

THE MERKEL MAIL

VOL. 37—NO. 7

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1925

8 PAGES

CHANGE IN CITY ADMINISTRATION

JUDGE N. D. COBB IS ELECTED MAYOR AND TWO NEW COUNCILMEN

The city election held here last Tuesday, although by no means heated, was quite interesting, and resulted in the complete change of all offices balloted upon. Judge N. D. Cobb was elected Mayor over J. A. Buford by about fifty votes, a total of about 300 votes being cast. H. C. West, present Mayor, of Merkel, was not a candidate for re-election.

For Aldermen messrs J. I. Ford and A. J. Canon were elected over Messrs W. O. Boney and A. T. Sheppard, for re-election, by about fifty votes also.

Mayor H. C. West was not a candidate for re-election, and the retiring Aldermen, Messrs. Sheppard and Boney, have served the citizenship of this city in their respective positions faithfully, and efficiently, and in retiring carry with them the esteem and friendship of a majority of the citizenship.

The new Mayor and Aldermen are all good, honest men, and this paper believes highly capable of rendering faithful and efficient service.

And we join the entire citizenship in extending best wishes and sincere cooperation in any and all moves which they may espouse for the benefit of our city and its people.

For City Secretary, Captain G. W. Johnson was elected without opposition, for the sixth consecutive time. The Captain, who has always been courteous, honest and efficient in the performance of the duties connected with his office never makes a canvas for votes, and his friends say of him that the reason for his unusual success without opposition, is due to the fact that he is the originator of the famous "Andy Gump Slogan" that he wears no man's collar, and the Captain neither denies or affirms the accusation.

TRUSTEES ELECTED IN RURAL DISTRICTS

In the recent school trustee elections held over the county the following were elected in the various school districts in the Merkel communities.

Cross Roads: A. W. Ely and M. G. King elected. Mr. Hammond goes out.

Union Ridge: A. J. Pannell and W. M. Corey elected. Clark hold over. D. W. Bynum and D. I. Shelton go out.

Salt Branch: Roy Harrell elected. Robertson and Higgins hold over.

Mulberry: C. Carter elected. W. B. Moore and H. Arnwine hold over. L. M. Walsh goes out. Blair: J. H. Hughes elected. E. J. Osborne and Z. V. Moore hold over. J. W. Moore goes out.

Castle Peak: G. W. Cox re-elected. Mark Malone and W. P. Moore hold over.

Tye: M. R. Street, J. D. Spinks and W. P. Cagle elected, C. W. Rister re-elected (7 trustees, independent district.)

White Church: W. A. Harrison elected; D. R. Snow and A. W. Wilson hold over. R. F. Demere out.

Col. and Mrs. J. A. Buford left yesterday for a visit with relatives at Haskell.

CONGRATULATES NEW OFFICERS

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Luncheon Club held Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, along with other business, the following was adopted:

Whereas the Luncheon Club has never been and must never be a political or sectarian institution, its purpose being to build up and serve the mutual interests of Merkel and her trade territory and to be helpful to every interest that serves that end, therefore be it resolved that we congratulate those elected as City Officers at the recent election and pledge to them our hearty support in their every effort to make their administration successful in every way. MERKEL LUNCHEON CLUB By Executive Committee.

A. C. ROSE QUITTING BUSINESS THIS CITY

In a page announcement in this paper Mr. A. C. Rose, for many years a prominent and successful business man in this city and for several years lately in the dry goods business, states that he is to quit business in this city. Mr. Rose states that after nine days selling he will pack up all goods left on hand and move them to Abilene, where he will continue in the dry goods business.

Mr. Rose is an energetic, hustling and successful business man, and his many friends in and about Merkel regret that he has decided to quit the dry goods business in Merkel. However, they wish for him splendid success and happiness in his new home.

We are authentically informed that Max Mellinger, whose store and stock of goods were burned in this city some weeks ago, has taken a lease on the building occupied by Mr. Rose, has purchased the fixtures and will in a short time open up a new and complete stock of dry goods. Mr. Mellinger expects to open his new stock about April 20th or shortly thereafter, he states.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION QUIET—45 VOTED

In the school trustee election held in this city last Saturday there was but little interest. In fact nothing like that should have been manifested, as the people of any community should take more interest in their schools.

Those re-elected were: R. O. Anderson, for many years the very capable Chairman of the board; W. O. Boney, also serving very efficiently as Secretary of the board, and Thos. Durham. Mr. S. D. Gamble was elected as a new member of the board. The other members of the board are: H. C. West, A. T. Sheppard and A. C. Rose.

FIRE DESTROYS FARM RESIDENCE OF H. PATTERSON

A fire of unknown origin on Tuesday night of this week destroyed the residence known as the old Coggins ranch house, located on the farm of Homer Patterson and occupied by Messrs. Claude and Clarence Perry, together with all the contents of the house. The residence was partly covered by insurance, we are told, but the household effects were without any insurance.

PRIZES FEATURE BIG TRADES DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 DATE OF FIRST MONTHLY TRADES DAY

Attention of this paper has been called to the fact that the business men, bankers and other interests have announced that they are ready to get behind the movement for a big Trade Day once each month in Merkel, and that, according to Messrs J. C. Mason and Sie Hamm, who we are told suggested the enterprise and really started the ball rolling for the big event, the first day will be Saturday, April 18th. While the matter is only tentatively planned this Thursday morning, Mr. Mason states that a great many business men have already announced that they will offer valuable prizes, some of which will be cash prizes.

The Merkel Mail endorses the move, and pledges its support in helping to make the enterprise a success. And let us say that it is a move that should have the hearty approval and endorsement of every kind of business in this city, for it does seem that the time is here when ALL yes every business man in the city, can plainly see that the main thing this city needs is cooperation. Now, there is no selfish move upon the part of those sponsoring the idea, and if you are interested in your town, in fact your own best interest, then get into this move and help bring to this city all the business that she is entitled to have.

TERRACING WORK BY COUNTY AGENT

According to the county agent J. M. Masterson, the terracing season for this year has practically closed, and during the two months in which Taylor County has maintained this office 31 terracing demonstrations have been held in 14 communities, and 13 ditches have been surveyed for the farmers by the County Agent.

Six different communities have purchased cooperatively surveying machines, and can promote the work jointly. The county agent has been advising ownership of this terracing equipment because it is physically impossible for one man to survey all of the land in Taylor County for terraces where the work is needed, and he contends that joint ownership is calculated to create a more neighborly feeling among citizens of a community.

In referring to terracing work the county agent states that "the hill country is wearing away rapidly, and unless some action is taken to check the erosion of the soil, the time will come when the productivity of the land will be materially lessened. Already washes and draws can be seen cutting thru the fields around the hills and mountains, and our best soil is being conveyed to the sea. Terracing will stop these washes and will rebuild depleted soil. It will not only save the soil but will conserve moisture."

The county agent referred to Central Texas as an illustration of the condition that has followed soil negligence. He stated "there was a time when Ellis, Bell, Dallas, Hill and the other black land counties produced from a half a bale to a bale of

TRADE TRIP TO TEAFF SCHOOL

BUSINESS MEN TO START ANNUAL TRADE TRIPS ON APRIL 17TH.

In launching the first Business Men's Trade Trip, it was decided at a meeting Tuesday evening of the Executive Committee of the Luncheon Club, that the Cross Roads or Teaff School community would be the first to be visited. A committee was appointed to make the arrangements, which, we learn, is completed. An interesting and spicy program is being worked out and it is expected that this will be one of the best meetings of the kind ever held.

It is expected that those going on the trip from Merkel will all be ready and go in a body, leaving Merkel at seven o'clock promptly.

The Merkel orchestra will go along and furnish music for the occasion. The entire program will be published in the Merkel Mail of next week.

The people of Cross Roads community have extended the Merkel visitors a most cordial welcome to pay them this visit, so let's show our appreciation.

PRE-EASTER SERVICE METHODIST CHURCH

As per announcement in this paper last week, Rev. T. J. Rea, splendid and untiring pastor of the First Methodist Church, South, is engaged this week in conducting a Pre-Easter revival. There are two services each day, at ten a.m. and seven forty-five in the evening.

The pastor is delivering some able gospel messages, and as the meeting progresses both the interest and attendance increases, and there is every indication that before the end of the campaign much lasting good will have been accomplished.

Rev. Rea extends a cordial welcome to all the citizenship of the town and community, and especially urges the attendance and cooperation of his church membership during every service of the meeting.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

cotton to the acre; now the soil has become so worn that this same section rarely grows more than one fourth of a bale to the acre. We must save the West Texas soil while it is virgin; our children must cultivate the land after our time has passed."

According to the county agent another season for terracing will probably demand his entire time. The enthusiasms for terracing has grown with vigor since the work was begun the first of February. The communities in which he has conducted demonstration are Bradshaw, Tye, Merkel, Jim Ned, Potosi, Guion, Tuscola, Blair, Abilene, Mulberry Canyon, Wilsonville, Wynlie Whit school.

For the next six weeks or 2 months the county agent states that he will vigorously promote the boys and girls agricultural clubs through the county emphasizing especially grain sorghum seed selection, and poultry culling. Both of these features of farm work are important throughout Taylor county and they can be taught to children more quickly than to adults. And children's impressions are permanent ones.

MAX MELLINGER TO OPEN STORE AGAIN

Mr. Max Mellinger, whose stock of goods was destroyed by the fire in this city some time ago that burned a whole block of brick business houses, informs the Mail that he has leased the building now occupied by the A. C. Rose Dry Goods Store and has purchased the fixtures belonging to Mr. Rose, and will between now and the first of the month open a new and up-to-date stock of dry goods.

Mr. Mellinger leaves this week for the Eastern markets, where he will personally select his new and very large stock of goods. He will carry one of the largest stocks of goods to be found in this city, as he will have double the amount of floor space formerly used by him before the disastrous fire.

Mr. Mellinger's friends are glad to learn that he is to again become identified with the business interests of the city in the dry goods line, and extend to him a hearty welcome.

GOVERNOR GRANTS MANY PARDONS

Austin, April 6.—Executive clemency in the governor's office has resulted in the granting by "Ma" Ferguson to unfortunate in the penitentiary of more pardons and restorations of full citizenship.

The Governor late Monday granted a full pardon to Richard Frank, convicted in Collin County of burglary and theft and sentenced to six years. This action was taken by the governor on recommendation of William W. Lambert, San Francisco lieutenant of police and Richard Rojas, consul for Bahama at San Francisco, Frank is going back to his former home at San Francisco.

James C. Molton, convicted in Hudspeth County of theft and given two years in state prison was paroled to Mrs. J. T. King of Palatka, Fla., who has taken an interest in the man and will give him employment, it was stated.

Conditional pardon was granted to J. H. Marable of Wood county, who has served nine years of a five to 99 year sentence for murder. Ivey Wilson, convicted in Bowie county of robbery was also granted a conditional pardon. Full pardons are granted to Dan Harper, convicted of burglary in Travis county and given two years, and Juan Ruiz, sentenced to two years on conviction of cattle theft.

Restoration of citizenship was granted to Charley Wilson of Bee County, convicted of assault to murder and who was released from state prison 20 years ago.

FELIX JONES IS GIVEN PARDON BY GOVERNOR

Felix Jones, who formerly lived here and who was sent to the penitentiary for a term said by men who knew him here to have been for 25 years from El Paso county for murder of a man named Lyons, was given a pardon last Monday by Governor Ferguson, it has been learned here.

Jones figured in a damage suit against the Wichita Valley railway here several years ago and was a figure in several trials for different offenses.—Abilene

R. O. ANDERSON IS NEXT TOASTMASTER

CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM FEATURES REGULAR CLUB MEETING

For the next Luncheon, which will meet at Ed's Cafe on next Tuesday night at 7:30, Mr. R. O. Anderson, splendid Vice President of the Farmers State Bank has been named as Toastmaster. No man knows Merkel better than does Mr. Anderson, and no man has her best interest at heart more than he, and the Luncheon Club members are looking forward to his bringing before them one of the best and most interesting business and constructive programs that has ever been presented up to this time.

There are several reasons why the next meeting should not only be one of much interest, but the largest attended since the organization of the Luncheon Club. Every business and professional man, as well as every one interested in Merkel's future should be present and lend their assistance to the Club in its desire to help this city to grow, help bring business to the city, and in fact do anything that will be of benefit to the citizenship as a whole.

Other towns are reaching out and coming right into our very doors for trade, and surely every business man should see this, and if so surely he is willing to join his fellow business man in an effort to hold that trade that justly belongs to Merkel. Let every business man think this over and be present.

LIVE TOWNS ARE GOING AFTER BUSINESS

According to the Anson Enterprise of last week, the business men of that thriving and growing county seat town have perfected plans for putting on an extensive trade-getting campaign that will last from now until December 24th.

The plans call for the giving away of one Ford car each month along with one hundred dollars in merchandise, and on December 24th one Ford and one Dodge car will be given away.

We also note from the Abilene Daily Reporter that the Chamber of Commerce of that city is planning to make a number of "Good Will Trips" into neighboring towns and communities.

We make reference to the above that our own home town merchants may know just what the merchants in our neighboring towns are doing in the way of going after business.

The day of just "Let Business Come" is past and where the business men of any town feel that way about it that town never gets anywhere. It takes persistent and consistent and everlasting advertising for any town or firm to hold its own.

Times. We are informed that Felix Jones is well known in Merkel, he having at one time years ago been engaged in the Implement business here.

CLEMENCY FOR 11 IS GIVEN BY GOVERNOR

Austin, April 8.—Executive clemency was extended by Governor Miriam Ferguson Wednesday afternoon to 11 prisoners in the state penitentiary, which includes one full pardon, six conditional pardons, three furloughs and one parole.—Star Telegram.

Many Prizes will be given away Sat. Apr. 18, Trades Day at Merkel

A Personality You'll Like

Deeply rooted in the personality of this Bank are all the qualities you admire in an individual; strength, courage and service.

Its strength and courage have won the close friendship of its depositors as well as a reputation for standing by its customers.

Its service, shown in its willingness to go out of its way to help people, is making new friends for it all the time.

*Start Your Account Here
"Ask our Customers"*

FARMERS STATE BANK
MERKEL, TEXAS

RABBIT HUNTERS ENJOY DINNER AT CROSS ROADS

In company with Mr. Chas. H. Jones and Mr. L. R. Thompson, the editor of the Mail drove out to the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. King, in the Cross Roads or Teaff school community, some nine miles southeast of the city yesterday at noon, where we enjoyed to the fullest extent a very fine dinner. It was an occasion where the people of that community had gathered together at the school house in the morning for a big rabbit drive, rounding up at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. King at noon, where the good ladies of that community had arranged for them one of the finest meals ever set before any body of men. And to a country editor, or even a banker, from the way we noticed Mr. Thompson making away with several pieces of that good old country ham, and that man Charlie Jones, who so efficiently and courteously represents that great company known as the Magnolia Oil Company, in this city, and to use his language "that was some feed." Of course the editor and these two gentlemen really went out to the Cross Roads School to arrange with the school authorities for the business men of Merkel to hold our first 1925 Spring Trade Trip with the people of that fine community, and were glad to have that as a good excuse for being present upon this occasion. While there was a large crowd of men taking part in the rabbit drive, it was stated that they were having poor luck as it seems that the rabbits are quite scarce in that section this year. We might also mention that the citizens of that community informed us that they would extend the business men and citizens of Merkel a big welcome to visit them on Friday night, April 7th, and would assure us a large crowd.

BLANTON WILL STAY ON JOB DURING RECESS

The following letter was received from Hon. Thos. L. Blanton regarding his work:
Washington, March 31, '25.
Editor, The Mail, Merkel, Tex.
My Dear Mr. Durham:
I feel that I owe it to the people to put in all of my time here on the job in their behalf, and not take any vacation. Hence I shall forego the pleasure of spending the recess at home. District correspondence relating to business of my constituents is voluminous at all times, and it requires my personal attention just as urgently during recess as it does while Congress is in session. It would surprise you to see the number of requests made: for hearings, extensions, and adjustments of income taxes; hospital treatment, rehabilitation, insurance, compensation, etc., for ex-service men; discharges for minors from the army and navy; changes in rural routes; additional help and supplies for postoffices; passports and visas; permits for emigrant relatives; bulletins for farmers; data for students and teachers; etc. I am also examining various bureaus and Commissions. Of course, it would be far more pleasant to come home, and much more profitable to practice law these nine months, as some are doing; or to junket with them to Europe, or the Phillipines, or to Japan, or to Alaska, as some are doing. But I feel that my salary should be earned, and my entire time given to the people. Will you please publish this letter for your readers' information so they may address me here, and not in Texas. Thanking you, I am Sincerely your friend,
(Signed) Thomas L. Blanton.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Madam Fashion decrees that next Sunday is the day for new hats, frocks, etc. The warm sunshine is bringing the green back to the withered rose bushes. All nature is rejoicing with life springing up from its dormant winter state. All these things remind us that though we die we shall live again. We groan in labor and pain now, but we rejoice in hope of the eternal freedom beyond.

The pastor will preach next Sunday morning on "The Two Bodies of the Child of God." How we groan and are weary in this body, and with what peculiar ecstasy we look forward to the other. At the evening hour the discussion on Revelation will be continued. The subject will be "The Seven Seals." At the morning hour the High School Quartet will sing. These young gentlemen have attained quite an enviable record. You will miss something if you fail to hear them.

At the evening hour the Intermediate Mixed Quartet will sing. We appreciate their ability and are always glad to have them sing. The superintendents of the S.

P. T. A. HAS GOOD ATTENDANCE AT MEET

The Parent-Teachers Association met Wednesday with the best attendance of the year. An excellent program was rendered by the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades. The next P. T. A. meeting will be the 13th of May, with the High School in charge of the program. Miss Minnie Coats won the picture for March. One more picture is to be given. Help your child's room to win by joining the P. T. A.

The following officers were elected and will be installed at the next meeting:

President, Mrs. A. R. Booth. First Vice-president and chairman program committee, Mrs. McSpadden. Second vice-president and chairman membership committee, Mrs. Roy Miller. 3rd vice-president and chairman of Finance committee, Mrs. R. O. Anderson. Reporter, Miss Eunice Russell. Let's all join the P.T.A.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Mack Cox, a daughter on the 6th.

Miss Mary Burkes Blair visited in Abilene Saturday.

Miss Dixie Howard of Hillsboro visited friends here last week.

Miss Edna Jones spent the past week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jones.

Mr. Jake Massey of Munday, Texas, was here last Thursday.

Mrs. W. G. Cypert left Monday for Port Arthur to visit her daughters.

Mrs. George Woodrum was in Sweetwater Tuesday visiting relatives.

Mr. Sam Swann left Tuesday night for Dallas on business.

Mr. R. O. Anderson, vice president of the Farmers State Bank returned first of the week from a business trip to Fort Worth.

EGGS—CREAM—EGGS
We are headquarters for Eggs and Cream. We buy them every day; we turn no one away. We always pay the highest price and do it every day. McDONALD & COLLUM.

Mrs. B. H. Howard of Crosbyton is here for an extended visit with her son.

Mrs. G. W. Smith of Abilene was a guest in the J. S. Swann home this week.

This Ad is Worth 25c

MORE RURAL CORRESPONDENTS WANTED

Up to this time the results from our campaign for Rural Correspondents has been very gratifying. But there are still some communities not represented on our "News From Nearby Communities" page. We have seven writers promised to send in items regularly. We want a correspondent at the following places: Stith, Union Ridge, Noodle, Warren, Dora, Blair, Tye, Trent and any others. We will send the Merkel Mail FREE and furnish stationery and postage to any one who wishes to write regularly. Your community should be among those having news in the Mail. You will enjoy spending a few minutes each week writing the items from your community. Try it. We will help you. Write for stationery today.

THE MERKEL MAIL

DO WE HAVE ON A SALE?

Every day there is a sale at our store, Because===
We Sell for Less---
Because we sell for Cash.

WE SELL FOR LESS—BECAUSE WE SELL FOR CASH

NOTICE— Bring this coupon (advertisement) with correct firm name inserted Friday and Saturday and get 25c on a dollar or more purchase.


It Pays==

To use our facilities for handling your business. We have safety deposit boxes to rent or free space for your own safety deposit boxes.

We have unexcelled equipment for handling your business with accuracy and dispatch. We solicit the deposits of women and children, and will give them the same attention as accorded to any depositor. We have comfortable seats and writing desks and we invite you to make this bank your headquarters when in town.

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank

J. T. Warren, Pres. L. R. Thompson, Cash.
Booth Warren, Ass't Cash. Owen Ellis, Ass't Cashier



ST. GEORGE HOTEL
Dallas

Where you will feel at home
If only to spend the day in
Dallas, make our large lobby
and our spacious parlors
your resting place.
170 Rooms, 60 baths.
\$1.50 per day and up.
In the center of the business district.
CHAS. HODGES, Proprietor.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

You Must have this ad to get your 25c

The Sum and Substance

of being a subscriber to this paper is that you and your family become attached to it. The paper becomes a member of the family and its coming each week will be as welcome as the arrival of anyone that's dear. It will keep you informed on the doings of the community and the bargains of the merchants regularly advertised will enable you to save many times the cost of the subscription.

Len Sublett

Water well Driller, all work guaranteed first-class.

Merkel, Texas

NINE DAYS TO GO!

The Unexpected has happened! Like a thousand bricks tumbling from a new Brick Wall comes the STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT

A. C. ROSE QUILTS BUSINESS

In Merkel. Fixtures have been sold, Lease Transferred and building must be vacated by April 20.

\$50,000 STOCK OF HI-GRADE MERCHANDISE

Placed in charge of "That Man Mayfield"
To be offered to the Public for Nine Selling Days.

Sale Starts Thursday, April 9th
And Closes Without Fail Night of April 20th

AFTER 19 YEARS ROSE QUITS BUSINESS HERE!

A BARGAIN CLIMAX THAT OFFERS YOU MONEY SAVING VALUES YOU WILL LONG REMEMBER. AS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION OF YOUR PAST PATRONAGE THESE LAST NINE DAYS OF OUR BUSINESS HERE HAS BEEN SET ASIDE TO ALLOW YOU TO COME TO THIS STORE AND MAKE YOUR PURCHASES AT ROCKBOTTOM PRICES. EVERY PRICE WILL BE A CUT PRICE AND ALL PROFIT IS FORGOTTEN, JUST TO GIVE YOU THE BIGGEST SALE OF BARGAINS YOU HAVE EVER KNOWN IS OUR AIM!

—COME AND SEE!—

THANKS

TO MY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS—

IT IS WITH MUCH REGRET THAT I ANNOUNCE MY RETIRAL FROM BUSINESS HERE AND THE SUBSEQUENT REMOVAL OF MY STOCK OF MERCHANDISE FROM MERKEL. AFTER NINETEEN YEARS OF SPLENDID BUSINESS I HAVE ENJOYED HERE.

BUT, AFTER HAVING PURCHASED THE CAMPBELL STOCK AT ABILENE, I FEEL THAT IT IS TO MY BEST INTEREST THAT I CONCENTRATE MY EFFORTS THERE.

I WISH TO THANK MY FRIENDS AND THE PUBLIC FOR THEIR PATRONAGE OF THE PAST AND HOPE TO SECURE A PORTION OF YOUR TRADE IN ABILENE, WHERE AFTER JUNE 1ST. WE WILL BE LOCATED IN THE WOOLWORTH BUILDING WITH A NEW, MODERN, UP-TO-DATE STORE.
RESPECTFULLY, A. C. ROSE.

ONLY NINE DAYS OF THIS SALE!!

ON APRIL 20TH THE REMAINING PART OF THIS STOCK WILL BE MOVED TO ABILENE AS WE MUST VACATE THIS BUILDING AT THAT TIME. THIS STORE WILL CLOSE ITS DOORS IN MERKEL ON SATURDAY NIGHT, APRIL 18TH. THE TIME IS SHORT AND THE ACTION MUST BE QUICK SO DON'T DELAY. THERE WILL BE BUT NINE DAYS OF THIS FINAL WIND-UP AND QUIT BUSINESS SALE, AND THE PRICES WILL BE SO LOW AND SELLING SO FAST THAT THIS STORE WILL SOON ECHO WITH EMPTINESS.

Make ready to be here as the doors swing open Thursday morning at 9 a. m. Come and buy goods at prices for below what you ever expected to pay. The time is short just 9 days to go. Then good-bye, it's over.

NOTICE

Because of Manufacturers restrictions we are not allowed to reduce prices on STETSON HATS Balance of stock at extremely low prices.

10 PRIZES FREE!

Thursday morning at 9 a. m. get your tickets as you enter the door, walk inside and win a big prize. Be here at 9 a. m. if you want to win a prize without cost to you. Come on it's free!

STORE CLOSES

As we prepare stock and cut the prices for this Quit Business Sale that starts Thursday Morning.

Don't Forget
The Place

A. C. ROSE

Dry Goods
Store

MERKEL - TEXAS

The Merkel Mail

Published on Friday Morning by
The Merkel Mail Printing Co.
Thos. Durham, Editor-Mgr.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
In Taylor, Jones, Nolan and
Fisher Counties, per yr. \$1.50
Outside these counties, yr. \$2.00
IN ADVANCE

TELEPHONE No. 61

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

Some people were born knock-
ers. They are always ready to
put some fellow out of office.
Infact they soon become against
any official, even though they
helped to elect him.

What you get out of this old
world will not prove of much
value unless used rightly and
for the betterment of the world
and those about you. But the
amount you put into the making
of this a better place in which
to live will prove a great blessing
in the end.

If your man was elected, stand
by him, encourage him and help
him to make of his administra-
tion a success. If your man was
not elected, be a good citizen and
help the victor on to success for
he is your official just the same
as the man who supported him,
and it's your duty as a good
citizen to extend your cooper-
ation.

The Merkel Mail appreciates
every line or inch of advertising
given it, but unless you really
think and expect an advertise-
ment placed in our columns to
pay you, we had rather you
would not place it with us.
In other words, if you think an
ad in the Mail is NOT a good in-
vestment, we advise you not to
spend your money that way.
However, all successful business
men the world over have long
since found that newspaper ad-
vertising is by far the best way
of reaching the buying public.

Messers J. S. Bird and C. T.
Derrick left this week for Dal-
las, where they will attend a
meeting of the State Ginners
Association. While in that part
of the state Mr. Derrick will
visit relatives at his old home
in Collin county.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

**A NEWSPAPER
WITHOUT COST**

SOME PEOPLE SEEM TO THINK THAT NEWS-
PAPERS, ESPECIALLY THE "HOME TOWN PA-
PER," SHOULD BE FREE OF COST. THEY DO
NOT SEEM TO REALIZE THAT A GREAT AMOUNT
OF TIME, EFFORT AND MONEY ARE EXPEND-
ED IN ITS PUBLICATION, AND THAT IT IS AN
ARTICLE OF MERCHANDISE THE SAME AS ANY
OTHER PIECE OF MERCHANDISE IN ANY STORE
OR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT.

THE PRICE OF THE MERKEL MAIL TO ANY
ADDRESS IN TAYLOR, JONES, NOLAN OR FISHER
COUNTY IS \$1.50 PER YEAR. THAT IS HARD-
LY THREE CENTS PER PAPER. THAT AMOUNT
DOES NOT PAY FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THAT
PAPER. DO YOU BELIEVE IT? WE CAN PROVE
IT. NO WE ARE NOT GOING TO RAISE THE SUB-
SCRIPTION PRICE OF THE MAIL IN THE MERKEL
TERRITORY.

BUT THE MERKEL MAIL IS NOW AND HERE-
AFTER \$2.00 PER YEAR TO ANYBODY OUTSIDE
OF TAYLOR, JONES, NOLAN AND FISHER COUN-
TIES. WE PAY POSTAGE ACCORDING TO THE
DISTANCE THE PAPER IS SENT, AND THE FUR-
THER AWAY IT GOES THE MORE IT COSTS OF
COURSE. WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE SUCH SUB-
SCRIPTIONS BUT MUST ADHERE STRICTLY TO
THE PRICE OF \$2.00 PER YEAR OUTSIDE THIS
TERRITORY.

THE MERKEL MAIL

"Your Home Paper"

**FORD MOTOR COMPANY
OFFERS USED CAR PLAN**

Much interest has centered
during the last week in the an-
nouncement of the Ford used
car plan. This interest has been
evidenced by both the public
and automobile concern toward
solution of the so-called used
car problem.

Under the plan, which is sup-
ervised by the company, all
authorized Ford dealers place a
guarantee upon used Ford cars
sold by them, thus insuring to
the purchaser satisfactory me-
chanical operation of the cars
under ordinary driving condi-
tions.

Reports received during the
week from branches throughout
the country, it was said at the
offices of the Ford Motor Com-
pany in Detroit, indicate two
things—greater buyer confi-
dence on the part of the public
and a general feeling among
Ford dealers that the plan is
certain to promote customer sat-
isfaction.

These reports, it was said, are
not based upon expressions from
Ford dealers alone. They also
include public reaction toward
the plan as reflected through
the vast dealer organization
which because of its extensiveness,
is an excellent barometer
of automobile marketing condi-
tions.

Another feature of the reports
is the ready acceptance of the
plan by the dealers themselves
and their enthusiasm over it.
They feel the new arrangement,
together with their own fitness
of judging car values and facili-
ties for reconditioning cars
when that is necessary, places
them in position to afford much
better service to people in the
market for used Ford cars.

On the basis of the reports so
far received the plan promises
an effective solution for used
car handling by Ford dealers and
one in which the public will ben-
efit.

CREAM—EGGS—CREAM

We are paying 37c for Cream.
Test it every day, and will pay
you the highest price possible
for Eggs. We need them; our
price will get them. McDON-
ALD & COLLUM. tf

Mrs. G. W. Chadwick return-
ed Saturday from Hanley, where
she visited her son, J. Chadwick.

THE ELECTION

The City Election is now a
thing of history. In this election
a new Mayor and two new Alder-
men were elected. They are all
good, honest, law abiding citi-
zens, men who own their homes
in the city, and from a recent
statement from the Mayor-elect
published in this paper last week
and from a personal interview
with one of the Aldermen-elect,
this paper would judge and ex-
pect these gentlemen to persue
a course during their official
career of progress and develop-
ment along municipal lines that
will not only redound to the up-
building and betterment of our
city, but in the final a course
that will reflect credit and com-
mendation to themselves from
all progressive and forward-
looking men and women. The
former Mayor, who was not a
candidate for re-election, to-
gether with the present Alder-
men, have been honest, faithful
and painstaking in their efforts
to build up and do what they
could to promote the progress
and development of our little
city. They were men of vision;
men who believed in as far as
possible that our city should
keep step with other such towns
in this modern age of city build-
ing, and to their efforts is due
much credit for the many im-
provements that have taken
place during their administra-
tion.

The new Mayor-elect, in a
statement to the voters as pub-
lished in the Mail last week,
among other things stated that
"if elected it will be my one pur-
pose to bring together the war-
ring factions and to keep in tact
and make more efficient the
work which has been undertaken
by the present administration."

Regarding his statement the
"bringing together of the war-
ring factions" this paper would
say that, if there are in this
city two factions, we commend
him for his attitude concerning
same, but we want to say fur-
ther that if there are such fac-
tions it is indeed regrettable, for
surely the town of Merkel needs
no such friction, but on the con-
trary there needs to be a united
citizenship. For where there is
united citizenship in any town
there is always peace and pros-
perity among them. And again
where the citizenship is a unit
that town never fails to grow
and keep pace with the progress
of its neighbors and the country
in general. With Merkel located
between two of the largest and
fastest growing towns in all the
West, together with the auto-
mobile and good roads, every
thinking, reading and forward
looking man and woman within
our confines knows that the
time is now here, not coming,
but HERE, when if this city
shall keep and maintain its past
and present prestige as a city,
it will have to become more wide
awake to its interests. In other
words, if Merkel is to even hold
her own in the way of trade,
population, etc., the time is here
when its business interests and
City Government must work
hand in hand for the city and
its citizenship's future growth
and prosperity.

Then it is hoped and believed
by this paper that with the in-
stallation of the newly elected
city officials that the people of
Merkel will soon see evidences
of progressive thought and act-
ivity upon their part, and in
which they will be joined by
other members of the city com-
mission remaining on the board.

Every good citizen should and
will extend a helping hand and
word of encouragement to the
entire administration as it will
be composed under the new
government.

What's the use to pay rent.
I have several good places to sell
worth the money with small
payments and by the month
after that. E. D. COATS. It

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Blair of
Fort Worth, Texas, came in
Sunday for a few days visit with
the former's mother, Mrs. J. S.
Blair.

**SOME RED HOT SPECIALS
FOR SATURDAY**

16 Dozen Ladies Gingham Apron Dresses
all sizes and colors, a Splendid \$1.50 value
Our price Saturday 98c

One lot Indian Head dresses, a regular
\$3.50 value, our sale price Saturday \$2.95

All \$6.75 Broadcloth and Linen Dresses
Selling Saturday at \$4.95

JONES DRY GOODS

13 STORES IN TEXAS

CARD OF THANKS

We are very grateful to voters
of Merkel for votes and loyalty
to us in City Election, and as-
sure you that we will use every
effort to make the administra-
tion successful. If you voted
against me, remember that you
and me are still in Merkel, and
that our efforts should be for
the common good of the city.

I should like to go hand in
hand with you in doing the very
best thing for all, but you must
understand that we all must
make some concessions. I am
willing to meet you half way;
get in and go ahead.

The stuff that towns are built
of did not come from bones of
contention. Your Luncheon Club
has done a good work; my only
hope is that you continue to
function and make greater strid-
es in the future than you have
in the past, and if we can be of
any real benefit command us.

Now, in conclusion, I wish to
say that no rivers will be burnt
in two, no drastic measures will
be inaugurated, nothing extra-
ordinary is contemplated, and
you may expect the sun to still
rise in the East and set in the
West, as it did before my elect-

ion.

Now, hoping that each one in-
terested will come around and
give me a little friendly advise,
and some timely suggestions,
I am very respectfully,
N. D. COBB.

FARM BUREAU MEETING

On Wednesday night, April
15, the local Farm Bureau will
have a business meeting at the
I.O.O.F. Hall at 8:00 o'clock.
Every member urged to come.
D. I. Shelton, President. 1tp

Weekly Prayermeeting

Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth has
invited the prayermeeting to
meet at her home on Wednesday
April 15. All are invited to come.
Special business. Lesson, the
book of Joshua. Prayer, Mrs.
Fannie King. Song 100. Prayer,
Mrs. M. L. Estes. Lesson and
song 75. Prayer, Mrs. Causseaux.
Why God loves us, by Mrs. Joe
Harris. Minutes, Mrs. Mack Buz-
bee. Closing with Lord's prayer.

Mrs. V. P. Tippet and daugh-
ter, Joy, of San Angelo, Texas,
were here last week end guests
of Mrs. E. N. Brown.

**BROTHER-IN-LAW DIES
AT SWEETWATER, TEX.**

Elder W. G. Cypert received
the sad news Thursday morning
of the death of his brother-in-
law, Mr. J. M. Owens, which oc-
curred at the home of the de-
ceased in Sweetwater at six
o'clock Wednesday, April 8th.

Deceased was well known in
this community, having been a
citizen near here some years ago.
He was a brother of Mrs. Cy-
pert, who is in Port Arthur
visiting her daughters, and ow-
ing to the distance was unable
to return here for the funeral,
which was held today at the Old
Phantom Hill cemetery.

Eld. Cypert and Mr. and Mrs.
Geo. Woodrum were among
those of this city attending the
funeral.

MAIZE, HULLS AND MEAL

I will have a car of each on the
track in the next few days. If
you need either give me your
name and as soon as it arrives
I will let you know. Better get
it off the car and save money.
L. L. MURRAY. 1t

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

The Popular Store

Extends Thanks to the many people of Merkel and
surrounding country who have in the past been so liberal
in their patronage, and especially during our big Spring
Opening Sale of last week. We appreciate your confi-
dence, and assure you that you will always find an honest
square deal here.

For Easter—The Last Day of our Sale— you will find Ladies Dresses
regularly sold at \$18.50, reduced to \$9.98 for Easter

Late Arrivals of Fancy Slippers, all new and seasonable, are now on
Sale, for men and women.

During our big sale much new and seasonable goods have arrived; all
of which are included in the sale at greatly reduced prices. Come, See,
and be convinced that you can save money by trading with us.

The Popular Dry Goods Store

South Side

Abilene, Texas

COZY THEATRE



FRIDAY and SATURDAY, April 10-11

L-U-C-Y P-A-K-A

AND HER ENTERTAINERS

Singers — Dancers — Players

—A Novelty Musical Act—

*****Something New And Different*****

Also Regular Picture Program

Wm. DESMOND in "RIDIN' PRETTY"

With Educational Comedy "Busy Buddies"

Missionary Society Notes

The Womans Missionary Society held their regular monthly business meeting last Monday afternoon. The majority of the officers were present and gave good reports. A good sum had been paid in on both the dues and pledge and this had been sent away as April 1 ended our first quarter. Mrs. Clyde Sears was elected Superintendent of local work. The president also attended to a few other matters of business after which we were dismissed by prayer by Mrs. Brown.

On next Monday afternoon there will be a lesson from the Bible Study Book. Mrs. Thompson will have charge of the meeting. Supt. of Publicity.

Rev. Cypert to Fill Pulpit At North Side Church

On next Sunday morning and evening Rev. W. G. Cypert will preach at the North Side Church of Christ, and a cordial invitation is extended all to be present at either or both services.

I still buy chickens, turkeys, eggs and hides, and pay the highest market price at all times. Call on me at the west side of the Jockey yard. J. D. Robertson. It

T. D. Richards and family of near Big Spring, but formerly citizens of this community, are here this week for a visit with the former's brother and family, Mr. E. C. Richards.

Mr. George McDonald of Abilene was here last Saturday on business.

Bakery Notice!

On Tuesday of each week we will have a nice lot of fresh rye bread, on Wednesday some delicious raisin bread, and beginning next Monday we will have for delivery to the grocery stores sweetmilk rolls fresh daily. Order a dozen.

The Quality Bakery

STOP THAT ITCHING

If you suffer from any form of skin diseases such as Itch, Eczema, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Poison Oak, Ring Worm, Old Sores or Sores on Children. We will sell you a Jar of BLUE STAR REMEDY on a guarantee. It will not stain your clothing and has a pleasant odor. For sale by MERKEL DRUG CO

J. P. Howard
Scientific Mesneur

Collins Hotel
Phone 173

* —FOR PLUMBING— *
* That is as good as the *
* BEST *
* See JONES *
* Phone 266 And *
* Ben Jones DAVIS *
* Ira Davis *

MEMBER
TEXAS QUALIFIED
DRUGGISTS' LEAGUE

Legally
Registered
Pharmacist

Merkel Drug
COMPANY

S. D. Gamble, Mgr.

Jim Duran and the Spuds

By E. P. WARE

(© by Western Newspaper Union.)

THE spud, an ordinary garden potato, Irish only by adoption, played an important part in the life of Jim Duran. If he had salted it—but he didn't, so why speculate?

Jim Duran was born in Arizona, where he learned from the ant, the rattlesnake and the broncho buster, until his years were twenty, then he went away to college. He took a course in Europe, notably in the Argonne. Thereafter we find him in New York city, and it is in that period of his career that we must consider the spud.

He had been hungry for a long while, but since noon the day before he had been hungrier than ever. Having passed up supper, breakfast and dinner in order to conserve the spud, he was now bent upon its destruction. He diced the spud neatly and placed it in the skillet. Jim sat down to eat it and, with his mind on chow and nothing but chow, he did something he should not have done: he sugared it.

He got rid of the portion he had taken into his mouth, in disgust and hollow consternation, and sat down on the edge of his bed, staring, panic-stricken and hunger-ridden, at the ruins of the feast. As his weight bore down on the bed something hard bore upwards along his spine. He thrust a hand beneath the covers of the bed and withdrew a regulation army automatic.

Two minutes later Jim was in the street and moving along through the shadows. He might have been going to "Uncle Lev's," at the corner, to borrow a few dimes on the holstered collateral now resting snugly inside the waistband of his trousers—but he wasn't.

"I'll never hang you on no string in no hock shop, old pal. We had to fight to live over there," he went on, ruminatively, "and it begins to look as though we are going to have to do the same over here."

"Put 'em up!"

There was no mistaking the nature of that command, nor the threat in it. But in the split second that ensued before Jim Duran went into action he experienced another sensation. Hot rage made his blood leap—rage over the enormity of the thing this precious pair were attempting.

And to think that he, Jim Duran, had come out for the self-same purpose! To prey upon his more fortunate fellows!

Did good men die over yonder in order to make this little old U. S. A. a safe place for such parasites as these to live and ply their trade? Was it not for an entirely different thing, having to do with honor, and safety in the pursuit of a livelihood, that rivers of good, red blood had been shed?

Those thoughts flashed through Jim's mind while he acted. With pantherish agility he leaped into the darkness of the alley, snapping his gun out of its holster and firing as he did so. In the flash of yellow light that accompanies the roar of a heavy arm he saw the foremost bandit go down in a crumpled heap.

The second thug acted with promptness and Jim's speed in crouching down the instant he fired probably saved his life. As it was, a sharp pain over his left temple told him that a bullet had reached him. Resisting, desperately, the impulse to relax his grip on consciousness, he lifted himself upon an elbow and raked the darkness before him with a storm of lead.

A choking, agonized scream, followed immediately by the sound of a heavy body crashing to the earth—and Jim, with a sigh, slipped into the darkness that meant relief from pain, and forgetfulness of all things—including hunger.

Jim Duran drifted back to consciousness again, two hours later, in the emergency ward attached to a nearby police station. A surgeon standing at the foot of his bed was speaking.

"Scalp wound; nothing serious," he was telling the police sergeant who lingered near. "Probably wouldn't have feazed him if he hadn't been half-starved. He has missed out on a good many mess calls in the past two weeks, or I miss my reckoning."

"Guess he won't have to worry none over where the next meal is coming from now—not for a long time to come, at any rate."

"Barney Felson and Kid Brackett, both deader than I ever hoped to see 'em—and five hundred smackers on the scalp of each of 'em!" The sergeant spoke enthusiastically, albeit a bit enviously. "Nope, I reckon this lead slinger here won't have to bother none about the eats. . . ."

A hand reached out and plucked him by a sleeve.

"I say, sarge, do you mean I get all that juck?" Jim asked weakly.

"Hello, there! You back again?" exclaimed the officer, eyeing him critically. "Look pretty fit, too, at that," he added, by way of comment. "As to the money, sure you get it; less a small per cent that goes into the relief fund. What are you going to do with it when you get it? Spend it to see a balloon ascension?"

Jim, entirely conscious now, turned upon his back and gazed up at the ceiling. A look of rapture transformed his homely, freckled face, and he licked out his tongue in pleasant anticipation.

"Do with it?" he repeated. "Why, sarge, I'm goin' to buy me one thousand dollars' worth of spuds, and eat 'em—every blamed one of 'em!"

DROP IN LINE

We have made nine Merkel Housewives Happier this week by installing that Famous *Hotpoint* Range

Now is the time to "Drop in Line" with the other Happier Housewives

Only a Few more of those slightly Water Damaged Stoves to go at the Prices Offered.

West Texas Utilities Company

PIONEER CITIZEN DIES AT TRENT

Mr. T. J. Williamson, for many years a prominent and influential citizen of Trent, after several weeks of illness passed to his final resting place on Tuesday of this week.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday at the family residence, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Ledger, assisted by Rev. T. J. Rea and other ministers whose names we did not learn. Burial followed immediately afterward in the Trent cemetery in the hands of members of the Masonic Order, of which he has been a member for many years.

Deceased was born in Independence County, Ark., in 1852, and came to this country some eighteen years ago, where he has led a useful and upright life and in which way he has made a host of good friends.

This paper extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives and other loved ones.

LAUNDRY SERVICE

Send to the Laundry and be convinced. Regular family washing. Everything included except stiff collars, silk and woolen goods at ten pounds for one dollar. Phone 218. Alfred H. Ligon. tf

EGGS—CREAM—EGGS

We are headquarters for Eggs and Cream. We buy them every day; we turn no one away. We always pay the highest price and do it every day. McDONALD & COLLUM. tf

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

* CASH for Dental Gold, Plat-
* inum, Silver, Diamonds, mag-
* neto points, false teeth, jew-
* elry, and valuables. Mail to-
* day. Cash by return mail.
* Hoke S.&R. Co., Otsego, Mich.

PIGS IS PIGS

Yet you will give \$5 to \$10 for one pig and refuse the other at any price. Oats is oats, too, but we would like you to see our Oats before you buy. Also carry full line cow feed and planting seed. SWAFFORD—South side.

E. H. Thompson and wife and children returned this week from an extended visit to Lamesa, where they visited their son, Lloyd Thompson, and at O'Donnell, where they visited Rev. W. K. Horn and family. They report a fine time and a splendid visit, but say it is as dry there as here, and feel good to be back in Taylor county.

Come to my residence for everything in fresh vegetables, packed in ice, Monday and Thursday evenings. Across from Swann's gin. S. K. Eckerd. tf

Trent Missionary Notes

The Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, South, Trent, Texas, met at their usual hour and enjoyed their fifth Monday social. Every one reported a pleasant time. The Missionary play will be Friday night, April 10. You will all enjoy "The Old Fashioned Mother" Come out and take a good laugh. Prices 35 and 20 cents.

Mr. Hoyt Blair, who has been visiting in the home of his grandmother, Mrs. J. S. Blair, returned to his home at Center, Alabama, Tuesday.

Having recently returned from my legislative duties at Austin, I take this means of informing my friends that from now on I will be found in my office regularly. E. S. CUMMINGS. 3t2pd

REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS FIRE INSURANCE

TOMORROW is on the way—

If you knew today that tomorrow fire would destroy your home—you'd prepare today.

You can't know what will happen tomorrow. But you can protect yourself against financial loss through property loss.

Fire insurance is only one of the many forms of dependable property protection we offer to those who would be prepared for tomorrow's eventualities.

W. O. BONEY
MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.

News From Communities in this Territory--Is Yours Represented?

* COMPERE ITEMS * By Miss Alma Stout

As it has been quite a while since I have seen anything in the Mail concerning Compere I thought I would take up the job as correspondent for our community.

The B. Y. P. U. program Sunday night was very good and also the fine singing which was given afterward. Everybody come to the programs. There is B. Y. P. U. the first and third Sunday nights in each month and singing every second and fourth Sunday. We have Sunday School every Sunday evening and you will always find something to do at Compere.

There was preaching at the new church Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock and also Sunday night. There will be something to do at the new church every Sunday so come.

There will be an ice cream supper given to the ones in the Senior Sunday School class who do not miss a Sunday coming to Sunday School this quarter. Be sure and go if you want any ice cream.

Mrs. Myrtle Foster, who has been in bed for quite a while with an injured knee is able to go about on her crutches now.

The fifth Sunday singing convention will next meet at Compere, which will be the fifth Sunday in May. Plans are already being made to take care of the large crowd that is expected to be here. Everybody come and we will try to show you as good a time and as fine singing as you hear anywhere else.

Miss Zenobia Marshall returned from Abilene last Thursday where she has been on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Milliken were visitors in the home of Mrs. Clemmer last week end.

There are some fine cooks around Compere as was found out when the girls cooking class won the Blue Ribbon at the school fair at Anson March 27 and 28.

Mrs. John Hobbs and family from Warren community, Mr. and Mrs. Clench of Port Stockton, Misses Donie and Minnie Bass and Blanche Randolph were visitors at Mrs. Stouts Sunday evening.

Mrs. Clarence Foster and little son, Burton, returned recently from a visit to her mother at Thorn, Texas.

Mr. Warren Ashby is a visitor in the home of Mr. D. W. Ashby this week.

There was quite a bunch from Compere attended the singing at Salt Branch Sunday before last. A fine singing was reported and also a fine dinner.

The school at Compere will go on until the latter part of May. Every one is progressing nicely. There is talk of building another room on to the school and also building a teacherage. It will help the school out a great deal as there are too many pupils for the three teachers to handle. The library has been greatly improved since we got in about 65 new books.

On April Fool day, Mr. Day's pupils had a picnic. About 11 o'clock they hiked about a mile and a half to Bitter Creek. After playing about an hour lunch was spread on the ground and a very enjoyable time was had eating. About one o'clock we started back to the school room, all having had a very nice time. The crowd was composed of Mr. C. C. Day, Principal, and Howard Smith, Jeff Chancey, Eteyl Spurgin, Clyde Chancey, Burris Davis, Misses Virdie Rister, Alma Stout, Bernice Hanson, Lorene Stout and Lenora Wilburn.

A Circular Tour.

Mary had a little ring, 'twas given by Joe, and everywhere that Mary went that ring was sure to go. She took the ring with her one day, when she went out to tea, where she might show it to the girls, who numbered twenty-three. And when the girls all saw the ring they made a great ado, exclaiming with one voice: "Has it last got round to you?"

* MULBERRY NOTES * By Miss Hazel Thomas

Health is very good in this part of the country at present. We all hope it continues so.

Farming is on a stand still at this writing. Most everyone is waiting on a rain before planting.

Sunday School was well attended Sunday. After which we listened to Bro. Miller, of Abilene, who delivered a real interesting sermon. Also glad to have Bro. Griffith with us.

Our community was surprised last Saturday when Charles Walsh and Reginald Guin returned from a two weeks visit in Arkansas, bringing with them their brides.

Miss Ethel Bird entertained several of the young people with a party Saturday night. An enjoyable time was reported by all.

Dewey Thomas and L. M. Walsh visited relatives and friends at Post, Texas, last week.

A singing given by Miss Ethel Lee Walton on Sunday night was well attended by both young and old.

Miss Raye Arnwine of Abilene spent the week-end with home folks.

Miss Pearl Thomas, of Merkel, is visiting relatives in our community this week.

The base ball boys met on Monday afternoon to reorganize their team for the coming season.

Miss Ethel Lee Walton dined at the L. M. Walsh home on Sunday evening.

We extend a hearty welcome to Mrs. Charles Walsh, nee Miss Mattie Spradlin, of Okolona, Arkansas, and also Mrs. Reginald Guin, nee Miss Ethel Johnson, of Prescott, Arkansas.

* SALT BRANCH NEWS * By Lois Jaynes

It is still very dry in this community. The farmers are anxious to see a big rain so they can begin planting.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson and children have just returned from Lamesa, where they visited relatives for a few days.

Miss Nina Miller of Trent was the visitor of Miss Willie Derrick Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook are rejoicing over the arrival of a big boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Mullen were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Pinckley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Golightly were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Dickerson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy McClain have just returned from Lusk, where they visited Mrs. McClain's sister, Mrs. Annie Shipley of that place.

Miss Fannie Thompson was the visitor of Miss Wynona Patton Sunday.

The school is progressing fine. Bro. Fitzgerald will fill his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

* NUBIA NOTES * By Lloyd Pribble

The health of the Nubia community is exceedingly good at present, considering the dry weather and sand storms, as it has been quite a while since any of us died with the blues.

The young people of our locality were entertained Tuesday evening by a party at the home of Mr. J. P. Perry. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Olaf Henslee and his sisters, Ruthell and Vila, of Rule, are continuing their visit with friends and relatives through this week.

All those attending the singing at the Methodist Church at Nubia last Sunday enjoyed the afternoon splendidly, as we had a good singing. Our next singing will be at the Cross Roads church Sunday, April 19. Everybody come.

Lester Fisher of Abilene

* MT. PLEASANT MUSINGS * By D. J. Curb

We are still looking for rain in our community. The farmers all have their land prepared and ready for the planter. Here's hoping we will soon get the long looked for rain in due time to begin our planting.

Health of our community in general is good with the exception of Mrs. J. R. Ingram, who has been confined to her bed for some four weeks and was removed to the Alexander Sanitarium Saturday for a more careful treatment. All the community join her husband and family in wishing her a complete and speedy recovery.

Rev. Duckworth of Abilene preached at the Methodist church Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., filling Rev. Stutt's appointment, who has been sick some two weeks. Bro. Stutts was here but was not physically able to do the preaching. Every one enjoyed Bro. Duckworth's message and hope he will come again. Also here's hoping Bro. Stutts will soon be able to fill his appointments.

Our Sunday Schools, both Baptist and Methodist are progressing nicely, about seventy-five per cent of the community attend both schools and there is great interest shown at both. But we are not satisfied. Our goal is a "one hundred per cent Sunday School community." Let all join our superintendents in reaching this goal next Sunday. We owe it to ourselves, our families and our community to attend these Sunday schools. Remember the hours are 10:30 a.m. at the Baptist church and 3:00 p.m. at the Methodist church, and be on time, one hundred per cent strong on next Sunday.

Miss Lucy Stinnett visited her uncle, H. W. Hart, in Abilene Saturday.

Misses Nellie Gilbreath, Hazel Hart and Eunice Little of Abilene were in our community Sunday guests of Misses Lucy Stinnett and Ruby Little.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Anderson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Campbell, Misses Ruby Little, Lucy Stinnett, Ruth Anderson and Misses Millie Gilbreath, Hazel Hart and Eunice Little of Abilene took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Campbell, Jr., Sunday.

Mr. Ford Smith, one of our community's most progressive farmers, has just finished painting his beautiful and modern home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Humphrey took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Anderson Sunday.

Miss Ruby Little visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Little at Abilene Saturday.

The young people of our community are planning an Easter Egg hunt for Sunday afternoon between the hours of 4 and 5. Every one is invited to come.

Rev. Dunlap, pastor of the Baptist church will fill his regular appointment Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

Quite a few of our community enjoyed a fishing trip to Lawn Lake last Thursday. Among those going were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lilly, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Massey, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Anderson, Messrs. Homer Campbell and Doyle Humphreys and others whose names this writer did not get. They reported an enjoyable time and plenty of fish. Of course the "big ones" all got away.

Well, Mr. Editor, I will close this by extending an invitation to you and the citizens of Mer-

Christian College will preach at Cross Roads Church next Sunday. Everybody is cordially invited.

Lester Fisher of Abilene

* SHILOH HAPPENINGS * By Mrs. C. W. Seago

The clouds are hanging low, as though it were fixing to rain. And indeed a good rain would be appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson and Mrs. Tom Greene of Friona, Texas, are visiting E. H. Grayson and C. W. Seago and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Greene of Lamesa are visiting Mrs. Phebie Greene.

Mrs. Earnest McCright of Lamesa is visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cox of Golan.

The party at Mr. Bradberry's was well attended and all report a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Naron of Horn spent Saturday night and Sunday with C. W. Seago and E. H. Grayson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill James, Mr. and Mrs. Mansion James spent Saturday and Sunday near Brownwood visiting their Aunt, Mrs. Alice Lewis.

The singing at Mr. Bud Brown Sunday night was attended by a large crowd.

Mr. Riley Walling is some bet-

ter at this writing. Messers Eason, Garner and son of Kale, Grover Tiner, and Mr. and Mrs. Lowel Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. Burkett and the Writer and family met at the home of Mr. Hardie Rutledge on last Thursday night to practice some new songs. We sure had some fine singing, as the men from Kale are real singers. We need lots of good practice in that way.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge visited Mr. and Mrs. Bert James.

Mr. T. A. Cox and family of Golan and Mr. Chester Cox and family spent Sunday in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowel Rutledge visited Mrs. B. L. James Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beal are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. B. L. James.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell visited Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Smith Sunday.

Had very good attendance at Sunday School Sunday. Let's make it better next Sunday.

* SALT BRANCH ITEMS * By Miss Wynona Patton

The farmers of the community are hopefully waiting for rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jaynes were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Patton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson and Mr. Martin Barker are visitors on the plains this week.

Bro. Miller of Simmons College filled the pulpit Sunday morning at Salt Branch.

Miss Fannie Thompson was the guest of Miss Wynona Patton this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. McClain were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Higgins.

Miss Lela Henry was the guest of Miss Ruba Patton Sunday evening.

The Salt Branch school enjoyed a picnic on the river on April fool day.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Earthman of Merkel and Mrs. Wilma Robertson of Salt Branch went to Anson Sunday to the singing.

The Salt Branch B.Y.P.U. had a business meeting at Mrs. Wilma Robertson's Monday night.

Bro. Lawrence P. Fitzgerald will fill his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday. Singing in the afternoon at 2:30.

The Salt Branch B.Y.P.U. meets at 7:00.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Patton most sincerely appreciate the kindness and help Mr. Joe Joyner rendered to their daughters and their friend while having car trouble.

The Advertised Article

Is one in which the merchant himself has implicit faith—else he would not advertise it. You are safe in patronizing the merchants whose ads appear in this paper because their goods are up-to-date and never shopworn.

Bargains You Will Not Want to Miss All Over The Store



Abilene, Texas

Come to This Store Where Prices are Lower

Anniversary Sale Continues

Friday and Saturday, Two More Big Bargain Days

<p>CONCORD HARNESS HAMES</p> <p>No. 6198c Pair Trace Chains98c pair Plow Single Trees.....48c Handled Axes\$1.79 Spading Forks98c Shovels and Spades.....98c</p> <p>DINNERWARE IN SETS AND OPEN STOCK</p> <p>9-inch White Plates...10c Cups and Saucers, set of...78c 6 each for78c Oat Meal Bowls10c</p> <p>44 PIECE DINNERWARE SET in attractive design \$9.75</p> <p>23 OPEN STOCK PATTERNS in American and Imported Dinnerware at exactly 20% Discount.</p> <p>BASE BALL GOODS</p> <p>Louisville Slugger Bats\$1.25 Official Balls\$1.25 ALL BASEBALL GOODS AT BARGAIN PRICES.</p> <p>HORSE SHOE TIRES</p> <p>30x3 Fabric\$5.98 30x3½ Fabric\$6.85 30x3½ Cords7.95</p> <p>HORSE COLLAR PADS</p> <p>12-inch Reversible45c</p> <p>28-inch BIKE TIRES U. S. Red, Thorn proof....\$1.48</p> <p>14-INCH BALL BEARING LAWN MOWERS\$9.95 Save money on your Lawn Mowers here.</p>	<p>ALUMINUM WARE</p> <p>10 qt. Dish Pan89c 10 qt. Water Pails79c 2½ qt. Water Pitchers.69c 1½ Double Boilers.....89c 4 qt. Covered Kettle...79c Percolators75c 6 qt. Open Kettles.....89c 9-inch Pie Plates15c 10½ inch Roaster89c 15-inch Mixing Spoons...8c</p> <p>GLASSWARE</p> <p>17 oz. Hoffman House Goblets13c 12 oz. Ice Tea Tumblers.8c 5-piece Set Heavy Smooth Glass Mixing Bowls, you get one each 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9-inch98c 12 Patterns in TABLE GLASSWARE, all Open Stock, on sale for 2 more days at 20% OFF.</p> <p>ALARM CLOCKS</p> <p>Big Bens\$2.85 Lookout Clocks\$1.39 American Clocks\$1.25 Flyer Clocks98c Ingersoll Watches...\$1.49</p> <p>WHITE MOUNTAIN REFRIGERATORS</p> <p>35 lb. Top Icer\$12.95 50 lb. Top Icer\$18.95 65 lb. Top Icer\$21.80 75 lb. Top Icer\$25.95 100 lb. Top Icer\$31.95 50 lb Side Icer\$27.95 65 lb. Side Icer\$31.50 80 lb. Side Icer\$34.95 100 lb Side Icer\$41.65</p> <p>ICE CREAM FREEZERS</p> <p>2 qt. Acme Freezers...89c</p>	<p>SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PAINTS</p> <p>Gallon size, colors...\$3.49 Gallon size, white...\$3.69 20% DISCOUNT OFF ON ALL VARNISH, STAIN, ENAMELS.</p> <p>20% DISCOUNT OFF ON ALL PAINT BRUSHES.</p> <p>CONGOLEUM RUGS</p> <p>9x12 feet\$14.98 60c Rug 18x36 inch...39c</p> <p>HOUSE BROOMS</p> <p>Medium Weight48c 16 ounce Cotton Mop...43c</p> <p>O-CEDAR MOPS</p> <p>\$1.00 Value79c \$1.25 Value98c \$1.50 Value\$1.19 \$1.75 Value\$1.39 \$2.00 Value\$1.59 30c Bottle Polish.....23c 60c Bottle Polish48c</p> <p>RUBBER HOSE</p> <p>50 ft. Coupled\$5.59 Non-Kinkable, Leak-Proof Corrugated, 5 ply, 25 feet for\$2.95</p> <p>COMMUNITY SILVERWARE</p> <p>26-piece sets, 20 year, Tudor Plate\$10.48 50 YEAR PLATE COMMUNITY in 26 piece Sets with stainless steel knives for\$25.20 ALL OPEN STOCK 20% DISCOUNT OFF. Wm. A. ROGERS 100 year Plate Silver 26 Piece Sets For\$25.20</p>
--	---	---

AN ORDINANCE

TO BE ENTITLED an ordinance restricting the building of construction of, repair of and the use and maintenance of any storage tank exceeding fifty gallons capacity located above the ground or used or operated for the purpose of storing any volatile or inflammable substance within the city of Merkel except in defined territory, defining the territory that said tanks or storage may be built, erected and used, prescribing a penalty for the violation thereof and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS:

Section One.

It shall be unlawful for any

The BULL'S EYE

Editor and General Manager
WILL ROGERS



Another 'Bull' Durham advertisement by Will Rogers, Ziegfeld Follies and screen star, and leading American humorist. More coming. Watch for them.

EVERYWHERE you go everybody is figuring out a Cross Word Puzzle. Nobody is working or even exercising. America will lose the next War but win the next Puzzle Contest. It's the greatest craze that hit this country since Prohibition. People say to me, "Why Will, you don't understand, it is an Education, it learns you more ways to say one word." If you know one way to say a word, what do you need to know any more for? Nobody is going to give you anything for nothing, I don't care how many ways you ask for it. Our nation has never been short on words. We might lack ideas sometime but never words. This puzzle has done one thing, it has learned us which is Horizontal and which is Vertical. But a Cross Word Puzzle is not new. Railroad Time Tables have been out for years. Smoke 'Bull' Durham while working one, that is, if you want to, if you don't, why smoke wherever you want to.

Will Rogers

P. S. I'm going to write some more pieces that will appear in this paper. Keep looking for them.

SIXTY-FIVE YEARS AGO!

In 1860 a blend of tobacco was born—'Bull' Durham. On quality alone it has won recognition wherever tobacco is known. It still offers the public this—more flavor, more enjoyment and a lot more money left at the end of a week's smoking.

TWO BAGS for 15 cents
100 cigarettes for 15 cents



'BULL' DURHAM

Guaranteed by
The American Tobacco Co.
111 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Person, Firm, Partnership, Association of Persons, or Corporation, to build, erect, or repair above the top of the ground any tank or tanks of over fifty gallons capacity for the purpose of depositing in, storing in, or using for storage of, any inflammable or volatile substance in the City of Merkel, Texas, except in the territory hereinafter defined, and it shall be unlawful for any Person, Firm, Partnership, Association of Persons or Corporation, to use, maintain, operate or deposit in any tank or tanks above the top of the ground of over fifty gallons capacity any inflammable or volatile substance for storage in the City of Merkel, Texas, except in the territory hereinafter defined and set aside and designated as inflammable or volatile territory in said city.

Section Two.

Section one hereof shall apply to all territory within the City limits of the City of Merkel, Texas, save and except that bounded on the East by the East City Limits of the City of Merkel, on the North by North Front Street, on the West by a line running North and South with the east line of Cherry Street and on the South by South Front Street and which territory comprises the right-of-way of the Texas & Pacific Railway Company within the City of Merkel, East of a line North and South with the east line of Cherry Street which territory is designated as inflammable or volatile territory in said city.

Section Three

Any Person, Firm, Partnership, Association of Persons, or Corporation, that shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than fifty dollars and not more than one hundred dollars for each day or fractional part thereof and each day shall constitute a separate offense.

Section Four.

The fact that there is now no ordinance regulating the location of tanks or building and storage in said city of commodities that are inflammable or volatile and that the safeguard of the property and the lives of the citizens of Merkel are not at this time protected, creates a public and imperative necessity and that the rule requiring the ordinance of the City to be read at three several meetings of the City Council be suspended and the same is hereby suspended and this ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and it is so ordered.

Finally passed this the third day of April, A. D. 1925.

H. C. WEST, Mayor.

Attest: G. W. JOHNSON, City Secretary. 1t

PROFESSIONAL

THOS. C. WILSON

The Jeweler

Watches, Clocks and Jewelry Repaired

All Work Guaranteed

Located at Merkel Drug Co.

DR. R. I. GRIMES

Physician and Surgeon

Hours 10 to 12 a.m. 2 to 5 p.m.
Phones 105-163 Res. 163

DR. S. W. JOHNSON.

Surgeon Dentist

Office over Farmers State Bank
Office Phone 306

G. W. JOHNSON

Insurance—Notary Public

Over West Company—Front St.
Merkel — Texas

W. W. WHEELER

Real Estate, Fire, Accident and Tornado Insurance Agent.
Notary Public.

Office over Crown Hardware Co.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Holland strain Rhode Island Red Eggs. \$1.50 for 16 eggs. See W. S. Barnes, or leave order at J. M. Garrett Feed Store. 27t3p

FOR SALE—New Phonograph records, all kinds. Call on us. Hamm Drug Company. 1t

FOR SALE—100 boxes of \$1.00 and \$1.50 value Stationery at 49c. This Week Only at Hamm Drug Company. 1t

PIGS FOR SALE—Will have 100 pigs at the Hellums Wagon Yard Monday 13th. Prices right. Martin Kuykendall. 1tpd

FOR SALE—Some gin run Kasch Cotton Seed for planting at \$1.00 per bushel. See L. C. Patton, Merkel. 10t2p

FOR SALE or Trade—160 acres good sandy land. Will sell cheap and on long time or trade for revenue bearing property. See me. E. D. COATS. 1t

FOR SALE—Good three-year old Jersey cow, will be fresh soon. See Clarence B. Williams, Merkel, Route two, on Lee Williams place. 1t

FOR SALE—Second-hand Lawn Mower. See Robert Hicks. 1t

FOR SALE—White Leghorn, Rhode Island Red and Barred Rock Baby Chicks each Tuesday. Higgins Hatchery. 1t

FOR SALE—Bred guilt weighing about 500 pounds. See G. H. Tucker, Route 4. 1tp

WANTED

WANTED—More homes to sell. If you have them and want to sell them let me have them. My stock of Merkel property is running low. E. D. COATS. 1t

WANTED—Correspondents for The Merkel Mail in all rural communities. No experience necessary; we furnish paper, envelopes and postage and send the Mail FREE. Send in something from your community. 1t

LOST

LOST—A baby's embroidered square, white serge lined with

pink silk. Mrs. F. Y. Gaither. 1t

STRAYED—1 blue horse mule weight about 950 or 1000 lbs., about 11 years old, freshly sheared. Strayed from my place one mile south of Shiloh school house on Sunday night. \$5.00 reward for mule or information leading to recovery. J. R. Lambers, Trent, Route 2, phone 3 longs on 96. 1tp

STAR PARASITE REMOVER

A Wonderful Poultry Remedy

Contains lots of sulphur; is a good tonic and blood purifier; prevents disease, increases egg production and keeps all insects off fowls. More than 200,000 bottles sold in Texas in 1924. A One Dollar bottle will treat 100 chickens more than 100 days. No trouble to use simply put a few drops in the fowls' drinking water as directed, and if it fails to rid them of destructive insects, make brighter plumage, redder combs, more eggs and to save many young chicks destroyed every spring by insects, your money refunded. FOR SALE BY—HAMM DRUG COMPANY

Chills, & Stomach Trouble

MR. N. A. SMITH, of Shaw, Miss., says he can't remember being without Thedford's Black-Draught liver medicine since he and Mrs. Smith began keeping house, many years ago. "When we have chills," says Mr. Smith, "Black-Draught is what we use and we find it just splendid. I had a bad case of stomach trouble. I couldn't eat enough and was very weak. Everything I ate hurt me, formed gas and I spit up my food. I would feel stupid or staggered. I didn't feel like doing any work. I knew what Black-Draught had done in colds and I began taking small

doses. I certainly got relief. It did me lots of good. "When I go to town, I look first to see how near out of Black-Draught we are, and then get more. We are a good way from the doctor and keep our home remedies and the main one is Black-Draught." In hundreds of thousands of homes, housekeepers keep Black-Draught on the shelf, handy for use when needed, as a household remedy to relieve constipation, biliousness, indigestion, and many other simple ailments. "A dose in time saves nine." A dose of Black-Draught costs only one cent. It may save you a big bill for medicine later on. Keep it on your shelf. Buy it at your store. Get a package today.

BLACK-DRAUGHT

A Purely Vegetable Liver Medicine

Extra Special Easter Sale!

Ladies Ready-to-Wear

- One lot of Ladies Hand Embroidered House Dresses 98c
- One rack silk dresses, coats and capes; sizes 16 to 52½ Easter special.....\$5.68
- One rack, high grade silk dresses, the very newest materials and styles, are worth more than twice the price Easter Special.....\$11.45
- One rack silk dresses, values up to \$35.00 Easter Special.....\$14.75

Millinery

- One lot ladies and children's Trimmed Hats Easter Special.....\$1.00
- One lot ladies trimmed hats, Easter Special.....\$2.95
- One lot high grade hats, values up to \$10.00 Easter Special.....\$4.95

Shoes and Hosiery

- One lot, 200 pairs, ladies odd lots at values up to \$6.50 at.....\$1.95
 - One lot Blond Satin Patent Leather and white kid, the latest patterns, Easter special.....\$5.95
 - One lot fiber silk hose, all colors, regular 75c hose, at per pair.....39c
 - One lot Chefon Silk Hose, gun metal, blond, and other new colors, Easter special.....95c
 - One lot Gordon H 300 Silk Hose, regular \$2.50 quality, at Easter Special.....\$1.45
- And besides the above money saving bargains, you will find here hundreds of other bargains not mentioned.

The New York Store

South Side ABILENE, TEXAS Phone 814

FOUND

FOUND—A 6x9 photo of baby in basket, made by Rex Studio, Abilene. Owner may get same at Mail office by paying for this notice. 1t

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—We rent Kodaks by the day. Hamm Drug Co. 1t

FOR RENT—Three unfurnished rooms, private entrance, near town, south of railroad water-tower. Mrs. Mattie Richie. 10t2p

See **CHEVROLET** First

For Economical Transportation

Now on Display At

Woodrum Filling Station

It's Easy to Pay For a Chevrolet

LOPEZ MORALES WAS BAD HOMBRE, SAYS SHERIFF

Additional information as to the past life of Lopez Morales, alleged slayer of Sheriff Satterwhite of Howard County and Constable George Reeves of Merkel recently, is contained in a letter received by Sheriff Jas. Stevens of Bexar county Saturday, according to an item appearing in the San Antonio Express.

Morales was slain in a gun battle with officers at Lawn week before last. The letter is purported to be from a woman who loved Morales. The following explanation is made regarding Morales:

"He always told me if he died with his boots on to notify you and ask you to scratch his name from your list of wanted men. May God have mercy on his soul," the letter read.

The letter said the woman met Lopez in Fort Worth, and that she came here because he had promised to return to his home and settle down with her. She now is working here as a stenographer, the woman wrote. The letter was signed "J. M."

"The woman and Lopez first became involved in trouble thru a fight in which he cut a deputy sheriff, and was shot in the abdomen. He escaped and later killed an enemy who was attempting to turn him over to the officers.

"Lopez then returned to San Antonio, and joined the fire department, and became involved in a fight in which he severely cut another man and was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years. He escaped from prison and went to Mexico, where he joined the army of Carranza and became captain.

"After the Obregon revolt in Mexico, he returned to Texas and was residing near Sweetwater when he is said to have killed a sheriff and a deputy. He was being sought for this offense when he was killed.—The Sweetwater Reporter.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NOTES

Mother: "Helen, why in the world are you feeding T. D. that yeast?"

Helen: "He swallowed my quarter and I am trying to raise the dough."

Lola: "Oh, I have invented a perfectly lovely way to go into business and get rich."

Fannie Belle: "What business are you thinking of going into?"

Lola: "I'm going to advertise and have everybody carefully empty and save egg shells and then they will be shipped back to the farm to be refilled."

Fred: "It's getting so about everything is taxed except the skeleton in the closet."

Tracy: "Yeah. Next they'll be putting an inheritance tax on bow legs."

Marza: "What are those queer things running on the ground?"

Aunt Clara: "Those are ants my dear."

Marza: "How curious. Don't the uncles come out until after night."

Mrs. Jackson (in Civics class): "Orion, what is a plank in a political platform?"

Orion: "A two by four I suppose."

The P. T. A. met in regular session in the High School auditorium Wednesday afternoon. The program was given by the Grammar School under the direction of Mrs. Sublett and was enjoyed by all. The largest crowd of the year was present. The picture given in the contest was given to Miss Coats' room.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boney and two sons, Harold and Horace, spent last Sunday visiting relatives at Roscoe.

Judge W. W. Wheeler made a business trip to Big Spring and Coahoma Wednesday of this week.

Easter Specials

AT

Bragg Dry Goods Company

We are HERE TO STAY and offer you dependable merchandise at cheaper prices.

Our Men's department is full of Easter Togery with styles to suit the most fastidious person; a look will convince you.

Our piece goods department received shipment of newest dress materials this week, see them.

Our entire stock of Childrens Ready to Wear Hats, regardless of former price, are on sale Saturday at - 95c and \$1.95

All Ladies and Misses Hats priced Extra Special for Easter.

Don't miss our Special Showing of Broadcloth and Silk Dresses at \$10.75 and \$4.95.

Bragg Dry Goods Co.

THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE

Junior League Program

Subject: "Easter Joys."
Leader, Burrell Chaney.
Song, Scripture, Mark 16:1-15, Thelma Leach.
Prayer.
Ethel and the bulbs, Elizabeth Grimes.
Louise's Easter Gift, Mrs. Rea.
Business meeting. Bring your report blanks also your dues.

Mr. Joe Holmes left first of the week for his old home in Tennessee in response to a message announcing the serious illness of his brother in that state. We join Mr. Holmes' many friends here in the hope that he found his brother improved upon his arrival.

Let us show you our "Mother's Day" Candy. Hamm Drug Co. 1t

We are informed that W. W. (Bill) Haynes has this week closed a deal for the purchase of the W. A. Howard farm northeast of town a mile. The farm consists of 83 acres and is one of the best and most fertile pieces of land in the country.

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest.

CREAM—EGGS—CREAM

We are paying 37c for Cream. Test it every day, and will pay you the highest price possible for Eggs. We need them; our price will get them. McDONALD & COLLUM. tf

Mr. Jim Patterson left Wednesday with a car of cattle for Fort Worth.



Notice this pretty pattern. Observe how the Linoleum floor fits into the furnishing scheme; how it serves as a background for fine Furniture and hangings. Remove the linoleum from this floor and you remove much of the charming harmony of color and line.

We have a pattern for every room in the house. See the pretty patterns in our Show Window this week.

Linoleum Rugs; bed room patterns, living room patterns, kitchen patterns, let us show them to you.

Don't forget we have a full line of wall paper, canvas, paint and oil. Let us measure your floor for linoleum; let us estimate your house for paint and paper. See us for quality furniture.

Barrow Furniture Company

DO YOU REMEMBER
Merkel 23 Years Ago?

(Editor's Note—Believing that reminiscences of 23 years ago will be of interest to many, the following items were taken from the Merkel Mail of 1902, Ed J. Leeman, Editor. This column will appear each week.)

The total rainfall during last year was the smallest for fourteen years.

A new school house means a new depot and the two together mean such a wave of industrial progress as was never before witnessed in the town. We should rise to the importance of this move.

Tuesday at noon a young man named Burks walked into Dr. King's Drug Store and without warning pulled a pistol out of his pocket and fired point blank at W. T. Cordill, the jeweler. Mr. Cordill, who saw the movement after the pistol, dodged under the counter, the ball flying wide of its mark and imbedded itself in the window casing. Banks attempted to fire another shot but was caught by Dr. King and other bystanders and disarmed.

Keep up the agitation for a new depot and force the company to show their hands. This is the only apparent way to secure that badly needed improvement.

In 1902 the First National Bank, with J. T. Warren president, G. F. West vice-president, and Geo. S. Berry Cashier, had an advertisement in the Mail.

Mattie R. Witt, postmaster, advertised letters in 1902.

Advertisements appeared for J. T. Warren, Dry Goods and Groceries. Other dry goods store ads were for Fitts & Smith, J. P. Sharp and Company and Star Store. For Hardwares, G. F. West, W. H. Dickson and J. O. Hamilton. Rust and Pittard, J. M. C. King, and F. M. Davis had drug stores. H. D. Clark, groceries; T. A. Johnson, real estate.

Mr. Joe Garland and Miss Zephyr Pruitt were married at the home of the bride's parents at Portales, N. M., last Thursday.

J. J. Stallings and H. L. Propst attended the meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee at Abilene Saturday.

Courtney Hunt of Alford is prospecting in the city this week. J. T. Warren advertised five gallons of pickles and kraut for \$1.50 then.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Boyce returned Sunday from a visit to relatives at Beaumont.

Jud Sheppard prospected at Roscoe Sunday.

Sam Eason, Asa Sheppard and Harry Hamm returned from El Paso Saturday. They tell scary tales about the border city.

Miss Florence Collins left last night for her home at Clarksville, after a pleasant visit here with her cousin, Miss Birdie Collins.

WE ARE IN THAT BUSINESS

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

OPTICAL NOTICE

Owing to my bad health I am forced to remain at home, not being physically able to maintain a down town office; hence if you are in need of glasses or anything in my line, I will be glad you would call on me at my home in Bettis Heights, Merkel. DR. H. C. FLOYD. 3t2p

Bring our Coupon (ad) on page 2 and get 25c for it. 1t

Mrs. George Coker and baby boy, Billie George, of Dallas, are here visiting Mrs. Coker's parents, Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb.

Having recently return from my legislative duties in Austin, I take this means forming my friends that now on I will be found in office regularly. E. S. JUMMINGS. 3t2p