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## EXPRESSION PROGRAM TONIGHT, 8:15

The Expression Department of Merkel High School, under the direction of Miss Lucy Tracy, is presenting Miss Tommie Durham in recital tonight at the Grammar School Auditorium. She will be assisted by Miss Inice Brown, music and voice pupil of Mrs. J. Samuel Rider, of Abilene.

"Molly Make Believe," a three act play, will be given by Miss Durham, while Miss Brown will be heard in piano and vocal numbers. The public is cordially invited to hear these young artists in this splendid program. These young ladies have much talent in the arts which they represent, and should be encouraged in their work by a good attendance. There will be no admission charge.

The program will be as follows:

### MOLLY MAKE-BELIEVE

By Eleanor H. Abbott  
Interpretation in Three Parts  
Characters  
Carl Stanton, A poor, yet progressive young rubber broker.  
Cornelia, his sweetheart.  
The Doctor.  
Molly Make-Believe.  
1. The Dying Poet. . . . . Gottschalk  
2. a. Rose in the Bud. . . . . Foster  
b. Jus' 'Cause. . . . . Vandersloot  
3. a. Reverie Dreaming, Schuman  
b. Morceau En Forme D'Etude by Wallenhaupt.

The ushers will be: Misses Berdelle Adcock, Mildred Hamm, Flora Frances Anderson, Ruby Faye Golloday.

## REGITAL AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM MON.

On next Monday evening, April 18, the Expression Department will present little Miss Nell Durham and Master E. L. Turner, in a program at the Grammar school auditorium.

These two young readers are well known to the public, having served on programs at different times for the past few years, and we are sure this program will be one worth while. The program will consist of readings, dialogues and songs. The public is especially invited to hear these two talented young artists in this program on Monday evening, April 18. There will be no admission charge.

The program will be as follows:

1. Mud pie days. . . . . F. G. Johnson  
Nell Durham and E. L. Turner
2. Lochinvar. . . . . Sir Walter Scott  
Nell Durham
3. Some Little Bug is Going to Find You . . . . . Burt  
E. L. Turner
4. a. When Father Soaks his feet . . . . . G. F. Paul  
b. The Morning Call, Walter Jones.  
Nell Durham
5. The Spell of the Yukon, R. W. Service.  
E. L. Turner
6. a. I'm a bringing up the family . . . . . Franklin  
b. Movin' in the Bes' Society, C. Jacobs-Bond . . . . . Nell Durham
7. a. The Man in the Moon, Riley  
b. Feet . . . . . Edgar A. Guest  
E. L. Turner
8. An Old Maid's Warning.  
Nell Durham
9. The Dude's Soliloquy  
E. L. Turner
10. Just Married. . . . . Bugbee  
Nell Durham and E. L. Turner  
Ushers: Oleta Moore, Artilee Simmons, Tom Simpson and Jack Patterson.

## ATTEND PRESBYTERY MEET AT ROCHESTER

Rev. Chas. H. Little, the able and popular pastor of the Grace Presbyterian church, accompanied by Mr. W. M. Elliott, as delegate from this church, returned yesterday from a meeting of the Abilene Presbytery at that place this week.

Bro. Little reports a fine meeting with one hundred percent attendance of the pastors of the district.

## JUDGE GIVES DEAN LAW INSTRUCTIONS

Abilene, Texas, April 12.—District Judge W. R. Ely Monday instructed the Taylor County grand jury to investigate any sale of malt or beer containing more than one-half of 1 per cent of alcohol, as it constituted a violation of the Dean liquor law.

He also scored business men who sell ingredients and equipment for the manufacture of intoxicants. "Some good church members are contributing to violation of the law in this way," he said. "They are made parties to the crime and are contributing to the general breakdown of respect for law." He referred to the sale of malt, bottles, capping machines and other articles used in making products in violation of the law.

"The agitation for modification, repeal or amendment of the eighteenth amendment is just a question of appetite," he asserted, characterizing the passage of the eighteenth amendment as the greatest forward step in government since the Nation was founded.

## MERKEL DEFEATED 27 TO 1 BY ROTAN TEAM TUESDAY

Rotan, Texas, April 13.—Rotan Yellow Hammers defeated Merkel High 27-1. Clift of Rotan pitched wonderful ball the 7 innings he worked, cutting down 14 batters and allowing no hits. Hambright relieved him in the 8th. Cox hit 2 home runs and Robinson and Clift one each. This was the Yellow Hammers third high school victory this season. In the three games Rotan has netted 68 tallies.

## LOCAL FIREMEN ELECT OFFICERS

At the regular meeting of the splendid companies of local Firemen last Monday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Thos. Durham; vice president, R. O. Anderson; chief, W. L. Burns; associate chief, N. A. Dowell; secretary, Guy Darsey; treasurer, O. R. Dye; captain hose company No. 1, C. K. Russell; assistant, Howard Laney; captain hose company No. 2, E. E. Leslie, assistant, Carlton Dennis; foreman chemical company, Ross Ferrier, assistant, A. V. Dye. Mr. Sid Criswell was elected deputy at the plug.

The executive committee is composed of Messrs. Booth Warren, chairman, A. V. Dye, C. H. Jones, C. K. Russell and Ross Ferrier.

As delegates to the State Convention of Firemen, which meets this year in June at Harlingen, Texas, the following have been elected: N. A. Dowell, O. R. Dye, Guy Darsey, W. L. Burns.

As is shown above, the department is well organized, has a membership now of 30, whereas heretofore there were only 26, and there are now three full companies.

That the local firemen are not only very necessary to the best interest of our city in the protection of property and some times saving of life, but if there is never a fire within the boundary of the city limits the fact that there is such an organization here means saving of hundreds of dollars to property owners in insurance, which would be much higher were it not for the firemen. Let every citizen stand loyally behind the men all the time, and then when there is need for their best efforts they will have the organization and desire to put forth their best efforts in the city's behalf.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COZY THEATRE

Something nice for our patrons. Read our advertisement in this paper for full particulars. We are giving bargain prices for one week. Cozy Theatre. It

## DR. SCRANTON HERE NEXT SUNDAY

Special services with the local Baptist church will be directed by Dr. R. A. Scranton of Plainview, Texas. Dr. Scranton is one of the men employed by Texas Baptists to travel among the churches dispensing information and inspiration.

At this time we are making our offering to the various missionary enterprises of our denomination. It will greatly facilitate matters if every member will bring to the church his or her offering. If you cannot bring it Sunday come prepared to make a pledge to be paid during this month.

Dr. Scranton is a fine speaker with his heart in the work. He is a graduate of Simmons University and is a credit to that or any other institution of learning. He has never preached in Merkel and deserves a wide hearing. Let every member of the church hear him Sunday. All friends who will be invited to come and hear him.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

## TRADE TRIP TO COMPERE TONIGHT

The plans are all perfected and everything in readiness for the first big trade trip of the season, which will be made tonight to the Compere community. A fine program has been arranged which is given below, and we are informed that the Compere people are planning a great time for all out there, and expect to have a big crowd present.

It is also said that there will be perhaps the largest attendance upon the part of the business men and citizens of Merkel ever before making such a trip.

Make your arrangements to be ready to start with the crowd at seven o'clock sharp today.

Numbers by orchestra.  
Welcoming address, C. S. Childress, Compere.

Response by supt. J. A. Summerhill.  
Violin solo, Miss Alice Sum-

## BIG FEED AT DENNIS' STORE ON SATURDAY

Follow the crowds to our store Saturday and enjoy a free sandwich and let special representatives of three different lines of merchandise explain the advantages of their line to you. J. T. Dennis, dry goods and groceries. 1tp

## TEACHERS ELECTED FOR COMING YEAR

At a meeting of the Merkel Independent School Board on last Tuesday evening, Mr. Robert Hicks was sworn in as a new member of the board, elected at the recent election, along with Mr. H. L. Propst, whom it was later learned, was ineligible on account of having a relative as a member of the present faculty. The board immediately appointed Mr. Taylor F. Davis, postmaster, to fill the vacancy.

After disposing of the above and the general run of business, the question of electing teachers for next year was brought up. The recommended list as handed in by superintendent Summerhill, re-elected at a previous meeting, were elected as follows:

High School: Principal and coach, Irvin L. Jackson; english, Miss Martha Bird; history, Miss Kathleen Sudderth; science, Miss Baylor Durham; spanish, Miss Mellie Gilbreath; english and history, Miss Mary Cleo Booth; expression, Miss Lucy Tracy.

Grammar School: Mrs. Len C. Sublett, principal; Mrs. I. L. Jackson, history; Miss Mamie Ellis, geography; Miss Maurine Hearn, drawing and reading; Miss Velma Sterling, writing and spelling; Miss Francis McMurry, english. Primary grades: Miss Eunice Russell, low first; Mrs. Holland Teaff, high first; Miss Eleanor Harrison, low second; Miss Alzada Pogue, high second; Miss Minnie Coats, low third; Miss Vennie Heizer, low third; Miss Mae Collins, low fourth; Miss Melba West, high fourth.

Orchestra selection.  
Address, Mr. H. C. West, president Luncheon Club.  
Intermission of 15 minutes.  
Orchestra selection.  
Address, Rev. Ira L. Parrack.  
Reading, Miss Lola Dennis.  
Orchestra selection.  
Announcements.

## R. O. ANDERSON IS FOREMAN OF GRAND JURY

Mr. R. O. Anderson, active vice-president of the Farmers State Bank, of this city, was sworn in on Monday of this week as foreman of the grand jury for the April term of Taylor county district court.

Mr. Anderson is thoroughly competent and capable of giving very efficient services in this most important position. Under his able leadership this august body may be expected to clean up any lawlessness that may exist in Taylor county.

## SILVER SERVICE SET IS MOODY WEDDING GIFT

Taylor, Tex. April 12.—Taylor friends of Dan Moody, attorney general, have purchased a handsome silver service for the youthful aspirant for Governor, who was born and reared here. It will be presented on the date of his forthcoming wedding to Miss Mildred Paxton at Abilene. The silver service, costing \$1,200, has arrived from the silversmith at New York and is on display in the window of a Taylor drug store.

## MCMURRAY CHORAL CLUB IN PROGRAM

On next Tuesday evening the McMurry College Girls Choral Club will present one of the most beautiful and entertaining programs ever rendered by a similar organization in this city, at the Merkel School Auditorium.

This fine body of entertainers is being brought to Merkel by Superintendent Summerhill and the High School Graduating class, and a part of the proceeds will go to help the graduating class in their efforts to publish the first Annual of the local High School. Owing to this fact alone, besides the fine entertainment, the people of the community will no doubt attend. Let's do the big thing—fill the auditorium to running over. The entertainment is of the highest class, put on by good clean, high class young ladies, some of them Merkel's own daughters. It will be an opportunity to show whether the people want clean entertainment or prefer the other kind.

The following regarding the character of entertainment to be given is from the Abilene Reporter. Read it.

Beauty, entertainment and music were all very apparent Monday evening at the McMurry College auditorium when the Girls' Choral Club appeared in a well-prepared program of numbers that were tastefully chosen. The club is under the direction of Mrs. Gypsy Ted Sullivan-Wylie.

As with any well-trained choral club the silvery melody and harmony of the ensemble numbers were a background of music and beauty for the entire concert. Out of this background came several prominent soloists with unusually beautiful voices. Among those who possess unusually pretty voices are Christine Collins, Boog Sears, Edith Kral, Lois Danner and Beulah Tracy. The last named, with Lela Mae Skinner, exhibited unusual histrionic talent and provided a piquant figure for the musical play, "Cynthia's Strategy."

The three Indian numbers, "Indian Dawn," "Pale Moon" and "By the Waters of Minnetonka" were well presented.

The final numbers, presented in colonial costume added color to the program, which was as follows:

- Part I.
- The Night Bells. . . . . Vincent
  - I Know a Bank. . . . . Horn
  - Last Night. . . . . Kjerulf
  - Last Rose of Summer. . . . . Flotom
  - Sweet and Low. . . . . Barnby
  - Misses Collins, Karl, Clark, Hamilton, Skinner, Bishop, Tracy and Harris
  - The Old Fefrain. . . . . Kreisler
  - Ode to a River. . . . . Drigo-Silver
  - "Hear Me Norma," Duet from Opera "Norma" . . . . . Bellini
  - Lela Mae Skinner and Edith Kral.
  - Indian Dawn. . . . . Zamecnik
  - Pale Moon. . . . . Logan
  - By the Waters of Minnetonka (obligato, Cecil Bishop Lieurance)

- Part II.
- Cynthia's Strategy, a musical play. . . . . Dodge
  - Christine Collins, Virginia Clark, Lela Mae Skinner and Beulah Tracy.
  - Since Mou Came. . . . . Howard
  - Twilight Hours. . . . . Howard
  - Soloist, Boog Sears.
  - The Hat of Other Days. . . . . Norrell
  - Soloists, Beulah Tracy, Virginia Potts, Lela Mae Skinner, Irene Harris, Irene Meador, Elizabeth Hunt.
  - Nobody Knows What the Next Style Will Be. . . . . Eldridge
  - Soloists, Boog Sears, Edith Kral, Hollyce Campbell, Lela Mae Skinner, Beulah Tracy

## "THE OFFICIAL STARTER"





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to enjoy: to come to when they like, for banking business, for financial counsel, to meet friends or committees, or just for a period of rest during the day's shopping.

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### PATTON CASE GIVEN REVERSAL BY HIGH COURT OF APPEALS

At Austin Wednesday the court of criminal appeals reversed and remanded the case of H. G. Patton, convicted in Taylor county district court last October 21, and given fifty years on a charge of committing an offense against a young woman by fraud.

The case was argued on appeal before the court of criminal appeals one week ago by Hon. W. J. Cunningham of Abilene, chief counsel for Patton.—Abilene Reporter.

### TO RECOMMEND BID OF GRANGER FIRM FOR HIGHWAY NO. 1

The bid of Sullivan and Davis of Granger, the lowest of six, will be recommended by the Taylor county Commissioners Court to the state highway commission as that to be let for the heavy grading and drainage structures on state highway No. 1, from Abilene east to Callahan county, it was stated late Wednesday by H. E. Meyer, commissioner of Precinct No. 1. The bid was \$44,144.60.—Abilene Reporter.

### BAPTIST PASTOR MARRIES TWO COUPLES PAST WEEK

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, in his usual happy manner, pronounced the words on last Sunday that bound in marriage Miss Gladys Deutschman and Mr. C. E. McGehee, both prominent young people of this city.

The happy couple will make their home in Arizona, the groom having already left for that state, to be followed by the young wife later. We join many friends in wishing for them much happiness.

On Saturday afternoon Mr. Ernest Wallace and Miss Ellen Kegans, prominent young people from Trent, were united in marriage by Rev. Parrack at the parsonage.

### COPELAND BROTHERS COMEDY PLAYERS ARE COMING TO MERKEL

Every one in Merkel who ever attended a tent show will remember the Copeland Brothers and their splendid company with the popular Four Copelands comedy quartette and old Toby. This company has played Merkel many times in the past and count their friends and admirers here by the thousands.

This season's company is even more evenly balanced than ever before and are presenting a repertoire of plays that are above the average for a company of this kind. All brand new, clean and wholesome with good, clean moral stories and lots of Toby comedy.

Among the vaudeville features introduced between the acts are the Four Copelands comedy quartette, Gene Walsh, Alverna Standard and little Baby Barbara, three year old vaudeville artist.

The University Four, the jazziest of jazz orchestras is a musical feature out of the ordinary.

The plays are all new and different. The opening play, "Dear old pal of Mine," is a new Toby comedy that tells a pretty stage story.

Ladies with escorts will be admitted free on Monday night. The big tent will be located on the regular tent show grounds, the company playing under the auspices of the Merkel Fire Department.

### NO MORE STAMPS

We the undersigned will discontinue giving the "Discount Stamps" after Saturday, April 17th, 1926.

Bob Martin Grocery Co.  
Hamilton & Case Grocery Co.  
Liberty Hardware Co. It

My fine registered Jersey Male will stand at my barn in south Merkel. Terms \$3.50 when cow is bred. John S. Hughes. 16t2p

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THE OLD RELIABLE

## FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

MERKEL TEXAS

'SINCE 1904'

### Newlyweds to Ohio

Howard H. Hand and Miss Mae Helman of Merkel were married at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday by Justice of the Peace P. B. Ford at his office. They left immediately for Fayetteville, Ark., and are to go to Toledo, Ohio, after a visit there. Mr. Hand will become a salesman for the Gambill Dental Specialty Company, of Merkel, he stated.

Nice fresh roasted beef every day at Baker & Wheeler's Market.

Buy your Groceries from G.M. Sharp and save the difference. Equipped with 5 Firestone balloons. Terms. Telephone 69. It

### Rev. Murrel Finishes Fine Church at Childress, Texas

According to press reports of the daily papers this week, Rev. W. M. Murrell, former pastor of the Methodist church here, now pastor at Childress, has just completed the erection of a very beautiful and modern church in that city costing \$65,000.

Expecting car Diavallo Lump Coal any day. Lasts longer—has less soot—summer prices. Swafford, phone 44. It

WILL SELL—Practically new Ford Roadster at good discount. Equipped with 5 Firestone balloons. Terms. Telephone 69. It

### Will Render Program at White Church Sunday

It is announced that the Girls Quartette of McMurry College will render a program next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at White Church.

Rev. R. E. L. Stutts, the pastor, will preach at the Methodist church there in the morning and afternoon. He cordially invites all to be present.

### —MOTHER—

"I will not forget you on Mothers' Day, May 9th. I will send you a nice box of Mothers' Day Candy." Call in and place your order now for Mothers' Day Candy. Hamm Drug Co. It

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- Cenol Fly Destroyer . . . 50c and 75c
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We are exclusive agents in Merkel for Cenol Products. Each of the above products sold on a "Money Back" guarantee. If not satisfied we want you to have your money back.

Why not trade where your trade is appreciated

## HAMM DRUG COMPANY



My PERCHERON Stallions, COLLEY, Reg. No. 185391, 4yr old, and ROYAL (better known as the "Bryom Horse" together with my Mammoth black Jack are making the season at my barn 4 1/2 miles North of Merkel. Terms \$10.00 when living colt is born or mare is disposed of, or moved.

LEE BAKER  
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## HIGH LINES

Out across the prairies they march, over the hill crests and into the valleys, stalwart and straight and strong, sentinels of civilization, making the pathways of power—the high lines of West Texas.

Along the shining strands of copper and aluminum linking together the upreared crests of clean-limed giant poles, there leaps a potent force carrying the strength of ten thousand untamed horses. But a force that is itself not untamed, that is harnessed to the will of a people, a titanic force so perfectly controlled that instantly at the bidding of its masters it will energize the most delicate instrument in the hands of the physician, or set spinning the ponderous wheels of the greatest factory.

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Seven hundred and fifty miles of these great power lines now comprise the electrical distribution net of this company, serving the centers of population in seventeen progressive counties of West Texas; seven hundred and fifty miles of such lines, which cost in the building from fifteen hundred to four thousand dollars per mile. Just one item in the great system organized and built and operated to assure you dependable electric service.

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### Thursday Club

On Thursday evening, April 8, the Thursday Club enjoyed an all-day picnic at the home of Mrs. Chas. H. Jones. Guests began arriving at 11:30 a.m. A lunch consisting of sandwiches, iced tea, fruit salad, fried chicken, potato chips, olives, pickles and pie, was scheduled to be served at 12:30. The following men, with fire truck, arrived in time to help put away the eats: Booth Warren, Dr. Grimes, Jas. H. West, L. B. Scott, Chas. H. Jones, R. O. Anderson, Lige Gamble. Lunch was served with three ladies and one man to each table. After lunch the men departed.

"42" was enjoyed until about four o'clock by the ladies, followed by refreshments. The following guests and club members were present: Mrs. Bill Brown of Anson, Mesdames R. I. Grimes, Jas. H. West, L. B. Scott, Roy Adams, R. O. Anderson, O. R. Dye, Ross Ferrier, Lige Gamble, Dee Grimes, Robert Hicks, Tom Largent, W. J. Largent, Earl Baze, Frank McFarland, Sam Swann, Jno. R. West, and Booth Warren.

### RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions of Hebron Baptist Church on the death of Willie Leverette Garner, March 3, 1926

Whereas, the great and supreme Ruler of the universe has in His infinite wisdom removed from us one of our worthy and esteemed members of our church and Sunday School, Willie Leverette Garner, March 3, 1926, makes it eminently befitting that we record our appreciation of him. Therefore

Be it Resolved, that the sudden removal of such a life from among our midst leaves a vacancy and a shadow that will be deeply realized by all the members and friends of Hebron Baptist church.

Resolved, that with deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives of the deceased we express our hope that even so great a loss to us all may be over-ruled for good by Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of our church, a copy be printed in the local paper and a copy forwarded to the bereaved family.

Signed by committee: E. M. Dean, Mrs. Houston Clark, Mrs. J. M. Williamson.

Dr. G. W. Wilson returned Thursday from the post-graduate clinics of the American optometric association held at Fort Worth this week. The doctor was delighted with the large attendance and interest manifested and says he derived much benefit from attending the post-graduate clinics. It is like a short course in college. The latest developments in advanced professional practices were demonstrated and illustrated by clinical cases, he says.

### Idlewise Club

A very lovely party for the Idlewise Club was that of Tuesday afternoon when Miss Mary Eula Sears was hostess to the members and friends at her home. Bridge was the interesting diversion of the afternoon. Pretty handpainted tally cards matched partners for the games. Other entertainment enjoyed by the guests was readings and songs by little Miss Mollie Frank Touchstone and piano solos by Miss Madge Yoakum.

At the tea hour a delicious salad plate with iced tea was passed to Misses Johnny Sears, Louise Douthit, Madge Yoakum, Mary Cleo Booth, Ruby Hamm, Christene Collins, Lucy Tracy, and Evelyn Hamm; Mesdames George White, Emmett Grimes, Sie Hamm, Warren Smith, Jack Durham, Bill Haynes, Earl Baze, Bill Brown and Roy Largent.

### GLASSES FITTED

Any one wishing glasses fitted will call on me at my home in Bettis Heights, Merkel, where I do my work. Will appreciate any business you may have in this line. H. C. Floyd.

### MERKEL MAIL ADDS NEW EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE

In order that this paper may keep abreast of the times, and better serve its readers and advertisers, a splendid new casting box equipment for making cuts has this week been installed and besides being able to make our own cuts and those of the merchants used in their display advertising, we have purchased the Meyer-Both Advertising service, a service that is used by most of the larger weeklies as well as many daily papers.

We call your attention to the cartoon service as well as the cuts used in many ads in this issue, which were made right here in our office from mats.

Mrs. Sam Butman, delegate from the local Womans Missionary Society, left Tuesday morning to attend the annual meeting of the Womans Missionary Society of the North West Texas Conference of the Methodist Church, South, convening this week at Lubbock, Texas. Mrs. Butman is a prominent member of the local auxiliary and will well represent the work here at that meeting.

## EVERYBODY'S PORTRAIT FOR MOTHERS' DAY

In what way can those tender emotions felt on Mothers' Day be so gratefully and happily expressed as by the exchange of portraits between mothers and children.

Make your appointment and have them made NOW  
A Nice Swing Frame Given FREE with each dozen 4x6 and 6x8 Portraits made between now and Mothers' Day.

Frame Alone Worth \$2.75

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## Here's Economy 2 Pants Suits

While saving is an important factor in the purchase of your Clothes we want to place special stress upon the quality of these Suits offered in this special selling at a price that says "BUY"



### Snap Brim FELT HATS

IT SEEMS as if every other man is wearing one this season--and here is a showing that invites the attention of all who seek style at a low price.



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HERE'S an offering of the newest spring TIES, featuring all the conventional and floral designs as well as stripes in all the wanted color combinations.

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### BUT DON'T TELL HIM

A wise old minister, before parting with a young couple he had joined in matrimony, used to slip a card into the bride's hand, on which was printed this advice: "When you marry him, love him. After you marry him, study him. If he is honest, humor him. If he is generous, appreciate him. When he is sad, cheer him. If he is quarrelsome, ignore him. If he is slothful, spurn him. If he is noble praise him. If he is confidential, en-

courage him. If he is secretive, trust him. If he is jealous, cure him. If he likes society, accompany him. When he does you a favor, thank him. When he deserves it, kiss him. Let him think how well you understand him; but never let him know that you manage him.—Detroit Free Press.

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

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## The Merkel Mail

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Anywhere else .....\$2.00  
IN ADVANCE

TELEPHONE No. 61

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### THE IDEAL TOWN

Something like a decade ago the idea took hold all over the country that aspiring towns should advertise. So universally boards of commerce and citizens' committees and town councils began to think up slogans and the world was exhorted to "Watch Winkville Win," and Boost for Bingtown."

For a long time the making of the slogan seemed to be about all that was done in these local advertising enterprises. It never seemed to occur to anybody that people don't rush to a town and plead to be permitted to stop there because of its slogan. Many of the places having the most enticing slogans also had the most wretched hotel accommodations. It was the common remark among those who attempted to drive an automobile thru the country that the improved roads of the township were vastly safer and better than the main streets of the villages. These were frequently left so full of holes and ruts and so cut up with elevated cross-walks that to drive a motor car over them faster than 10 miles an hour was a perilous performance. Nevertheless at the entrance to nearly every village was the hostile warning that anyone driving faster than a certain speed would be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. And village constables and justices of the peace were frequently in a league of watchful waiting to make good

## CHOSEN FIRST WHEN QUALITY IS CONSIDERED

The steadily increasing demand for "JOHN DEERE" implements proves beyond a doubt that the trade demands Quality.

They are strong and durable. Give everlasting satisfaction to the users, and best of all—

cost no more than the ordinary kind

Our obligation does not cease when you buy an implement, as we take pleasure in working with you, because we stand behind every inch of the tested and proven quality, to this extent—

"If your plow does not operate to your satisfaction, it's ours"

— "Ask a John Deere user, he knows" —

## WE SELL

Windmills  
Pipe  
Bath Tubs  
Sinks  
Garden Hose  
Garden Plows  
Rakes  
Hoes  
Lawn Sprays  
Eclipse Lawn Mowers



Harness Washing Machines  
Perfection Oil Stoves  
Aluminum Ware  
Screen Wire  
Cream Freezers  
Refrigerators  
Thermos Jars  
Thermos Bottles  
Ice Trays

When in need of HARDWARE, think of

## Crown Hardware Co.

"We Give You Satisfaction ALL The Time  
And Save You Money EVERY Time"

## "Automatic" Week AT BARROWS

Refrigerator time has come. Let us help you solve your ice problems. If you want to economize on your ice bill

### Buy An Automatic Refrigerator

the best in refrigerators. We will be glad to demonstrate to you and show you the many advantages found in the Automatic.

### Remember:

We carry a complete line of Wall Paper, Paints and Oils. Sherwin-Williams Paint, the world's standard, none better.

## BARROW FURNITURE CO.

the threat.

All this has changed now. A new spirit of hospitality is spreading. Nearly every town and village ilkes to be known for its courtesy to tourists. Pavements are of the best. Signs at the city limits welcome the stranger and hint without offense that his self-restraint in observing the local speed regulations will be appreciated. The slog nals not necessary in such towns. The stranger not only watches but wishes the growth of a community in which he has been so kindly treated.—Ex.

### THE SOCIAL INSTINCT

Is the world becoming afraid of solitude in its mad rush for society and companionship? The social columns of the newspapers and Sunday supplements are rapidly growing in size. Public dance halls, which are more in number and larger in size, are nightly filled to capacity. The theatre prospers. Every where one hears of parties, teas, dinners, balls and smokers. The social life of church and school extends over the entire week. The public eating places with their many people, bright lights and music are attracting the nation away from the family dining table. The social instinct in man is manifestly strengthening itself.

Many will welcome the trend away from human solitude but not so Shopenhauer, the "divine pessimist" who wrote:

"A chief lesson of youth should be to learn to enjoy solitude—a source of peace and happiness. In my years of youth I was delighted when the door-bell rang, for I thought now it (the great romantic adventure) had come. But in later years my feeling on the same occasion had something rather akin to terror—I thought, there it comes."

There have been others who have found solitude preferable to society. Thereau said: "I love to be alone. I never found the

companion that was so companionable as solitude," and Lowell compromised, "Solitude is as needful to the imagination as society is wholesome for the character."

Many will agree with all three of these past masters in philosophy and literature that solitude and society are both to be cultivated, that those who fear solitude have failed in life as utterly as those who have not enjoyed the pleasures of human society. It is possible to overdo either, but there is little evidence or danger of the present generation over cultivating solitude.—Foard County News.

### WIFE AND HUSBAND BOTH ILL WITH GAS

"For years I had gas on the stomach. The first dose of Ad-lerika helped. I now sleep well and all gas is gone. It also helped my husband." (signed) Mrs. B. Brinkley. ONE spoonful Ad-lerika removes GAS and often brings astonishing relief to the stomach. Stops that full, bloated feeling. Brings out old, waste matter you never thought was in your system. This excellent intestinal evacuant is wonderful for constipation. Merkel Drug Co., in Trent by R. E. Johnson.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

## TOBY, IS COMING TO TOWN COPELAND BROTHERS COMEDY PLAYERS

MERKEL  
ALL NEXT WEEK STARTING

Monday, April 19th.

Under the auspices of the  
MERKEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

New Plays, Polite Vaudeville, Good Music

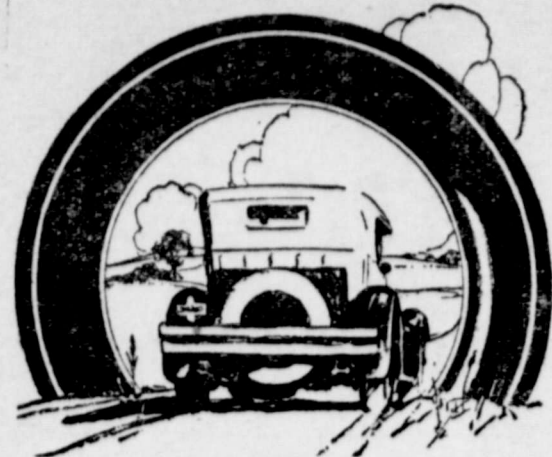
Opening Play Monday Night  
"DEAR OLD PAL OF MINE"

Ladies, with escort, FREE Monday Night

ADULTS 30c CHILDREN 10c

## Big Tent Theatre





## TO THE Tire and Tube Buyers

I have a \$2500 stock of  
Tires and Tubes, all new  
merchandise and for

### Ten Days

am going to make

### VERY CLOSE PRICES

If you intend buying any  
tires soon, it will pay you  
to get our prices on Bal-  
loon and high pressure  
Tires and Tubes

## Magnolia Filling Station

**C. H. JONES**  
MANAGER

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail. Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

### WARREN NOTES

By Vera Jones

The rain and hail which fell Friday damaged the grain which was already planted.

The health of the community is good at present.

Miss Willie Numan visited Miss Helen McCormick Saturday night and Sunday.

Misses Shelby Mitchell and Lottie Gressett visited Misses Helen and Artie McCormick on Wednesday night.

Messrs Ottis Jones, Oddie, R. V. and Himan Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Medford Jones visited hi parents Saturday night and Sunday.

Misses Helen McCormick and Willie Numan and Llois Jaynes visited Misses Vela and Vera Jones a while Sunday evening.

Miss Artie McCormick visited Miss Lottie Gressett Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Criswell, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Criswell visited Mr. and Mrs. H. Gressett Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger visited in the Warren community Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Fred Whitman and family of Lubbock spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Will Sumpter.

Mr. Luther Blanton and family of Abilene visited Mrs. J. W. Manscill Sunday.

Miss Ruth Chancey visited Miss Azline Sumpter Sunday.

Mr. Boyd Dobbs and Robert Sumpter visited Messrs Wilber and Wilmer Criswell Sunday.

Mr. Jim Burns visited Mr. H. C. Chancey Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCormick of Stith Sunday afternoon.

Miss Willie Ellington visited Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelsoe of Merkel Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy of Merkel vsited Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy visited Mr. and Mrs. G. E. El-

ington Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Patterson visited Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin of Comper visited Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Tarvin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy visited in Merkel Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Criswell visited Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Criswell Sunday.

Mr. Zebbie Sumpter visited Mr. Thurman McCoy Saturday night.

Messrs. Floyd, and Hollis McCoy visited Mrs. Barbee McCoy a while Sunday evening.

### ANOTHER CONVERT

The Ford Motor Company, according to Snyder Atwell, advertising manager of the Dallas branch of the company, is through with billboard advertising for the balance of this year in West Texas. "Newspaper advertising," says Mr. Atwell, "better carries our message and we will increase the size of newspaper ads and may also increase the number of ads run."

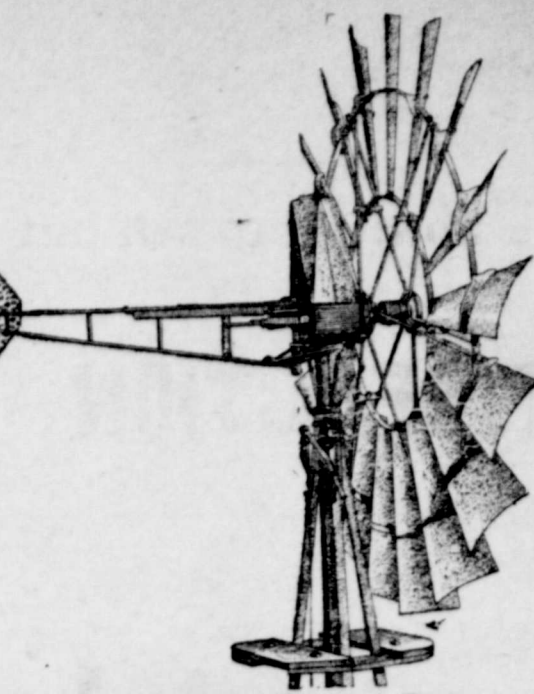
Thus another convert and a pretty important one, too, joins the ever increasing army of one hundred per cent newspaper advertisers in West Texas.

And West Texas is not the only place where this curtailment of billboard advertising is taking place. It's being done all over the country and by many big industries just like the Ford Motor Company.

Ford ads, like those of practically all of the big motor companies, appear regularly in your Daily Journal and the fact that the company officials are pleased with their advertising representation in the Journal is another testimonial of the fact that Journal advertising pays.—Lubbock Journal.

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

THE  
AERMOTOR  
CHICAGO ©



## GET YOUR WINDMILL UP

Bring us your bill and let us give you figures on your water supply. The AERMOTOR is not an experiment. The first wind mill made to run in oil was an Aermotor. An old mill on the market with ten years of successful service with the "Running in oil" feature. When there is a better windmill made that runs in oil, Aermotor will build it.

Plenty of Pipe, Water Hose, Plumbing Supplies and everything for the Spring gardens. Poultry Supplies, Wire etc.

Our stock is complete in most all lines. Give us a chance to serve you.

# Liberty Hardware Co.

"IF IT'S HARDWARE, WE HAVE IT"

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.

Is your subscription about to expire to the Mail. Look at the label on this paper and see.

SANITARY GLASS PEN FREE Writes evenly and never fails. Never wears out. Sent free for names and addresses of three young people interested in business training. Send today. Supply limited. Address DRAUGHON'S COLLEGE, Abilene, Texas. 9t2p

# OAKLAND

Announces the Appointment of

## B. & H. MOTOR COMPANY MERKEL, TEXAS

We are pleased to announce the appointment of this new local dealer—a connection which admirably reflects the high standards Oakland has set for selling and servicing its motor cars.

A cordial invitation is extended to you to call on our new dealer and examine the new OAKLAND SIX, the car that is everywhere winning and holding increasing good will.

See also its companion car—the PONTIAC SIX, the outstanding new car of the year.

OAKLAND MOTOR CAR COMPANY, PONTIAC, MICHIGAN

## OAKLAND Sixes PONTIAC

\$1025  
to  
\$1295  
at factory



Products of General Motors

\$825  
COACH  
or  
COUPE  
at factory

### THE HIRED HAND SAYS—

## Keep Within The LAW

Driving a one-eyed automobile at night is not only a menace to other motorists, but is a strict violation of the law. Therefore, it behooves the auto owner not only to keep his lights "trimmed and burning," but to carry a spare lamp or two for emergencies.

Our stock of automobile headlight bulbs is complete. Only the very highest grade lamp, noted for long life and brilliance, is carried in our stock. And our prices are the lowest to be found.

In fact, if its anything you need to fix up, to paint up, or to doll up your car—here's the place you'll find a big stock, a complete assortment, at fair prices.

## West Company

THE MARK THE HOUSE FOR THE MARK  
DEPENDABLE AUTO NECESSITIES

## PILES CURED

NO KNIFE NO PAIN NO DETENTION FROM WORK  
Dr. E. E. COCKERELL  
RECTAL AND SKIN SPECIALIST  
OF ABILENE, TEXAS

Will be at the Stephens Hotel in Merkel Monday,  
April 19 from 12 a. m. to 5 p. m.  
Phone No. 359 Abilene, Texas



We have nothing to sell but

**SATISFACTION**

**Everybody's Garage**

FRONT STREET

TEN MILES OF SERVICE

TWO BARRELS OF AIR

PHONE 72

**WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS AGAIN**

We have opened a brand new stock of

**GROCERIES**

located in the  
OLD POST OFFICE BLDG.  
**NOODLE, TEXAS**

Our prices will be in line with any competition

We will handle  
**Magnolia Gas and Oil**

We will appreciate the patronage of all our old customers and any new ones

When you come to Noodle, be sure to come in and see our goods--- make our store your 'Stopping Place'

We wish to thank those who so kindly assisted us to re-enter business after our loss by fire.

We have purchased a New Line of Dry Goods which will be added to our present stock, and which we expect any time.

**COX & HENDERSON**

WALDO COX

ERNEST HENDERSON

**METHODIST CHURCH**

We had a good Sunday school last Sunday with a splendid attendance. Had 500 fixed as our goal. A number of our people think we had fully that many on Easter Sunday, but only 486 were registered. Hence, we move on until we reach the goal. Be present with us at 9:45 next Sunday morning.

Regular worship at 11 a.m.  
Intermediate League at 5:30, and Senior League at 6:45.

Evening worship at 7:45. A group of young people from McMurry College is to be with us at this service and will render a program. A cordial welcome is extended to the public to attend these services. W. R. McCarter.

**Senior B. Y. P. U. Program**

Group No. 1. Subject: "God: His Omnipresence."

Leader, Floyd Dowell.  
Introduction, by leader.

Part 1, God's presence with the single man, by Byers Petty.

Part 2, God's Omnipresence a mystery, by Anna Lou Russell.

Part 3, A comfort to the Christian, by Edith Baker.

Part 4, Can God be Real to us? by Bill Haynes.

Part 5, How to make Real God's Presence, by Evelyn Hamm.

**SENIOR LEAGUE**

On last Sunday evening the Senior League was re-organized with Mrs. Frank Golloday and Mrs. Len Sublett as leaders. A cordial invitation is extended to all young people of the town to come to our meetings at 6:45 each Sunday evening. A short business meeting will be held before the following program is given next Sunday.

Leader, Doris Durham.

Scripture lesson by leader.  
How to Build up our League, by Mae Beidleman.

"Our League Symbols," Ruby Fae Golloday.

Song; Benediction.

**Christian Endeavor Program**

Leader, Helen Compton.

Topic: "How do people either build or undermine the Sabbath?"  
Scripture reading: Rev. 1:9-11 and Mark 2:23-28; 3:1-6.

Sunday Joys, Nina Belle Russell.

Foes of the Lord's Day, Eunice Russell.

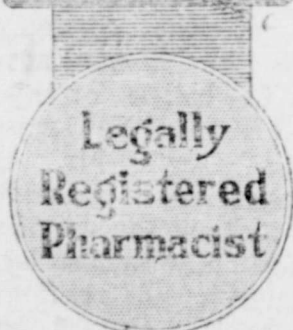
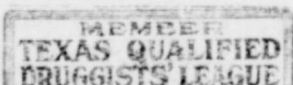
Song; questions; clippings.  
The Sabbath and Sport, Mr. Ferris.

The Blue Laws, Christine Russell.

The Social Spirit, Mrs. Ferris.

Sunday customs, Doris Russell.

Joy in the Sabbath, Dean Murray.  
Song; mispah.



**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

**SATURDAY**  
**April 17th.**

We will feature and have an attractive price on three well known quality lines of merchandise—

**MERCHANTS CAKES AND CRACKERS**  
**DELGADO'S TAMALES AND CHILES**  
**PARAMOUNT PICKLES AND SALAD DRESSING**

A demonstrator for each line to tell you of the merits any quality of each and to

**SERVE A FREE SANDWICH**

Remember we carry a good line of vegetables and a complete line of groceries

**WILL PAY 22C FOR YOUR EGGS**

**J. T. DENNIS**

**DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

8:00 p.m.

Sundays school at 10 a.m.  
Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.  
Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour.  
Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:45 p.m.  
Choir practice Wednesday at

You will be given a cordial welcome to all these services.  
Chas. H. Little, pastor.

Expecting car Diavallo Lump Coal any day. Lasts longer—has less soot—summer prices. Swafford, phone 44.

**NO MORE STAMPS**

We the undersigned will discontinue giving the "Discount Stamps" after Saturday, April 17th, 1926.

Bob Martin Grocery Co.  
Hamilton & Case Grocery Co.  
Liberty Hardware Co.

**To Those Who Judge Quality by Price**

The quality of Ford cars cannot be judged by the prices at which they are sold—because Ford prices are made possible by conditions that are absolutely unique in the automotive industry.

From mine to market the Ford car is the work of a single organization. The Company owns and operates the mines and forests that furnish the raw materials for its products. This material is carried over Ford transportation routes, fabricated in Ford mills, manufactured in Ford plants—and the finished product is sold to the public through Ford dealers.

The following statement, previously made in an advertising message, is repeated because of its significance to the public:

*"If any other manufacturer endeavored to produce a car similar to the Ford, according to the high standards of quality in material and workmanship used by the Ford Motor Company and with the same tried and proved design, it would be impossible to offer it at anything like Ford prices. And it is well to note that even with less costly design they have not met Ford prices."*

Original Ford Features that Today Make for Greatest Simplicity-Durability-Reliability  
Torque Tube Drive - Dual Ignition - Simple, Dependable Lubrication - Multiple Disc-in-oil Clutch  
Three Point Motor Suspension  
Planetary Transmission - Thermo-Syphon Cooling  
FORD MOTOR COMPANY, DETROIT, MICHIGAN

**New Prices**

COUPE	RUNABOUT	TOURING	TUDOR	FORDOR
\$500	\$290	\$310	\$520	\$565

Closed car prices include starter and demountable rims. All prices f. o. b. Detroit



"WE HAVE NEVER LOWERED THE QUALITY TO REDUCE THE PRICE"



**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**BABY CHICKS**  
Strong, healthy, vigorous baby chicks from selected purebred fowls Leghorns, Barred Rocks, Reds, Buff Orpingtons 15c each and up. Custom hatching.  
**Higgins Hatchery**  
Route 1, Merkel, Texas Jan. 29

**FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE**—S.C. Black Minorca Eggs, \$1.00 per setting at my place 2 miles north of Stith. I. V. Garrett, Merkel, route 4. 12t7p

**COTTON SEED**—I have a few bushels of Pedigreed Acala cotton seen for sale cheap. Seed may be seen at Garrett's barn. C. L. Tucker. 1t

**FOR SALE**—100 bushels of first year Cluett cotton seed at \$1.00 per bu. George Byrom, Jr., on Sweetwater creek. 26t4p

**FOR SALE**—Some good Kasch Cotton seed at \$1.00 per bushel. Also some good bright maize at \$30.00 per ton. A. B. Cranston, 4 miles north of Stith. 9t2p  
**EGGS** for hatching from Rhode Island Red thoroughbreds, mating headed by first cockrel community fair. \$1.00 per 16, \$5.00 per 100. Lee Baker, Merkel. 1t

**FOR SALE**—2 fresh milk cows, Also plenty of fresh cream and butter. J. Ben Campbell, phone No 246 9t2

**FOR SALE**—One John Deere 2-row planter, one John Deere two row cultivator, one 10-year old work mare, and one 4-year old work mule. Also a few Kasch Cotton seeds \$1.00 per bushel. Lee Baker, Merkel. 1t

**COTTON SEED**—Have some Mebane Cotton Seed direct from A. D. Mebane. First year seed at \$1.00 per bushel. E. F. Vantrees, Hawley, route 2, phone 9025F12, Merkel. 16t2p

**CHICKENS**—Have some nice young white leghorn pullets for sale at 75c each. Ernest Higgins. 16t2p

**FOR SALE**—Car of Maize heads in next few days. Price \$20 per ton off car. R. E. Golightly. 1t

**FOR SALE**—40 or 50 bushels Kasch Cotton Seed raised in 1924 culled and sacked at South Side Gin. \$1.25 per bushel. A. M. Giles. 1t

**WILL SELL** Practically new Ford Roadster at good discount. Equipped with 5 Firestone balloons. Terms, Telephone 69. 1t

**WHITE LEGHORNS**—Have 100 fine white leghorn hens for sale at \$10.00 per dozen for your choice. Higgins Hatchery. 1t

**FOR SALE**—Good Dalton adding machine. A bargain. See G. E. Comegys. 1tp

**FOR RENT**—Two rooms, close in, furnished or unfurnished. All modern conveniences. F. J. Smith. 1tp

**WANTED**—A few more milk customers for evening service. Mrs. R. L. Proctor. 1t

**WANTED**—A good second-hand lawn mower. B. M. Black. 1tp

**STRAY MULE**—about 15½ hands high, black mare mule, has two splits in one ear. If you know of this mule please notify Dewey Sanduskey, Merkel, route three. 1t

**LOST**—Bay mare mule, about 13½ hands high, had 3-4 rope around neck when last seen, has slight scar on right shoulder, strayed from B. F. Clark place at Abilene. Notify P. L. Frederickson, Box 611, Merkel. \$5.00 reward. 16t2p

**STRAYED**—One bay mare mule 4 years old, no brand. Also one black horse mule, 7 years old, no

brand, has large knot on hind leg. Mules are making way to Sylvester community. Will pay reward. Notify W. H. Davis, box 833, Abilene. 16t2p

Expecting car Diavallo Lump Coal any day. Lasts longer—has less soot—summer prices. Swafford, phone 44. 1t

**—MOTHER—**

"I will not forget you on Mothers' Day, May 9th. I will send you a nice box of Mothers' Day Candy." Call in and place your order now for Mothers' Day Candy. Hamm Drug Co. 1t

Nice fresh roasted beef every day at Baker & Wheeler's Market. 1t

**FARM & RANCH LOANS**

At 6, 6½ and 7 per cent interest payable once a year. Terms 5, 10, 20 or 33 years, the best contract ever offered the borrower. NO RED TAPE. See me if you want a loan. V. E. MUIR, Abilene, Texas. 1Jan27

**CEMENT WORK**

We now have a good concrete mixer and will be pleased to figure with you on your concrete and cement work. See Clarence Perry and R. M. Surrat. 9t2p

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. 1t

**IT HAS LASTED**

Merkel People Must Believe Such Convincing Testimony as Mrs. Williams'.

No one in Merkel who suffers bachache, headaches, dizziness, rheumatic pains or distressing urinary ills can afford to ignore this twice-told story of a Merkel resident. It is confirmed testimony, telling of lasting benefit from Doan's Pills—a stimulant diuretic to the kidneys. It's evidence that no man or woman in Merkel can doubt.

Mrs. A. D. Williams, Merkel, says: "I had a dull ache in my back. I also had headaches and my kidneys acted too freely. After using Doan's Pills, I was relieved." (Statement given May 5, 1919.)

On May 6, 1925, Mrs. Williams said: "Since Doan's Pills cured me I haven't had kidney

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

Highest market price for your Eggs. G. M. Sharp. 16t2

Supt. J. A. Summerhill was in Abilene Thursday night to attend the debate between Abilene High School and Amarillo, he being one of the judges in the contest.

Pure East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup at G. M. Sharp's. 16t2

**Len Sublett**

Water well Driller, all work guaranteed first-class.

**Merkel, Texas**  
Phone 164w P. O. Box 224

**Armour's Big Crop FERTILIZER**

Make more crop on fewer acres by the use of COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER. We have it in stock

**Southwestern Peanut Company**  
ABILENE, TEXAS

**Cane Hay**  
Expecting car of bright Cane Hay

**\$21**

At the Car SEE

**SWAFFORD**  
PHONE 44

Maize Heads  
Meal, Hulls  
Sack Feeds

**The Acorn Stores**

IS FEATURING  
**A BEAUTIFUL SHOWING OF**

**Misses Dresses**

For

Party or Evening Wear

—Georgette with Satin Slips in white and Pastel Shades, Ribbon and Lace Trimmed in sleeveless and semi-sleeveless models. Only the newest styles direct from New York are shown at "PRICES THAT ABSOLUTELY CANNOT BE MATCHED"



**Fast Color Dress Materials**

Rayons in solid colors, Prints and Checks, Featured at (per yd.) **65c**

Rayon Voil, that beautiful new material for summer, featured at (per yard) **69c**

Peter Pan fast color Prints featured at (per yd.) **42c**

Silk Radium featured at [per yd.] **1.05**

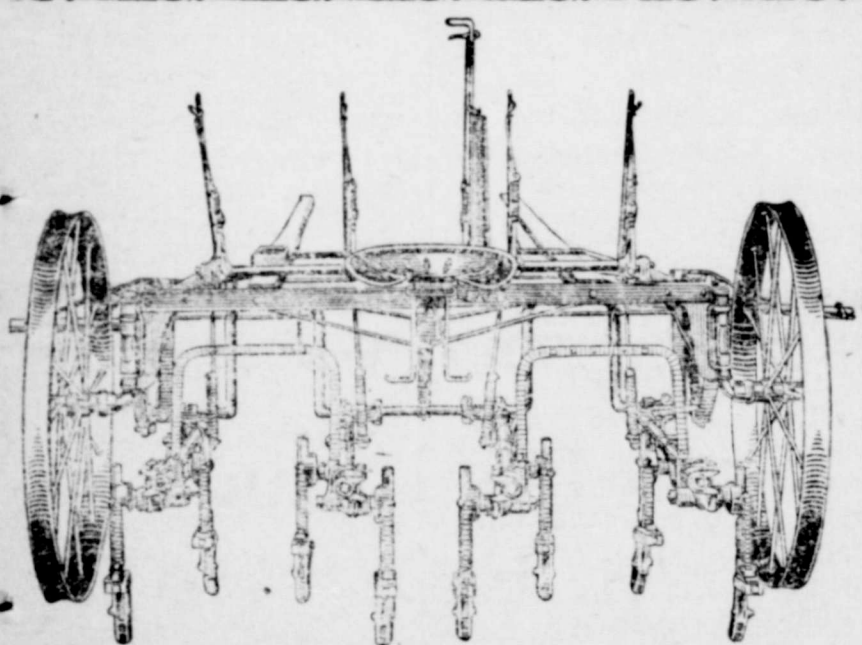
Barronette Satin featured at (per yard) **1.30**

The above items are but a few of the materials carried in stock and offered at prices that cannot be matched.

"Always Dependable Merchandise"

**THE Acorn Stores Inc.**

225 Pine St. Abilene, Texas Phone 507



**TRADE US YOUR OLD SINGLE ROW CULTIVATORS AND PLANTORS FOR NEW DOUBLE ROWS**

Moline double row cultivators are very simple and easy to operate. Moline double row planters with tongue trucks are extra strong, have less parts and will get up a stand where others fail.

will take in your old single rows at good prices.

Terms, cash, part cash or all on fall time Your credit is good here.

**ED. S. HUGHES COMPANY**

Abilene, Texas

**C. O. Z. Y THEATRE**

Friday and Saturday, April 15 & 17  
Film Booking Office Presents--

**FRED THOMPSON**  
and his famous horse  
**SILVER KING**

—IN—

"The Wild Bull Fair"

—ALSO—

**"The Winking Idol"**  
Chapter 6 "The Torrent of Terror"

—WITH—

Universal two reel comedy--  
**"SLICK ARTICLES"**

Featuring--  
Billie Engle and Hilliard Carr  
Admission 10c, 20c, 30c

Monday, April, 19th.  
Film Booking Office Presents--

**FRED THOMPSON** and his famous horse, Silver King in a thrilling western comedy drama--

**10c TICKET ADMITS ENTIRE FAMILY**

Tuesday, April 20  
**BIG DOUBLE PROGRAM**

The Abilene Epworthian Dramatic Club  
...PRESENTS...  
**'An Old Fashioned Mother'**  
A three act rural comedy drama, a real play with real players

—ALSO—

Regular picture Program  
—ADMISSION ONLY—  
**10c and 25c**

Wednesday and Thursday, April 21 and 22  
Universal presents--

**PETE MORRISON** and his wonder horse, Lightening,

—IN—

**"TRIPPLE ACTION"**

—ALSO—

International News No 20 And Universal Comedy--

**"Beware of Belatives"**

ADMISSION  
Children under 12 **5c** Adults **10c**



**HIGH SCHOOL NOTES**

Miss Tracy will present Miss Tommie Durham, assisted by Miss Inice Brown, in recital at the Grammar school auditorium Friday evening at 8:15. This will be a very interesting program and we invite the public to attend. There will be no admission charges.

The base ball team played at Rotan Tuesday and lost 27 to 1. This was a heavy score for Rotan who won second place in State championship last with Waxahachie winning first place.

The Senior play, "Lady Wendemire's Fan," will be given on May 20th. Practice has begun in earnest under the direction of Superintendent Summerhill.

McMurry College Girls' Choral Club will give a program at the grammar school auditorium next Tuesday evening. The Annual is sponsoring this program. We want everybody to get a ticket and attend, as it will be a rare treat. It is a high class program.

**Freshman Notes**

The Freshmen presented a play in chapel Friday morning, April 2, entitled "Uncle Joe's will."

We (the Freshmen) will present another program May 5th. Every one is invited to come to see what a wonderful talent the "Freshies" have.

**Jokes**

Frances was playing on the piano (I mean banging on it) when Opal spoke: "Do you serve that in parts?"

Frances: "Sure."

Opal: "Well, save mine for a while."

—M.H.S.—

Miss Durham (in General science class): "Discuss this topic on Ntrates, Addie Fae."

Addie Fae: "Well, er... all I know about them is that they are much cheaper than day rates."

—M.H.S.—

Joe: "Did you see Helen do the Charleston at noon? She surely does know how it's done."

Max: "Shucks, she was just watching Frances when some one yelled snake."

—M.H.S.—

J. E.'s mother (at dinner): J. E., I wish you'd stop reaching for things. Haven't you a tongue?"

J. E.: "Yes, Mother, but my arm's longer."

"What could be more sad," said Miss Booth, "than a man without a country?"

"A country without a man," answered Frances.

—M.H.S.—

"He says he will be miserably unless I marry him," said Miss Sudderth.

"You must decide for yourself replied Miss Booth, "whether he is a devoted lover or merely one of those people who can't be happy unless he is having his own way."

—Jokes—

LOST—A fountain pen by a young girl, full of ink. Return to Mr. Summerhill's office if found.

—M.H.S.—

Miss Sudderth (in history class): "Just think, these ruins in this picture are 2000 years old!"

Raymond: "Aw go on, it's only 1926 now."

—M.H.S.—

**TO TEXAS**

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Land of Saharas and other hot places.

To you, Dear Texas, I am slinging this brag,

Because you have been ridiculed by a foolish old hag.

With apologies to the Author of "The Wind."

—MOTHER—

"I will not forget you on Mothers' Day, May 9th. I will send you a nice box of Mothers' Day Candy." Call in and place your order now for Mothers' day Candy. Hamm Drug Co. tf

**COMPERE ITEMS**  
By Alma Stout

The farmers have been enjoying the many good rains that have fallen here.

Health in this community is not very good at present.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and family spent Sunday with Mr. John Hobbs and family in the Warren Community.

Mrs. McKinney and family and Alma and Lorene Stout visited Mrs. eParl Alired a while Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and rMs. Will Spurgin and little son and Mrs. R. R. Spurgin spent Monday with relatives at Noodle.

Mr. Raymond Stout spent Sunday with Mr. Jasper Hobbs.

Mr. C. C. Rister who has been sick for some time had not improved any at last reports.

rMs. Myrtle Foster visited

Mrs. C. Foster Monday.

Misses Lorena and Ruth Wilburn and Flora Tarpley spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Virgie Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Childers and children were visitors in this community Tuesday.

Mrs. Ellington and children spent the day Tuesday with Mrs. S. A. Hobbs.

Grandmother Tarpley is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lucas and children and rM. and rMs. Chester Lucas visited Mrs. Ben Adkins Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cranston spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Alired.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarvin spent Sunday with Mr. Howard Tarvin and family.

Miss Essie Bond spent Wednesday with Misses Alma and Lorene Stout.

Mrs. McKinney and family

spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns and family of Stith.

Misses Alice and Eva Lou Alired spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Pearl Alired.

Mrs. C. Foster and little son called on rMs. Stout for a while Wednesday afternoon.

School will be out at Compere about the 23rd of April.

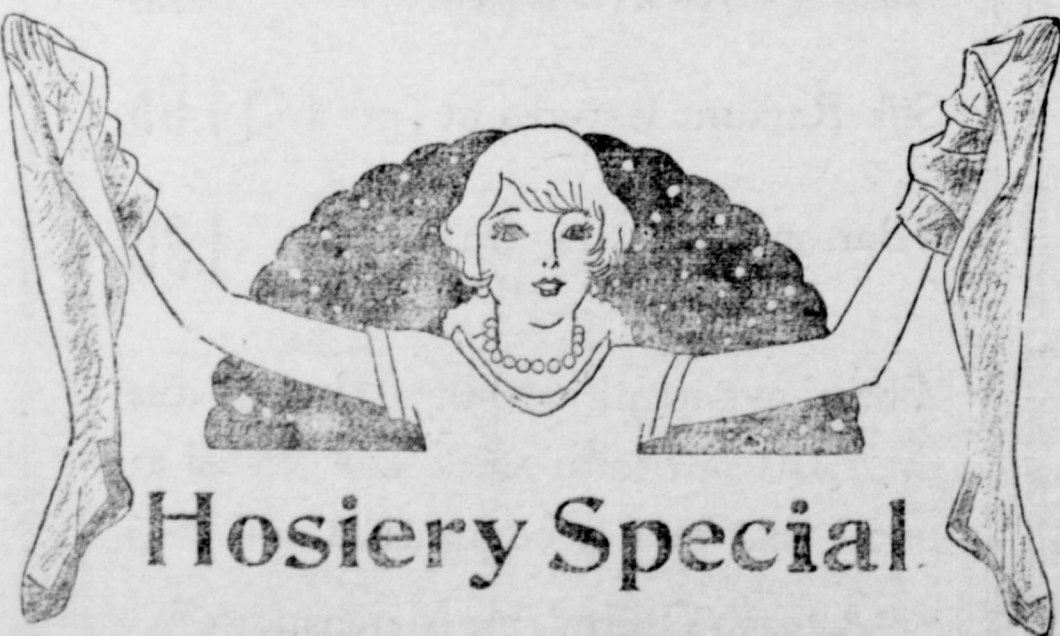
On the second Sunday in May there will be all-day services at Compere Baptist church with a mothers day program and dinner for all.

Little Sarah Lee Lucas spent Tuesday night with Miss Flora Adkins.

There will be preaching at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon and singing Sunday night.

Remember Friday night is the night for the Merkel Trade Trip to Compere.

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**PROFANE YOUTH IN SAN ANTONIO LODGED IN JAIL**

San Antonio, April 9.—Thirteen boys and girls of the social set faced corporation court today for a wild party staged in three automobiles on Dewey Place late last night.

Two of the boys were fined \$100 each and one \$10 on charges of disturbing the peace and were remanded to jail in default of the money. One girl was fined \$5 for drunkenness and two boys and one girl \$5 each. Cases of two were dismissed and that of four girls continued.

Miss Ola Sharp left this week for a visit with relatives at Odessa.

**The BULL'S EYE**

Editor and General Manager **WILL ROGERS**



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

**Congress No. 1**

I went to Washington the other day. I visited "The House of Representatives," they were in session. What I mean by being in session, the tax bill was up for debate and they were arguing on "Better Golf courses for the medium salaried man." I suppose if the World Court bill had been up, they would have been talking on "Shall America park oblong or parallel."

Well, then I went over to the Senate. They had adjourned, so I felt that America was not having such a bad day at that. We were only 50 percent inefficient THAT DAY.

You know we all joke and kid about Congress, but we can't improve on them. No matter who we elect, he is just as bad as the one he replaced. So with all their faults we love 'em. They are as good as the people who vote to put them there, and they are 10 times better than the ones who don't vote at all. They are like "Bull" Durham, they are not perfect, but they are the best in their line.

*Will Rogers*

P.S. There will be another piece in this paper soon. Look for it.



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