

CITY MARSHAL RESIGNS EFFECTIVE 1ST.

Mr. W. N. Hall who for the past year or more has held the position of City Marshal, which position is an appointive one under the jurisdiction of the Mayor and City Council, and whose salary has been \$100.00 per month, has tendered his resignation, effective March 1st.

Some time ago it was learned that Mr. Hall was going to resign, when there was talk of the City Council and Mayor reducing his salary from \$100 per month to \$75.00 per month, but his resignation was with held at the request of citizens who considered his services very important and valuable to the city as a whole, and which resulted in the circulating and signing of a petition by most of the business men and many citizens asking the city council and Mayor to retain Mr. Hall for one year at an increase of salary (\$125 per month), which, however, was not acted upon by that body for a meeting or two. As a result Mr. Hall handed in his resignation, which the City Officials accepted at the last meeting. Mayor Cobb stated that after investigation they found that, according to law, they could not raise or lower Mr. Hall's salary.

And so far as this paper knows no successor to Mr. Hall has been named, but it is expected that some one will be appointed at the first meeting of the Council next month.

This paper is also informed that at the last meeting of the Council an order was made whereby, beginning March 1st, the City would cease to pay to the Night Watchman, Mr. John Woodard, in the sum of \$40.00 per month, which for many years has been allowed for this service, the business men having been paying the balance of the night watchman's salary amounting to \$60.00 per month. Mayor N. D. Cobb stated to a representative of the paper that in so far as the City was concerned there would be no official night watchman.

This will leave our city without the services of a night watchman, and at the mercy of fire and robber, unless the citizens by private subscription pay the salary of one.

OBITUARY

Frank Ezra Allyn was born August 21, 1851, at Miami, Ohio. Departed this life February 16, 1926, at Eskota, Texas.

He was married in 1877 to Miss Emma Randle who is still living. To this union was born eight children, six reaching mature years. One, Mrs. C. V. Biggam, preceded him to the other life. The five surviving children are Frank Allyn of Odessa, Texas, an employe of the T. & P. R. R., Charles Allyn of Clovis, N. M., an employe of the Santa Fe R. R., Mrs. Lula Wallace of Fort Worth, Texas, Mrs. T. O. Sorelle of Sweetwater, Texas, Mrs. May Day of Eskota, Texas.

Mr. Allyn came to Texas 35 years ago and worked as trusted employe of the T. & P. R. R. up to a year ago, when he was retired on a pension.

Among the railroad men he was familiarly known as "Dad," for he was always ready to help and befriend the poor or aid his own friends with a free heart.

He was a devoted father, willing to sacrifice anything to give his children pleasure.

Following private services in the home at Eskota, Texas, his remains, surrounded by beautiful floral offerings from those who loved and esteemed him, were es-

BOY SCOUT TRAINING COURSE TO BE HERE

The first two meetings of the Scout Leaders Training Course will be held in Merkel, March 2 and 3. It is hoped that there will be at least thirty men who can take this course. Men who are fathers of boys, men who are teachers of boys classes in Sunday school, men who are teachers in public schools, and men who are interested in doing some type of boys work should avail themselves of this opportunity for training. The National Council will issue certificates to all men who successfully complete the course. Following is the course:

- First Meeting.**
7:00 Exhibition of Boy Scout literature. 7:15 Sale of text books. 7:30 Plan of course. Introduction of Patrol Leaders.
7:45 Patrol Meetings.
1. Register Members.
2. Select Patrol Name, cry, yell, Totem.
3. Patrol Camp Nit Contest. (square knot, two half hitches, Timber Hitch and Bowline.)
4. Read Chapters 1, 2 SMHB.
9:00 TROOP MEETING.
1. Scout Drill. 2. Inter-patrol Camp Nit Contest. 3. Patrol Knot Relay Race. 4. Discuss Chapters 1, 2 SMHB.
5. Assignments: Early Objectives, Chapter 3, SMHB.
6. Closing exercises.

MERCHANTS TO CLOSE AT 6:00

We the undersigned merchants agree to close our places of business at six o'clock, excepting Saturdays, beginning Monday, March 1, 1926, and ending August 31, 1926.

Liberty Hardware Co., J. M. Garrett, Crown Hardware Co., Campbell Cash Grocery, E. L. Ash, A. R. Booth, Bob Martin Grocery, Brown Dry Goods Co., Hamilton and Case, Patterson Brothers, L. B. Howard & Co., Cash Tailor Shop, J. T. Darsey Co., City Furniture Co., Barrow Furniture Co., J. T. Dennis, Bragg Dry Goods Company, T. J. R. Swafford, Jones Dry Goods, West Company, Max Mellinger, Baker & Wheeler.

The two meat markets listed above will close at 6:30 p.m.

Miss Francis McMurry, teacher in the school, spent last weekend with home folks at Colorado City. She took Miss Mary Cleo Booth of Merkel as her guest.

Mr. D. O. Huddleston is up and about again after a tussle with the flu. He also reports that tenants on his farms have already about completed their early spring plowing. In fact they are just about ready for spring rains needed to make this a very promising crop year.

Mrs. R. L. Ferguson and little daughter, Flo, returned to their home at Waco last Saturday, after a two-weeks visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

Miss Lucille Russell came up from Abilene Wednesday evening to visit home folks.

Interment was conducted to Rose Hill Cemetery, Merkel, Texas, and laid from sight with the burial services of the Masonic Order to which he had belonged since his 21st year. "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." M. D. pd

"ALL A MISTAKE" 3-ACT SCHOOL PLAY

One of the cleverest and most interesting and "funny" entertainments ever given in this city by home talent, will be given Tuesday evening at the Cozy Theatre by members of Merkel High School. The play, entitled "All A Mistake," in three acts, is being put on in the interest of the High School Annual, and Superintendent J. A. Summerhill, who is personally coaching the play, has also carefully selected the talent for the cast, and those familiar with the play believe it to be a great success.

Besides the fact that every one who attends is assured of two hours of good, clean wholesome amusement, given by our own boys and girls, every one will be contributing to the High School boys and girls and the faculty in their effort to publish a High School Annual. Other schools, most everywhere, publish regularly their annuals, and certainly Merkel wants to keep step with the same, especially since the work of putting out an annual is not only educational but will stand for all time to come as a matter of record, progress and history of the work done by the school as the years come and go. A thing that every pupil attending will be proud of when they have become men and women of the years to come.

Therefore, there is no reason why every father, mother and child in the Merkel community should not take it upon themselves to attend the play on next Tuesday, March 2nd, beginning at 8:00 o'clock at the Cozy.

Below we give the cast of characters.

Cast of Characters:
Captain Obadiah Skinner, a retired Sea Captain, A. J. Tucker Lieutenant George Richmond, his nephew, Maben Rogers. Richard Hamilton, a country gentleman, Weidon Wells. Ferdinand Lighthand, a neighbor, Clyde Mayfield. Nellie Richmond, George's wife, Lola Dennis. Nellie Huntington, a friend, Sallie Brown. Cornelia Skinner, Obadiah's sister, Tommie Durham. Nellie McIntyre, a servant, Helen Booth.

BARACA AND PHILATHEA CLASSES HAVE BANQUET

The Baraca and Philathea classes of the Methodist Sunday School enjoyed a very delightful banquet in the church parlors last Monday evening.

As the guests arrived they assembled in the class rooms until the appointed time for the banquet when they were invited down stairs to the banquet hall where each one found their places at the table by means of dainty place cards.

This being Washington's birthday the decorations were of the national colors. The tables were very beautiful in their decorations of flags and red, white and blue streamers.

A delicious refreshment plate of sandwiches, potato chips, salad and hot tea was served to the guests. Immediately after the banquet a delightful program was rendered. Mr. Herbert Patterson, teacher of the Baraca class, acted as toastmaster for the evening. Bro. McCarter was the principal speaker of the evening and gave a splendid address to the young people. There were several other splendid numbers on the program, among which was a quartet by the Baraca boys, a solo by Mrs. Rider, and a round table discussion which many of the guests entered into

WORK STARTS ON NEW BUILDING

Mr. T. W. Collins, local contractor, who has the contract for the building of the new brick business house to be built by Messrs. Seth Hamilton and Eli Case, on the lots next to the building occupied by the West Texas Utilities Company, started a crew of men putting down the foundation this week.

It is expected that Mr. Max Mellinger, who owns the other three lots in this block west to the corner, will also build this spring, and with these four new buildings, together with the one now being built on Front street by Messrs. Leslie and Middleton, and a new Stucco Garage we learn is in contemplation, of which we hope to give particulars next week, all going up within the next few months, the old town will take on an active and new appearance.

CHICKENS AT LARGE, VIOLATION OF LAW

In this city there is a law against a person allowing their chickens and other species of the poultry variety to run at large, and it is a good law, too, and should be enforced and observed.

It is now time when the housewife who loves to beautify the home surroundings with lovely shrubs and flowers, begins to plant shrubs and make flower beds, and there is absolutely nothing more aggravating and hateful than to have a whole flock of chickens, either your own or those of your neighbor, especially the latter, come along and scratch them up. And there is nothing that can cause hard feelings quicker than to have this occur.

So if we would obey the law and at the same time keep peace with our neighbors, we must and should keep our chickens up, or dispose of them. Every person has a right to have as many chickens as they like, but to allow them to depredate the premises of another is all wrong and the law should be enforced.

Mr. E. C. Brown, of the Shiloh community, who gets his mail out on Trent, route two, and who has been one of the splendid citizens of the Shiloh community for more than 25 years, dropped into this office yesterday and had us send him the Mail for the next year. Mr. Brown was just recovering from a severe attack of the "flu," and stated that he hoped he would never have it again.

W. W. Campbell and family left this week for Friona, Parmer county, where they will make their home in the future, he having purchased a farm near that city. Mr. Campbell has been connected with the business interests here for a number of years, and he and his good family have many friends here who regret very much that they decided to leave Merkel. He was a good business man and progressive citizen, and is commendable to the best citizenship of any community.

heartily. This was a very enjoyable affair and one which these two classes have arranged to have annually.

MRS. JOHN SEARS DIES THURSDAY

As this paper goes to press, this Thursday afternoon, we are informed that word has been received that Mrs. John Sears, who for some weeks has been critically ill in a Dallas sanitarium, had died at about noon on this date, and her remains shipped to this city for funeral and interment. As to when the funeral will be held has not yet been announced, but the remains were expected to arrive on last night's Sunshine Special.

We hasten to join the entire citizenship of the town and surrounding community in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved members of the family of this, one of our most respected and highly esteemed citizens. A more extended mention will be made in these columns next week.

THRILLING SCENES IN FOX PICTURE

Scenes which thrilled not only the nation but the world, during the building of the first transcontinental railroad in the early sixties, have been re-enacted for this generation in the William Fox super special production "The Iron Horse," starring Smiling George O'Brien and Madge Bellamy.

One of the most dramatic scenes during the actual construction and now in the picture, was the building of ten miles of track in a day, which still stands as the world's record.

William M. Thayer's "Marvels of the New West," contains the following account of the scenes has been so faithfully presented on the screen.

"Four miles west of Promontory Point, Utah, is a sign board on which is inscribed:

"Ten Miles in One Day"

"Ten miles further west is another board bearing the same inscription and the explanation to this—the track between those two signboards was laid in one day—more track than was ever laid in a day before or since. The cause of this extra effort was the rivalry between the Central Pacific working gang west of Promontory and the Union working force east of that point. The Central gang boasted that they could lay more track in a day than the Union. The track layers accepted the challenge and laid six miles in one day. Then the Central gang announced that they would lay ten miles of track in one day, which the officers of the Union declared could not be done. Vice-President Durant bet \$10,000 that it could not be done. Charles Crocker of the Central Pacific taking the other end of the wager.

"The Central men proposed to establish their claims on the 29th day of April when there was only fourteen miles of track to be laid, to connect with the Union at Promontory Point. Every necessary arrangement was made and on the appointed day in the presence of the officers of the road and a committee from the Union, the work was accomplished.

"When the car loaded with rails came to the end of the track the two center rails on either side were seized with iron nippers, hauled forward off the car and laid on the ties by four men who attended exclusively to this. Over these rails the car was pushed forward and the process repeated. Behind these men

MR. I. L. JACKSON, NEXT TOASTMASTER

Mr. Irvin L. Jackson, principal of the Merkel High School, has been named Toastmaster for the next meeting of the Luncheon Club, and has promised to present the meeting with a unique and most interesting program.

Mr. Jackson is serving his second year as principal of the High School, and is therefore familiar and well acquainted with our city, its needs in the matter of growth and development, and not only should every business and professional man in the city be present, but every citizen in the city and every farmer in the Merkel trade territory.

Especially, Mr. Business Man, should you attend the meetings of the Luncheon Club, because the organization's purpose is to help make this a better town in which to live and do business, and if that be the case you, ALL OF YOU, should attend and take part. The farmer is always welcome and should attend, because he has interests in the town as a market for his products.

Tuesday evening March 9th at Ed's Cafe, at 7:30.

WHAT FARMERS HAVE TO BORROW MONEY

Here is the best argument I have ever heard for safe farming in Texas," says Clarence Ousley, director of the Safe Farming Association of Texas:

"At a typical county seat in North Texas, the first week in February a meeting was held, attended by about two hundred farmers, bankers and leading business men of the town. Several addresses were made on the present cotton crisis and the danger of further losses from another big cotton crop.

"Finally one of the bankers present asked that all farmers who had corn in the crib of their own production to arise. Twelve men arose. After they were seated he asked for all farmers who had meat in the smokehouse of their own raising and curing to arise. The same twelve men arose. After they were seated he asked that all who had money in the bank which they did not borrow to arise. The same twelve men arose."

came a gang of men who half drove the spikes and screwed on the fish plates. At a short interval behind these came a gang of Chinamen who drove home the spikes already inserted and added the rest.

"Behind these came a second squad of Chinamen, two deep on each side of the track. The inner men had shovels, the outer ones picks. Together they balbasted the track. The average rate of speed at which all these processes were carried on was one minute and forty-seven and one-half seconds to every 240 feet of track laid down. Those unacquainted with the enormous amount of material required to build ten miles of railroad can learn something from the following figures: It requires 25,800 cross-ties, 3,520 iron rails, 55,000 spikes, 7,040 fish plates and 14,080 bolts, the whole weighing 4,362,000 pounds."

J. Farrell MacDonald plays the role of "Corporal Casey," the section boss who drove the men on to win this colorful race. The whole scene is enacted step by step in the Fox picture which opens a two day run at the Cozy Theatre Wednesday Feb. 3rd. A talented cast and expert direction by John Ford, have combined to finish one of the most remarkable motion pictures in the history of the industry.

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IRVIN LACKEY MARRIES ABILENE YOUNG LADY

Mr. Irvin W. Lackey, splendid local barber and Miss Pauline Hulsey of Abilene, were married in that city on last Sunday and immediately left for a honeymoon trip to points in South Texas. They will visit Kerrville and San Antonio and other important cities.

They will return to Merkel to make their future home. We join many friends in extending congratulations and good wishes.

ELDER CYPERT WILL PREACH HERE SUN.

Elder W. G. Cypert announces that on next Sunday morning and evening he will preach at the North Side Church of Christ.

He cordially invites one and all to hear him, and especially urges and expects the membership to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Arrington returned first of the week from a visit to friends and relatives in Dallas. Their many friends are glad to have them at home again.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Anderson and children were over first of the week from their home at Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither and baby daughter were over from San Angelo first of the week.

W. H. Frazier was called to Haskell first of the week by a message announcing the serious illness of his father. However, we are glad to learn that his father was improving some when he left to return home.

Frozen Alive

It seems a shocking thing to freeze fish alive to keep them fresh for the market at their journey's end, but it has been found that when they are unfrozen they are just as lively as before, and show no sign of injury or illness.

It was noticed that fish in Siberian rivers that are frozen solid in winter come out all right in the spring, and this gave the idea for experiments which have been going on for some time. The system is now being adopted in America as a regular thing.

The fish are put in a tub into which oxygen is forced, and after being kept three days just above freezing point they are frozen, and the blocks of ice, stripped of the tub, are wrapped up and put into cold storage.

Soothed by Volcano

On the Greek island called Santorini, but now officially designated Thira, the natives have become accustomed to being rocked to sleep by the heavy rumblings and rattle crackings of a newly active volcano.

Thira has been for thousands of years a theater of volcanic activity, says a bulletin from the National Geographic society. The waters of its great bay have boiled and flamed for days, and islands of red-hot matter have risen and disappeared as if controlled by stage machinery. At one time Thira was the top of a huge active volcano.

"Fast" Colors

It is a common fallacy that green, lavender or some other color is less fast than blue or pink. Fastness depends on the chemical composition of the dye used, not on the color. Dye-stuffs are grouped into various classes according to their composition, and the dyes in some classes are more fast than those in others. A dye that is one of the poorest of its class may have been used on one of the fabrics, while the other may have been dyed with one of the best. Green, lavender or any one color is just as fast as another if similar dyes are used.

Old Pieces of Furniture

What-not is a piece of furniture derived from the French *etagere*, which was exceedingly popular in England in the first three-quarters of the Nineteenth century. It usually consists of a slender upright or pillars, supporting a series of shelves for holding china, ornaments or trifles of any kind; hence the allusive name. In its English form, although a convenient drawing-room receptacle, it was rarely beautiful. The earlier mahogany examples are, however, sometimes graceful in their simplicity.

Christmas Boar's Head

The boar's head as a Christmas dish is believed to have originated in Scandinavia, in some parts of which the custom is still kept up. Legend has it that Freyr, the Scandinavian god of peace and plenty, used to ride on the boar Gullinbursti. His festival was held at Yuletide (winter solstice), when a boar was sacrificed to his honor. Later the custom was modified to the extent of "bringing in the head."

Box Supper at Mt. Pleasant Tonight, February 26th.

The Mail is requested to announce that there is to be a big box supper tonight at Mt. Pleasant, and that the public in general is cordially invited.

The proceeds from the sale of the boxes will go for the benefit of the school there, and is a very worthy cause. The good folks out there are especially anxious that many of the business men and others of Merkel be present and enjoy the program.

Mr. C. L. Daniels, one of the energetic and successful farmers of the Stith community, was here last Saturday and handed us the price of another year's subscription to the Mail, saying keep the paper coming; can't well get along without it.

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

We are very glad to see Dr. S. W. Johnson, one of Merkel's excellent Dentists, who has been ill from influenza for some time, now able to be up and about.

GET AT THE CAUSE!

Many Merkel Folks are Showing How to Avoid Suffering.

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Mrs. W. R. Grayson Hostess

The ladies of the Rhea community were cordially invited by Mrs. W. R. Grayson to spend the day with her Feb. 13, for an old time "quilting."

The ladies arrived about eleven a.m. and all enjoyed a jolly social hour in the living room where the decorations were valentines of many kinds and sizes.

At noon plates were laid with place cards or favors of red and white hearts with the date and names on each.

The table was beautifully decorated with good eats, salad on lettuce leaf with large red heart of jell-o laid in center.

The color scheme was carried out in the dessert of fruit with whipped cream and red heart centers and orange cake.

After dinner a number of the ladies quilted while the rest played "42". Around the quilt the ladies had an exchange of "my most embarrassing moment," by each one. Each lady was requested by the hostess to quilt at least one row for a keep-sake to her of her guests. Each completed, although it was the first experience of several. The quilt was almost finished. Those present were: Mrs. Floyd Schlinker and two daughters, Amelia Sarah Mrs. Will Parker and two daughters, Beatrice and Imogene, Mrs. C. W. Dixon and two daughters, the Rhea teachers, Mrs. Fowler and Miss Tipton, Mrs. J. H. Grayson, Mrs. U. B. Wheeler and four children and Mrs. Tom Greene, the three latter being the mother and sisters of the husband of the hostess. The party broke about six o'clock. Each guest declared Mrs. Grayson to be a wonderful hostess. By a Guest.

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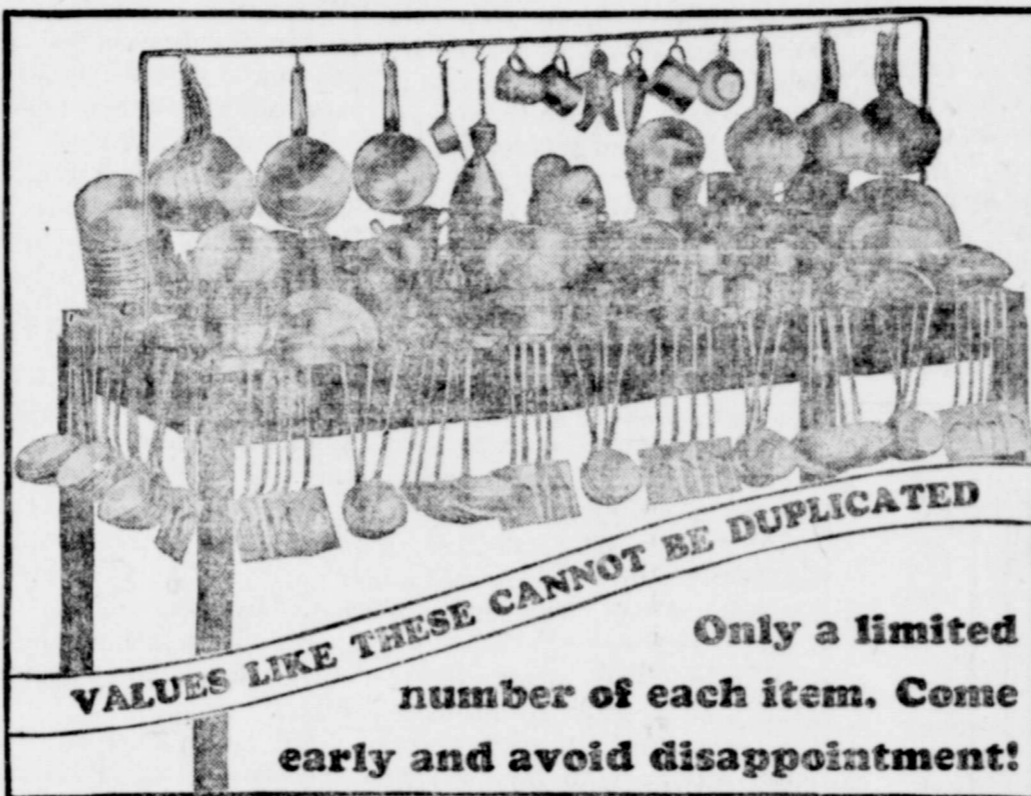
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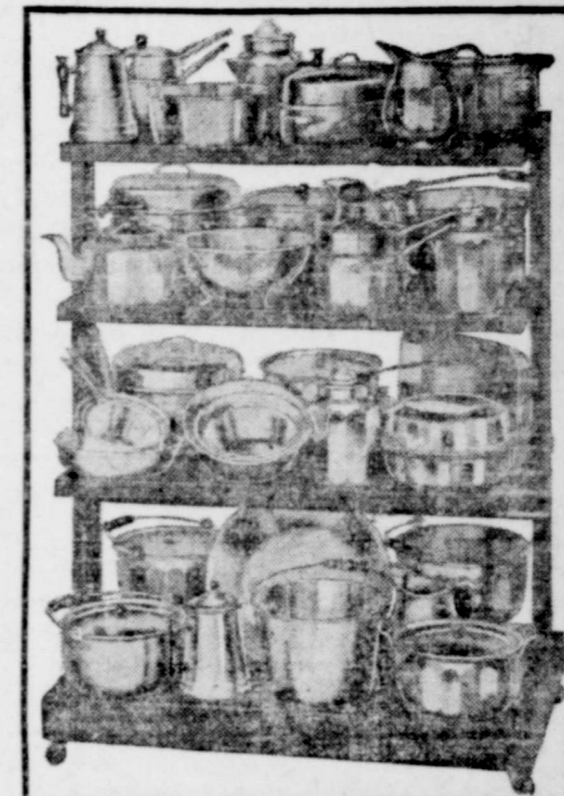


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| Panelled Round Roasters | 6 Qt. Pan. Colonial Kettles |
| 8 Qt. Pan. Preserving Kettles | 8 Qt. Water Pails |
| 2 Qt. Pan. Double Boilers | Heavy Fry Pans, 10 Inch |
| 5 Qt. Panelled Tea Kettles | Drip Roasting Pans (14x18x2 1/2 In.) |
| 10 Qt. Dish Pans | Oval Roasters (15x8 1/2x7 1/2 In.) |
| 2 1/2 Qt. Pan. Cracked Ice Pitchers | Colanders, 11 1/4 In., 1, 1 1/2, and 2 Qt. Lipped |
| 6 Qt. Pan. Colonial Sauce Pans | Sauce Pan Sets |
| Pudding Pan Sets | Angel Cake Pans |
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Sizes of all utensils in this Sale are most practical to meet every kitchen need. Quantities are limited. Be Here Prompt at the Opening Hour. No C. O. D.'s — No Telephone Orders — No Deliveries — No Reservations at These Prices.

Remember the Date

Saturday, March 6th.

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ANNOUNCEMENT



To my friends and the
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I take this method of announcing to you that I have taken charge of the Middleton Tourist Camp and Filling Station, which I will operate under the name

HI WAY SERVICE STATION
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I will keep at all times a complete line of the best gas and oils to be had (Magnolia) also a complete line of Tires and Tubes.

I will appreciate a share of your business.

I have with me, Mr. Buford Smith and either of us will be glad to render you any service possible.

Yours truly,

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AND CAMP GROUND

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour.
Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:15 p.m.
Choir practice Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Our motto for next Sunday: "Every officer, teacher and pupil present and on time." Let us make a record attendance in the Sunday school for next Sunday.
We extend a cordial invitation to the public to worship with us at all the above services.
Chas. H. Little, pastor.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of extending our sincere thanks and appreciation to each and every one who in any way assisted us during the recent illness and death of our beloved husband and father, F. E. Allyn.
We greatly appreciate every act, word or deed and our prayer is that the Lord bless and care for you all. Mrs. F. E. Allyn and children.
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Song. Devotional, led by Mrs. H. C. West. Prayer.
The youth of Japan, by Mrs. Marvin Smith.
The Immigrant women in the new world, by Mrs. G. F. West.
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thrifty young chicks, your mon-
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IN ADVANCE

TELEPHONE No. 61
Entered at the postoffice at Mer-
kel, Texas as second class mail.

WE ARE GRATEFUL

This office is very grateful in-
deed to Miss Olive Garoutte for
a beautiful, blooming pot plant,
a lovely Hyacinth, which we are
pleased to place upon the Editor-
ial desk, where the beauty and
fragrance of same may be en-
joyed while we work.

We are also glad to learn that
Miss Garoutte, who has been in
poor health for the past six
weeks, is now rapidly improving.

Mr. Tom Henderson, another
successful and splendid farmer-
citizen residing on route two,
has our thanks for the renewal
of his subscription to the Merkel
Mail. Mr. Henderson states that
he always takes his home paper,
and that the Merkel Mail is one
of the best he has ever taken.
In fact he says he doesn't see
how we do it. Thanks Mr. Hen-
derson.

Mrs. P. A. Diltz, Mrs. Robert
Dunn and Miss Doris Russell
were in Abilene Wednesday.

METHODIST CHURCH

A very good day was had at
the Methodist church on last
Sunday, notwithstanding the
fact that considerable illness and
other causes brought the Sunday
School attendance below normal.
It is hoped that all will be able
to be in attendance next Sunday.
Let every teacher, especially,
endeavor to make it a point to be
present and that they urge upon
their class membership to be in
attendance.

On Wednesday evenings, fol-
lowing the devotional, and Bible
lesson, teachers training work is
given special attention. Receiv-
ing a very happy response from
the teachers and officers of the
school and we encourage parents
to avail themselves of this op-
portunity to study religious
need and how to meet them.

Regular worship at eleven a.m.
and 7:30 p.m. with a welcome
to one and all. Special music at
each service. W. R. McCarter,
pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg and
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald,
returned Wednesday from a visit
with relatives at Stephenville
and Marlin.

Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt returned
first of the week from Temple
where she had been at the bed-
side of her daughter, Mrs. Har-
grove, who we learn has returned
to her home at Abilene, and is
at this time improving nicely.

Call 61 to place a want ad in
the Mail or give us a news item.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The "Amus-U" Club will pre-
sent "All a Mistake" at the Cozy
Theatre next Tuesday night.
This play has been coached by
Supt. Summerhill. We want
everybody to see this very in-
teresting play. If you enjoy good
wholesome fun and a hearty
laugh, be sure to see this attrac-
tion. The price will be 15 cents
for Grammar school, 25c for
High School, and 35 cents for
general admittance.

The school had a half holiday
Monday in observance of Wash-
ington's birthday and for the
purpose of getting trees planted
on the campus. The P.T.A. se-
cured 40 trees for the grounds
and the holes are being put
down. We are glad of this move-
ment to beautify the school
grounds.

The Annual Staff sent off
most of the pictures to the Ser-
vice Engraving Company last
week for cuts. We hope to have
the cuts ready for the printer
next week.

Mrs. Sublett has been called
away this week on account of
the serious illness of her mother.
We hope that her mother may
soon regain her health.

Miss Kathleen Sudderth spent
the week end with friends at
Lubbock.

The Carnival parade Friday
afternoon was quite a success.
Miss Durham was in charge of
arrangements and did her part
well. The Carnival program at
the high school Friday night was
well attended and every one had
a good time. We appreciate the
support the community gave us.

We are proud of the recog-
nition that Supt. Summerhill has
established for our elementary
schools with the city schools of
the State. The work of the
grades is accepted by all of the
best schools of the state and no
pupil will have to take a lower
classification now if he moves
to any city system.

Celebrates Birthday

Little Miss Nell Durham cele-
brated her eleventh birthday on
last Saturday with a party in
the afternoon from 3 to 6. After
the guests had arrived they went
in a body to attend the picture
show. After returning from the
show many amusing games were
played. A lovely birthday cake
with eleven lighted candles was
placed in the center of the table.
After all had made a wish the
candles were blown out and the
cake was cut and served with
ice cream.

Mrs. Virgil Touchstone and
little daughter, Mollie Frank,
have gone to points in Tennessee
for an extended visit.

Can use a few good 24 and 25
model Fords. Merkel Motor Co.,
Authorized Ford Dealers. It

Our Mid-Winter Sale closes
you are needing and get this
saving now. Brown Dry Goods
Company. It

CROSS ROADS ITEMS

The Sunday school entertain-
ment was enjoyed by all last Fri-
day night. We are hoping they
entertain again soon.

Mrs. Crow and family spent
last Friday night with Mr. and
Mrs. D. P. Moore.

Mr. Ted Bigham's baby, who
has been sick is very much im-
proved.

Mr. Hammond and family vis-
ited Mr. Thomas Amason and
family a while last Thursday
night.

The families of Mr. D. P.
Moore and Mr. Houston Bryant
visited Mr. D. C. West a while
last Thursday night.

Miss Ruth Fugua took supper
with Mrs. Lena King Sunday
night.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Teaff vis-
ited his brother, Mr. Henry Teaff
Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Bigham

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**Cushion Comfort
From Ear to Ear!**

LIKE to ease into the inviting cushions of the family
easy chair? Great, isn't it?

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ing and patterning. We're showing them now. See them!

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visited Mr. Merritt and family
Sunday afternoon. Mr. Everett
King and family of Merkel were
visitors at Cross Roads Sunday
school last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Houston Bryant's baby
has been very sicy but is some
better now.

Every one enjoyed the party
at Mr. Ely's Saturday night.

Mr. Millard King and family
took dinner with Mr. Everett
King and family Sunday.

The program that the P.T.A.'s
intended having the 5th of
March has been postponed until

the 12th of March.

Mr. Floyd Bryant, who has
been down near Dallas, has re-
turned home.

Len Sublett

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all work guaranteed
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In the Northrup, King &
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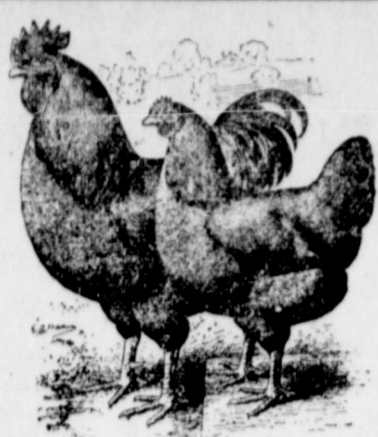
We carry the Old Reliable Eclipse Windmills, both the wood and the self oil-
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Also have a few small mills at attractive prices.

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With its hot water system for self regulation, double red wood walls with asbestos between, and other practical features insuring an ample sturdy brood. Also Poultry Netting, Coops, Brooders, Fountains, Feeders, Leg Bands, etc. Get ready for a good start. **OUR WINDOW THIS WEEK TELLS THE STORY. SEE IT.**

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The difference between **SAFE** farming and **UNSAFE** farming is the difference between **SUCCESS** and **FAILURE**.
—**SAFETY**—
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Farmers & Merchants National Bank
THE OLD RELIABLE
Merkel, Texas "Since 1904"

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The rest of This Month we are giving a **NICKEL PLATED RADIATOR SHELL** FREE With every Paint Job we turn out at our Regular Prices. All Work Guaranteed.
Across Street from Post Office
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POULTRY AND DAIRY RATIONS
ARE DIFFERENT—NEVER LOST A TEST
SWAFFORD COAL & FEED YARD
TRY HALF A TON OF DIAVALLO COAL

Make Your Hens Lay

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Are ready for you—Fresh and Delicious

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Your Headquarters for Gas, Oils, and Service Station Needs.
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Build your hens a good Chicken House and they will lay the eggs for you. Build the Biddies a good coop or brooder house and they will live for you.
THERE IS MONEY IN POULTRY
When in the market for quality building material think of
BURTON-LINGO COMPANY
WHERE QUALITY, Not Price Is CRITERION
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A few years ago you went to a drug store for a bottle of pills and a few other articles of medicine only. Now a drug store is a general merchandising business where almost anything can be found, from pills to Phonographs and Radios. Why this change? Because we found it pays to handle more than one line of merchandise. The same will apply in your farming **BUSINESS**. Do not stick to one line.—**DIVERSIFY**.
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DIVERSIFICATION Will Solve the Farmers' Problems
Buy **HAWK BRAND** Work Clothes
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Everything to make your home more beautiful and Comfortable
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—MEANS—
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To Make the Farm and Housework Easier---
"ELECTRIFY"
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Mr. Alfred Ligon
IS OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN MERKEL
Let him have your **LAUNDRY** of every kind. We will appreciate it, and we feel sure our work and service will please you.
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Spring Time is Cleaning Time
SATURDAY—
SPECIAL VALUES IN
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Durable Wash Tub and Board \$1.25
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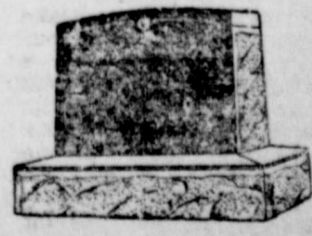
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Tanks, Gutters, Stove pipe, Well Casings, in fact everything made and guaranteed in the Sheet Metal line, with prices that defy competition.
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Now is a good time to put out Roses, Prinet and Shrubs of all kinds. See what you buy.
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Diversification as well as buying and trading at home means greater prosperity for All.
CASH TAILOR SHOP
Insures **FIRST CLASS CLEANING** and **PRESSING** done **AT HOME**. Also the home of the **HERALD LINE** of **CLOTHING**. Suits ranging in price from \$26.00 to \$61.00 and only \$3.00 buys an extra pair of trousers with every three-piece suit.

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Bragg Dry Goods Company
Is Headquarters for **MILLINERY** and **READY-TO-WEAR**. Our Spring stock was never more varied or better priced.

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But the evenings may be made an hour for genuine pleasure, recreation and education with an
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Let me bring one into your home and enable you to enjoy the great outside world.
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In our Staple Department:

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A Beautiful assortment of NEW SPRING DRESS GOODS in all the bright, new shades at prices that will please you.

JONES DRY GOODS

W. J. SHEPPARD, Mgr.

Methodist Primary and Junior Children are Entertained.

On last Monday afternoon the Superintendent and teachers of the Primary and Junior Departments of the Methodist Sunday School entertained the children with a George Washington party. Promptly at 3:30 the children began to arrive and soon the rooms were full. The large primary room was prettily decorated with red, white and blue paper. A large picture of George Washington, draped with the American flag, was placed on one side of the room. Numerous small flags were also used in the decoration. Many games suitable for the occasion were played by the children. One game of especial interest was pinning a small red cherry on Washington's coat. A small silk flag was awarded to the one who came nearest pinning it in the right place. At the close of the party refreshments of sandwiches, lemonade and wafers were served. There were about sixty children present. On leaving, each child was presented with a small flag.

MERKEL BAPTISTS

Sunday school at 10 a.m. with Mr. Bill Haynes in charge. We have classes for all and good teachers that are always present unless providentially hindered. Last month our officers and teachers were 100 per cent in attendance.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Morning subject, "Walking with Jesus." Evening subject, "What do ye more than others?"

All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 6:30. Monthly workers meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday. This meeting is important and all workers in the Sunday School should seek to be present.

Womans Missionary Society Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

Prayermeeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. with the Young Peoples Department boosting.

You will find a hearty welcome at any of these services. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

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Diamond Tires and Hood Tires. We have a

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decline on tires, and will appreciate your coming around and getting our prices on them before you buy.

We also have a good cheap tire, infact we can fit you up in anything you need, in the way of GAS, OILS, TIRES Repair Work

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Leader, Fred Giles.

1. The Bible a book of Missions, Mildred, Hamm.
2. Five Fundamental Ideas:
 - a. A true conception of God, Iris Garrett.
 - b. True and False Ideas of Man by Delbert Polley.
 - c. The sin Question, Weldon Wells.
 - d. The Christian's conception of salvation, Stella Wilson.
 - e. We have the true conception of immortality, Mary Alice Johnson.
3. A message to meet these needs Flossie Campbell.

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How to Stop That Weakening Cough

Why let a heavy, stubborn cough wear you down when you can get speedy relief and often break it up completely in 24 hours through a remarkable new method based on the famous Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs?

Here is the method: You simply take one teaspoonful and hold it in your throat for 15 or 20 seconds before swallowing it. It has a double action. It not only soothes and heals irritation, but also removes the phlegm and congestion which are the real cause of the coughing. So with the cause removed the worst cough soon disappears.

Dr. King's New Discovery is for coughs, chest colds, bronchitis, spasmodic croup, etc. Fine for children, too—no harmful drugs. Very economical, as the dose is only one teaspoonful. At all good druggists. Ask for



Christian Endeavor Program

Missionary Meeting. Leader, Christine Russell.

Topic: "Neglected Areas in the Country."

Scripture Reading: Isa. 35:1-8. Talk by leader.

Song; clippings.

Work for the Jews, Mildred Smith. Working for the Indians, Venice Bell. Work for lumbermen, Doris Russell.

Work for the negroes, Norma Shannon. Working for the Frontiers, Selma Russell. Working for our Mexicans, Helen Compton. Working for the Mormons, Mae Ferries. Working for the Orient in America, Eunice Russell. Not much 'Over-churching', Top and Paint man, left yesterday for a business visit to his old home at Royce City, Texas. Song; announcements, mispah.

M. E. Missionary Society

There was a splendid attendance at the Missionary Society on last Monday afternoon. The program from the Missionary Voice was especially good. On next Monday afternoon there will be the regular business meeting, and a short review of the mission study book. We have just finished. Every one who has been studying this book is especially urged to be present for this review. The time of the meeting is 2:30. Come and bring some one. Supt. of Publicity.

N. A. Dowell, the popular Auto Top and Paint man, left yesterday for a business visit to his old home at Royce City, Texas. He will be gone several days.

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Yes, we give 'em don't fail to ask for them when you trade with us. And when you come to think about it they are worth quite a bit to every one who secures them in making their purchases.

We want you to ask for them, and just to remind you, we will say that we handle—

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You can bake, roast or broil the most tasty, delicious and whole some foods in an electric oven. The even, unvarying heat and the accurate automatic controll of oven temperature ond cooking time, without watching, assures perfect cooking results—never burning or undercooking. The natural juices of meats are retained, preventing loss of flavor and waste from shrinkage.

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE—75 bushels Mebane Cotton Seed at \$1.00. M. J. Shaw Merkel, route 4, two miles east of Stith. tf

FOR SALE or Trade for farm land, well improved sheep and goat ranch in Uvalde county, 1280 acres at \$12 per acre. Apply at Merkel Mail office. tf

FOR SALE—Some good first year Kasch Cotton Seed, at \$1.50 per bushel, while they last. See W.T. Bird, Merkel, Box 242. 5t4p

Baker & Wheeler will appreciate your patronage in fresh and cured meats of all kinds in season. Call on them for fresh pork, sausage, steak, cured meats, roasts, etc. tf

FOR SALE—200 bushels Kasch cotton seed. 3 tons Maize heads. See A. B. Cranston, 4 miles northeast of Stith. 19t4pd

MAIZE—Good, dry Maize, for sale at \$26.00 per ton. See W. F. Dunn. 19t2p

Every one knew that some day a better oil stove would be developed. See the new NESCO Range at the City Furniture and be convinced. tf

MAIZE HEADS—Will have about first of month a car of good, bright Maize heads for sale. See John S. Hughes. 1tp

FOR SALE—1075 acres good grass land and fine water, good fence, on public road, at \$8.50 per acre. This place is sure worth the money. Let me tell you about it. E. D. COATS. 1t

FOR SALE—Good Jersey cow, at Grandma Wiman's, south side, Merkel, Texas. 1tp

EGGS—Thoroughbred Plymouth Rock Eggs, per setting \$1.00. Mrs. T. A. Beidleman, Merkel. 1p

FOR SALE—Some second-hand refrigerators in good condition. Reason for selling: installing Frigidaire. See West Texas Utilities Co. 1t

FOR SALE—404 acres good plains land within 10 miles of Friona, Parmer county. Price \$17.50 per acre, \$3,000 cash, balance one to eight years at six percent interest. See us for bargains in farm and ranch lands. M. A. CRUM, Friona, Tex. 26t2p

MAIZE and SORGHUM—Will have next Saturday a car of headed Maize at \$25.00 per ton. Also a car of fine baled sorghum. See Homer Patterson. 1t

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ROOMS—Will have two unfurnished rooms for rent on the first of March. Mrs. Dr. Williams. 19t2p

ROOMS—Two or three, furnished, for rent. See Mrs. A. J. Canon. 1t

FOR RENT—Two unfurnished apartments by the first of March. Mrs. Dr. Williams. 1tp

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms, second door north of the Christian Church. Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw.

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WANTED—To buy 1 to 5 dwelling lots in Merkel. Must be a bargain and a clear title. See Ed. Rister, the sign man, Merkel, Texas. 19t2p

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Spring And Easter Modes

All during the long winter there have been forecasts and indications as to what Spring fashions were to be, but it remained for March, and the Spring Exposition to bring them to review.

And now, that we face the certainty of milder days and Springlike breezes, and the happy outdoor season, the feminine world is not lacking in interest as to the New Modes fashion creators have provided. So we are NOW featuring the smartest and finest coats, dresses and millinery for Spring and Easter.

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Try a bucket of All Gold Coffee at G. M. Sharp's. 19t2

Misses Annie and Fannie Mae Reeves, who are attending school at Draughon's Business College at Abilene, spent the week-end at home with their mother, Mrs. George L. Reeves, and family.

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For District Clerk:
MISS BELLE WILLBOURN

For County School Supt.:
M. A. WILLIAMS

For Sheriff:
H. T. O'BAR

For County Clerk:
W. E. BEASLEY

For Tax Collector:
R. A. McCLAIN
EARL HUGHES

For County Treasurer:
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For Commissioner, this Precinct:
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JOHN S. BOND ANNOUNCES FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE



The Mail is authorized to place in its announcement column the name of John S. Bond, as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Taylor county, subject to the action of the July primary.

Mr. Bond has served the people of Taylor county in this capacity before, and his friends declare his record is one of faithful service and efficiency. Since he is so well known over the county and the further fact that his record as a peace officer is before the voters, we would only urge that his claims be given careful and fair consideration. Mr. Bond has the following to say concerning his candidacy:

"In making my announcement for the office of sheriff of Taylor county I do so of my own volition and at the earnest solicitation of a number of my loyal friends as any man ever had. I shall make the race absolutely on my own merits as an officer and not on the demerits of anyone.

"The citizens of Taylor county have honored me with the office before. I did my whole duty as I saw it and at all times enforced the law to the best of my ability. The only promise I shall make in this campaign is that if you elect me that I will never betray the trust and confidence placed in me but will make Taylor county the best sheriff I know how to make.

"Some people have said that I am too tender-hearted to make an officer; to this I will say that I never failed to carry out to the letter the mandates of the law. At the same time I have never mistreated a prisoner entrusted to my care, and that is not all, if it takes that to make me fitted for the office of sheriff, then I am wholly unfitted for the place. I have always taken the position that all men are human and though some may violate the law, and it becomes necessary that they be punished, they are still human and deserve human treatment.

"If elected, I sincerely believe that with the help and cooperation of the good citizens of Taylor county and the city au-

thorities of Abilene, I can make Taylor county a better place in which to live and raise a family, and to this end I shall strive faithfully and give my utmost if elected. Your vote and influence will be appreciated by me.

"Respectfully yours,
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FRANK SMITH FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY



The Merkel Mail is authorized to announce in this issue of the Merkel Mail the candidacy of the Hon. Frank E. Smith, for reelection to the office of County Attorney of Taylor county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July.

Mr. Smith is serving his first full term, and has made an efficient and energetic officer, and at the request of many friends over the county, has agreed to announce his candidacy for reelection. He has worked constantly to see that all laws were enforced and that violators were brought to justice and given fair but speedy trials. The per cent of convictions, in cases in which indictments have been found from evidence presented through him has been high. Each grand jury has complimented his services.

Mr. Smith was reared to young manhood in this community and most of the voters know him too well for us to comment upon his honor and ability. His able and faithful record as an officer is an open book to all. We would therefore only urge that each and every voter not familiar with these facts give his claims due consideration when casting their votes for County Attorney of Taylor county.

CARD OF THANKS

Friends, we take this way to thank each and every one that administered their loving care and kindness to our loved one, Mrs. Vena Leal Barceuas, during her late sickness and death. It is impossible to tell you all our appreciation of each, but may God bless you and keep you. It is with regret that we, the undersigned grandchildren, failed to reach her bedside but owing to the fact that we were 10 miles in the country we failed to receive the word, but came as soon as it reached us. Thanking you all again, Mrs. Mollie Casalles, Mr. Manuel Casalles and children, Mr. Pablo Barceuas. pd

COMPERE ITEMS
By Alma Stout

Health of the community is not very good at present.

A very large crowd attended singing at Zion Chapel Sunday afternoon. Also a few from here attended the singing at Union Sunday night.

Mr. Stout is on the sick list this week.

Miss Louise Kemp spent the week end in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allred are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mr. Jasper Hobbs spent Tuesday night with Mr. Hall and oBb Hobbs.

Those visiting at Mrs. Stout's Sunday afternoon were Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mayfield and children.

A large crowd attended the party at Mrs. Alta Howard's on Tuesday night. Every one reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl.

Miss Virgie Marshall spent Tuesday night with Misses Lenora and Ruth Wilburn.

Miss Carrie Whitaker is visiting her sister, Mrs. Marshall, this week.

Mr. Tom Keener and August Esch are visiting Mr. G.W. Stout this week.

Miss Opal Rister spent Friday night with Miss Obara Outlaw.

Those visiting at Mrs. Pearl Allred's Monday afternoon were Mrs. McKinney, Floy McKinney, Mrs. Stout, Alma Stout, Mrs. Spurgni, L. V. and little Robert E. Spurgin, Mrs. S. A. Hobbs, and Ella Hobbs.

There will be preaching at the Presbyterian church by Bro. Bryant Sunday at 11 a.m. Sunday school at 10:00. A cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend.

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Miss Sue Craven of McMurry College was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble first of the week.

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