' Day at the State Fair of Texas this year, at the request of Mrs. Ella Carothers Porter, founder of the organization. Mrs. S. M. N. Marrs is president of the Congress, and Mrs. Stephen Chamness, also of Austin, executive secretary. The Congress is vitally interested in child welfare, and at the 1924 State Fair will take an active part in the "Fitter Families" campaign, conducted by the rural department of A. & M. College.

Poultry Judges Named.

Henry C. Dippell of Indiana; J. L. Leland of Illinois and Earl Smiley of Nebraska, all licensed American Poultry Association judges, have been named to officiate at the State Fair Poultry Show, Dallas, Oct. 11 to Oct. 20. Walter Burton, poultry department superintendent, is expecting the greatest number and variety of interests of record at a State Fair poultry show.

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A Real Rocker.

Our New Fall Goods are Arriving Daily.
Our house is full of new, up-to-date mer-
chandise. We can supply your wants.

See us for Furniture.

Barrow Furniture Co.

MYSTERY MAN AT STATE FAIR



Harry Houdini, most famous "mystery man" in the world, is to be a special attraction at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, one day only, on the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 12. Houdini is to present his latest demonstration of the work of "spiritualistic" mediums, in connection with his lecture on the subject, "Can

the Dead Speak to the Living." He declares they can't, and his exposé of "fake" mediums is declared to be the most absorbing entertainment ever conceived. It is all the more interesting, because it is given in broad daylight, and with none of the curtains and other appliances used at so-called "séances."

Mr. Joe Owens left last week for California. Mr. Owens has been with the G. M. Sharp Grocery Store for several years.

Miss Minnie Maud Lamar left Saturday night for Corsicana to visit for a while.

We have a phone for the use of our customers as well as ourselves. Use it when you give checks to cotton pickers who are strangers. Use it if we can serve you during the busy season. Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

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Thinking of equipping your car with BALLOON TIRES? We carry the original—Firestone Gum-Dipped Balloon Cord Tires. Let us talk it over with you and give you our new low prices. West Company.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Buford left Wednesday for Haskell to attend the Haskell County Fair.

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Not merely do many railroad trains have to plough through snow in winter, but they have to knock automobiles out of the way at the highway crossings.

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VISIT OUR STORE. GET OUR PRICES BEFORE MAKING YOUR FALL PURCHASES.

We quote a few every day prices at this store.

Suits	One Lot Heavy Shirting, Solids and Stripes 20c yard		Springtime Bleached Domestic 36 in. wide 20c yard	Comforts
Overcoats	One lot of Good Dress Gingham 20c yard		Brown Domestic 36 in. wide. 20c yard	Blankets
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Sweaters				and
Trunks				Notions
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A. C. ROSE, DRY GOODS

Bring your cotton checks to the Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

Some used Fords, in good condition, at a bargain. See W. E. Lowe.

LAND FOR SALE

No. 1—320 acres, 160 acres in farm; 2 houses, nearly all good land. Price \$40.00 per acre. Small cash payment, long time.

No. 2—120 acres, 6 room house, well and mill and cistern. All tillable land. Price \$50 per acre with one-fourth cotton, one half cash and long time.

No. 3—316 acres, 225 in farm, 30 acres more good land, two sets improvements. This is a dandy. \$4500 in Government loan with 34 years to pay at five and one-half percent.

No. 4—120 acres, 75 in farm, 3-room house, well, mill and cistern, 25 acres more good land, price \$37.50 per acre, \$2000 cash and long time.

No. 5—160 acres, 6-room house, 50 acres in farm, 2 wells, windmill, good garden, 80 acres more good land. Price \$25 per acre cash.

No. 6—78 acres, 4-room house, well and mill, nearly all good land. Price \$3500, \$2000 cash and long time.

Selling land is like selling shoes—you must have the land to fit the buyer, so if any of these do not suit you, don't get discouraged, I have plenty of it to offer and if you will only give me a chance I will fit you both in quality and price. Let me tell you what I have to offer.

E. D. COATS. It

Miss Mamie Ellis was an Abilene visitor last Saturday.

Miss Belle Walker of Fort Worth was here last week visiting relatives.

Mr. George McDonald was here from Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

Everybody uses Selver Moon Coffee. None Better. You will find it at W. F. Hamblett's. It

Maize and cane for sale. See Marvin Giles, southeast part of Merkel. Itp

Mr. Max Mellinger and family returned Tuesday from Sweetwater where they visited friends for several days.

"Gordon's Antiseptic will relieve gas, indigestion, constipation, appendicitis, etc. Merkel Drug Co. 3t4

Mrs. O. H. Miller and Mrs. Sam Mashburn and little daughter, Snookie, of Stith, visited Mrs. A. J. Cannon Wednesday.

Ford Service Dealers are giving Ford owners a service on GENUINE FORD PARTS that they have not heretofore enjoyed. You'll find our stock complete and our service unsurpassed. West Company, Ford Service Dealer. t1

"Gordon's Antiseptic is a preparation that will do all that is claimed for it. We can recommend it for all forms of stomach troubles. Merkel Drug Co. 3t4

Mrs. R. I. Grimes and two children were visitors at Sylvester, Texas, last Sunday.

Some used Fords, in good condition, at a bargain. See W. E. Lowe. tf

The sale of throat tablets ought to increase as the campaign progresses.

One way to defeat a politician is to encourage him to go on talking.

The speakers who are discussing the welfare of mankind should show how the muffins can be improved.

If there is going to be more enthusiasm in this campaign, the candidates and others having barb's will have to loosen up.

Candidates said by the political writers to be getting colorful ovations, but more of them seem hollerful.

When two automobile speeders run into each other, many pedestrians think they should worry.

The politicians are often said to be flushed with victory, possibly also some of them are flushed with other things.

Women's organizations are instructing women voters, and they would better instruct a lot of the men too.

Being urged to take an interest in education, millions of people will attend the football games this fall.

The government reports fail to state the condition of the plum crop which the politicians will soon gather.

Although times are said to be perilous for dictators, our wives seem to know how to get us to come to meals on time.

If 30,000,000 votes are cast at this election, it is going to be some job if the defeated party demands a recount.

The Chinese soldiers must feel quite secure against modern artillery behind intrenchments of washtubs.

The politicians are urged to expose corruption, and they are perfectly willing to do so when it belongs to the other party.

Among the sports of the hunting season, the candidates are pursuing the voters who have taken to the woods.

The country no doubt needs more thinkers, but it takes some thing besides thinking to get the woodpile sawed up.

The coming generation may not do such wonderful things, but anyway a lot of them are going to get their names in the papers for overspeeding.

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While the world fliers have circled the earth in their planes, some of the people of Merkel have never had the energy to walk all through the streets of their home town.

COZY

Not Occasionally but Always a Good Show

Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 6-7.

RUDOLPH VALENTINO

Supported by Lila Lee and Nita Naldi in

"BLOOD AND SAND"

What a lover! What a Picture! You'll quake as Valentino risks his life in the most dangerous sport known to man—Bullfighting. You'll thrill at his impassioned love making. Eight gorgeous breathless reels you'll never forget. It's a Paramount.

EXTRA—2-Reel Comedy

Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 8-9.

ANNA Q. NILSON and MILTON SILLS in

"THE ISLE OF LOST SHIPS"

It carries you drama bound to the weird Sargossa Sea. Thrills! Romance and Adventure. A Maurice Tourneur Production.

EXTRA—"Jazz Weekly" Roaring 2-reel Fox Comedy

Friday Only, Oct. 10th.

LEATRICE JOY and OWEN MOORE

—in—

"THE SILENT PARTNER"

Wives! Here's a drama of your own life! Husbands! See the Silent part wives play in Men's careers! The story of a million homes and the financial problems common to all.

ALSO—"Love Loops the Loop"

2-reel Paramount Mack Sennett Comedy

Saturday, Oct. 11.

Entire Change of Program

BUCK JONES

—in—

"A CIRCUS COWBOY"

An Exciting Western Drama

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kel, Texas as second class mail.

Why cuss a neighbor just be-
cause he happens not to see a
thing just as you do. Has he not
the right to his opinion just the
same as you? If so, then the
country would be better off if
some people would lay aside
their little hatchet. Try it, if
you are guilty, and see if you do
not feel better.

The fellow that is always
worrying about the world going
to the bad, according to his way
of thinking, and thinks he might
do a big part in reforming same,
is generally about the most wor-
ried and unhappy fellow in the
community. His circle of friends
are most generally few and of
little value.

You patrons of the Merkel
Public Schools, have you visited
the school yet? In doing so you
will be better able to judge fair-
ly just what is being done there.
And, if you have not, you are
not competent to criticize the
work being done. Every mother
and father who have children
attending school should occasion-
ally pay a visit at the school
building.

Beginning last night (Thurs-
day), the Lyceum course con-
sisting of five excellent num-
bers started in Merkel. The Ly-
ceum this year is sponsored by
the Parent-Teachers Association.
And the same is brought to this
city solely for the entertainment
and education of the young life
of the city, mainly the school
children. The season tickets are
most unusually reasonable, only

\$1.50 for the adult for the five
entertainments, and only \$1.00
for school children. This paper
would urge that the entire citi-
zenship give the lyceum their
most hearty support.

Why cuss progress? Who
wants to go back to the old
time way of living. Some cuss
the automobile. It's here to stay,
and if used right will prove a
blessing to those able to buy
and maintain one. Most of the
fathers of today can well remem-
ber away back when our fathers
cussed the then new narrow
seated buggies. We thought
they were all right. But now we
cuss the automobile, and declare
it is ruining the country.

WOMEN CITIZENS?

A committee of one of the
community organizations was
preparing a notice the other day
for a public meeting. This no-
tice called the attention of the
"citizens" of the community to
this gathering. Some one object-
ed, and said that that would not
draw the women, as many of
them did not yet realize that
they are "citizens". This opin-
ion was fortified by referring to
the great number of women who
have not so far registered as
voters.

Many of these women admit
that they ought to do their share
at the polls. But political ques-
tions are so far outside their ex-
perience, that they can not seem
to get interested in them. They
say that they do not understand
them, and that if they voted,
their action would be so unin-
telligent that they could not ex-
pect to do any good.

This point of view will seem
quite behind the times to many
women who have always taken
an interest in public affairs.
Many of these people read the
political news and attended the
campaign rallies long before
they got suffrage. Many of them
used to feel aggrieved in those
days if anyone denied that they

were entitled to be called citi-
zens.

If anybody has had doubts
whether women are properly to
be called citizens, such questions
should have passed altogether
now. The women ought to real-
ize that the burden of provid-
ing good government rests on
them just as much as upon the
men.

If the schools are not what
they could be, if health and san-
itary conditions are not carried
out with the same care that a
housekeeper would exercise in
her own home, if taxes are high,
if the government pursues poli-
cies that interfere with indus-
trial prosperity, the women have
themselves to blame just as
much as the men. If they would
take hold of these problems with
the same moral circumstances
they show in church and Sunday
school and woman's club work,
they could make a big improve-
ment in government efficiency.

Gem Theatre

Saturday, Oct. 4

NEAL HART
-in-
"BRANDED A THIEF"
With The Comedy
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Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct 7-8

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We have purchased our large and complete stock
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and surrounding country at a great saving of money
to day. We have a complete stock of everything
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5. Lighter house work, no fuel to bring in, no fires to build.

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1. Saves the health of his wife, she's better contented.
2. No danger of fires.
3. Saves cost of up keep, no waste of foods by shrinkage.
4. Saves the light bill, use the iron and appliances off of Range meter, has cheaper rate.
5. Don't divorce your wife, buy her an electric range.

This is an electric Age. An Electric Cookery means a better cookery, therefore, use an Electric Range.

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NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT

It is a very interesting thing to see the way a neighborhood will change under leadership. Just as people will follow leadership in the matter of fashion, all wearing one kind of clothes because it is the style to do so, so they are incited to action or non-action by their neighbors.

If one man allows his grounds to become neglected and they are disfigured by unsightly litter, his carelessness is an encouragement to every one on that street who has tendencies to such slackness.

If the women folks ask their men to clean up and make improvements, the latter will respond that anyway their places look just as well as their neighbor's does, and that they are not going to try to set themselves up above the whole street, and they are satisfied if their conditions look as well as the rest.

On the contrary, if some one with a love for order and beauty moves in such a street, and begins to make improvements, a distinct impression is made. Disorderly neighbors begin to open their eyes. They are pleased by the better appearance gained by the improved place. All at once it comes over them that their own residences are not doing them credit, and that by their shiftlessness they had permitted what might be a pretty and homelike neighborhood to acquire a decadent look which makes it look like a center of down and out people.

So these folks begin to respond to the suggestion. The lawn mower is operated with more regularity, the frowzy looking heaps of rubbish in the backyard are cleaned up, vines and shrubs are planted, turf is lined up, and soon those places begin to look like something. A house needs this touch of affectionate care before it gets the look of a real home.

If some people would toil a little more, they would keep out of the toils of the law.

ADVICE TO LOVERS

A newspaper man connected with a metropolitan sheet was speaking the other day of the columns conducted in many journals in which advice is given, largely to girls and young women, as to their love affairs. The newspaper man said that people sometimes thought that the queries in such features were largely written by the editor of the column, so as to make something to write about.

He did not believe that this was the case, and he remarked that the newspaper for which he worked got a great many genuine inquiries of this nature from young people who were bothered about their love affairs.

The advice given by newspapers and magazines on such matters is commonly good, and apt to be conservative and in accordance with accepted standards. But the fact that many of these young folks are writing to the newspapers suggests that some of them are concealing these af-

fairs from their own families. They should remember that their parents are their best friends, and the ones who best understand the conditions they have to meet.

Older people often laugh at the young crowd who are going through these experiences, but they forget how terribly serious these affairs seem at that time. At the age of romance, love affairs seem the one vital thing in the world. Many young people at this period exist in a golden haze of sentimental dreams, stimulated by novels and plays that dwell upon love.

If these young people were less self conscious about their love affairs they would come out better, as they so frequently give the impression of being flat and mushy that they may fail to make themselves attractive. If they would think a little less about snaring lovers, and a little more about accomplishing things, they would create attachments by their achievements in work and play and their bright and intelligent conversation.

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FOR SALE—Lumber direct from mill. Can save you from \$10 to \$30 per 100. Permanent address, C. I. Pike, Clayton, Tex. Address correspondence to Anson, Texas for the next few weeks. 26t2p

FOR SALE—One Army Tent, 16-ft square. See T. F. Compton at Garrett Feed Store. 1tp
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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 ONEY. tf

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PRIMA DONNA WITH STATE FAIR REVUE



MISS LOLA SCOFIELD

A member of the Mu Phi Epsilon, the national honorary musical society, Miss Lola Scofield prima donna with Ernie Young's "Passing Parade of 1924" will make her debut in the south at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 11-26. Miss Scofield is a graduate of the Minneapolis Conservatory of Music, and is declared to possess a soprano voice of remarkable sweetness, range and quality. Her wardrobe, too, is said to be of such attractiveness as to be of especial interest to all womankind.

FOUR STAKE RACES ON STATE FAIR PROGRAM

Four stake events are on the program for the thirteen days of racing at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas Oct. 11-26 this year. There will be six races every day of the Fair except Sunday. The stake events are: Olmsted Trophy, five and a half furlongs, \$1,000 added, opening day Saturday, Oct. 11; Cotton Stakes one and a sixteenth miles, \$2,000 added, Tuesday, Oct. 14; Palace Majestic Handicap, seven furlongs, 150 feet, \$1,000 added, Tuesday Oct. 21; Adolphus Hotel Handicap one mile, \$1,000 added, Saturday Oct. 25.

New Route to State Fair.

The new brick highway from Mineral Wells to the Parker County line has been completed, giving a surfaced highway all the way from Mineral Wells to Dallas by way of Weatherford. This means one more good motor route open in time for the State Fair of Texas Dallas, Oct. 11-26.

Oh, boy! Have you seen that big shipment of Pennsylvania bicycle tires at WEST'S? All sizes and all prices, and they're giving a tube of Never Leak with every pair.

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IN ANNOUNCING

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To the former patrons of the Patterson Brothers, we will appreciate your further patronage, assuring you that we will be glad to extend to you every courtesy previously shown. And, to our friends and the public in general, we invite you to call on us when in need of anything in our line. In fact call on us whether you care to make a purchase or not.

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WITH THE CHURCHES

Baptist Church

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 6:45. Prayermeeting each Wednesday evening at 7:45. We have studied the past two services "The Naturalness of Prayer" and will have three or four more lessons of the same subject. It is proving very interesting so far.

The Associational year closed with last Sunday. The letter to the Association showed that during the past year the church had eighty additions and collected for all purposes \$15,486.36. There were eighteen messengers from the church who went to the Association at Sweetwater Wednesday.

Next week is B.Y.P.U. training week. Have you lined up? There will be special music at each service Sunday. The pastor will preach both morning and evening, Saturday night and Sunday afternoon at Compere. W. H. Albertson.

Merkel Circuit

Sunday, October 5th, will be our day at Cross Roads. We will be bound to make some provisions on our conference collections as there has only been a very small sum raised to date. I should like for the entire membership to make it a point of interest in this week's work to see that each member is advised as to our date Sunday. Remember next Sunday is our last day at Cross Roads of this conference year.

Saturday and Sunday week, or October 11 and 12, our 4th Quarterly conference will be held at White Church. It might be good advice that we remember these dates and work toward making this year's report perfect. If it is our desire to meet our obligations. To do this we should work diligently for the next eight or ten days. M. R. Pike.

Some used Fords, in good condition, at a bargain. See W. E. Lowe. tf

Junior League Program

Subject: Follow Jesus on the Sabbath.
Leader: T. J. Rea, Jr.
Song: Prayer.
Jesus' rule, Mark 2:26-28, by Sterling Sheppard.
Jesus Taught on the Sabbath, Luke 13:10, Victor Smith.
Jesus preached on the Sabbath, Acts 13:42, Gordon Richardson.
Jesus prayed on the Sabbath, Luke 6:6-12, Nadine Tippett.
Reading, "For Others," Opal Huskey.
Lesson from Chinese Lanterns, Mrs. Rea.

Missionary Program

The Presbyterian Missionary Society will meet Monday, Oct. 6, at 3:30 in the church. The following program will be carried out. All ladies of the church are urged to be present.

- Subject: Alaska.
1. Devotional led by Mrs. Henry West, "Stewardship."
2. Song.
3. Forty-six years in South-eastern Alaska, by Mrs. Geo. West.
4. Stories from a real home by Mrs. Tucker.
5. A letter from Roscoe, Mrs. Marvin Smith.
6. What the tallow candles tell us (Surprise).
Business Session.

Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Program

- Leader: Iris Garrett.
1. Introduction by Iris Garrett.
2. Vedder's History of the Baptists, by Ora Hughes.
2. An Early Baptist, by Eunice Bird.
4. The Principal differences in Belief, by Lillian Hughes.
5. John Clark and Friends, by Lucille Owens.
6. Southern Baptists, by Joe Ben Ashby.
7. Shubal Stearns, by James Colulum.
8. Samuel Harris, by Orpha Patterson.
9. Old Associations, by Helen Booth.
10. A layman of the Revolution, by Miss Joyner.
11. God's Herald, discussion, by Roy Giles.
Each member is urged to read the daily Bible readings and attend the B.Y.P.U. Sunday evening at 6:45.

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**WHOLE BODY SEEMED
IN ONE AWFUL PAIN**

Morse, Ia.—Mrs. L. P. Lambert, who has been a popular school-teacher here for several years, recently told a visitor of her interesting experiences with Cardui.
"Just before my . . . came on," said Mrs. Lambert, "I would ache all over. My feet, my toes, my arms, hands, head—my whole body seemed to be in one awful pain. I would grow so nervous that I could not hold a cup in my hand. My husband would have to hold my coffee for me to drink. Last fall I was in such a bad condition that I had to spend about three days in bed every month. It seemed to me that I was on my last go-round."
Then one day, said Mrs. Lambert, she happened to read about Cardui and the experiences of some women who had been helped by it. "I felt that Cardui might help me if I tried it," she

continued, "for I had been suffering with similar troubles to those mentioned there. I had heard of Cardui all my life and I knew many women who said they had been helped by it. The very next day I began to take it. "Very soon after, I began to notice my improvement. I kept on till I felt like a different woman. I gained in weight from 98 pounds to 115 and felt better than I had in years. I took six bottles right along and found it a splendid tonic. My suffering was partly due to a run-down condition and the Cardui stimulated my appetite and helped me to gain the strength I needed. . . . I take a bottle every now and then, even now, just as a tonic to keep up my strength, but I am in better health than I have been in for years."
All druggists sell Cardui. Try it.

Surprise Birthday Dinner

Perhaps one of the greatest birthday surprises was that which occurred Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Lucas, of Noodle, when at eleven o'clock their children and several other relatives and friends suddenly appeared bringing well filled baskets in honor of Mrs. M. D. Lucas.

The table was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and in the center were two lovely white birthday cakes; one ornamented with candles, another with candy, in the center of which was a number made of candy, signifying the age of the honoree. The table was "heavy laden" with every good thing desirable for a feast.

About two o'clock most all of the crowd, which numbered 57, departed wishing for many other such occasions. Most all of them went to Compere to attend Sunday School.

Those enjoying this occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Lucas and family, their children: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adkins and family Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Lucas and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Lucas and family, and Chester Lucas. Other relatives and friends were: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Merritt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Merritt and son, Burneal; Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Smith, of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Ashby, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Spurgeon and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and sons, C. L. Tucker, Lewis Tucker, Horace Smith of Clyde, Willie Boen of Royston, Raymond Brewer, and Misses Zenobia Marshall and Irene Cotrell.

Bring your Farm Bureau Cotton to the Farmers & Merchants National Bank. tf

Some used Fords, in good condition, at a bargain. See W. E. Lowe. tf

Mr. A. L. Jobe, who recently moved to Ranger, Texas, was here a few days this week on business and calling on friends.

Mr. Elden Acuff, recently from California, but now located at Stamford, is here this week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Acuff.

"If you are now on a milk diet, you should at least be willing to give Gordon's Antiseptic a trial and be convinced of its merits. Merkel Drug Co. 3t4

Stop Look Listen!

I have put in a nice fresh stock of Groceries on Kent Street in the center of the Crenshaw Block. I have come to stay. This is my home. I only want to make a living and am going to give the people who want to take advantage of the prices, a chance to do so. I am going to sell for strictly cash and am not going to deliver, so I will not have so much expense. This will enable me to sell groceries cheaper than the average merchant.

Now I feel like you are doing your self justice by buying your groceries where you can get them the cheapest. Money saved on every bill of groceries will amount to a great sum in 12 months time. A visit to my store will be appreciated. Do not hesitate to ask us the prices. We will be glad to tell you and assure you the very possible lowest prices that can be extended. It is to your interest to save every dollar that you can and we feel like after we have done so you are a satisfied customer of ours.

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SHILOH NEWS

Health of the community is very good at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winter are the proud parents of twin girls. Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Rutledge Mrs. B. L. James and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. James.

Mrs. M. E. Winter returned from the Sanitarium last week and is doing fine.

Mr. Floyd Grayson of Silverton, Texas, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson.

Bro. Sullivan filled his regular appointment Sunday and on Sunday night.

Mrs. Wiley Love returned home Tuesday from the Sanitarium. She is improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winter are visiting relatives and friends at this place.

Mrs. H. R. Grayson, who has been sick for several months, is improving nicely.

Mrs. C. P. Church is able to be up again. Hope she will continue to improve.

Mr. I. D. Tedden and children of Bell county are visiting Mr. M. F. Naron and family.

Miss Vada Naron is spending the week with her brother, who lives on the river.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greene.

Mr. H. R. Grayson and son left Wednesday morning for his home near Lamesa.

Mr. Floyd Grayson returned home Wednesday, accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson.

Mr. I. D. Tidden and son, Mr. M. F. Naron leave Wednesday for Lamesa. Brownie

Mr. E. Yates Brown was in Sweetwater Wednesday attending to business.

Mrs. M. J. Burks of Abilene is visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. F. Woods of this city.

Systematic Tree Planting

The autumn months are considered one of the best periods for tree planting. The people of Merkel should consider how they can encourage shade tree development and make it as beautiful as possible.

In the majority of places for many years, it was customary for individual householders to plant trees along their frontage just as they wished. The result often was that unsuitable trees were put in, which are often not healthy or are not adapted to the locality.

It is a fine thing where a city can encourage tree planting in the most systematic way, deciding what varieties are best adapted to the location, supervising the care of young trees, and offering citizens special inducements for such planting. Some cities are buying large quantities of such suitable trees at low rates, and selling them to citizens at cost, thus encouraging the best kind of foliage development.

Dangerous Street Corners

Automobile traffic creates many new problems. One of them is the need for a clear view at street intersections. A heap of shrubbery that may be very beautiful, may now constitute an element of danger, because it obstructs the view of motorists approaching that crossing.

Buildings are sometimes erected in the corners of such intersections in a way that constitutes a danger for automobile traffic. Conditions that did no harm in the days before automobiles may be full of peril now. Cities and towns should consider these risks in future construction, and make such regulations that needless obstruction of the vision at such street corners will be prevented. Also in most places conditions at certain dangerous corners could be improved if buildings could be set back.

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GOLAN NEWS

The health of our community is very good at the present.

Bro. R. V. Tooley filled his regular appointment Sunday morning, also Sunday afternoon, a large crowd attending the services.

A large crowd attended the baptizing Sunday afternoon at Golan. Those who were baptized were Mr. Thornton and son, Delmon. After the baptizing on Sunday afternoon, Bro. White preached Sunday night.

A large crowd took dinner with Mrs. John Hill Sunday. Among those present were Mr. Emory Hill and family, Mr. W. C. Hill and family, Clyde Williams and wife, Minnie West, Mary and Wesley Northcutt, Gertrude Byrom, Oleta Dean.

Misses Vera and Lena Jones were the guests of Miss Linnie Garner Sunday at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davis and son Lewis, also Val and Dixie Byrom and son Granville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Byrom Sunday.

Misses Vera Griffin and Linnie Garner took dinner with Lena and Vera Jones Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Lawlis motored toward Abilene Sunday morning to see their daughter, Miss Vera Lawlis.

A large crowd from Golan have gone to school. Among those who went to McMurry were: Misses Vera Lawlis, Bettie Byrom, Messrs. Orvil Wallace and Darwin Hill. Miss Menvil Hill has gone to John Tarlton. Miss Pearl West has gone to Amarillo where she will take music and voice with her other studies.

Mr. and Mrs. West were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Lawlis Sunday.

Dan Cupid has been at work in our neighborhood again. Mr. Elmer Pursley and Miss Eula West motored to Sylvester Sunday, September 21, and had the nuptial knot tied.

Miss Bettie Byrom is improving nicely since having her tonsils and adenoids removed. Dandelion.

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