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## LUNCHEON CLUB HAS FINE MEET

Mr. Geo. W. McDaniel, staff correspondent and versatile writer for the Abilene Reporter, who is perhaps doing as much as any man connected with that splendid paper to make it so popular throughout the west, was an invited guest at the regular meeting of the Luncheon Club last Tuesday evening, and we take pleasure in herewith reproducing his splendid writeup of that occasion:

The regular meeting of the Merkel Luncheon Club proved a delightful entertainment Tuesday night, when several speakers spoke of the things that Merkel has already accomplished and outlined a program of things that Merkel is striving for in order to become a better and more attractive place in which to live. The musical and reading numbers on the program were splendid and the artists were loudly cheered.

The luncheon was held in Ed's Cafe, where a delicious roast chicken dinner, with all the accessories was served. President L. R. Thompson of the club introduced the guests, as follows: Misses Lillian Morrison and Ona Faye Bland of Abilene; Miss Lucy Tracy of Merkel; W. J. Cunningham, Jr., of Abilene; President J. D. Sandefer of Simmons College, Abilene; Gilbert Sandefer of Abilene; Dr. H. F. Carman of Abilene; and C. C. Craig of the Abilene Reporter. E. Yates Brown was introduced as the toastmaster of the evening and took charge of the meeting.

The speaking program of the evening was interspersed with musical and reading numbers. This part of the program included the following numbers: Reading by Miss Lucy Tracy, two vocal solos by Miss Ona Faye Bland with Miss Lillian Morrison at the piano; and three whistling solos by W. J. Cunningham, Jr., with Miss Bland playing the accompaniments.

The first speaker of the evening was L. R. Thompson, who spoke in the absence of W. G. Cypert, who was out of the city. Mr. Thompson spoke on the subject of "Why I like to Live in Merkel" and detailed some of the good things that Merkel has achieved in the last several months, things that are vital to the future growth and development of Merkel. Mr. Thompson said in part:

"I like to live in Merkel because all I have in the way of investment is right here in Merkel. Since coming to Merkel I have formed friendships that it would be hard to break. I like Merkel because of her good schools, good churches and good people. The spirit of unfriendly rivalry in business is fast disappearing in Merkel and the majority of the people of Merkel are showing a disposition to provide moral, educational, spiritual and healthful environments for the city.

"I like Merkel because Merkel is the best trade center of any town in West Texas of her size. I like the good fellowship that is found on the streets of Merkel. There is a finer spirit between the business men of the city now than ever before and I attribute this to the good feeling that is engendered by this Luncheon Club. I like Merkel because she has a great future before her."

Roger Burgess Speaks. Speaking on the subject of "Some Conveniences that Merkel Ought to Provide" Roger A. Burgess stirred his audience to cheers when he mentioned some

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## SECOND LYCEUM "THE MCCORDS"

"Lyceum's biggest Little Company" is our next treat from the Lyceum course. The McCord program is Art with fun. It is made up of charming sketch work, Violin Solos, Vocal numbers and impersonations.

Mr. McCord's impersonation work is superb. The playlets take flesh and life. The old soldier, the miser, the old southern gentleman, and other 'types' are worked out in a wonderful way.

Whether it is "peppy humor" paths, or quaint philosophy—whatever it may be, you will be delightfully entertained.

Don't forget the time—Oct. 31, 8:00 p.m. The high school auditorium has not yet been completed, so the program will be in the Presbyterian church.

## 6,350 BALES COTTON REC'D HERE TO DATE

A visit to the cotton yard on Thursday of this week caused us to learn from Mr. C. L. Tucker, Weigher, that he had weighed up to that time 4,850 bales of cotton for this season. And from there we went to the Farm Bureau platform where Mr. H. B. Robertson, in charge there, informed us that he had weighed in 1,500 bales, making a total of 6,350 bales received here up to this time.

According to the Merkel Mail dated October 19, 1923, five days earlier in the month than the above report, we find that there had been a total of 11,158 bales received. At the cotton yard there had been weighed at that time, 8,288 bales, while the Farm Bureau had weighed 2,920 bales. We also notice that the price paid for cotton on the above date last year was a little better than 29 cents per pound, while today the price ranges from 22:25 to 22:50.

There is quite a bit of speculation among the citizenship at this time as to just how much cotton Merkel is to receive this season. Some placing the total at 12,000 and above, while many say the crop is two-thirds out and that the total will not go far above ten thousand if that much. Time will tell, but the editor of this paper believes that ten thousand will be the top.

## GRAND JURY RETURNS TEN INDICTMENTS

On Tuesday of this week Judge W. R. Ely recalled the Grand Jury for this term of court in an extra special session, and from Mr. T. H. Spears, splendid citizen and member of the jury, from the Blair community, we learn that ten indictments were returned during the two days session, 29 witnesses being called before the body for examination.

## Mrs. R. L. Adcock Undergoes Operation at Waco Sanitarium

Mr. R. L. Adcock returned this week from Waco, where he had accompanied his wife to a sanitarium in that city, where at nine o'clock Monday morning she underwent an operation.

Mr. Adcock reported that she withstood the operation well, and at last reports was getting along as well as could be expected. We join her many friends in the hope that her recovery will be both speedy and permanent.

## DEMOCRATIC MASS MEETING ABILENE

TO THE DEMOCRATS OF TAYLOR COUNTY:

As chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Taylor County, I am hereby calling a mass meeting of all Democrats in said county to meet at Abilene on Saturday, October 25th at 7:00 o'clock p. m. If the weather permits this meeting will be held at the Federal Lawn, otherwise the same will be held in the District Court room.

I trust that Democrats from every voting precinct in Taylor County will attend this meeting. It is important that all who are interested in the success of the party should themselves take a stand in the impending campaign. I am standing with those who believe that the primary pledge has a meaning and that having participated in the primary, it is our duty to support the nominees.

A vigorous campaign is being carried on in this great Democratic state by the Republican party to elect a Republican Governor.

I urge upon all Democrats who have participated in its primaries to give their loyal support to every name on the ticket who is a nominee. Respectfully,

Jas. P. Stinson,  
Chairman Democratic Executive Committee of Taylor Co.

## W. A. TITTLE BUYS LAND ON PLAINS

Mr. L. D. Matlock of this city, who is dealing in real estate, especially the Plains lands, informs this paper that he has recently closed a deal whereby Mr. W. A. Tittle, of this city, buys 640 acres of land in Terry county, near Brownfield, and in the deal puts in his 220 acres of land near here.

Mr. Matlock also reports that Mr. E. E. Seymour and Sons of Tye, have also bought land on the Plains near Amhurst. Mr. Matlock, as well as others, reports all crops very fine over all the Plains country this year, in some places cotton making as much as a bale per acre. And where only a few years ago it was generally thought cotton could not be grown successfully at all.

## HAMLIN BOY HURT IN FOOTBALL GAME HERE

Mr. Kee Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Patterson of Hamlin, Texas, happened to the painful accident of getting his leg broken in the first half of the football game that was staged here last Friday between Merkel and Hamlin. Patterson was one of the best players Hamlin had, and besides being very regrettable otherwise, was a handicap to that team. He was rushed to the office of a local physician, and was doing well when removed to his home Saturday morning.

## STATIONERY \$1.15—\$2

Stationery—the best, most up-to-date kind, with name and address on monogram on envelope and paper can be bought at the Merkel Mail office. Prices: \$1.15 and \$2.00. See samples. Blanche Durham, agent Exline Note Paper Company.

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

## JOE REIDENBACH MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday evening a Memorial service will be held commemorating the life and death of Joe Reidenbach, well known Epworth League worker in the entire North West Texas Conference. All friends of Joe are asked to be here for this service. The program to be rendered is as follows:

Song 98; Song 165.  
Prayer, Rev. T. J. Rea.  
Scripture reading, Gen. 40:9-23, Miss Ethel Wilson.  
Introduction by President of the Epworth League.  
Solo, by leaguer.  
His Worth in the League, Miss Murphy Thomas.  
His worth in the community, by Loring Hamblett.  
Trio, "Somebody Did a Golden Deed".  
His characteristics, Miss Julia Martin.  
Song No. 202, by choir.  
The challenge to the young life, Russell Pike. Song No. 101.

## MISS DRY ELECTED PRES. JOURNALISM

Special to The Merkel Mail. Denton, Texas, Oct. 22.—Miss Loyce Dry of Merkel was elected president of the Journalism Club at the College of Industrial Arts at the initial meeting of the organization this week. Miss Dry, who is a senior in the college, is specializing in journalism and linotype work. She is an associate editor on The Lass-O, college weekly newspaper which last year placed first in the Texas intercollegiate paper association contest. Other officers elected were Miss Mary Ellen Darling of Temple, vice-president; Miss Volney Thorne of Houston, secretary-treasurer; Miss Gertrude Fain of Omaha, reporter.

The club will follow a custom of inviting to the campus at frequent intervals newspaper men of prominence in Texas and other states. Luncheons at the cafeteria will honor the visitors who will then address members of the club on topics related to various phases of newspaper work.

Journalism is rapidly increasing in popularity at C.I.A. The enrollment this year is double that in any previous session.

## Local Minister Accepts Call to Ozona Church

The Rev. H. C. Slaughter, former pastor of the Baptist church at Stanton, but for the past few months residing in Merkel, has accepted a call to the First Baptist church at Ozona, and will leave this week for that city accompanied by his family.

Rev. Slaughter and family have won many close friends in Merkel during their short stay here, and we join them in wishing for him splendid success and happiness in his new field of endeavor. He is going to a good, live church where a new building has just been completed and a new parsonage as well. But Mr. Slaughter is also a live-wire, and a church builder also, having built some five new churches throughout the west during his ministry.

Mr. W. E. Dubree, of route two, was in the city recently and has our thanks for his renewal for the Mail for another year. Mr. Dubree recently purchased land on the Plains, but has decided to remain in the Merkel community for another year.

## BADGERS CLEAN HAMLIN ELEVEN

The Merkel Badgers made one more bid for the district championship Friday when they took Hamlin's team to a 53 to 6 trimming. It was a good game from the Merkel point of view as Hamlin was one of the two teams that beat Merkel last season, and the revenge was sweet but costly. Hamlin scored her touchdown from the kickoff in the first 20 seconds of the game, Owens of Hamlin racing 95 yards through midfield for the marker. They failed to complete a pass for the extra point. The rest of the first quarter was scoreless, with Merkel playing in Hamlin's territory.

The second quarter started with Merkel on Hamlin's 15-yard line. Merkel made it first down on line bucks and on the next down completed a pass, Patterson to Smith, for a touchdown. Acuff kicked goal. Hamlin received and returned to 20-yard line, but was forced to punt. Patterson received in midfield and ran it back for a touchdown. The play not being allowed as Merkel drew a penalty. The ball was put in play on the 25-yard line. Merkel was fighting hard. Acuff went through tackle for 20 yards and carried it over on the next play, but failed at goal. Score then 13-6.

Hamlin received and was forced to punt. Merkel punted back. Hamlin opened with a series of passes which netted them two first downs, but were again forced to punt. On this play Kee Patterson of Hamlin was injured and had to be taken from the game. His leg was broken. After some delay the game proceeded. Merkel failed to score, the half ended with the ball in Hamlin's possession on her own 20-yard line. Score first half, Merkel 13, Hamlin 6.

## Second Half.

The second half started with Merkel receiving. V. Chaney returned to 30-yard line. Merkel made four first downs in a row but was then held and forced to punt. Patterson kicked out of bounds on 5-yard line. Hamlin punted back and Patterson returned to Hamlin's 30-yard line from there it was carried over on plunges. Patterson kicked goal. Hamlin chose to receive. Ball was kicked over the goal line and covered by Hamlin. Again Hamlin's passing attack was opened, three short passes being completed to make one first down. Then Hamlin punted out of bounds. Merkel was forced to punt. The Hamlin safety let the ball get away from him, the ball was recovered by Tombs of Merkel on Hamlin's 25-yard line. Merkel again hit Hamlin's line to put the ball on the 3-yard line and from here Patterson went over without being tackled on a simple line play. Patterson failed at goal. Score 26-6.

Hamlin received. Tittle kicked over the goal line. Hamlin's ball on her 20-yard line. The quarter ended. Hamlin's passing machine was perfect. They completed five passes that netted two first downs as their running fake pass cost them 10 yards on one down and 5 on another. Merkel was playing in Hamlin's territory, but could put over only one more touchdown, Polly carrying the ball. Patterson kicked goal. The game ended 33 to 6 for Merkel.

The game was one of the cleanest ever seen here, only one penalty being called. Kee Patterson and Owens of Hamlin were their stars with Captain Withers flashing wonderful passes and occasional runs.

The Merkel machine was work-

## MERKEL BADGERS MEET CADDO HERE

The people of Merkel will have an opportunity to see their team in action here against one of the championship contenders next Friday in a contest that will determine one of the final contestants for the championship of Class B, district three, which includes 23 counties. Merkel has one of the four undefeated teams in the district and one whose record shows better on paper than any in the conference.

Caddo has a good record and has probably met some strong competition which accounts for their record. They have played Albany, Moran, Olney, Mingus and Desdemona with a score in the games as follows: Albany 0, Caddo 13; Moran 0, Caddo 19; Olney 0, Caddo 38; Mingus 6, Caddo 33; Desdemona 6, Caddo 33. They are coming here confident of a victory by a similar score.

Merkel has played the following games with these scores: Clyde 0, Merkel 57; Ballinger 0, Merkel 65; Sweetwater 0, Merkel 26; Winters 0, Merkel 37; Hamlin 6, Merkel 33. So far as dope is concerned, Merkel should win, but dope doesn't count much in a football game, and all who see the coming game will be assured of a game of thrills.

Coach Jackson of Merkel hopes to have his men in good shape and tuned up for a real battle as the Caddo "Tool Dressers" are sure to come after the "Badgers" pelts. At present the Badgers are in need of a rest and for that reason will not play this Friday.

The people should all avail themselves of this opportunity to lend some support to a good cause, and not let Anson out do us, as they are closing business houses and decorating the town for their game that determines their standing in the League. So what do you say we close up business houses for a couple of hours and come out.

We are to pay Caddo \$150.00 to come here and will need a good crowd out. The admission will be 50c and the game called at 3:45. Tickets will be on sale at down town drug stores on Friday.

Let's go, everybody, and help Merkel help herself. Be there, and tell others.

## C. P. CHURCH BUYS A FARM NEAR TOWN

Mr. C. P. Church, one of the best fixed and most excellent citizens of the Stith community, we are informed has purchased a sixty acre farm one and one half miles south of Merkel and will move to same in the near future. The price paid for the land we are told was \$60.00 per acre. Mr. Church owns a fine farm where he now resides, but desired to move a little closer to town, hence the above purchase. He will build a nice bungalow home on his recent purchase. We welcome him and his family to our community.

ing good with every man doing his part. P. C. Patterson and Acuff showing exceptional bursts of speed and ability to hit the line where it was open. V. Chaney showed up well and proved a power in carrying the ball, often getting through for substantial gains with a tackle hanging on.

The largest crowd in the history of high school football witnessed the thrilling contest.



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kel, Texas as second class mail.

The ego and self-importance of some people, so often exploited, stands them out as mighty small in the eyes of the thinking public, as compared with their own estimation.

Press dispatches recently carried the news of the death by suicide of a United States Senator up North. Reports since state that he was more than a million dollars indebted to other United States Senators, for money borrowed. He had no family, but his salary of \$7,500 seemed to have been quite insufficient to keep up his official and social life. Too much society will eventually wreck and ruin the best of men—and women.

**HUMAN OR HOG**

E. K. Hall, vice-president in charge of the Personnel and Public Relations of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, in discussing the human factor that enters into business and which cannot be handled as a mechanical proposition says:

"What is the difference between an animal and a man? The difference is that man has everything an animal has plus the ability to record his experience and the experience of other men and profit by the same. A hog is a hog today, just as he was a thousand years ago. If a human being cannot profit by experience of others and help to make this world a little better place in which to live, he might as well be a hog.

"The vital factor in business is the human element. If the human factor is not mobilized for all it is worth we cannot do a hundred percent job. This human factor has been too much overlooked in the past as we drove along building up the physical and mechanical end of industry." —Manufacturer's Record.

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**THE MARK OF CAIN**

The high homicide rate in the United States is causing considerable worry to the life insurance organizations. One prominent company has made an investigation of the matter from its own records and found that last year it paid \$724,000 in homicide claims. Information of more or less satisfactory character could be gathered for only 146 of 446 homicide cases among the policyholders during the last months of 1922.

Out of this number only 58 went to trial, and a verdict of "not guilty" was returned in 16 of these. Out of the 41 judged to be guilty only 1 has been executed. Of the 146 homicides investigated 114 were manslaughter or murder cases.

The callousness with which human life is being taken in this country, and the indifference with which this matter is being regarded by the people is a subject for grave concern. The homicide rate in the United States is estimated to be 17 times as high as that in England and Wales, and the reason for the difference is attributed to the more rigid and impartial enforcement of the law in Britain.

When influence of any kind is brought to bear for the defeat of justice it ought to be discouraged into the wilderness as an evil thing. There are other laws of this country which are being torn to shreds, but there is no more clamant need than that which calls for the putting into practice all legislation which has been framed for the safeguarding of human life from the assaults of the depraved, the degenerate, and others destitute of those attributes which distinguish humanity from the brute creation. The mark of Cain has become a too familiar sign on the brows of the present generation. —Ford's Weekly.

**THE BIBLE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

A movement looking to the compulsory reading of the Bible in the public schools is gathering momentum and bids fair to be a political issue if the opposition, emboldened in late years in the spread of a sort of agnosticism, shall choose deliberately to fight it openly.

The strength of the opposition seems to lie in the idea that reading the Bible is but a step toward an ultimate introduction

of religious teaching, where eventually denominationalism may control. That is another matter. Religious training, beyond the instillation of those truths common to all religions, which go to build up character, is not a function of the public school. Indeed, the effort to proselytize is not religious training at all.

So far as any danger in that respect is to be feared, it must have developed in the early history of public education, if at all, when the reading of a chapter from the New Testament, and prayer, formed a part of the opening service in all schools. That it did not is proved by the experience of those reared under such a system.

Men who declare Bible reading and prayer should have no part in school exercises offer no objection that the invocation is a preliminary of every daily session of both Houses of Congress, of all legislative bodies, and even of political conventions. Yet every argument applicable to the public school is equally applicable to such gatherings.

No boy or girl ever was injured, half a century ago, by attendance at "chapel exercises", which preceded recitations. The first half hour of school was devoted to them.

Who can say there was anything out of the way or harmful in this order of procedure? There was none. Quite the reverse. There was discipline, a daily contact between those in and those under authority, and the inculcation of a respect for all religion.

Where the Bible boosters are in the wrong is in insisting that such practice be made compulsory. It was not then; for parents had but to indicate their desire, and their children were excused from attendance at the "chapel exercises." Few went to this extreme, for no sectarian influence was seen.

There should be no legal regulation in the matter. The authorities of each school may well be left free to adopt the plan if the people desire, while opponents of the plan can have their way if in sufficient numbers to rule. —Ford's Weekly.

**PRESERVE THE WEEKLY**

Bellevue News: We appeal to the people of Bellevue to take their home weekly as the first best bet, and, if they want to keep in closer touch with the Nation through market reports and other telegraphic news, next consider the daily publication. The greatest newspaper men in the history of this State have been those who have edited weekly publications at one time or another. They have been pioneers in the newspaper field and in this day and age, when people are looking for bigger things, they must not overlook the brilliancy of the writers of today who give their message weekly to the reading public. Those who are considering giving up a weekly and subscribing for a daily should weigh very carefully their decision in this matter, for once the home community publication is eliminated through lack of support, it will be a serious loss to that locality. In smaller places, where two or more weekly publications exist, there should be a merging, however, with a view of giving the people the very best weekly edition possible. Subscribe for the News now. The Dallas Morning News is a paper that is read country-wide, and yet we do not hesitate to say that the weeklies in this country fill a place that the daily can not. People take the daily because it gives them markets and the activities of the Nation daily; but there is always lacking those close-up personal relations that are a part of the community life in the smaller cities and part of the villages. Then again, what would the great State of Texas be if we were to eliminate the scores of excellent weeklies that are playing a major part in molding public opinion? Each locality has its own problems to solve, and the daily publication, not being in close touch or understanding

the issue, is utterly at sea in trying to take the place of the weekly. With all the arguments that are advanced in favor of a daily newspaper, still we contend that the weekly publications, not only in Texas, but throughout the country, are deserving of the whole-hearted support of the public. We cannot forget the fact that, years ago, the weekly was the pioneer, and out of that has grown the great daily of today. Many near-sighted writers feel that with the dailies covering the field there is little need of the weekly. This is a narrow view, to say the least.

The Dallas News will subscribe to all the Bellevue News says in the above reprint. This News does not compete, or wish to compete, with any weekly paper. The Dallas News seeks to be a general newspaper. It could not competitively enter the domain of the local weekly if it wanted to. There are a hundred reasons in every issue of a local paper why that paper should survive and prosper in its own field. The people of every community of weekly paper size should patronize their home advocate before patronizing any other. The people of Bellevue are more interested in Bellevue than in Berlin, and while The Dallas News seeks to give them a daily mirror of the world, it is the home weekly that gives them a mirror of Bellevue. The fields of the local newspaper and of the general newspaper are entirely different. Of course all well-informed men and women like to read newspapers of wide circulation and wide variety of matter, but their first interest nevertheless is in the home town. That is the way it is and the way it ought to be. —State Press in The Dallas News.

Mr. J. J. Pribble and son, Earl, were here Saturday from their homes in the Nubia community, and dropped in to have the Mail keep coming to them, saying that they appreciated same and could not well get along without it. We appreciate their compliments very much, and will do our best to keep the paper up to their opinion of excellency. They report their crops very good, especially do they report about 12 acres of Kasch cotton extra good, saying that at the first picking they gathered three bales off same, and that in the Kasch cotton they could pick much more of the staple in a day than in ordinary cotton.

**KILL HEN HOUSE BUGS**

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Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Reeves, Jesse and Dock Reeves visited King Floyd, who recently underwent an operation in the Baptist Sanitarium at Abilene. Mr. Floyd is improving rapidly and will soon be able to return to his home.

Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt is in Abilene this week to be with her daughter, Mrs. Hargrove, who is in a sanitarium there.

If you want White Leghorn Roosters of the Johnson strain and Mommoth Bronze Turkeys, see J. M. Williamson, Merkel, route two.

Miss Alma Patterson, who attends McMurry College, Abilene, was at home last week end to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson.

Mrs. J. P. C. Hunt of Haskell was here last week visiting with her father, Mr. G. E. Comegys, who has been confined to his bed for the past two weeks.

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Misses Mamie Ellis and Madge Pearce attended the Texas and S.M.U. game at Dallas last week end, and remained over until Monday to attend the Fair.

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**Methodist Church**

Next Sunday is our last day before Conference. Let us all pull together and make it a great day. We have many things to be thankful for in this year's work. But we should make this the greatest day of all.

Our Sunday school is growing each Sunday. It will not be long until we will have four hundred in regular attendance at our present rate of increase, but we could make it four hundred next Sunday if all will come. "So Mote it be". T. J. Rea, pastor.

**Baptist Church**

Next Sunday is Baptist go-to-church-and-Sunday School day. We are expecting every Baptist to be in the service. Last Sunday we had an increase of sixty-five over the preceding Sunday. The teachers' meeting Monday night was well attended and a good program rendered.

The 75 million campaign rallies held over the association are meeting with good response. We are expecting a good round-up the first ten days of November.

The pastor will preach Sunday and A Wasting Harvest"; Sunday evening, "Hypocrisy" or "Professing the Lord and Serving the Devil". Both these sermons will be of vital interest to every one.

Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest". Mat. 11:28. The world is seeking rest in many ways and fashions, but in Jesus Christ is the only rest or refuge.

Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 6:45. W. H. Albertson, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones are visiting relatives in Dallas.

**Trent Methodist Church**

Sunday, October 26th, will be our last service this Conference year. Come one and all; let's make this a day that will long be remembered. You that have not been coming, come out Sunday and hear two sermons that you will not forget. We need you, you need us to help you. Subject for Sunday morning, "One Grave Which Has No Resurrection". Subject for the evening, "Crucifying Christ in Trent". Come praying for a great service. Pastor.

**Card of Thanks**

To my good friends, neighbors and people of Merkel, who were so kind and generous during the late illness and death of my mother, I wish to state that my father, brothers and sisters join me in extending to you our most sincere thanks and appreciation for every kindness extended during this trying and sad hour. May the Lord's richest blessings be upon each and all of you. Yours sincerely, R. L. GRIMES.

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Messrs. Ira Acuff and Billie Cobb left last Friday night for Dallas, where they attended the State Fair for a few days.

Messrs. Walter Warcken, Jerome Hutcheson, Newton Cobb, and Oren Higgins attended the State Fair at Dallas a few days last week.

S. D. Gamble, one of the proprietors of the Merkel Drug Company is in Dallas this week attending the State Fair and incidentally buying goods for his firm.

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# OCTOBER BUSINESS GETTERS EARLY FALL SHOPPERS--

We are making some very attractive price concessions at the very beginning of the fall season---the time when you really need Merchandise, and are going to buy somewhere. The prices listed below will convince you that this is the place to buy your fall bill of Dry Goods.

<p><b>SPECIALS</b> <b>In Our Shoe Dept.</b></p> <p>One Lot Men's Shoes Values to \$7.50 Special Price ..... \$3.95</p> <hr/> <p>One Lot Ladies Oxfords and Straps Values to \$7.50 Special Price ..... \$3.95</p> <hr/> <p>One Lot Children's Shoes Values to \$3.00 Special Price ..... \$1.98</p> <hr/> <p>See our \$5.00 Special Men's Genuine Calf-skin shoes</p> <hr/> <p>Big Line Florsheim Shoes In all the new lasts and shades Price ..... \$10--\$11--\$12</p> <hr/> <p>Big Assortment Lace Boots Special Price \$7.50 \$9.00 \$10.00 and 12.50</p>	<p><b>SPECIALS</b> <b>IN CLOTHING</b></p> <p>One Lot Men's Suits Odds and Ends--Values up to \$40.00 \$19.85 to \$23.95</p> <hr/> <p>Men's and Boy's Suits Values up to \$25.00 Special Price ..... \$14.95</p> <hr/> <p>One Lot Boys long Pants suits Values to \$18.00 Special Price ..... \$11.95</p> <hr/> <p>One Lot Men's and Boys' Worsted and serge Suits Two pair pants--Special... \$27.50</p> <hr/> <p>See our Silverstripped and Middishade Serges Special at ..... \$37.50</p> <hr/> <p>Extra Special Lot Boys' Knicker Suits Values up to \$15.00 Special ..... \$3.95 to \$6.95</p>	<p><b>SPECIALS</b> <b>In Ready-to-wear</b></p> <p>One Lot Misses Childrens Coats Values up to \$15.00 Specially priced..... \$1.98 to \$6.95</p> <hr/> <p>10 per cent discount on all New Fall Coats</p> <hr/> <p><b>SPECIALS</b> <b>In our Millinery Dept.</b></p> <p>One Lot Gold Medal and Fisk Hats Values to \$17.50 Special Price ..... \$8.95</p> <hr/> <p>\$1.00 Discount on all \$6.95 \$5.95 HATS</p> <hr/> <p>Special Tables of \$4.95 \$3.95 and \$2.95 HATS</p> <hr/> <p>10 per cent Discount on all Children's Hats</p>	<p><b>SPECIALS</b> <b>In Staple Department</b> <b>For Quick Action</b></p> <p>Best Grade Outing Darks and Lights Special Price ..... 17c</p> <hr/> <p>Best Grade 36-Inch Bleached Domestic Special ..... 17c</p> <hr/> <p>Best Grade 27-inch Gingham Special Price ..... 20c</p> <hr/> <p>Good Grade Brown Domestic Special ..... 10c</p> <hr/> <p>Best Grade 36-inch Sea Island Brown Domestic Special ..... 15c</p>
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## A. C. ROSE, DRY GOODS

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

Messrs Dewey Witcher and "Chubby" McGaughey attended the State Fair at Dallas last week end.

We are grateful to Mrs. Lee Carter, of Trent, route two, for her subscription to the Mail for another year.

Get our prices on fender braces, accessories, balloon tires or any other equipment you may need on your new Ford.--West Company.

Messrs. J. C. Childress, and C. L. McLeod left first of this week for Dallas to attend the State Fair.

Mr. Emmett Grimes returned Friday from a business trip to Dallas in the interest of the Grimes-Smith Drug Co.

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to thank each and every one who was so kind to help and free to give in our sickness and bad luck. We shall never forget you. Mr. and Mrs. Mose Venson. 1tp

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

"If you are sick with Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation, Appendicitis, Ulcers, or a Catarrhal condition; Gas, Heart pains, Headache, pain in the side, dread ful stupid feeling, our advice is, take Gordon's Antiseptic. Keep it in your home, take it with you when traveling and on outing trips. Merkel Drug Co. 3t4

Mr. R. J. Adcock, after spending the spring and summer here among his sons and daughters, as well as host of friends, left Friday for Breckenridge, Fort Worth and Waco, at each of which places he will spend a few days with friends and relatives, going on to Uvalde, Texas, where he will spend the winter. That he might keep up with his friends here he had us send him the Mail, for which subscription we thank Mr. Adcock.

Mr. R. A. Martin, of the Bob Martin Grocery company, returned Wednesday from a few days visit with his brother, Finley Martin, and other relatives, at Stanton. Mr. Martin reports that country producing great cotton and feed crops this year. Cotton almost averaging a half bale per acre, all of which makes much prosperity abounding there, as well as a great influx of prospectors, and the buying and selling of a good deal of land.

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2-reel Fox Sunshine Comedy

Friday, Oct. 31.

MARY MILES MINTER and TOM MOORE

--in--

"THE COWBOY AND THE LADY"

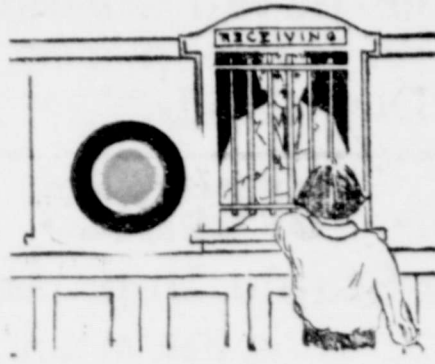
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#### FROM THE MERKEL GIRLS AT DENTON

Denton, Texas, Oct. 23.—Tribute was paid to the late Dr. F. M. Bralley, president of the College of Industrial Arts, last Thursday on the college campus by more than 2,000 students, faculty, townspeople, and other friends of the college. Dr. S. P. Brooks, president of Baylor University, Waco, and a close friend of Dr. Bralley, was the speaker for the day.

A flag raising ceremony was held by the girl scouts of C. I. A. at 6:30 a.m. The flag was hoisted at half-mast and allowed to remain until after the services at 11 o'clock in the college auditorium, when it was raised to the top of the mast.

Last week's edition of the Lass-O, weekly publication of the college, was a memorial edition in memory of Dr. Bralley. The inside section of the paper was entirely devoted to resolutions, news and comments on the fallen leader.

Dr. Lindsey Blayney, successor to the late Dr. F. M. Bralley, will assume official duties as president of the College of Industrial Arts January 1. Dean E. V. White will continue his duties as acting president until the arrival of the newly elected president. Dr. Blayney plans to visit the college on Armistice Day, the anniversary of his first visit to C. I. A. last year, and address members of the student body and faculty.

Miss Hattie Proctor of Merkel, and a sophomore student at the College of Industrial Arts, spent last week-end in Dallas.

Miss Lorena Dry attended the State Fair in Dallas last Saturday.

Misses Gladys Middleton and Maurine Tipton were guests of the latter's sister of Dallas last week-end.

Miss Loyce Dry visited friends in Dallas and Lancaster last week-end.

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#### MERKEL LUNCHEON CLUB HAS SPLENDID MEETING

(continued from page 1) things that Merkel can and ought to provide. He said in part:

If Merkel is to prosper, she must foster a spirit of good will. Merkel should provide a public, adequate, well equipped rest room. (Cheers) Merkel should provide a city auditorium—not necessarily as magnificent an auditorium as Plainview has or that Abilene hopes to have—but an auditorium that will accommodate the needs of Lyceum courses that come to Merkel, an auditorium that will provide a place for meetings of farmers and the public in general. And last I would mention that Merkel should provide adequate High School facilities." (Merkel just recently completed a splendid new high school building.)

**J. D. Sandefer Speaks**  
President Sandefer of Simmons College was the chief speaker of the evening and spoke on "Some Things That Advertise a Town Most." The speaker outlined his program of things that advertise a town by summing them up in six words—Health, Wealth, Sociability, Knowledge, Beauty and Righteousness.

"Those six things the people turn their minds to when they are seeking a place of habitat," said the speaker. By illustration President Sandefer showed that people will spend their last penny to gain health and he referred indirectly to the project now being inaugurated at Merkel to better health conditions (that of installation of a \$60,000 sewerage system, which is being put in at this time).

Dr. Sandefer emphasized the fact that you can't build a city without some wealth and showed that a city must provide some means of making a living before people will want to live there. Then the speaker turned from things physical and dwelt on the other four points of his program of things that advertise a town and instilled into his hearers a desire to make Merkel a town where Sociability, Knowledge, Beauty and Righteousness prevail. Dr. Sandefer spoke of cultural things and stressed the fact that every community loves intellectual culture and in closing he laid principal emphasis on Righteousness, stating that the Good Book says that if we will seek Righteousness first, all these other things will be added unto us.

Other speakers on the program were J. A. Buford and Dr. Grimes who spoke briefly on business matters of the Luncheon Club.

#### Womens Missionary Society

We had a very interesting study lesson on last Monday afternoon with about twenty ladies present. Mrs. Rogers taught the lesson and each lady present entered heartily into the discussion of the subject. On next Monday afternoon we will meet at two o'clock and have our program from the Voice, then at three we will have another lesson from the study book. Mrs. Thompson will teach the next lesson which will be the second chapter.

Following is the program for next Monday afternoon.

1. Song.
2. Bible lesson, "The Steward and the Community", Isa. 58:6-12; Luke 10:25-37, Mrs. Swafford.
3. Prayer.
4. Missionary News.
5. Broadcasting the word of life in Korea, Mrs. Butman.
6. Broadcasting the word of life in Japan, Mrs. Tom Largent.
7. When God walks the road, Mrs. Mc Spadden.

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#### RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$285,277.57
Loans, Cotton	45,636.99
Overdrafts	1,791.91
Bonds & Securities	30,729.14
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	900.00
Furniture & Fixtures	4,150.00
Other Real Estate	3,000.00
Five per cent Red. fund	312.50
<b>U. S. GOV. SECURITIES</b>	<b>139,300.00</b>
<b>CASH &amp; SIGHT EXCHANGE</b>	<b>146,141.68</b>

Total \$659,189.79

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	8,987.40
Circulation Account	6,250.00
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
OTHER BORROWED MONEY	NONE
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>578,952.39</b>

Total \$659,189.79

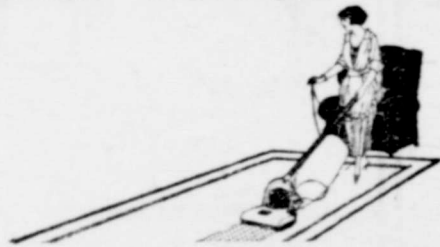
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"Gordon's Antiseptic will keep your stomach well and your digestion perfect. Merkel Drug Company." Mr. Wade Ensminger and family of Louiston, Idaho, are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ensminger.

Messrs. Jack Durham, Castle Ellis and Wrenn Durham attended the football game between S. M. U. and Texas last week end, and remained over for the fair Sunday. Count the number of empty lamp sockets in your home and let us have your order for refills today. We'll deliver your Edison Mazda lamp globes with the rest of your order. West Company. tf

## NOTICE To The Public

I will have a car of Domino Fancy Grate Coal the last of this week or the first of next week.

Another car of Fancy lump coal on or about Nov. 10th, and a car of Fancy Nut Coal about November 25.

See or call me for prices off the car or delivered, as you wish. The quality is first and the price next. We have both in this coal. Don't fail to see us if you need coal. We guarantee this to be as good as money can buy.

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Opening play Monday Night  
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"Brunks" means the  
best in the Tent  
Show World.

## -All Week-

Auspices Local Battery of Field  
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### MRS. LUCY GRIMES LAID TO REST HERE

Wednesday night, October the 15th, the gentle soul of Mrs. Lucy Grimes answered the last call. For nearly seventy years the walks of earth had known Mrs. Grimes, and loved her. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Bland, and moved with her parents from Arkansas her native state, when only five years of age, to Texas. The family settled in Bell county, and for a number of years made this their home. At the age of 16 years Miss Lucy Bland became the wife of Mr. J. J. Grimes.

To this union was born nine children, six girls and three boys, all living but one, who died some four years ago. All the children were privileged to be present at the funeral services. This beloved woman had twenty grandchildren, all being present but four. Also four of her great grandchildren were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Grimes had lived for more than 20 years in Coke and Runnels counties. At the time of her death she and Mr. Grimes lived at Winters, but were visiting in the home of their son, Mr. R. L. Grimes, of this city.

Mrs. Grimes was converted in early childhood, and joined the Methodist church. She was ever a consistent Christian, and a devoted member of her church.

Funeral services were held last Friday morning at the Presbyterian church. Bro. Stanford, pastor of the Methodist church at Winters, and Bro. Smith pastor of the Presbyterian church at Winters, paid high tribute to her Christian character and brought messages of comfort to the bereaved loved ones. These men were assisted in the services by Rev. Pierce of Abilene, Rev. T. J. Rea and Rev. Fred S. Rogers.

A large crowd came from Winters, and many were the beautiful floral offerings that covered the new made mound.

The heartfelt sympathy of the entire community is extended the husband in this hour of sorrow, and to the children and loved ones in their great bereavement.

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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—Best fruit and truck farm in Clyde vicinity, 40 acres, 1-2 mile of Clyde, on public road, 5-room house, well, wind mill, tank, shade trees, natural gas in house for fuel and lights. Fine orchard, peaches, apples, pears, plums, berries. Write me if interested. O. S. MAGGART, Box 302. 17t2p

FOR SALE—One Ford demountable rim set. Will sell as a full set or piece at a time, or will use good clincher wheel in exchange.—WEST COMPANY. tf

FOR SALE—Good wind mill, also some headed Maize. See H. P. Wilkins, Merkel. 1tp

FOR SALE—320 Acres near Nubia, south of Merkel on Mulberry, price \$20 per acre, \$1,000 cash, give terms on balance. Will trade for Abilene property. About 90 acres in cultivation. JOE JAY, Real Estate, Abilene, Tex. Office rear end Central State Bank, office phone 1904. 24t4

WOOD—Have bought 100 cords of wood. Will deliver it between Oct. 27 and Nov. 1 at \$3.00 per cord while it lasts. This is your chance to get your winter supply of wood cheap. Phone 201. Sam Foster. 1tc Dr.

### FOR SALE—FOR RENT

Have several good teams and farming tools for sale, and 290 acres of good land to rent to right party. The land is all first class and has two good houses on it. See Geo. Brown, Merkel, Texas. 24t2p

FOR SALE—One straight side 30x3 1/2 Silvertown Cord Tire. This tire will make a dandy spare tire for a Chevrolet or Overland car. Get our price.—WEST COMPANY. tf

FOR SALE—FOR RENT—Have 90 acre cotton crop, two teams, two cultivators, two planters, go-devil, wagon, cow, 41 head turkeys, 15 chickens, 31 guineas and many other items for sale. All the above for \$1,000. Also have 160 acres of land to rent to party buying the above. Good house and good water. Land located six miles north of Merkel. See J. G. ALEXANDER, 1 mile north and one mile west of Capps. 1tp

FOR SALE—1923 model Studebaker Special Six Roadster, 1923 model Ford Coupe, 1924 model Dodge Touring, all in A-1 condition. Cash or terms. MARVIN BONEY. tf

FOR SALE—A sixty-five dollar bicycle nearly new with New Departure Coaster break, sell cheap if taken at once. C. C. Campbell. tf

FOR SALE—90 acres of land, 67 acres in cultivation. One and one-fourth miles from town. Will sell at a bargain. See G. C. Lowrey, Merkel, Route 3. pd4t-tf

### WANTED

WANTED—50 or 60 acres of land to work on third and fourth See M. E. Huffman, Merkel, Route one. 1tp

### FOUND

FOUND—A bunch of keys owner can get same at the Merkel Mail office by paying for this notice. 1tpd

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GOLAN NEWS

Everyone enjoyed the prayer-service Sunday night conducted by Mr. J. T. Garner.

Every body better come out Sunday afternoon, the 26th, we are planning on re-organizing our singing class.

Miss Sarah Lawlis, Miss Merrel Dean and Miss Emma Mae Green were the guests of Miss Merrel and Hallie Green Sunday.

Miss Linnie Garner spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Audra Dell Hudspeth. Miss Mary Lou Brown was the guest of Lena and Vera Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Will, Elmer Davis and wife, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davis.

Miss Minnie West spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Eula Pursley of Sylvester.

Mr. C. R. Dean and family spent Sunday with his parents, Uncle Ray Dean.

C. C. Stribbling and family from White Flat visited Mr. W. T. Duncan Sunday.

Miss Ouida Jones spent Sunday with Mrs. Davis.

Miss Elsie Hill was the guest of Miss Dell Hudspeth.

Some relatives from Sweetwater were visiting Mr. W. T. Jones Sunday.

Little Miss Thelma and Berl Brown, Ruth Thompson and Eula Cook spent Sunday with Jimmie and Jewel Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thompson are the proud parents of a seven pound boy. Dandelion.

Mrs. M. Armstrong, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. John W. Cox, of Abilene, left first of the week for Fort Worth where they will visit their son and brother, respectively, Dr. Frank Armstrong, who has lately established himself in the practice of medicine in that city. After their visit in Fort Worth they will attend the State Fair at Dallas.

Mr. Jeffrie Griffin, whose home is at Hawley, Texas, but who was here working for the T. & P. railroad, happened to a serious accident last Saturday afternoon when a can of gasoline exploded, seriously burning him. He was rushed to the T. and P. sanitarium at Marshall for treatment.

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SHILOH NEWS

Health of the community is very good at this time.

Had very good attendance at church Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. Hardy Rutledge and family, Mrs. B. L. James and children visited Mr. Lowel Rutledge and family Sunday.

Mrs. W. R. Grayson and babies left Thursday for Dallas where she will visit friends and attend the state fair.

Mr. Shelby Howell and family visited Mrs. Pheobie Greene last Sunday.

J. H. Grayson and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greene left Sunday for Silvertown and Friona, Texas.

Mr. Marshal Naron left Sunday night for Fort Worth where he will enter a barber college.

Quite a crowd from this place attended singing at Noodle Sunday evening. They sure had some fine singing.

Mr. Richard Bond is visiting Mr. Bud Brown and family. He is enroute to Clovis, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Phillips and children and Mrs. Lige Howell visited Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell Sunday.

Mr. W. R. Grayson and son, W. R. Jr., visited E. H. Grayson and family Sunday.

Little Miss Maudine Howell spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown.

There will be Sunday school and preaching next Sunday. Every body come. Brownie.

Mr. O. W. Reed one day this week brought to this office from his farm in Mulberry Canyon, a sample of several stalks of cotton known as "Boquet Cotton", which was extra well loaded with bolls, and which according to Mr. Reed will make a very large yield.

Miss Annie Bickley left Sunday for Richland, Texas where she will teach school.

Miss Mary Lou Chism of Memphis, Tenn., who was here for the wedding of her cousin, Miss Edith Brown, returned to her home Sunday.

Mrs. J. N. Smith of Hamlin was here last week visiting relatives and friends.

"SENIOR NOTES"

Since report cards will be out next week all students are trying to spend their time as profitably as possible, and as a consequence everything is progressing nicely.

The workmen are still busy about the new building. The grounds are being cleaned off and we hope to have concrete walks laid before the next rain.

Mr. Burgess, in a very interesting crapel talk described a radio 79 feet in diameter.

Some of the freshmen are not learned enough to appreciate good literature like the High School Notes.

Miss Pierce: "Wise men are always in doubt. Only idiots are sure of their case."

Ona Fae Rose: "Are you sure of it?"

Miss Pierce: "Oh yes, absolutely."

Miss Bird (On first visit to a western ranch): "For what purpose do you use that coil of line on your saddle?"

Cowpuncher: "That line, you call it, lady, we use for catching cattle and horses."

Miss Bird: "Oh, indeed! Now may I ask what do you use for bait?"

Ray Garrett: "When I sing I get tears in my eyes. What can I do for this?"

Miss Collins: "Stuff cotton in your ears."

Information Wanted

Miss Hearn would like to know what time the five o'clock train is due.

Iris Garrett would like to know how many quarters there are in a football game.

Those wishing to know why Merkel was penalized in last Friday's game see Helen Booth.

Miss Weeden would like to know who brought the canary bird to study hall last Tuesday.

Miss Pierce would like to know what war closed the Treaty of Utrecht.

Cleshy: "Who is that coming? It sounds like the rustling of an old fashioned girl's skirt."

C. R.: "Huh! That's only the swish of W. L.'s new style trousers."

Those wishing to know the cause of sudden improvement in Mr. Burgess' complexion might get some information from Carlton Vick, who was dispatched to Sanders Drug Store at an early hour yesterday and returned with TWO compacts.

Mr. and Mrs. Minor Burns, of Canton, report the arrival on the 19th of a daughter. We join their friends in extending congratulations.

Come to the Eagle Cafe for nice, tender steaks, good chili and other good eats. Mrs. Tarbutton and J. S. Deen. 1tp

The big, busy Ford supply house—that's us. Genuine Ford parts and Ford jewelry of every kind; backed by a reputation of thirty years of better service.—West Company. tf

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hutcheson are now occupying the house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Andy Brown.

Mr. Geo. F. West is having his home on Oak street improved with a new coat of paint.

Mr. N. A. Dowell and family left Monday for Dallas via car to attend the State Fair.

Rev. R. E. L. Stutts of Abilene was a business caller here Wednesday.

Mr. M. G. Farmer and Mr. Howard Farmer and wife of Baird, Texas, visited Mr. Percy Jones and family, and Rev. T. J. Rea and family Sunday.



# Cold Weather is Coming

Come in and let us sell you that heating stove and be ready for cold weather when it gets here.

We have a nice line of both coal and wood heaters on our display floor.

And if in need of a Cooking Stove, we have a large line of these, also, for you to select from.

Your trade will be Appreciated on any thing in the Hardware Line.

## CROWN HARDWARE CO.

### NEW EXHIBIT BUILDING AT STATE FAIR OF TEXAS HEARTILY APPROVED

President of Exhibitors' Association Declares it Wonderful Addition. Smyth Makes Prediction

J. B. Graham of Waxahatchie, president of the County Exhibitors' Association, has passed approval on the new Agricultural Building at the State Fair of Texas, to be used for the first time at the 1924 State Fair, Dallas, Oct. 11-26.

"It is a wonderful addition to State Fair equipment," Mr. Graham said, "and will permit the demonstration of Texas' agricultural advantages to the maximum."

J. A. Moore of Grand Prairies, has been named superintendent of the Agricultural department, and will be in charge of the new structure. Mr. Moore was formerly in the government agricultural service and has had years of experience in the work.

Many Counties Get Space  
Twenty counties have already been assigned space in the new building. Among them is Hale, first prize winner in 1923, and Col. R. P. Smyth will again "chaperone" the exhibit. It will come by automobile truck from Plainview, more than 700 miles. Col. Smyth is a veteran exhibitor, and predicted, after seeing the new building at the State Fair, that fully 100 counties would have exhibits therein by 1925.

The exhibit booths are all uniform—14 feet wide, 10 feet deep and 7 feet high, from exhibit platform to top. At the front, the booths are eighteen inches in height, rising gradually, to a height of 3 feet 6 inches at the back. This incline permits the most advantageous display of the exhibits.

#### "HUSK" O'HARE'S ORCHESTRA FEATURE OF STATE FAIR

"Husk" O'Hare's famous Chicago "Society Orchestra" is to be a big musical feature at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 11-26 this year. "Husk" and his men will appear with the "Passing Parade of 1924" in the "New Theater" to be located just east of the Automobile and Manufacturers' Building. The "super orchestra" as it has been called, is one of the most popular musical organizations in Chicago, and is the official broadcasting orchestra for radio Station WLS.

W. F. Hamblett, local grocerman, attended the Fair at Dallas first of the week, and also visited relatives in that city.

Misses Bettye Rogers and Lerah Petree visited in Dallas last week end and attended the State Fair.

Messrs. Delma Compton and Thomas C. Wilson made a trip via car to Dallas last week end to attend the Fair.

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

Miss Dixie Blair spent last week in Midland and Big Spring visiting friends and relatives.

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

Miss Dorothy Sanders visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sanders last week end.

Mr. W. J. Sheppard is here for a visit to his family from Brownfield, Texas.

Mr. H. C. West is in Dallas attending the Fair for a few days, and also to attend to business.

Mr. Choc Jones returned the first of the week from a trip to Dallas.

J. S. Thomas and family spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Brown at Tuscola.

### Go After Business

In a business way—the advertising way. An ad in this paper offers the maximum service at the minimum cost. It reaches the people of the town and vicinity you want to reach.

Try It—It Pays

Mr. S. G. Houston, of Abilene, was here last week looking after his farming interests near here. He has many friends in Merkel and is always a welcome visitor.

Miss Mary Campbell has been visiting in Dallas and attending the State Fair this week.

Mayor H. C. West returned first of the week from a business trip to Dallas. He also attended the State Fair while in that city.

A. M. Wimberly was over first of the week looking after his farms near here, and incidentally shaking hands with his host of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner spent last Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Rotan. They were accompanied on their trip by Eld. W. G. Cypert, who filled his regular appointment at the Church of Christ in that city.

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**AND**

# **Abilene Reporter**

**Daily and Sunday.**

**Both For One Year for Only**

# **\$4.65**

# **The Merkel Mail**

**AND**

# **Ft. Worth Record**

**Daily and Sunday**

**Both For One Year for Only**

# **\$8.20**

**Daily Without Sunday**

# **\$6.70**



**MISS EDITH BROWN  
WEDS DALLAS MAN**

Saturday morning at eight-thirty o'clock, a marriage of much interest to all Merkel was quietly solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown, when Miss Edith Brown was wedded to Mr. R. A. McBean of Dallas, Texas.

The ceremony was said in the presence of only the immediate family of the bride, and a cousin, Miss Mary Lou Chism, of Memphis, Tennessee. To the sweet and melodious strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Inice Brown, a younger sister of the bride, the couple came slowly into the living room, and were met by Rev. T. J. Rea, the bride's pastor, who very impressively read the double ring ceremony.

Soon after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. McBean were driven to Abilene, where they took the morning train for Dallas, where they will be at home to friends after a brief trip to Houston and San Antonio.

This marriage was the culmination of a courtship begun about a year and a half ago, while Miss Brown was attending school at the college of Industrial Arts, Denton. Miss Edith is a charming young lady, gifted in many ways, and will truly make a help-mate.

Of Mr. McBean, we have learned that he is a gentleman of high standing, and is employed as city salesman for the Avery Implement Company at Dallas.

For the marriage ceremony the bride was most charming in a heavy taupe satin, with cut velvet trimmings, hose to match and black satin slippers. She wore a pretty corsage of brides roses and fern. For her going-away frock, she wore a tailored blue charmeen, embroidered in red braid, with harmonizing accessories to match.

**Ladies to Sew For Orphans**

The Womans Missionary Society of the Baptist church will meet at the church Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock to sew for the Buckner Orphanage. Any one having anything that they would like to contribute to the box in the way of clothing or bed clothes will be greatly appreciated. The box will be sent to the home the latter part of the week.

**Christian Endeavor in Social**

The Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church met last Friday evening in the basement of the church for a social.

Games and stunts were pleasing features until Misses Mildred Smith and Venice Bell began to read the futures. Many interesting facts were unfolded to each one there.

Refreshments of sandwiches, fruit and candy were served to about sixteen members and guests.

**Dinner Party**

Friday evening of last week, Mrs. George Brown was the delightful hostess, honoring her daughter, Miss Edith, with a dinner party. The dining room was made most attractive with cut flowers, tube roses and pink rose buds being the chosen flowers.

Covers were laid for Miss Blanche Durham, Mary Lou Chism of Memphis, Tenn., and Edith Brown; Messrs Sie Hamm, Jimmie Brown and R. A. McBean of Dallas.

A most appetizing turkey dinner with all the good things to eat was served family style. A splendid and most entertaining evening was spent in the Brown home.

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.



**We are justly proud of our big stock of blankets. Our present assortment is bigger and better than ever and that is saying a whole lot.**

- A special lot of German made grey blankets with navaho border, priced \$1.95**
- A good cotton blanket, size 64x76, priced \$2.25**
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- One lot of grey and tan blankets, size 72x90 at \$3.50**
- The big blanket value of the season is our Nashua wool nap in grey, tan and all colors in plaids size 72x84 at \$4.95**

**Our store is full and running over with quality merchandise at money saving guaranteed prices. Let us save you money on your fall bill.**

**Bragg Dry Goods Company**

—THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE—

**JACK ANDERSON MAKING GOOD AT N. T. A&M. COL.**

The band from the North Texas Agricultural College, located at Arlington, recently returned from Pittsburg, Texas, where it had been as the official band for the North East Texas Fair held in that city, and according to reports the fair this year was better than ever before, and likewise the music furnished by this band was also better.

And among the personnel of the band we notice the name of Jack Anderson, Merkel. Jack, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, is a junior in this splendid school, and is said to be making a fine record thus far.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth of this city had as their guests last Sunday their daughter, Miss Mary Cleo, and Mr. and Mrs. Comer Clay, all of Abilene.

**NOTICE**

We wish to announce to our friends, customers and the automobile trade that we have secured the agency for the Chevrolet Cars and Trucks, and will carry a complete stock of parts.

We have a car on display at the Magnolia Filling Station. Call around and let us show you. Brooks Patterson & C.H. Jones. 1

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

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

**BLACK AND YELLOW**

Black and Yellow paper in Halloween shades are on hand at the Merkel Mail office. When in need call in and see same.

**FAT MAN WITH CARNIVAL HERE RECENTLY IS DEAD**

According to the daily press of Monday of this week, Sam Harris, the big fat man connected with the Carnival here a short time ago, died at his home in Farmersville last Sunday, following a short attack of pneumonia.

It is said that he was buried in a casket which he himself had had made a year or two ago, and that after his body was prepared for burial in same, a door of the house had to be removed before the casket could be taken from the building.

The writer remembers the man, who was 45 years of age at the time of his death, when we were both small boys, that is the Editor was quite small, about nine years of age, but Sam Harris then tipped the scales at about 200 pounds.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

**Young Man Hurt in Foot Ball Game Extends Thanks**

Father and Mother join me in extending our most sincere thanks and appreciation of the kindness shown me by the Merkel people while detained in your city on account of the unfortunate accident during the football game last Friday.

Sincerely yours, Kee Patterson, Hamlin, Tex.

Safety and Service are assured to the customers of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank. tf

Just received a large shipment of genuine Prest-O-Lite batteries for Ford Cars, price \$14.65.—West Company. tf

Messrs T. G. Bragg and L. B. Scott attended the Abilene-Cisco game at Abilene last Friday afternoon.

**HAGENBECK-WALLACE CIRCUS TO BE IN ABILENE**

Circus talk is on the lips of every resident of Merkel and vicinity, and judging from the interest manifested in the coming performances of the Carl Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus at Sweetwater on October 30 and at Abilene on October 31, the "big top" will not be sufficiently large to accommodate the people. Ten thousand patrons can be seated at the afternoon show and the same number at night, but this capacity has been repeatedly taxed this summer in other cities where the Hagenbeck show has appeared.

A thrill every minute is promised by the management, as there are over two hundred stellar performers on the program, while 150 wild animal actors; 100 domestic animals, scores of prizewinning horses, and 50 noted clowns take part in the show, which runs over two and one-half hours. Comedy will be provided by these funny "joys", who have manufactured burlesques on every popular event of the day. And the rascals have a jazz band which is said to reach the pinnacle in tooting.

Much might be written about the Hagenbeck-Wallace performances, but to be appreciated, it must be seen. For years this show has been known as standing in a class by itself. This year it is not only bigger, but is infinitely better than ever before, and to those who know the Hagenbeck-Wallace reputation, that is saying a great deal.

The big street parade of more than a mile in length, will be given at 11 o'clock in the morning. In this gorgeous procession will be seen wild animals from every section of the globe, scores of pretty women, mounted on Kentucky thoroughbreds, beautiful hand-carved tableaux wagons, and five bands of musicians. After seeing the Hagenbeck parade, you will never say "that all circus parades are alike."

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**We are prepared to meet your demands and Save you Money on Knit Goods and Sweaters.**

**Ladies Sweaters in Buff, Blue and Maroon, all wool, price \$4.95**

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