

THE MERKEL MAIL

THE MERCHANTS WHO ADVERTISE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS—READ THE ADS

VOL. 37—NO. 35

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1925

8 PAGES

EDUCATION IS TALK AT LUNCHEON CLUB

"Improvement of the Merkel Public Schools," was the main subject for discussion at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Merkel Luncheon Club, held at the Stephens Hotel on last Tuesday evening. Superintendent J. A. Summerhill was the very interesting and capable Toastmaster for the occasion, and to say that he is a past-master in this art is putting it mildly.

After a few most interesting remarks by Mr. Summerhill, in which he suggested one way to improve our already splendid schools is to enlarge the school district so as to practically take in the entire Merkel trade territory. When this is done the children in the country districts would have the privilege of enjoying a full nine months school just the same as the town children. Such a condition, Mr. Summerhill stated, would enable the boys and girls in the country that were so ready to enter High School to do so for the full nine months, which would save them from having to go away to get such privileges. The country schools would also be maintained as they are today, allowing them to teach the lower grades. His talk was highly pleasing and was appreciated by every one present.

Mrs. L. C. Sublett, principal of the Ward school, spoke very interestingly on the subject "How to Make the Ward Schools More Inviting."

Dr. R. I. Grimes, a member of the School Board, made a most interesting and enthusiastic talk on "Appreciating our School."

The principal address of the evening was by Dean B. M. McKeown, of McMurray College, who spoke on "The Value of Education to the Community Institutions." He is a successful, capable and practical school man, and so convinced his hearers by his able address upon this occasion.

The entertainment feature of the evening was highly appreciated by every one present and consisted of the following:

Song by the Choral Club, with Miss Madge Yoakum, director.

Reading by Miss Flora Francis Anderson.

Piano solo by Miss Yoakum, director of Music Department of High School.

Reading by Miss Lucy Tracy, director of Expression Department of High School.

—NOTICE—

We will close our places of business Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for the MERKEL-STEPHENVILLE Football game Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

Farmers State Bank. It

Dr. H. P. Hulsey, of Temple, arrived first of the week, and expects to make Merkel his home in the future. Dr. Hulsey is a Chiropractic Massager, by profession, and has opened offices in the Stephens Hotel, formerly occupied by Dr. J. P. Howard. Dr. Hulsey has a family, wife and two daughters, and expects to soon move them to our city. Read his announcement in this paper.

Mr. B. C. Gaither returned Wednesday from San Angelo, where he visited his son, Mr. F. Y. Gaither and family, and attended the All West Texas Exposition in progress there this week. Mr. Gaither said that San Angelo had a splendid fair.

MANY FARMERS TO TERRACE FARMS

The County Agent, Mr. J. R. Masterson, informs us that more than 100 farmers in Taylor county have already solicited his assistance for this fall and winter in terracing their farms. "The interest that was started last winter has grown rapidly," he informs us, "and the farming people are realizing the advantage of this work. A properly terraced farm will never wear out, and it will increase the crop yield on an average of from 20 to 30%, according to the ablest authorities who have made a special study of this branch of engineering."

Mr. Masterson stated that he has planned to spend much of this fall and winter in the Merkel territory demonstrating terracing and promoting boys' and girls' club activities.

MERKEL SCHOOL O.K. SAYS AN INSPECTOR

Miss Margaret Cotham, visitor from the State Department of Education, inspected the Merkel Schools last week, and gave a very encouraging report. She was pleased with every department. She recommended an additional full time teacher for the high school to relieve the crowded condition in the mathematics classes. The Merkel Schools are growing rapidly and every effort is being made to meet the new conditions.

An effort is being made to enlarge the Merkel Independent District. The adjoining districts should be given every privilege of a first class school and we think Merkel can furnish the best that is available. Every boy and girl in the Merkel trade territory is entitled to nine months free school. We would like to see this accomplished in the near future. Patrons and friends that have property adjoining and near this district can have it placed in the Merkel District for school purposes by application to the County School Superintendent, local Board of Education and passed on by the court commissioners. Let us give every boy and girl nine months of free school in this trade territory if they can avail themselves of this opportunity. It may be that some can not attend full nine months on account of cotton crop that is to be gathered in early fall but they should have the chance. By enlarging this district Ward schools for the Primary and some Elementary grades could be maintained in the communities that have small schools now; transfer wagons could be used to carry Grammar grades and High school grades to the main school at Merkel. Give every rural school nine months that wants that length term, that would come into the Merkel district. We want to make Merkel one of the greatest school centers in all Texas.

More will be said about this later. Let everybody be thinking about what has been proposed. Give us your opinion through the local paper. We want to make Merkel Schools the biggest agent of real service to the people of this trade territory of any institution of the entire town and community. We want to serve and help everybody. Call on us and see. Respectfully,
J. A. SUMMERHILL, Supt.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

Merkel Badgers Play Stephenville Today

IS SEMI-FINAL CLASS B GAME

WINNER PLAYS FOR DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP NEXT WEEK

Coach I. L. Jackson's Merkel High School "Badgers" will go on the field today against a formidable Class B contender—the Stephenville "Yellowjackets"—in the hope of getting revenge for the 19 to 0 defeat at Abilene last year in the district championship battle, and Merkel's team will get the greatest test she has had on her home gridiron this season.

Today's game will either be the undoing of Merkel in the conference race or place them in position for the final district clash, as the winner of this game will play the winner of the Rotan-Stamford game, which is to be played today at Stamford.

Coach Jackson has a great deal of the same material that played against Stephenville last year and has a much better reserve to draw from, while the "Yellowjacket" team is said to have lost most of her letter men of last year, including the fleet-footed Poteet who did much of the offensive work last year. It seems that the time has arrived for Merkel to revenge themselves and take off district honors. Interest is rising as the game approaches and the merchants and fans have very liberally subscribed to a fund to bring Stephenville here. This was done to help the athletic association out of debt, and the proceeds from today's game will be clear and can be used to pay off debts. One of the largest crowds that ever witnessed a contest on the local gridiron is expected to attend the game as it is understood that practically every business house in the city will close during the game. Since it is alleged that many have attended games at home without paying admission, the athletic association has made the tickets very large so as to be easily noticed, and placed the following on them: "I paid to see Merkel versus Stephenville, did you pay?" It is said that the local guard unit will patrol the

POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE WEDS AT SWEETWATER

On October 17th, 1925, Mr. Harry L. McCandless, of this city, and Miss Lois Christopher, of Abilene, quietly stole away from their friends and drove over to Sweetwater, where they were happily united in bonds of matrimony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Christopher, of Abilene, and a sister of Mesdames L. C. Sublett and Earl Thornton, of Merkel, and is a most excellent young lady with many friends and admirers.

Mr. McCandless is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCandless, and is one of the finest young men in the whole community, and this paper joins a host of friends of both the contracting parties in extending to them best wishes and congratulations.

Mr. Geo. P. Bradley and sister, Miss O. E. Bradley, of Tuscola, were here last week visiting friends and looking after their property interest in and near the city. While here they ordered the Mail sent to them for the next year.

grounds in an effort to secure as much revenue as possible to pay off past due indebtedness.

Coach Jackson will open the game with his regular line up, the line averaging 154 pounds and the backfield only 148 lbs. The defensive strength of the club is built around Lester Tittle, 190 pound tackle, punter, passer and ball toter, who has not been stopped by any class B team and has thrown some bad scares into Cisco and Abilene. He is called out of the line to kick, pass and plunge and he really is a bulwark of strength both on offense and defense. Of the men who will probably compose the starting lineup only one is playing his fourth season, while five are third year men. Two are playing their second year and three are first year men.

Merkel has held two Class A teams to good scores, Cisco, a semi-finalist for championship last year, 18 to 0, and Abilene 19 to 3, and has won from Colorado, Roby, Clyde and Ballinger in class B.

The old dope bucket is ready for a spill, and fans believe that Big Lester Tittle, Leron and Vernon Chaney, Adams, Rogers and Acuff, with that strong forward wall of Polly, J. Toombs, Witcher, Vick, J. B. Toombs, L. T. Toombs and Wells can make it a win for Merkel. Let's go see it well done and yell while we are there.

The probable lineup will be as follows, the first figure being the number of years experience, the second weight and third his sweater number:

Polley (c) l.e.	3	143	36
J. Toombs, r.e.	4	145	32
A. Witcher r.t.	2	160	22
Tittle l.t.	3	190	24
Wells r.g.	2	150	15
J. B. Toombs c.	1	138	34
Rogers q.	3	145	25
Adams f.	1	150	26
L. Chaney l.h.	3	150	33
V. Chaney r.h.	3	150	35
Reserves:			
McGehee r.e.	1	130	29
Darden l.t.	1	148	27
Acuff, back	4	150	5
Daniels, back	2	137	31
Mayfield c.	1	140	30
Murray l.g.	1	155	10
Ashby r.g.	1	145	6
Beidleman r.t.	1	140	7
Giles, line	1	140	3
Haynes l.e.	1	145	28

PRESIDING ELDER WILL HOLD 4TH CONFERENCE

A letter to the Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the local Methodist Church, from Presiding Elder W. E. Lyon regarding the 4th quarterly conference is self explanatory, as follows:

Abilene, Oct. 26, 1925
Rev. T. J. Rea, Merkel.
Dear Bro. Rea:

I will hold the adjourned session of your 4th quarterly conference Tuesday, November 3rd, at 2:30 p.m. Fraternally,
W. E. Lyon, P. E.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Patterson returned last week from a visit to their son, Clesby, who is attending Trinity University, at Waxahachie, whom they report as progressing nicely.

Mr. J. A. Cypert, of Kansas City, accompanied by his wife, spent one day this week in this city with the former's brother, Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert. The younger Mr. and Mrs. Cypert were on their way from Kansas City to Los Angeles, California, where they will spend the winter.

CO. AGENT CULLS HIGGINS' FLOCK

Mr. J. R. Masterson, County Agent, held a poultry culling demonstration Tuesday at the farm of Mr. Joe Higgins, and assisted in selecting the hens with the small egg-laying capacity from the individuals with the marks and parts that determine high quality birds. Mr. Masterson states that on the Higgins' farm, with the poor individuals culled out, the remainder of the flock represents large egg producers, and the hens that have been selected for breeding birds will give a large profit on the investment.

Mr. and Mrs. Higgins began to raise Barred Rocks nearly twenty years ago, and there are few flocks in West Texas equal to the noted Higgins Rocks. A large picture frame hangs in the Higgins home that is entirely filled with ribbons that have been won in sharp Barred Rock contests at various state fairs.

Orien Higgins, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Higgins, has become an enthusiastic White Leghorn breeder and, with the high class blood strain and excellent individuals that have been selected as the foundation stock, we may expect a great flock from Orien's poultry farm.

The County Agent stated that "if every farmer in Taylor county had a flock of poultry like the Higgins' birds, fewer mortgages would be necessary and a larger part of the returns from the cotton crop could be banked. When the dry year comes the hen returns a profit. A drought does not prevent hens from singing their song of profit to the poultry keeper. A cotton crop is questionable, but a good laying hen is invariably a profit."

"TEN COMMANDMENTS" AT COZY

Will Rogers, in speaking of his inauguration as President, in case the people of the United States had chosen him instead of Calvin Coolidge, said:

"In my movie content I would have had Cecil DeMille (of 'Ten Commandments' fame) part the waters of the Potomac and let the people west of the river come over. If he divided the Red Sea, it ought to be a cinch to handle the Potomac (it's more a name than a river, anyway)."

Mr. Rogers, like so many others, has been impressed by the marvelous feat of photography in this picture, the parting of the waters to allow the Israelites to pass through.

The waters of the sea actually divide. A path is opened. On the side, huge walls of water glisten. The children of Israel walk thru and arrive safely on the opposite shore. Pharaoh's chariots follow. They are about to reach safety when the waters close. Men and animals are tossed around and drowned in the angry sea. It is one of those scenes which is breath-taking.

"The Ten Commandments" will be shown for the first time in Merkel on Nov. 4th and 5th. The Cozy Theatre will house it for a run of two days at popular prices.

Mr. J. B. Hamblet returned first of the week from an extended visit to his old home in the state of Mississippi. He reports a pleasant visit, and also that there are very fine crops in that country.

"MORE HOME CONTROL"—COOLIDGE

Washington, Oct. 24.—(AP)—The present day need of the American youth is "more home control through parental action" President Coolidge declared today in addressing the 42nd international convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of the United States and Canada.

Mr. Coolidge praised the work of the association as an effort in that direction at a time when "there are too many indications that the functions of parenthood are breaking down."

Describing the home as the "cornerstone of the nation," the president declared that control of the nation's youth from this source is preferable "to attempts in some way," to constantly increase "the government's responsibility for the rearing of children."

"Too many people," he continued, "are neglecting the real well being of their children shifting the responsibility for their actions, and turning over supervision for their discipline and conduct to juvenile courts."

"It is stated on high authority that a very large proportion of the outcasts and criminals come from the ranks of those who lost the advantages of normal parental control in their youth. They are refugees from broken homes who were denied the necessary benefits of parental love and direction."

Reviews Activities
Reviewing the founding and work of the Y.M.C.A., the president asserted it recognizes that "wherever there are young men" there is a field for its activities, adding that "probably no other lay force asserts so large an influence upon the young people."

It is "increasingly true that the hope of the future lies in the youth of the present," he said, "and serving this truth, the associations through 'countless study circles and in open forum', prepare the youth both for personal betterment and a wiser discharge of public obligations."

"One of the chief characteristics of Christianity is that it is a militant and crusading faith," the president continued. "Those who have become part-takers of its inspirations and is consolations***have been constantly speaking its truths to their associates. If that faith is to maintain its vitality that work must go on."

"Reaction in Pews"
"It is not enough that there should be action in the pulpits—there must be reaction in the pews. It will not be sufficient to have exalted preaching by the clergy unless there is exalted living by the laity. Your Christian associations represent a practical effort to organize and augment in every field the lay forces and to translate the truth of religion into the life of the people."

The president praised the work of the missionary department of the associations declaring their volunteers contribute a "most practical part of the missionary effort in foreign fields."

The president also valued the Y.M.C.A. as one of the strongest "bonds of common interest between Canada and the United States, asserting it has contributed to "a greater harmony of interests between the two neighboring nations."

Mr. S. L. Owens and family were down this week from Slaton, visiting friends and relatives. Mr. Owens reports crops very good out his way.

Condensed Statement of

THE FARMERS STATE BANK
Merkel, Texas

Close of Business September 28, 1925

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$378,057.59
Overdrafts	2,685.78
Banking House	12,500.00
Furniture & Fixtures	5,430.00
Other Real Estate	12,647.82
Stocks	2,335.00
Int. & Assessment, Gty Fund...	20,451.25
CASH, BONDS and EX.....	148,347.42
Total	\$582,454.86

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	8,434.84
Rediscounts	40,000.00
DEPOSITS	484,020.02
Total	\$582,454.86

FARMERS STATE BANK

Banking Friendship that Encircles this Section

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. S. Swann, President J. C. Mason, Vice-President R. O. Anderson, Active Vice-Pres, W. L. Diltz Jr., Cashier Herbert Patterson, Assistant-Cashier. David Hendricks

Common Thing Now to Advertise for Mates

It is customary in France and Germany—and particularly Germany—to advertise for a husband or a wife, as the case may be. Judging from the newspapers, indeed, it would seem as though the respective countries were full of well-endowed men and women who, for some reason, have failed to find the right person with whom to share their lives.

It is rather new to see the same procedure in England in the guise of well-advertised newspapers devoted almost entirely to the promotion of marriage. In England the romantic view of marriage has held, at least in theory, and King Cophetua and the beggar maid have everywhere received approval, tacit or other.

There is the greater difficulty of marrying today owing to the discrepancies in the number of men and of women. It is probably a feeling that many women are practically unable to marry today which has caused greater concentration on the subject of marriage to the extent of making it almost a public matter.

Quite apart from the natural desire to marry, the life of the single Englishwoman is often intolerably lonely. She has her work, but she has little besides. And work for work's sake is a dull business. A single man, besides being better paid, has community interests, which are as a rule not shared by women. He has his club, his games, even his favorite bar.

He has strength left over at the end of the day to be vigorous concerning politics or some other hobby. The woman has a narrower sphere, and she has not as a rule the necessary money with which to enlarge it. Matrimony provides some refuge from loneliness—a loneliness from which in the rather sad world of today, the average woman is thankful to escape.—Manchester Guardian.

New Religions in Russia

In Kobryn, Poland, and in neighboring localities a new religious movement is developing among the Jews. They are said to be breaking away from the orthodox Jewish church and are being baptized as Protestants. Long curls are being cut off and black robes are being exchanged for European dress. Last month 142 Jews, in Kobryn, were baptized as Protestants. Some observers speak of it as a mass desertion from the Jewish faith. Another movement is in the form of a new religion, which resembles communism, but is more like a free-thinking sect. Many members of this sect receive liberal funds from America. Both ideas seem to have come from over the Russian frontier. In both Russia and eastern Poland Baptists are making converts, mostly among Ukrainians and White Russians. In Yugo-Slavia a new and strange sect was discovered recently. It was headed by a German, Otto Weib. Gendarmes arrested Weib and his eight converts. He was teaching resistance to compulsory military service, and refusal to use arms. Pacifism the Serbs look upon with deep suspicion.

A Lesson

Governor Ritchie of Maryland said in a talk to high school graduates: "Ibsen was sixty when he began to write the tense prose dramas that won him world fame. "Bernard Shaw had to compose over a dozen excellent plays before the big managers would look at him. "Wagner was a middle-aged failure, was about to commit suicide when the king of Bavaria agreed to finance his operas.

"These facts show us that failure is due to a lack of perseverance oftener than to a lack of ability. The road to success, in fact—"

And Governor Ritchie emphasized his words with a trenchant gesture. "The road to success," he repeated, "is all choked up with men who, getting discouraged, have turned back."

Plants Useful During War

Among the ingenious uses to which plants were put during the World war were: Spaghnum moss, dressing for wounds; charcoal from fruit pits used for gas masks; birch and willow pulp, used as a substitute for cotton and the nettle for making textiles; meal obtained from clover, horse chestnuts, oats, Indian corn, barley, beans, peas and buckwheat, used in place of flour; roasted barley and oats and roasted acorns and beechnuts, substitute for coffee; in Germany eventually a substitute for coffee was made from carrots and yellow turnips; bloom of the linden tree mixed with beech buds was found to make an excellent beverage; roasted peas and oats, a substitute for cocoa.

Trail-Measuring Easy

One of the foresters of the Yosemite National park has devised a cyclometer to use in connection with trips over the trail where ordinary surveying methods would be prohibitive, says Scientific American.

He uses an ordinary cyclometer and wheel attached to a long handle, which he can manipulate while he is riding his horse. The cyclometer is attached to the hub. It works very nicely and gives rough computations which are all that are needed. This device is a variation of the well-known odometer.

Paris Theater Receipts

The gross receipts in 1923 of Paris music halls, theaters, concerts and moving pictures amounted to about \$18,000,000. Of this amount approximately \$2,000,000 went to the state for poor tax.

MANY SNAKES THAT ARE MAN'S FRIENDS

Useful in Destroying Predatory Rodents.

On the walls in the "front office" of a little country newspaper in Indiana there used to hang a collection of trophies and curios from many lands. Among them was the skin of a diamond rattlesnake with the rattles attached. Seldom was there a word of appreciation of the beautiful coloring and the exquisite markings of the skin. Fear and hatred of snakes seem to be inherent in mankind, a writer in the Indianapolis News comments. And yet there are several kinds of harmless snakes which are useful in that they destroy great numbers of predatory rodents. One of them is the king snake, so called because of its courage, its strength and its fearlessness. There are seven species of the king snake in the United States. So fearless is it that it will capture and devour other kinds of snakes much larger than itself, including the rattlers, to the venom of which it seems to be immune. It eats rats, mice, lizards, and birds, but not toads. The corn snake, so called because it frequents fields of growing corn in quest of rodents; the pilot snake and the fox snake are also allies of the farmer. Because of their habit of haunting barns and stables two or three different species have been called house snakes. They consume large numbers of rats and mice, and, it must be confessed, an occasional young chicken and eggs, as well, but the good they do doubtless overbalances the harm. The so-called milk snake does not steal milk from cows, contrary to an old-time fallacy. In captivity this snake shows no liking for milk. It frequents the cow stable for the mice and rats it finds there. Other beneficial snakes are the chicken and the gopher snakes, the latter sometimes known as the black snake. The blue racer, like all the other racers, is an athlete. It is quick in movement, climbs well and swims rapidly. It is harmless and is a great destroyer of moles and mice. Many of the water snakes are harmless, but as they live on toads, frogs and fish they are not especially beneficial to mankind. The garter snake, the most common and the most prolific of all the harmless snakes found in the United States, is really of doubtful benefit to the farmer. It subsists on cold-blooded creatures, toads, frogs and fishworms. By devouring toads it destroys one of man's best agencies in his fight against insect pests.

Old Figurehead Saved

What is said to be one of the finest examples of figureheads from American ships of the old days is to be seen at the home of Robert Moran, the Seattle shipbuilder, on one of the San Juan islands in Puget sound. It is a classic Greek figure of a woman with a short sword and flowing garments, suggesting the figure of Liberty, and once adorned the American clipper ship America, built at Quincy, Mass., in 1874.

The America was wrecked on one of the San Juan islands in 1914. The figurehead was carved from a solid white pine log and is of heroic stature. It is painted white and set in a concrete imitation of a ship's prow, on a pretty bench with a background of cedars and fir trees.

The figure led the gallant America on some renowned voyages. One was from New York, to San Francisco, around the adventurous Horn, in 89 days, and once from San Francisco to Liverpool in 102 days.

Taming Speed Maniacs

Authorities in Bulgaria sometimes adopt crude methods to enforce the speed limit. During the months when, because the roads are not macadamized, there is a great deal of dust, soldiers and policemen are stationed on roads leading into Sofia. When a car is adjudged to be going too fast an admonition is shouted. If the speed is not slackened immediately a rifle shot is fired into the air. If that does not produce the desired effect aim is directed at the wheels. It may be imagined that unless the rifle is in the hands of an expert marksman the occupants of the car are likely to be hit. But the treatment stops the cars.

Useless Test

Dr. Lewis H. Haney, head of the business research bureau of New York university, said at a dinner:

"I am against communism and bolshevism. We'll always have successes and failures, as we'll always have good weather and bad weather, sun and rain, light and darkness.

"Why, if you reduced all mankind to one dead level, that level would soon get full of hillocks and hollows.

"In other words, even if you put the rich man under the poor man's feet, the poor man would only just be walking on his uppers."

The Rare Okapi

It is to be hoped that the okapi, which has been captured alive in Belgian Congo by Capt. Marshall Field, will be brought safely to this country. These are the shyest animals known and until a few years ago was entirely unknown. This is said to be only the second one captured and very few have ever been seen. The first one was taken to Europe and died after six months in captivity. The okapi resists capture to the point of death and its nearest relative is the giraffe. It lives in the most inaccessible parts of the country.

BALLINGER TROUNCED BY MERKEL BADGERS

The Merkel High School Badgers easily won their fourth class B contest from Ballinger here last Friday when they piled up a 27 to 0 score over the visitors.

This was probably good news to Coach Jackson, who had gone to Stephenville that day to scout the DeLeon-Stephenville game, and left the squad in charge of Bob McDonald, a barber by trade, but an enthusiastic supporter of the Badgers and a sport lover by nature. Bob was "in there" all the time and carried out the coach's instructions in fine shape.

Although Ballinger did not present a heavy team, the average being about 148 according to their coach, they nevertheless presented one of the strongest lines of any class B team that Merkel has played this season. In the first ten minutes of

play a touchdown was scored by Rogers, but a place kick for the extra point was blocked. Tittle carried the ball 45 yards in three successive downs for a touchdown in the second quarter and then kicked goal. A sensational catch by Buster Haynes netted Merkel 20 yards in third quarter. Tittle scored another touchdown in the fourth period and a pass from Tittle to L. T. Toombs for 25 yards brought another touchdown and with the goals made the score 27 to 0 for Merekl.

Officials were: Farmer, Abilene, referee; Ernschaw, Ballinger, umpire; Harkrider, Abilene, head lineman.

REXALL 1c SALE

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5th, 6th and 7th. Your chance to save money at HAMM DRUG COMPANY. 1t

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest. 1t

LADIES, SEE OUR LATEST STYLE LOW QUARTERS

Pumps, Straps, and Oxfords

AND

We are always right on the Price.



The Popular Store
South Side—Abilene

OUR CREED

To court and deserve the fullest measure of confidence, to protect the customers' interest in every way that lies within our power. Handling with scrupulous care all matters intrusted to us.

To render service in keeping with the best traditions of the bankers calling, always remembering that our existence is for public service.

THE OLD RELIABLE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

J. T. Warren, Pres. L. R. Thompson, Cash.
Booth Warren, Ass't Cash. Owen Ellis, Ass't Cashier
DIRECTORS— J. T. Warren, Geo. F. West, L. R. Thompson, Sam Butman Sr., Booth Warren

Never Missed a Dividend
Never Assessed a Shareholder



Christian Endeavor Program

Leader, Norma Shannon.
Topic "Can we Live the Golden Rule?" Scripture reading Math. 7:12. Lev. 19:18; Gal. 6:1.
Some Bible hints, Mildred Smith.

When business obeys the golden rule, Venice Bell.

Our relation to business men, Missie Dye.

The Golden Rule in speech, by Christine Russell.

The Golden Rule in our work, Selma Lee Russell.

The Golden Rule in Society, by Helen Compton.

The Golden Rule in correspondence, Nina Belle Russell.

The Golden Rule men, Dorris Russell.

The Golden Rule in the Home, Mildred Smith.

The Golden Rule in school, by Eunice Russell.

Song; question in the meeting Mispah. Let all come; it's free

Everybody's Garage

We serve You Efficiently, Courteously and with Pleasure. Give us a trial and be convinced.

Cotton Pickers

Why not use Hamm's hand lotion? Guaranteed to cure and prevent chapped hands and face.

Sold Only By Hamm Drug Co. The Rexall Store

Everybody's Garage

THE HAMM DRUG CO

Rexall 1c. Sale Thursday 5th. Friday 6th. Saturday 7th.







Your Opportunity to Save Money

WHAT IS A 1c SALE

It is a sale where you buy an item at the regular price—then another item of the same kind for 1c. As an illustration: The standard price of Jonteel Vanishing Cream is 50c. You buy a jar at this price and by paying 1c more, or 51c, you get two jars. Every article in this sale is a high-class standard piece of merchandise, just the same as we sell you every day at regular prices and have sold you for years.

A NEW WAY OF Advertising

This sale was developed by the United Drug Co., as an advertising plan. Rather than spend large sums of money in other ways to convince you of the merit of these goods, they are spending it on this sale in permitting us to sell you a full-size package of high standard merchandise for 1c. It costs money to get customers. The loss taken on this sale will be well spent if the goods please you.

2 For 26c		2 For 51c		2 For 51c		2 For 51c		50c For 51c			\$1.00 Face powder 2 For \$1.01
-----------	---	-----------	---	-----------	---	-----------	---	-------------	---	---	---------------------------------

ITEMS LISTED BELOW ARE A FEW THAT IS IN THIS SALE

STATIONERY POUND PAPER ENVELOPES MINTS CANDY HAIR NETS NAIL FILES MENS LATHER BRUSHES HAIR BRUSHES CLOTHES BRUSHES TOOTH BRUSHES	EPSOM SALTS ZINC STERATE T. R. IODINE SENA LEAVE/ PEROXIDE COUGH SYRUP FOUNTAIN SYRINGE WATER BOTTLES COMBS RUBBER APRONS	ADHESIVE TAPE OLIVE OIL SOAPS SHAMPOOS MASSAGE CREAM VANISHING CREAM COLD CREAM TOILET WATER RUBBING ALCOHOL ASPIRIN TABLETS	COME EARLY TO GET YOUR SHARE OF THIS HIGH CLASS MERCHANDISE 1-POUND CHOCOLATE CANDY \$1.00 2 FOR \$1.01
--	--	---	---

Do Not Forget The Dates, Nov., 5th. - 6th. - 7th. —Xmas. Is Near
It Will Pay You To Buy Now, Watch For Circulars.

\$1.00
Toilet Water
2 For
\$1.01

HAMM DRUG CO.

The *Rexall* Store

PHONE

93

50c
Jonteel Face Powder
2 For
51c

Try a sack of Admiration Flour. It's a mighty fine flour. Bob Martin Grocery Co. It Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

Dawson Fancy Egg Coal in transit; expecting car about Monday. Swafford's Coal Yard, south side.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour. Senior Christian Endeavor at 6 p.m.

Chair practice at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

The monthly meeting of the Session will be held at the church Monday evening at 7:30 all officials of the church are urged to be present.

We extend a cordial invitation to the public to worship with us at the regular Sunday services. Special music will be rendered at the morning and evening services.

The Presbyterian missionary Society will meet thru the winter months each Monday at 3:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Henry West. Next Monday the following program will be rendered:

Topic: "Siam." Song, "I'll go where you want me to go." Devotional, Mrs. Wm. Elliott. On a tour with Mrs. Missionary, Mrs. Chas. Little. The Mass movement in Prae, Mrs. John West. A clinic in the mountains, Mrs. Chas. Jones. Evangelism for women, Mrs. J. L. Baker. Stories of mountaineers, Mrs. Jas. West. They praise God, Mrs. Henry West. A mountain woman, Mrs. Selma Russell. Siam in picture and story, by all. Business session. Benediction.

PEDIGREED State Certified Lone Star Cotton Seed. Just a few left off of car at \$2.75. This year's crop averaged 37 to 42% lint. More to the acre, long lint, good gin turnout. This class of seed never sold here before. Recommended by both A. & M. College and U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. What I have left is all the seed available this year. See or write me at once. You take no chance of getting stung. TAYLOR F. DAVIS. 1t

COMPERE NEWS

Health of the community is very well at present.

A large crowd attended Sunday school and preaching Sunday morning. Rev. Moody preached at three o'clock Sunday afternoon and Rev. Bryant preached Sunday night.

Mr. Stout, Raymond Stout and E. C. Tarvin motored to Sweetwater Sunday.

Some from this place attended the State Fair at Dallas the last two weeks.

Mrs. Tarvin, son and daughter spent a while Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Emmitt Howard.

Miss Bernice Hanson spent Saturday night with Miss Alice Allred.

Mr. Allred and family attended the circus at Abilene Friday night.

There will be a party at Mr. Blankenship's Saturday night. Everybody is invited to come and bring some one with you.

Mr. Tarvin and family attended the circus at Abilene Friday afternoon and night.

Vacation days will soon be over in our community as school starts at Compere Monday. All the children are anxious to start back to school.

Dr. J. P. Howard left first of last week for Crosbyton, where he will make his home for the present. He made many warm friends in and about Merkel during his stay among us.

Renew your subscription to the Merkel Mail before it expires so you will not miss a copy.

Bettye Joyce is the 8-pound baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Graydon M. (Jack) Durham, making her advent into the world October 24th, receiving a royal welcome into this home. Mrs. Durham was formerly Miss Bettye Rogers. All doing nicely.

Our store is rat proof, which makes it easy to furnish you with good, clean, sanitary groceries. Bob Martin Grocery Co. It

Get your Christmas Apples now at Hughes & Dean, on Kent street. The good old Arkansas Apples. 1tp

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt accompanied by Miss Dota Garoutte motored to Abilene Sunday for church services.

Money to loan on good farm lands at 6%. No red tape. Dallas Joint Land Bank. See J. C. MASON. 1tpd

Dawson Fancy Egg Coal in transit; expecting car about Monday. Swafford's Coal Yard, south side. 1t

Try a sack of Admiration Flour. It's a mighty fine flour. Bob Martin Grocery Co. 1t

—NOTICE—

Use HAMM'S Hand and Face Lotion—Prevents and cures Chapped hands face and lips. Sold only by HAMM DRUG COMPANY. 1t

REXALL 1c SALE

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5th, 6th and 7th. Your chance to save money at HAMM DRUG COMPANY. 1t

Save up your Milk Maid Bread wrappers and when you have ten bring them to the bakery with 50c and we will give you a nice Rubberized Apron. The Quality Bakery. 23t2



COMING IN GOING OUT

It's a busy time and every one is in a hurry, and of course looking for the quickest and best service to be found—That's what you get when you patronize this firm. At our Filling Station our service is the quickest and best—try it, you'll be pleased. In our Garage our mechanics are experienced and capable and turn our your work in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

Michelin Tires and Tubes—none Better—a trial is all that is needed. Humble Oil and Gas and the Famous Mobiloils.

Boney's Filling Station And Garage

Moccasin Comfort Work Shoe
Flexible damp proof Barnwood soles, which will outwear several pair of the best leather soles you ever used. Soft, tough, brown uppers. Comfortable Moccasin pattern. A real work shoe that will stand the graft. Rubber heels. 40X
\$3.98

SAVE A DOLLAR TWO
Wear-U-Well
FACTORY PRICE SHOES.

BARNES VARIETY STORE
Kent Street

MEMBER TEXAS QUALIFIED DRUGGISTS LEAGUE



Merkel Drug COMPANY
S. D. Gamble, Mgr.

SPECIAL
Complete ELGIN Watches
\$11.00 and Up
Also a good value in
DIAMOND RINGS
From \$15.00 Up
PRESLEY'S
Jewelry & Gift Shop
Expert Repairing
209 Pine St. Abilene, 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.

A common little old tent show can come to town and in one week take from the community from five to seven thousand dollars, and when they are gone the citizenship has not a thing to show for their expenditures. Their children have not heard a thing that will be any educational or uplifting advantage to them, while on the other hand they have had the opportunity of seeing and hearing a lot of vulgarity. The patronage of just two weeks of such entertainment would build a nice community building and rest room in our city, which would prove of good and lasting benefit to all. But to ask for the donation of this amount or an attempt to vote bonds for the building of these needed buildings the same people patronizing the said tent show, etc., would howl their heads off about donations and taxation.

A severe norther swooped down upon this section Tuesday night with the result that freezing weather prevailed early Wednesday morning and throughout the day. However, it became warmer Thursday and therefore little damage was done to cotton and feed stuff.

Dr. Lindsey Blayney, for the past several months serving as President of the College of Industrial Arts, at Denton, tendered his resignation Wednesday of this week at a session of the

Board of Regents meeting in Fort Worth, after four of these officials voted against dismissing four members of the faculty, including Dean E. V. White. The College of Industrial Arts, prior to the election of Colonel Blayney, who came from Rice Institute, had for many years been known as one of the finest of schools for girls in the Southland. It was an up-to-date girls training school with sufficient common horse sense mixed with the teaching of the fine arts to enable it to turn out young ladies educated in a manner fitting them for life's service in keeping with the traditions and progress of this country that have made it the greatest nation in the world. And, evidently a majority of the board of regents did not wish to see too much of the modern and foreign ideas creeping into the management of this one of our very finest educational institutions. They did not need a super educated man in charge of this school.

"The present day need of the American youth is more home control through parental action" says President Coolidge. The President is right. The parents of the country would do well to heed his advice by again taking up the business of raising and properly guiding the training of their children. Also, the patrons of the public schools of the nation would do well and help themselves to properly control their own children by taking a closer hand in the management and control of the free public schools instead of allowing a certain sporting element, mainly operated for making of fat jobs for a bunch of "half-breeds" who have never accomplished anything worthwhile in their lives, save to help make of the boys and girls would-be sports, and by their highpressure methods cause many boys and girls to become incorrigibles as far as their parents controlling them, and being able to make good cit-

izens of them. It's the sporting idea that is mainly making criminals of both boys and girls.

Community Beautification

One thousand dollars in cash prizes is being offered by Holland's Magazine for planting trees, beautifying public, semi-public, and private grounds, and for essays by school children on the value of trees.

The awards are offered as an inducement to promote interest in community beautification. There are no difficult rules to master, no solicitations of subscriptions or advertising. The campaign is open to all civic, social, educational, and religious organizations, and to individuals. Environment has a great deal to do with good citizenship and the happiness of people in any given community. The result in the planting division will be judged by Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the American Tree Association; Percival S. Ridsdale, editor of Nature Magazine; and R. A. Gilliam, president of the Texas State Forestry Association; and in the Community Beautification division by J. B. Baker, president of the Southwestern Association of Nurserymen; Edward A. Teas, a prominent nurseryman of Houston, Texas; and Mrs. Florence C. Floore, Treasurer, General Federation of Women's Clubs.

FORD PRODUCES 8,466 CARS IN 18-HOUR DAY

The Ford Motor Company's production record moved up to a higher peak than ever during the last week. Figures given out by the company Saturday afternoon showed that for the week of October 17-23 the domestic production totaled 49,004 cars and trucks, a record for any 6-day period.

The biggest day for the week, which reached a new record, was last Tuesday when 8,466 cars and trucks were produced.

CARILLON MUSIC OF RARE BEAUTY

Expresses by Melodies True Spirit of Country.

Four hundred years ago Charles V, Roman emperor and (as Charles I) king of Spain, inherited the territory now within the boundaries of Holland and Belgium.

Within this territory a civic music of rare beauty came into being—a music which, while continuing ever since and increasingly holding a place in the love of its people, has been until lately almost unknown outside the boundaries of its origin.

Gradually since the time when Charles V reigned this music has been wonderfully developed. Today it is widely commanding artistic consideration and, with its noble architectural setting, it is coming to be recognized as peculiarly fitted to adorn and stimulate civic and community life everywhere.

The region of which this article treats extends from the North sea shores inward for fifty miles or more in plains which are largely just above high tide.

On every side one sees scores of cities, towns and villages. In the foreground these are clearly defined, but in the middle distance they become less distinct, and on the horizon in soft and misty outline they almost disappear.

In every such extended view, above town hall and city gate and ancient church, rises dominant here a rugged tower, there a tall belfry or a graceful, slender spire. And each of these skyward-soaring structures becomes for the traveler a singing tower if, on nearer approach, he finds it crowned with that majestic instrument of music called a carillon.

The word "carillon"—pronounced "car-lion," with the "o" as in "atom"—and the derivative, "carillonneur," are French in origin, but now generally accepted in English.

After crossing the Atlantic we touched at Plymouth and at Boulogne, and then on a Friday night came in sight of the shores of the Netherlands. At the mouth of the river Maas (Meuse) we waited for the high tide at two in the morning, to make it possible for our great ship to steam slowly up to Rotterdam.

Here we found the tower of St. Lawrence's church, whose old bells make not merely a great musical instrument, but by their melodies express the spirit of the country over which they sound.

De Amieis, the Italian traveler, after climbing the tower of St. Lawrence, said that the indefinable sentiments inspired by the Dutch landscape held him silent for a long time. Then he was startled by strange music coming from he knew not where—the silvery notes now falling slowly one by one, now coming in groups, in trills, in sonorous chords, a quaint dancing strain somewhat primitive, an echo of the ancient life of her people, making one smile and sigh at the same moment.

Papers Run at Loss

Figures recently published show that about 80 per cent of the newspapers in Rumania operate at a loss. That print paper is dear, that the prices of the publications have not been sufficiently increased since the World war, and that advertisements are scarce are leading arguments advanced as reasons for this state of affairs. But some trained observers believe that the real reason is that, like the press of other continental countries, that of Rumania is too political and not sufficiently informative. Every political party has its newspaper, but the circulation is necessarily small because there are so many parties. Those newspapers that have set themselves to print news in the real sense of the word pay their way, although they cannot afford to reward their staffs with high or even living wages.

Record Short Trial

The suggestion recently made at the British prison congress for double trials, in order to expedite the work of the law courts, has recalled the dispatch with which cases were handled in the Eighteenth century at the Old Bailey. The shortest trial on record is supposed to have been one in which a man was sentenced to seven years' transportation for picking a pocket of a handkerchief on Ludgate hill. The summing up was: "Gentlemen, I suppose you have no doubt? I have none." The passing of the sentence was: "Jones, we have met before; we shall not meet again for some time." The whole proceedings occupied two minutes fifty-three seconds.

Mr. Grimm's Wisdom

"We are often warned, with uplifted hands and rolling eyes, against the temptations of the city," said old Gauntton Grimm, addressing his pinfeather nephew who was about to pay the big burg a visit. "But I have noticed that the temptations that beset us are more in the man than in the place. If a feller is determined to be ornery he can get into trouble right here at home, while if he is set upon minding his own business he can go pretty nearly anywhere without having the gent with the horns run out and grab him. A man who isn't hunting for temptation rarely has it thrust upon him, while if you are seeking it you can find it even if you are glued down to a flat rock in the midst of a great court."—Kansas City Star.



STOP AT THE

Oasis Filling Station

We carry a complete line of Federal extra service tire and tubes; also a good line of accessories, Anco, Milwaukee and Ford Timers, genuine Ford parts 100 per cent pure Pennsylvania oils and mobilols and high-grade gasoline

Oasis Filling Station

Appreciates Your Trade

Baptist Announcements

Sunday school 10 a.m. with W. W. Haynes in charge. Morning worship 11 a.m. Subject: "Partnership with God." All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 6 p.m. with J. A. Summerhill in charge as director.

Evening worship 7 p.m. Subject "The Faith of Samson." Training class and counsel meeting Monday 7 p.m. Ladies Missionary Society Tuesday 3 p.m. Prayer and conference meeting Wednesday 7 p.m. Choir practice following prayermeeting.

The pastor will preach at Com pere Saturday at 11 a.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Following the Saturday sermon the Com pere Baptist church will have an old fashioned Saturday Baptist Conference. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Womans Missionary Society

The Missionary Society of the Methodist church will have their regular monthly business meeting next Monday afternoon at 2:30. Besides the regular report of the officers there will be some other business matters to transact. Arrangements must be made for the week of prayer

which is to be observed some time in November. Every officer is urged to be present with a

full report. We are now in the last quarter of the year and there is much to be done if we round out our work as we should. Supt. of Publicity.

STOP THAT BACKACHE! Many Merkel Folks Have Found The Way.

Is a dull, nerve-racking back-ache wearing you out? Do you feel older and slower than you should? Are you tired, weak and nervous; find it impossible to be happy, or enjoy the good times around you? Then there's something wrong and likely it's your kidneys. Why not get at the cause? Use Doan's Pills—a stimulant diuretic to the kidneys. Your neighbors recommend Doan's. Read what this Merkel resident says:

J. R. Baze, says: "I had a dull gnawing ache across my back and when I stooped, sharp pains stabbed through my kidneys. My back felt achy and sore. My kidneys acted irregularly and the secretions passed too freely. I purchased Doan's Pills at the Merkel Drug Co., and my kidneys again acted properly and my back was rid of all the misery."

60c. at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS FIRE INSURANCE

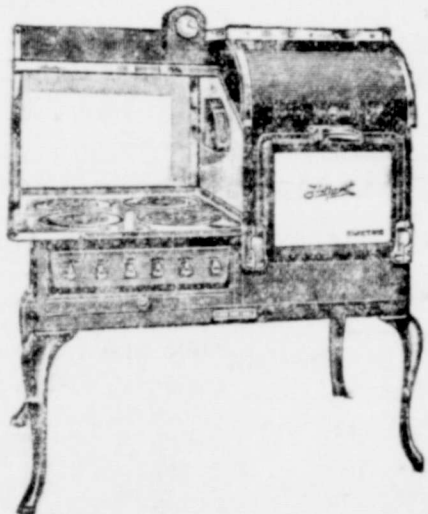
After a Fire==

you' find no satisfaction in figuring up the amount of insurance you should have had. But there is a lot of satisfaction in knowing that your property as it stands today is fully covered by dependable fire insurance.

Our fire insurance policies are dependable.

W. O. BONEY
MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.



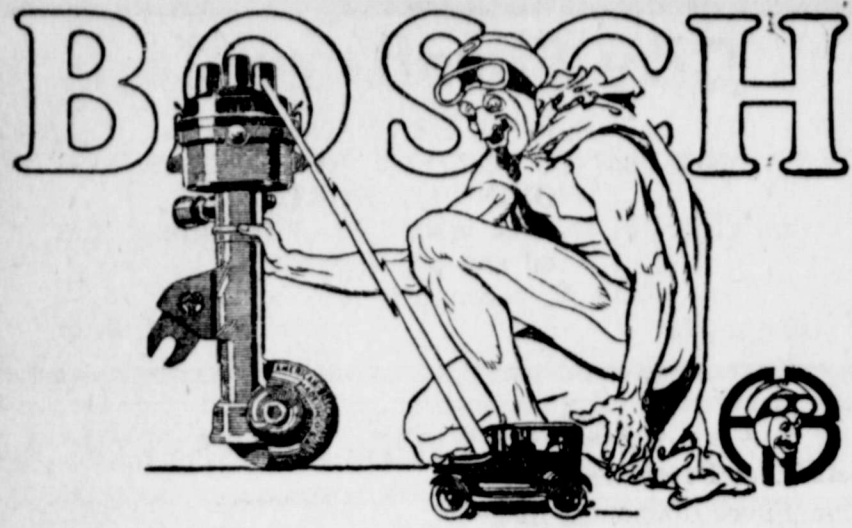
Famous 6-inch SPEED UNITS
THE six-inch, 1000 watt, Hotpoint "Speed Units" fit four out of every five utensils in the average home, giving speed and economy.

Why You Need a Hotpoint ELECTRIC RANGE

- 1--Keeps utensils and kitchen clean and spotless.
- 2--Convenient to operate--ever-ready heat
- 3--Better cooking with the even, perfect controlled heat.
- 4--Safety from fumes, overheating, and lighted matches.
- 5--Economical, cooks larely on stored heat.
- 6--Keeps kitchen cool and pleasant.
- 7--Requires less attention--correct temperatures maintained automatically.
- 8--Turns ON and OFF without watching--more Freedom.
- 9--Prevents burning or undercooking.
- 10--Retains food values and stops waste from shrinkage.

You will be interested in seeing for yourself just how completely a Hotpoint range accomplishes these results, how it lightens housework and assures perfectly cooked meals, and becomes a necessity in every household. Come in and inspect our complete line of range models which offers a style ideally suited to your individual requirements.

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO.



Perfect Ford Ignition

Bosch Type 600 Ignition is the biggest value ever offered Ford owners—it adds power and speed, saves gas, stops all ignition troubles and makes the engine run smoothly at all speeds. It gives automatic spark advance, and makes driving easier. Every Ford owner needs Bosch.

Let Us Equip Your Car Today

WEST CO.



Salt Branch B.Y.P.U. Program

For Nov. 1, 1925. Subject: "Busy About the King's Business." Leader, Miss Anna Walker. Introduction by leader.
 Part 1, Mr. Joe Higgins.
 Part 2, Miss Fannie Mae Reeves
 Part 3, Miss Fannie Thompson.
 Part 4, Mr. Houston Robertson.
 Part 5, Miss Wynona Patton.
 Part 6, Mr. Ollie Higgins.
 Know your lesson, be on time.
 Mr. Austin Robertson, President.
 Miss Wynona Patton, Secretary.

REXALL 1c SALE

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5th, 6th and 7th. Your chance to save money at HAMM DRUG COMPANY.

—NOTICE—

We will close our places of business Friday afternoon at STEPHENVILLE Football game Farmers & Merchants National Bank.
 Farmers State Bank.
 Mr. E. E. Leslie, the popular and accommodating manager for the local ice company, returned first of the week from a visit to his father, who resides near Farmers Branch, Dallas county. While away Mr. Leslie also attended the State Fair. He reports a very pleasant trip.

Car McAlister Coal in transit; expected Friday. Swafford's Coal Yard, South Side.

Devotee of Lamaism Has Simple Belief

The biggest word in Lamaistic nomenclature is circumambulation—the philosophy and simplicity of simply going round and round some infinite holy object.

Some religions are comparative. Lamaism is entirely and completely round. The devotee of this mystic system spends his life on earth going round something and turning round, and his life in hades continues the unending movement, the wheel of transmigration, says the North China Herald.

The poor Tibetan, morning, noon and night, with his hands and feet and brain is eternally going round and round. He walks round sepulchers, cenotaphs and holy symbols; he walks round stone heaps, temples and mountains; he will patiently and laboriously and persistently circumambulate any and every holy object and while doing so manipulate his rosary in one hand and turn his prayer wheel in the other.

Whoever invented and perpetuated this form of religion bequeathed to the inhabitants on the roof of the world a system at once so simple and ingenious, so satisfying, and accommodating, so free from hypothesis and argument, that the Tibetans have adopted it en masse and now spend the greater part of their lives walking round some sacred edifice, firmly believing the more they go round in this life the less they will go round in the next.

Imagine Dean Inge spending 40 years walking round St. Paul's cathedral, or Bishop Tucker passing his days circumambulating Lake Chad. If it were not so absolutely serious and so pathetically hopeless, this whole system would seem utterly ridiculous.

There is a wealthy Tibetan temple in Tachienlu, situated quite near the riverside. An old man nearly seventy and an old woman just around the same age spend their days walking round this building. The old man's lips mumble "Omni-padme-hum," the old man's head turns Omni-padme-hum, and the old man's legs walk round Omni-padme-hum. We occasionally meet him and he smiles but keeps on forever going round and round. His rosary tells him how many times he has prayed and how often he has circumambulated the holy temple.

Circumambulation is considered one of the most meritorious and indispensable duties in the Lamaistic religion and is performed sometime, somewhere, by everybody in the forbidden land.

Runs on Rail or Highway

The new type of omnibus built in the Transvaal for travel by either rail or ordinary road is described as running over the road-rail with the front axle supported on a rail bogie, the bogie being on the rail and the driving wheels on wheelways. The 30 horsepower, water-cooled engine can run on the South African motor spirit known as Natalite or on producer-gas. The Parker gas producer is used, with charcoal as the fuel, a charge of 70 pounds sufficing for the round trip on the experimental line of 40 miles. The rear wheels have twin giant pneumatic tires, the front tires being solid. The speed may vary from 18 to 20 miles an hour, and loads may be carried up grades of 1 to 20. This novel vehicle can leave the track to deliver passengers, mail or freight, or can make special trips beyond the railway to any desired point.

High Life

An Indianapolis young woman who has always had her own notions about luxury and independence had this idea of perfect ease: She longed to see the time when she could go shopping, look the things over, make her selections, never asking the price of an article, and say, "Send it up with the bill."
 Lately she came into an inheritance and started out to realize her hopes. She visited a department store, tried on a handsome gown, smacked her lips and said, "I'll take it; send it with the bill," figuring to herself it would be \$75 or \$100. She never asked the price, however. The next day the gown was delivered with the bill and the bill was \$19.50.—Indianapolis News.

Skyline Road

In the vicinity of Canon City, Colo., is a unique road. It lies along the summit of a hogback ridge a thousand feet above the surrounding plain on both sides. This drive is about 35 feet wide, it winds to and fro and sweeps gently up and down on the narrow crest for about four miles. The view from this skyline is beyond description. The top of this ridge is really the "skyline" on the west of Canon City, and as vehicles are driven along the skyline for miles they are silhouetted against the sky in a very interesting fashion. Thousands of auto-visit this place every year to take a ride over this unique road, which is as smooth as a city street. It is a monument to John Cleghorn, warden of the State prison, who has the work done by convicts, free to the state.

Explanation Enough

Bluebelle is a lovely girl. People like her. She has a way with her, a way that invites confidences. But sometimes one of her confiding friends has to take her to task mildly.
 "Bluebelle," said one of these. "I don't know who gave that secret away. When I told it to you the other evening I made it between you, me and the gate post."
 "Well, you remember it was a 'strange gate post,'" responded Bluebelle gravely.

FOODLESS AND FEEDLESS FARMS

When the cotton crop fails the foodless and feedless farms in the South are in a miserable condition. Yet thousands of farms in the South, according to recent surveys, are foodless and feedless. An official study of 2,500,000 cotton-belt farms show that 23 per cent have no gardens; 37 per cent have no milk; 58 per cent raise no sweet potatoes; 79 per cent raise no white potatoes; 33 per cent have no chickens; more than half raise no forage, and five out of every hundred have no stock of any kind. The survey was made by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The cotton acreage in the south is growing by the millions of acres annually while the yield per acre is decreasing. The majority of farmers seem to have a mania for cotton to the exclusion of everything else. Some have grown it so long that they do not even pretend to know how to grow anything else, while thousands of landlords refuse to permit their tenants to grow enough feed for a cow or two without charging cash rent for the privilege. Just how long the South will sap the vitality of its soils by the one-crop system and produce a single commodity at a loss is problematical. The pessimists say that our farmers will keep on in the same old way until starvation overtakes them. Others look around them and

When a Cold Norther Hits Merkel

Think of the Army Store, for they can supply you with real clothing and shoes that will give you service and keep you warm.

YOU WILL FIND IN OUR STOCK:

- Bootees for Men, Women and Children.
- Shoes, both Dress and Work, \$1.75 to \$7.50.
- Raincoats.
- Overcoats
- Wool Socks (Genuine Army)
- Leather Coats
- Army Coats and Pants
- Work Pants and Shirts (All kinds)
- Leather Belts (25 kinds to select from)
- Leather and Canvas Gloves
- Sweaters (Men's and Boys')

Our stock is now well displayed, and we invite you to visit us.

The Abilene Army Store

Phone 556
 Main Store 1064 S. 2nd St. . . Harness Shop 1050 S. 2nd

see material progress in better farming.

Farm and Ranch takes the view that the day of better farming is already approaching. Drive through the country, and one sees thousands of acres that have been terraced. Better machinery and more power lend to better seed beds and better cultivation. The live-at-home-and-board-at-the-same-place plan is making headway in the South-

west. There are good examples in nearly every community, and with the aid of the county agent, the better-farm program is bound to spread. The South and the Southwest have a long way to go, but they are on the way.—From Farm & Ranch.

Car McAlister Coal in transit; expected Friday. Swafford's Coal Yard, South Side. It

Notable Coat Values!

**\$29.50 \$49.50
 \$69.50**

Priced according to style and material, and in each instance the price represents a special value.

FINEST FABRICS—NEWEST COLORS—RICH FUR

- Florolaine
- Moroda
- Fawnsuede
- Needlepoint
- Mulberry
- Cuckoo
- Tanager
- Gracklehead
- Squirrel
- Raccoon
- Beaver
- Fox, Wolf

Special Dress Values!

Bobbie Dresses featuring every new effect of the season. Crepe Back Satins, Flat Crepe and Charmeen in flare skirts and straight lines. Every wanted shade. Size 14½ to 20½. Priced—

Special \$24.50



Hosiery Values Supreme

Two unusually attractive hosiery values; perfectly woven and shaped, full fashioned and reinforced where the strain is hardest; all sizes in all the smart colors.

- GORDON HOSE WITH LISLE TOP CHIFFON —\$1.50—
- PHOENIX ALL SILK CHIFFON HOSE —\$1.95—

The Silk Department is Bustling With Activity

We are helping hundreds of home sewers these days. We can help you, too. New arrivals have refreshed our assortment. It is a treat to the eye to see them in various qualities and at various prices.

- 40 Inch Crepe de Chine—All shades suitable for underwear, as well as the darker shades for dresses. Priced at per yard \$1.45
- 40 Inch Flat Crepe—In all the new season's colors. Priced yd. \$2.95
- 54 Inch Satin Canton—In Black and Cuckoo. Priced, yard \$5.75
- 40 Inch Doris Satin—A heavy satin faced crepe, in Black and Cuckoo. Priced, yard \$4.50
- 40 Inch Costume Velvet—In Black and Brown and Navy. Priced yd. \$4.95
- 40 Inch Cut Velvet—On fine quality chiffon, all colors. Priced yd. \$9.85

POSTON-HEMPHILL CO.

-Abilene, Texas



Free Examinations
 Now is the time to have those assessed pyorrhea teeth taken out, and regain your health.

DR. WATKINS' ROOFLESS PLATES

give lifetime comfort. Priced to suit your income. Wire write or phone for appointments.
 Plates scientifically constructed that fit absolutely—wear longer—are light. Have natural gums and stick tight. Upper or lower. Price \$10.00. Other Fine Plates up to \$25.00.

Out-of-town Patients
 Will be given special attention and handled promptly on arrival. We maintain a

Painless Extraction of Teeth

By our own method and anesthetic we can block the nerve so there will be absolutely no pain about the extraction.

Our prices are lowest possible for fine work, fully guaranteed.

Anchor Denture Plate No Roof

one-day service for your convenience.
 If you have some firm teeth above we can make you this beautiful plate of roofless design—that will be held firmly in place without any roof. It can not fall and is natural looking.

WE GUARANTEE ALL OF OUR WORK
DR. K. M. WATKINS AND ASSOCIATES, Dentist
 DR. JOHNSON, Associate
 Texas Leading Plate Specialist in Texas Best City
 Room 16 Compton Bldg. 152 1-2 Cypress Street
 ABILENE, TEXAS



Extra special Bargains For Friday, Saturday and Monday

During these three days you owe it to yourself to visit our store and see how much MONEY YOU CAN SAVE in buying your

COAT, DRESS, HAT, AND SHOES

We have just received about \$10,000 worth of Ladies Ready-to-Wear—the very newest styles on the market, and they were bought by our New York buyer at about 50 cent on the dollar for cash, and now we are passing these unusual bargains on to you in a like manner as we received them.

LADIES and CHILDRENS HATS

100 Ladies and childrens hats at..... 98c
100 Ladies high grade trimmed hats, regular \$5.00, special \$2.98
One lot of high grade velvet and satin Hats, values to \$12.50, at.... \$4.95

LADIES COATS and DRESSES

One rack of ladies dresses, silks and woolens, values to \$18.50, at... \$4.95
One rack of Ladies Dresses, high grade silks and woolens, very newest styles, values up to \$25.00, extra special \$11.85

One rack of very high grade dresses, values up to \$39.50, special at... \$14.75

One rack ladies coats, all-wool, velour and silks, fur collars, values up to \$25.00, extra special at..... \$11.85

One rack of ladies high grade coats, Needle Points and Buck Skin Velours, fur trimmed, values up to \$35.00, extra special at \$14.75

SHOES!-! SHOES!-! SHOES!-!

One lot Velvet and Patent Pumps, the very newest, regular price \$7.50, extra special at \$4.98

25 Ladies' Hat Boxes on Sale at \$4.98

You will find greater bargains over our entire store, which space forbids mentioning here, but come and see for yourself,



THE NEW YORK STORE

"Better Goods For LESS MONEY"

South Side

Abilene

City Furniture Co.

Buy, Sell and Exchange
THE NEW NESCO PERFECT OIL STOVE IS FAST
PROVING ITS WORTH
Store full of Bargains. WANTED—Fifty second-hand wood and coal Heaters.
—We Buy Anything of Value—
Phone 272 Joe Garland, Prop.

* CASH for Dental Gold, Platinum, Silver, Diamonds, mag-neto points, false teeth, jewelry, and valuables. Mail today. Cash by return mail.
* Hoke S.&R. Co., Otsego, Mich. *

* L O O K !
* A Good Place to Eat
* And Drink
* GEORGE'S CANDY KITCHEN
* The Home of Fine Hand-Made Candies
* Hamburgers—Sandwiches
* Cold Drinks and Cigars
* The Store That Sells The Big
* Bottles of Soda Water
* For 5 Cents
* Look For the Bungalow Sign
* On North Front Street

Len Sublett

Water well Driller,
all work guaranteed
first-class.

Merkel, Texas

STOP HEAD ITCHING

If you suffer from any form of skin diseases such as Itch, Eczema, Letter 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

PROFESSIONAL

E. S. CUMMINGS
Attorney At Law

Offices 307, 308, 309
Citizens National Bank Building
Abilene, Texas

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. 165

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.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Anti-freeze

WE HAVE IT NOW. SO WHY WAIT UNTIL

YOUR RADIATOR IS RUINED

Drive around and let us fill it up with ANTI-FREEZE, and then you can go in the coldest weather without fear of your radiator freezing.

And it will pay you to use that High Powered, Good Gulf Gasoline which we handle. It makes your car easy to start these cold mornings.

GULF SUPREME AUTO OILS AND
MOBIL OILS
GOODRICH TIRES AND TUBES

SPECIAL NOTICE—To all who are indebted to us. You will do us a special favor if you will kindly drop in and settle your account by November 1st. We have our bills to pay at this time and you will favor us greatly by paying us. We appreciate your business in the past and solicit your future patronage.

Woodrum Filling Station

SHILOH HAPPENINGS By Mrs. C. W. Seago

Had good attendance at Sunday school and preaching Sunday evening. Bro. McGinnis brought a splendid message.

Mrs. B. L. James and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill James Sunday.

Bro. H. C. Draper of Abilene visited C. W. Seago and J. W. Tiner Sunday morning.

Bro. Draper, being a former pastor at Shiloh, was welcomed back by many friends who are glad to have him with them at any time.

Miss Mollie Hardie spent Saturday night with Miss Edrie Tiner.

The Trent B.Y.P.U. came over Sunday afternoon and gave us a program which we enjoyed very much. We extend an invitation to them to come back.

Mrs. Edd Riley's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Lemons, are visiting her this week.

Mr. Milton Watts who got his eye put out a week ago is resting very well, but will have to undergo an operation soon to have the eye ball removed.

The people of Shiloh are all going to pick cotton Wednesday and let the proceeds pay out our piano. Will have an old fashioned picnic dinner, spread on the ground.

Mrs. B. M. Watson is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Stiles Watson, who is attending school in Merkel, spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. Bert James thinks the rattlers are giving him his share of "be-on-the-look-out" this year he having killed one in his house

the writer one on his wood pile, and the other night he and his wife walked down to a neighbors and ran up on another, all three being small ones.

There will be singing at Shiloh the 2nd Sunday evening, everybody being invited.

Sunday school next Sunday morning at 10:30, every one invited. Let's keep Shiloh going.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS VERY POPULAR ON SCREEN

It is thought by many people that a movie is often a success or a failure according to the way it has been received by the public in book-form. Here is one case where that axiom is completely turned inside out. When Cecil B. DeMille finished his production of "The Ten Commandments," he immediately saw that the scenario of the picture contained a lot of good material for a book. Jeanie Macpherson, who had written the screen story, was called in; and in conjunction with Henry MacMahon, well known author, the novel known by the same name was written. Wherever the picture has played, a demand for the book has been great. For the first time since its road-showing will this picture be exhibited at a popular scale when it is shown at the Cozy Theatre.

—NOTICE—

We will close our places of 2:30 o'clock for the MERKEL-2:30 o'clock for the MERKEL-STEPHENVILLE Football game Farmers & Merchants National Bank. It

DR. E. E. COCKRELL

I CURE PILES without the knife—no detention from work. Office practice only
Rectal and Skin Specialist
Suite 312 Alexander Building. Office Hours 8 to 12 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Phone 359, Abilene, Texas

MOLINE DISC PLOW

Will plow harder ground, cut more and pull lighter than competitive plows. Eighty per cent of all new plows purchased today are Moline. Let your next disc plow be a Moline. Terms, either cash, half cash, or all on next Fall time.

Your credit is good here

Ed. S. Hughes Co.

ABILENE, TEXAS

COZY THEATRE

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, Oct. 30 and 31

William Fox Presents

WILLIAM FARNUM

"THE CONQUERER"

—Also—

Chapter Seven "CATTLE WOLVES"

"THE FIGHTING RANGER"

With Jack Daugherty, Al Wilson and Eileen Sedgwick

And Educational Comedy

JIMMY ADAMS in "STEP FAST"

MONDAY and TUESDAY, Nov. 2nd and 3rd

Adolph Zukor and Jesse L. Laskey

Present

GLORIA SWANSON

—in—

"THE COAST OF FOLLY"

A Paramount Picture

Also Universal Comedy and News Reel

ADOLPH ZUKOR
JESSE L. LASKEY
PRESENT

CECIL B. De MILLE'S
Greatest Paramount
Picture

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, Nov. 4 and 5

On they raced to a watery grave, Ten Thousand of Pharaoh's finest—And the Red Sea closed over them. A scene you will never forget in

Cecil B. DeMille's Cinemasterpiece

—"THE TEN COMMANDMENTS"—

Presented by Adolph Zukor and Jesse L. Laskey

Story by Jeanie Macpherson

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Span of young work mules, well broke. See Ernest Higgins, Route 1, city. tf

FOR SALE—Good buggy and harness, worth the money. See Lige Harris, Merkel, Rt. 2. 23t2p

FOR SALE—160 acres unimproved sandy land on south Plains, 16 miles of Brownfield, Terry county, Texas. \$15 per acre, easy terms, some trade. See Sam Grayson at Grayson Tourist Camp. 23t2p

Good used cars for sale, Fords, Dodges, Studebakers. See W. E. LOWE. 16t3

FOR SALE—200 fine White Leghorn hens at \$10.00 per dozen. Higgins Hatchery. tf

FOR SALE—Home-canned Peaches and Plums, \$3 per doz. quarts. Geo. A. Smith, Rt. 5 Merkel. tf

FOR SALE—A Dodge Sedan in good running condition. See Bob Martin. It

FOR SALE—A good bachelor Coal Heater. See Herbert Pat-

erson, at the Farmers State Bank. 1tp

NOTICE

Use HAMM'S Hand and Face Lotion—Prevents and cures Chapped hands face and lips. Sold only by HAMM DRUG COMPANY. 1t

FOR SALE or Trade—Good 316 acre farm, well improved. Will trade for a smaller farm. See J. C. Mason. 1tp

FOR SALE or Will Trade—One of the best business concerns in town for a farm. J.C. Mason. 1tp

FOR SALE—An Invalid Wheel-Chair. Good as new. See Allen Patton, 6 mi. Northeast of Merkel on route 4. 30t2p

FOR SALE—"Mack," my black Jack, cheap. Geo. A. Smith, Rt. 5, Merkel, Texas. tf

WANTED

WANTED—Morning sweet milk customers. Milk delivered to your door. Mrs. R. L. Proctor. tf

WANTED—Work of any kind, or would consider share crop. Leroy Ware, Merkel, route one, care Lee Stanley. tf

WANTED—Man or woman for \$150.00 month position. Apply at Barnes Variety Store. 1tp

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—101 acres of old land. Good well of water, good barn, 3-room house and some grubbing to go with the place. Mrs. R. B. Rains, Merkel, Texas, Route 1, Box 79. 16t4p

LOST AND FOUND

STRAYED—From Hamlin about Sept. 28, one dark bay, horse mule, about fifteen hands, seven years old. Reward of (\$10) ten dollars will be paid to any one who will take up this mule and notify Curtis Morten, Hamlin, Texas. 23t2

REWARD—For return of Coal Fork, lost between Hillside school house and Merkel, Sept. 21. Swafford's Coal Yard. 1t

LOST or Strayed—2 black mare mules and 1 bay colt. Notify W. R. Sanduskey, Noodle, Tex. It

LOST—Car license plate, No. 683*511. Finder please return to Willie Toombs at F.&M. Bank. It

Expecting car of Hulls any day. Swafford Coal & Feed Yard, south side. It

Roy Brown, who for the past year has been residing in Dallas, came in first of the week for an extended visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown.

Miss Ruth Prim, of Sweetwater, was a guest last week of Miss Rennie Burns.

Will have a car of Domino Fancy Grate Coal within the next few days. See or phone me at once to place your order. L.L. Murray, South Side Gin. It

Will have plenty Corn and Shorts by Saturday or Monday. G. M. Sharp. It

W. O. Boney represents the San Antonio Joint Stock and Land Bank. See him for 6% money. It

Save up your Milk Maid Bread wrappers and when you have ten bring them to the bakery with 50c and we will give you a nice Rubberized Apron. The Quality Bakery. 23t2

The Old Reliable Farmers & Merchants National Bank never missed a dividend; never assessed a shareholder. Bring your cotton checks for cash or credit to the Farmers & Merchants National Bank. It

Fresh car of apples just arrived at Hughes & Dean on Kent street. It

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford are happy over the arrival at their home on the 22nd of a bouncing baby boy.

USING ADVERTISING BY JUMPS HURTFUL, IS SAID

The following is from the Hoover Company, manufacturers of electric vacuum cleaners of that name, and was given us by Mr. Ira Huss, courteous manager of the local West Texas Utilities Company office.

A merchant who jumps in and out of the advertising columns of his local paper gets about the same results as a motorist would get were he to pull the spark-plugs out of a couple of cylinders of his four cylinder motor. He wouldn't enjoy the long, straight ever increasingly powerful pull of his motor, he would go by jerks and stops. And, since advertising is the sparkplug that ignites the desire of the prospective customer to keep the motive power of the merchant's store pulling steadily, how can that merchant expect his business to pull straight along if he slips out a couple of advertising sparkplugs every once in a while.

Modern merchandising parallels peculiarly the automobile power plant. Feed a good grade of gas into a properly functioning carburetor, let it be efficiently ignited by well cleaned spark-plugs, and the rest of the mechanism is apt to do its work, and not too much of the power producing units will go out of the gas exhaust manifold.

Just the same with the retail store. Appropriate a reasonable amount of money for advertising space in your local newspaper, let it "spark" regularly before your buying public, and

the staff behind the counter can see to it that the stock is turned with consistent regularity and "dead" merchandise is held at a minimum. Small space consistently, continuously and intelligently used, is a better foundation for retail merchandising than big space spurts and equally big dead spots in the continuity of your story.

Some Sense in This Nonsense

There was an old geezer and he had a lot of sense.

He started up a business on a dollar and eighty cents.

The dollar went for stock and the eighty for an ad

That brought in three dollars the first day, by dad!

Well, he bought more goods and a little more space.

And he played that system with a smile on his face.

The customers flocked to his little two-by-four

And he soon had to rustle for a regular store.

Up on the square, where all the people pass,

He grabbed up a corner that was all plate glass.

He fixed up his windows with the best that he had.

And he told all about it in the half-page ad.

He soon had them coming, but he never, never quit;

And he wouldn't cut down on his ads one bit,

And has kept things humping in the town ever since,

And everyone is calling him "The Merchant Prince."



Be "Owl" Wise-

ONE EYE OPEN TO ADS IN THIS PAPER

OTHER EYE CLOSED TO CATCHPENNY SCHEMES

Always keep one eye open to the many advantages of advertising in the columns of this paper—and keep the other eye shut to the catchpenny schemes of the sharp salesman who tries to get you to spend your money on a plan of questionable worth. A year or more of consistent use of our columns will convince you beyond any possible doubt that it is a paying investment—and as you continue to advertise the results obtained constantly increase. We are ready to help you with the preparation of your copy.

© The MERKEL MAIL ©

**HUSBAND NO LONGER
"LORD AND MASTER"**

**Wife of Today Well Able to
Assert Herself.**

"I am not one of the women who shower praise upon men," said Jane, "but I should like to say a good word for present-day husbands. They are, I think, an enormous improvement upon those of the previous generation."

And we all agreed with Jane. We were all sure that the husbands of today are much less selfish and self-indulgent than were those of twenty or thirty years ago. Then it was the usual custom for men to spend all their evenings at the club or a hotel while their wives stayed at home alone. They really do not do that now, perhaps because present-day wives would not stay home alone and their husbands know it.

The wife of our mothers' day stayed put. Not so the wife of today. If Jack goes to his club, so will Jill. Probably the fact that the Victorian wife was always there when her husband wanted her made her society of less value in his eyes. For we all value less what we can obtain easily.

Then, too, the woman who lived a purely domestic life could not be a companion to her husband as can the woman of today with her wider life and more varied interests.

One reason for the change seems to be women's greater economic independence. When girls remained at home, dependent for their amusements upon the money allowed them by their parents, they were accustomed to see all the more expensive pleasures enjoyed by their money-earning brothers while they went without.

Now, when most girls earn something, and many successfully, in the labor market with their brothers and men friends, they spend a considerable sum on their pleasures. One can imagine their surprise if, when married, they are told that there would be only enough money for one to join a club, and that one their lord and master.

Whatever the reason, it is certainly true that present-day husbands do not neglect their wives in the good old-fashioned way. Treatment that twenty years ago would have passed without comment now rouses a storm of criticism.

If wives of today are selfish, as I have heard asserted, this good at least has resulted from it, husbands are less selfish. Perhaps when women can be sure that unselfishness is in no danger of exploitation they will again cultivate it as a virtue. But they will do well to wait until men's selfishness is more strongly established.—From the Continental Edition of the London Mail.

Mr. Shaw's Invitation

The journalist who can get an interview with Mr. George Bernard Shaw may consider himself lucky, says the London Tatler, for the dramatist has the greatest dislike to being interviewed.

Some time ago a certain young journalist wrote to Mr. Shaw asking for an appointment, and to his great delight, after waiting for some days, he received the following reply late in the afternoon: "Certainly. Drop in and dine with me tonight.—George Bernard Shaw."

The journalist was congratulating himself on his luck when, happening to glance at the envelope, he found to his dismay that the stamp bore the postmark of a remote little town on the Continent. Mr. Shaw had been joking again.

Old Design Appreciated

While removing a plastered wall of an old colonial house in New England the workmen discovered a board partition under the plastering. This partition had been papered with a striking, attractive design of wall paper. One of the workmen decided that this might now prove of interest to patrons who wanted an antique design of wall paper for a room having antique furnishings.

A portion of the boards showing the design intact was carefully removed, and later, on being sent for inspection to a wall paper manufacturer, was promptly bought by him.

The design, which proved to be a lost one, was liberally paid for, and in reproduction, was displayed in the window of a store in Boston.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

BUY YOUR FALL NEEDS NOW
Found —
The key to true economy

**AT
BRAGG DRY GOODS Co.**

Millinery Priced Special

One table ladies hats, values to \$5.75 now priced at \$2.98

Special price on all Millinery



ECONOMY PRICES—On wool dress goods, values to \$3.95 per yard, priced special, 95c
A big assortment knit caps priced 35c to \$1.50

Have you enough Blankets and Comforts for the season ahead? It is distressing not to have enough cover and really no excuse for it when it is so easy to provide an additional supply of warm and attractive coverings for instance,

Blankets in all the pretty plaids
Size 72 84 \$3.25

A 100% Cotton Comfort . . . \$4.95

Big values in a nice assortment of plaid and plain Blankets, priced \$2.25 to \$3.75

Right now is the time to buy your Fall bill and save money.

BRAGG DRY GOODS Co.
The Place Most People Trade

WARREN NEWS
By Rose Ellington

The farmers are all glad to see some pretty weather.

Health of the community is very good at present.

Several of the Warren people attended Sunday school and preaching at Stith Sunday. Bro. Reed, the Baptist pastor, preached an excellent sermon.

Misses Ruth Chancey, Azilene Sumpter, Rose and Cordie Ellington, Violet Jones spent Sunday with Misses Helen and Artie McCormick.

Miss Onite Finch of Hodges spent last week-end with her sister, Mrs. Emmitt Patterson.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelso and little daughter, Margaret, Buster McCoy, Nellie Peterson.

Little Lila Hobbs was very sick Friday and Friday night, but is better at this writing.

Messrs. Oddis and Hime Jones Zebbie and Robert Sumpter were visiting in Merkel a while Sunday afternoon.

Miss Helen McCormick spent the night with Misses Vela and Vera Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy, Willie Newman, Mrs. Esther Cannon, made a flying trip to Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Joseph Hobbs spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks and friends.

Miss Vela Jones visited Mrs. Annie Harris a while Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Foster spent Sunday afternoon with her parents at Merkel.

Mrs. Hollis McCoy and Mrs. Arthur McCoy made a trip to Merkel Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bass of Hawley spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Arthur McCoy.

Mr. and Mr. Emmett Patterson spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finch of Hodges community.

Mrs. May Peterson spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. John Hobbs.

Messrs. T. B. Hobbs, Carl Cannon, Thurman McCoy, Otis and Joe Peterson spent Sunday morning with Claud Ellington.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Girls Organize K.L.S.S. Club

The Senior girls of M.H.S. organized a K.L.S.S. Club last week. The following were elected as officers: President, Flossie Campbell; Vice president, Mary Hutcheson; Secretary, Edith Baker; Treasurer, Lillian Rider; Reporter, Mary Alice Johnson. Program committee: Grace Beene, Dolly Toombs and Hallie Pike.

"We are stuck—not up, but together," was selected as the motto, and our colors are maroon and white. The Club meets the first Friday in each month for a business and social hour.

Misses Mary Hutcheson, Lillian Rider and Pearl Skidmore will entertain the Club the first Friday of November at the home of Miss Hutcheson. Reporter.

—NOTICE—

Use HAMM'S Hand and Face Lotion—Prevents and cures Chapped hands face and lips. Sold only by HAMM DRUG COMPANY. It

Expecting car of Hulls any day. Swafford Coal & Feed Yard, south side.

Senior Class Entertained

On last Friday evening Miss Lola Dennis was hostess to the Senior Class of the high school. The lovely new Dennis home had been decorated for the occasion using the class colors of rose and lavender and lovely ferns and pot plants. Many amusing games and contests had been planned for the entertainment. Besides the members of the class a few other guests were invited, and together they made a very merry party. Refreshments of cherry pie topped with whipped cream and coffee were served to the guests. As the guests bade their hostess good-bye they assured her of the good time they had spent as her guests.

Our store is rat proof, which makes it easy to furnish you with good, clean, sanitary groceries. Bob Martin Grocery Co. It

Saturday Cake Special

Miss Fannie's Angel Food and Devil Food Cakes 50c and \$1.00 every Saturday at Dunning's It Drug Store. Itp

**MISTAKE NOT TO
"KEEP" BIRTHDAYS**

Bond of Affection in Remembering Anniversary.

"Do you still keep your birthday?" asked a woman of me the other day.

"Of course I do," I replied.

"I stopped that years ago," she told me. She could not have been thirty! When she had gone I began to wonder at what age a woman should cease to celebrate her birthday. The more I pondered it over, writes Mrs. Nestor Noel in the New York Times, the more I came to the conclusion that she should keep it as long as she lives.

There are several reasons for this. If she be the mother of a family the fact of her birthday being a day of celebration teaches unselfishness to the children. For weeks beforehand they can plan for mother's birthday, working at home-made gifts in secret, asking themselves what she would like and being ready to give up little pleasures for her sake.

There are lonely women who have no children. Wouldn't it be a great thing if some one in the village or street where they lived found out their birthdays and arranged with other people to give them joyous surprises. Flowers can be given to the women who are well to do. Cakes and other practical things quickly suggest themselves when the woman is less well off.

Men do not care for these things so much. They forget their birthdays. We know they often forget their wedding anniversaries.

This is a fact: Men do forget these things. Women, however, are different. I think that even the modern woman clings more to the old traditions than a man, and even if she says nothing, yet in her heart there is an ache somewhere when her birthday has been forgotten.

I remember once going to see an old friend of mine. Business kept me from getting to her house until six o'clock. She had a husband and nine children. When I came so late and presented my gift with my birthday wishes her eyes filled with tears as she looked at me gratefully.

"You are the only person who remembered my birthday," she said.

The gift I had taken her was of no importance. I have forgotten what it was. She was quick to see and appreciate the thought behind the gift. She asked me to stay for tea. As she hastened to get it ready three of her children whispered together and then ran across to a store. Later they came back with a present from each.

"You see," I remarked, "your children have not forgotten you." "They would never have thought of my birthday," she whispered. "If it hadn't been for you." Then her mother-love made her make much of their gifts, but I wished that they had not needed to be reminded of their mother's birthday by a friend who, however dear, did not belong to the family.

We want our nearest and dearest to remember us first. Even grandmothers should celebrate their birthdays. It is so good for the rest of the family. It knits them together with a common bond of love.

I mean to keep my birthday as long as I live. Even if I should have seventy grandchildren and they should each present me with a pair of slippers. I would be thankful. Not that I should need all those slippers, but I would certainly need all the love that prompted the gifts.

Women always need love; they cannot live without it. Let them not be quick to say: "I never keep my birthday." When they allow people to forget their birthdays they lose the manifestation of a great deal of love.

Bad Bargain for Railroad

A young man's courtship is costing the Ludlow (Vt.) railroad \$25.48 a week, according to engineers' estimates. It is like this: A youthful swain in Proctorsville is courting a young woman in Ludlow. He signals the express at Proctorsville to take him to Ludlow, paying a round trip fare of 36 cents. Returning to Proctorsville he signals another express train. The cost of stopping the two trains and starting them again costs about \$4 each night, according to the engineers, so that though the railroad receives \$2.52 a week from the young man in fares, it pays out \$28 a week for stopping its express trains.

Expect car feed by Saturday or Monday. G. M. Sharp. Itp

WINTER IS HERE!!

And we are fixed for you with plenty of winter goods and with the price you want to pay.

Lades' Wool Sweaters
All wool blankets
Mens snappy new shoes
Plaid shirts in all wool

Childrens pretty sweaters
36" heavy dark outing
Young men's dress caps
Gloves for warmth & wear

Knit wool caps
Newest in straps, pumps & oxfords
All wool sweaters in novelties
Young mens new overcoats

BROWN DRY GOODS Co.

We Sell For Less—Because We Sell For Cash