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HATCHER MAKES A REPORT TO "MA"

Austin, Texas, May 15.—Denying that she has any constitutional or statutory authority to "demand" or him semi-monthly statements of State deposits in Austin banks, Treasurer W. Gregory Hatcher Saturday told Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson he hereafter would furnish her with a copy of the monthly report he furnishes the press.

He inclosed with his letter the detailed information asked in the Governor's letter of May 12, and praised Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio banks for aiding him in keeping the State on a cash basis when there was really a deficiency of more than \$3,000,000.

Says Authorized to "Request"
"With the greatest respect to you and your opinion in this matter, I beg to inform you that after reading the Constitution of the State of Texas (which created the office of Treasurer, the same as the office of governor and other State departments), and after reading Article 4374, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, referred to by you, I am convinced that the law does not require and that you are without authority to 'demand' the information you ask pertaining to bank balances and security held by me. But you are only authorized to 'request' an exact statement of the condition and situation of the Treasury and of the balance of money remaining therein to the credit of the State with a summary of the receipts and payments of the Treasury during the preceding year, or for such other period of time as may be specially required," as provided for in Article 4373."

After offering the Governor copies of the reports he makes to the press, Hatcher wrote, "It will also be my pleasure to furnish any other reasonable information pertaining to the Treasury Department at any and all reasonable times, requested by you in writing."

Last Jan. 1 the banks in four Texas cities were carrying warrants totaling \$2,648,029, the Treasurer said. At that time, according to the Comptroller's report, there was outstanding and unpaid \$3,226,064 in general revenue warrants, and the Treasurer had to the credit of the general revenue fund \$75,729.

Says Banks Were Patriotic
"From this you will see that the State was then, in effect, on a deficiency exceeding \$3,000,000, and that all warrants were paid because of the patriotic service rendered by the reserve depositary banks in carrying general revenue warrants for the State Treasurer," Mr. Hatcher told the Governor.

"No bank received interest fee or remuneration of any kind for this patriotic service rendered by them in assisting the State Treasurer in keeping the State off of a deficiency, and I am informed by some of the bankers that they paid as high as 4 per cent for the money advanced by them to carry these warrants. And, as you perhaps know, as is required by law, they paid the Treasurer lawful interest for all moneys belonging to the State on deposit with them, notwithstanding the enormous sums advanced by them to the Treasurer without charge."

We are indeed very grateful to Mr. G. C. Richards, one of the many good citizens residing on route one, for the renewal of his subscription to the Mail, along with that for one which he sends to a relative in a distant town.

ATTENDS CONVENTION IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Mr. A. T. Sheppard, clever manager for the Barrow Furniture Company in this city, returned yesterday from a trip to Fort Worth, where he had been to attend the State Convention of Undertakers and Furniture dealers.

Mr. Sheppard reports a large attendance and a very pleasant trip.

FATHER—LOST 20 YEARS, IS FOUND

Merkel, May 15.—Mrs. T. G. Fergusson, for more than 20 years a resident of this place, has just recently been informed through an ad in a Texas newspaper, that her father, G. M. Hunt, whom she had given up as lost, still resides in Forestburg, Texas, where he lived when last heard from 21 years ago.

The last news Mrs. Fergusson had from her father, until recently, he informed her he was moving to Arkansas, and that he would write her later. After waiting for some time and not hearing from Hunt as had been promised, Mrs. Fergusson wrote him again at his old address, but received no answer. Nothing further was heard of the parent until some few days ago, when through an old friend in another part of the State, Mrs. Fergusson received a clipping from a newspaper, which was an inquiry about Mrs. Fergusson, giving her maiden name and also her present name. The inquiry was answered immediately, and as a result, Mrs. Fergusson is informed that her father, now 82 years of age, and the father of eight children, still lives and resides at the same place where he did when last heard from. —Star-Telegram.

Mr. T. A. Beidleman and family left last week for Swenson, in Stonehill county, where they will reside on their farm near that city. For many years this splendid family has resided in Merkel, and their departure is regretted very much by their host of friends.

FINE RAIN FALLS OVER THE WEST

A splendid rain fell Tuesday night throughout the entire Merkel trade territory, ranging from a half inch to one and one half inches. This practically assures a good stand of all cotton and feed crops. In the Noodle community it was reported that the rain over a small section of country amounted to almost a water spout, some three inches falling within about one hour. However, to take the country as a whole, it is likely that conditions are as good if not better than for many years.

DORA SCHOOL TO CLOSE JUNE 3RD

Mr. T. H. McDonald and family of Dora spent last Sunday in Merkel visiting relatives and friends. Mr. McDonald is the very able Superintendent of the Dora school, this being his fourth year in that capacity. The school has five teachers with an attendance of around 125, and from all accounts is one of the best schools of its grade to be found in all the West, and the large attendance and high standing of same is due largely to the splendid ability and untiring efforts of Mr. McDonald and his able teachers.

This year the school has a graduating class of seven members, the personnel of which is as follows: Ima Joy Wright, president; Opal Virden, Secretary; Ira Oliver, Lee Burklow, Clifford Orr, William Cross and Jewel Burklow. This paper is thankful to the class and Mr. McDonald for the work of printing their graduation invitations.

Miss Madge Yoakum, the very excellent music teacher in the Merkel Public Schools during the past term, leaves today for her home in Cooper, Texas. By her charming manners and womanly graces Miss Yoakum has won many admiring friends in our little city during her short stay, who deeply regret her departure.

HIGH SCHOOL EXERCISES CLOSE

The closing exercises of the Merkel Public Schools for the term of 1925-26 began last Sunday evening with the graduation sermon at the Methodist church. Rev. Fred S. Rogers of Lamesa, formerly pastor of Grace Presbyterian church of Merkel, delivered a most able and timely sermon before a graduating class of thirty-eight boys and girls, together with one of the largest audiences ever assembled here for a similar occasion; not a vacant seat remained in the building and many stood as others were unable to enter.

Tonight the Commencement exercises will be held at the Methodist church with Mr. L. I. Campbell, professor in Simmons University, delivering the address, which will close the exercises for the term.

We take pleasure in presenting below the list of the members of the graduating class, a fine class of young men and women, of which all Merkel is proud to honor and extend congratulations:

Eva Maye Johnson, Mary Irene Golightly, Jessie Marie Golightly, Dolly Malinee Toombs Grace Laverne Beene, Lee Anderson Criswell, Weldon B. Wells Ernest Spurgin, Mary Alice Johnson, Edith L. Baker, R. T. Womack, Clarence V. Walden, Lola Dennis, Joe B. Ashby, Lena May Wilson, Andrew M. Jones, H. Dean Murray, Leron Chaney, Pearl Skidmore, T. J. Beidleman, Lillian Rider, Mary Doris Russell, Jimmie Reece West, Juanita E. Beene, Anna Lou Russell, A. J. Tucker, Sallie Lou Brown, Lila Mae Bird, Lewis Giles, Luther Pence, Vernon Chaney, Mary Hutcheson, Dodie Jane Richie, Hallie Cecil Pike, Emma Evelyn Toombs, Flossie Belle Campbell, Wylie Stell Ledger, Mary Etta Derstine, Sybil Frances Smith, Ollie Lorena Hobbs.

Mrs. George Coker and baby Billie George, are here this week from Dallas for a pleasant visit with the former's parents, Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb, whom she accompanied home from a visit to Dallas.

OFF TO POSTMASTERS CONVENTION TODAY

Mr. Taylor F. Davis expects to leave today for Fort Worth, where he will attend the annual meeting of the Texas Postmasters, which convenes in that city.

He states that a large attendance is expected and that some of the higher officials from Washington are expected to be present to address those in attendance.

WILL ORGANIZE A DAN MOODY CLUB

For some time there has been considerable talk of organizing a "Dan Moody for Governor Club" here, and a number of the young Attorney General's supporters have asked this paper to announce that a meeting be called for next Monday night, May 24, at the Cozy Theatre, at which time his friends and supporters go into the organization of such a club, which will have for its purpose the furthering and carrying on of the brilliant young man's campaign for governor in this part of the state. As one of the Williamson county man's staunch local supporters stated, "use every honorable means possible to elect Mr. Moody in the first primary, there by saving the state the expense and aggravated heat usually experienced in the August run-off, which is being predicted by so many of Moody's supporters over the state.

That Moody will sweep Taylor county in the coming Democratic primary in July is openly declared by his local admirers. A man of such high ideals and of such proven integrity is just the type of leader needed in Texas today, so state his friends.

They urge every voter interested in this campaign, both ladies and gentlemen, to be present and participate in the launching of this "Moody for Governor Club" for Merkel and the surrounding country. Already many farmers as well as business men and other citizens have announced their desire to become members, some authorizing the placing of their names on the dotted line.

It is certain that one or more able speakers will be present to present fully the issues in behalf of Mr. Moody. It is also stated that there will be no expense attached to the organization of the club in any manner at all.

The meeting will be held at the Cozy Theatre, next Monday night, at eight o'clock, and everybody, men and women, are invited to be present. You had better come early as a big crowd is expected.

We learn later that District Judge W. R. Ely of Abilene has been invited to be present and address the audience, and has accepted the invitation to be present if possible.

BUYS DRUG STORE IN ABILENE, TEXAS

Mr. L. A. Arrington, formerly connected with the Merkel Drug Company of Merkel, has this week closed a deal for the purchase of a drug store in the city of Abilene, and has gone to that city to take charge of same.

Mrs. H. C. Williams returned first of the week from a very pleasant visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ellis Q. Warren at Knox City. She was accompanied on her return by Mr. and Mrs. Warren, who are always welcome and appreciated visitors in Merkel.

SUMMER SCHOOL STARTS JUNE 1ST

As has been the custom here and other places in Texas, we are to have our regular summer school for both high school and grammar school. Miss Martha Bird will teach English and Algebra in the high school. Miss Alice Summerhill will have the grammar grade work.

In the high school full credit will be given in the subjects offered, the same as regular term work. In the grammar grades the work will be offered to pupils in the high sections of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades only. That means if the boy or girl were promoted to the high section at the close of school, he or she may go to summer school and finish the high section work, or if they failed on the high section at the close of this term, they may go to summer school and make that up.

We are doing this because we will not have the high and low divisions next year. The reason is obvious. We do not have the size school to justify it.

The tuition will be \$10.00 per subject in the high school. In the grammar grades the tuition will depend on the number enrolling. In all probability it will be about \$12.50 per pupil, with privilege of taking all the subjects. This is not final, but will be decided June 1 when school opens.

All tuition will be paid in advance. All of this work is approved and recommended by the State department, and will be accepted by them. This work is the only work that will be accepted by the school here. We cannot accept work that has not had our approval. If it is done in connection with some other school, as Abilene High or some academy, it will be O. K. But we cannot accept the work done by any other teacher in Merkel.

The work will begin June 1, when the teachers will give out the schedule. The high school classes will run one hour per day, 6 days per week for 12 weeks.

The grammar grades will run 45 minutes, 6 days per week for 8 weeks. From this you see each of the summer schools will be equivalent to the corresponding regular term work.

We advise all who want their children promoted from the lower sections of grammar grades to take advantage of this opportunity. And all who have boys or girls that intend to graduate next year that you see how many credits they have before school opens. No one will be admitted to the Senior class who does not have 12 or more credits. It may be necessary for them to go to summer school to be able to finish.

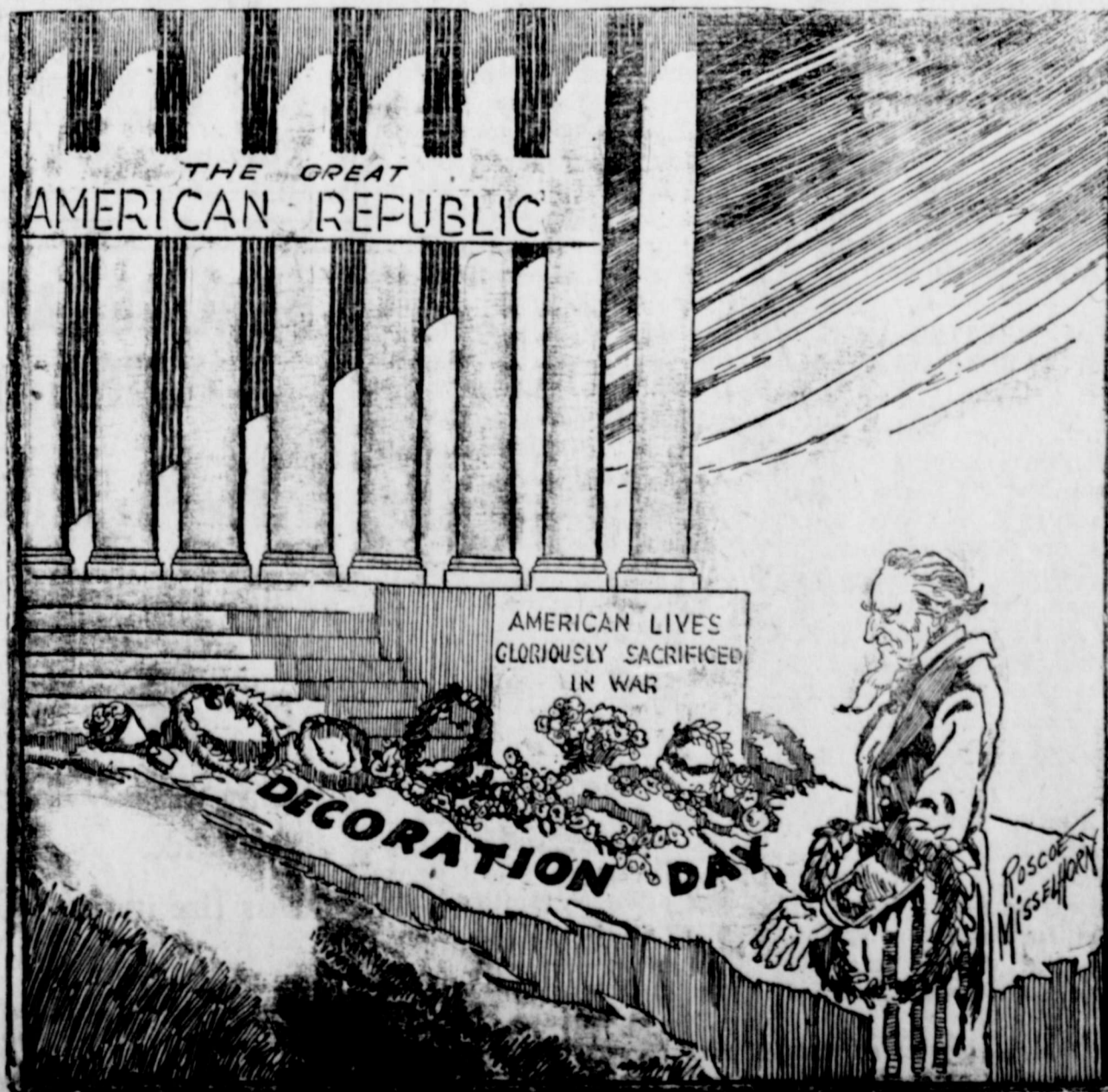
Speaking for the teachers, we invite your cooperation and support. Irvin L. Jackson, Principal Merkel High School.

Scoutmasters Training School

The district Scout Executive of Abilene was in Merkel this week and announces that at the Armory building on next Thursday and Friday there will be held a Scoutmasters Training School, and every father in and about Merkel interested in the welfare and proper training of the boys of the city are invited and urged to be present.

Mrs. J. W. Moore and daughter, Miss Phoebe, and Miss Velma Holloway are visiting Miss Fannie Pearl Moore at Groesbeck, Texas.

"Built On Rock"



Statement of the Condition of the FARMERS STATE BANK

At the close of business April 12, 1926

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$392,296.91
Overdrafts	819.45
Banking House	12,500.00
Furniture & Fixtures	5,430.00
Other Real Estate	11,702.50
Stocks and Bonds	1,000.00
Assessment Gty. Fund	7,000.00
Int. Depositors Gty. Fund	8,422.66
Cash and Bills of Exchange	\$156,667.65

Total.....\$595,839.17

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits Net	29,615.78

Deposits.....516,223.39

Total.....\$595,839.17

FARMERS STATE BANK

MERKEL

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OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. S. Swann, President	Herbert Patterson,
R. O. Anderson, V. Pres.	Assistant Cashier
J. C. Mason, V. Pres.	
W. L. Diltz, Cashier	Dallas Scarbrough
	David Hendricks

MUSIC AND EXPRESSION DEPTS. GIVE FINE RECITAL

One of the very finest and most interesting and appreciated entertainments the people of Merkel have enjoyed for some time, was that given Tuesday evening of this week at the Cozy Theatre, by the Music and Expression Departments of the Merkel High School, under the direction of Misses Madge Yoakum and Lucy Tracy, Music and expression teachers, respectively.

The title of the entertainment was "The Feast of the Little Lanterns," a Chinese Operetta, the characters of which were made up of 23 young lady high school students, all appropriately and beautifully costumed for the occasion.

Both Misses Yoakum and Tracy have enjoyed marked and appreciated success in their respective work in Merkel this year, such as should make proud any community in the boast of enjoying the work of such able and talented directors in music and expression.

Bride Elect Honored With A Miscellaneous Shower

On Monday evening at eight o'clock the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney on Cherry street, with Misses Rosie Laney and Ethel Wilson as hostesses, was the scene of a lovely affair honoring a bride-to-be, Miss Murphy Thomas, with a miscellaneous shower.

The entertaining suite was very pretty, carrying out a decoration scheme of pink and white, made the more lovely with cut flowers and ferns. After the guests were greeted they were asked to write a wish for the Bride in the Bride's book, presided over by Misses Ethel Wilson and Hallie Pike. Many wishes of happiness and prosperity were penned and read. Mrs. J. Samuel Rider sweetly sang "Always," after which a contest, "A Bunch of Hidden Flowers," was indulged in with Opal Smith winning first prize, a box of dainty handkerchiefs, the booby prize going to Mrs. Jerome Hutchison, both prizes being presented to the Bride-elect. A mock wedding was solemnized in which little Gertie Lou Pee acted as bride and Marvin Boney, Jr., the groom. After the ceremony Master Holt Vaughn entered carrying a traveling bag heavily laden. This concealed lovely gifts for the bride. Feeling that the evening would not be complete without a cook book, each was given an opportunity to contribute a "menu," which was written in a hand painted cook book in the shape of an "S". Refreshments were served to the following: Misses Willie Toombs, Sallie Curb, Hallie Pike, Mary Eula Sears, Geraldine Morrison, Stella Wilson, Doris Pike, Opal Patterson, Lillian Watts, Mossie Sears, Gladys Milliken, Mesdames Jerome Hutchison, Jack Durham, L. W. Cox, J. Samuel Rider, Milliken, Misses Dahlia Watkins, Thelma Leach, the honoree, Murphy Thomas, and the hostesses, Misses Rosie Laney and Ethel Wilson.

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REVIVAL MEETING AT THE TABERNACLE, 28th.

On next Friday evening, May 28, at 8 o'clock, a full gospel revival meeting will begin at the Tabernacle in Merkel, to continue through the month of June. This meeting is inter-denominational, and will be conducted by Mesdames Hudson and Wold. Services at 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. 21t2p

Attends Officers Training School

Mr. Stewart Grimes, an officer in the local battery, 131st Field Artillery, returned first of the week from Austin, where he had been for some ten days attending the officers training school of the Texas National Guard.

Mr. Grimes also stated that the National Guard Encampment of the 36th Division, will be held this year at Palacios.

WARREN NEWS

By Rose Ellington

Health of this community is very good at this writing.

Several from around Warren attended the Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday night.

Those who visited at Mrs. Barbara McCoy's Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy of Merkel, Miss Ruth Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy, Joe Peterson.

Mr. Irvin Thompson visited in the Hodges community Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellington and family, Mrs. S. A. Hobbs, Ella and Hall Hobbs, Carl Cannon, Mr. Cannon, Bob Hobbs, Mrs. Wilson and daughter, Lena Mae, visited at Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and family Sunday.

Misses Vela and Vera Jones, Rose and Cordie Ellington, Lottie Gressett, spent Thursday night with Misses Helen and Artie McCormick.

Bro. R. H. Williams and Mrs. N. E. Horn visited Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington a while Monday morning. They were on their way to Abilene.

Miss Vera Jones visited Miss Lottie Gressett Tuesday night.

Mr. Ottis Jaynes is visiting his sister, Mrs. Ellis Harris, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones.

Miss Shelby Mitchan visited friends in Merkel Saturday and Sunday.

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

Mrs. Finch and daughter, Onita, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Finch visited Mr and Mrs. Emmett Patterson Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Allred, E. C. Tarvin, Tom Keener visited Howard Tarvin a while Sunday afternoon.

Miss Willie Ellington is visiting her aunt in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shouse.

Mrs. Arthur McCoy spent Monday with Mrs. Hollis McCoy. Mr. and Mrs. John Paynes of Trent, visited her sister a while Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Barbara McCoy spent Tuesday with Mrs. Ellington.

Mr. Neil Harvell spent Monday night with his brother near Roscoe.

Miss Vela Jones spent Friday with Rose Ellington.

Idlewise Club

Mrs. Jack Durham proved a very gracious hostess to the members of the Idlewise Club and friends at a prettily planned party on Tuesday afternoon. Several games of auction bridge were enjoyed after which a short business session was presided over by the president. As a final hospitality Mrs. Durham served her guests a delicious refreshment of snow pudding, cake and fruit punch, with roses used as a parting favor. The guest list included Mrs. George Coker of Dallas, Mrs. Sie Brandon, Miss JoAnn Sears, Doris Durham, Christine Collins, Ruty Hamm, Mary Eula Sears, Evelyn Hamm, Mesdames Emmett Grimes, W. S. J. Brown, Roy Largent, Earl Baze, Bill Haynes and the hostess. Reporter.

Mrs. Bill Brown, of Anson, was here first of the week guest of her sister, Mrs. Jas. H. West.

Mr. and Mrs. George Logsdon of Abilene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Canon left last Saturday for their farm on the Plains near Silvertown, where they will spend some weeks looking after the planting of the crops on same.

Mrs. G. B. Brown and daughter, Miss Tennie, were guests of Merkel friends one day this week.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Statement of the Condition of THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

At the close of business Apr. 12, 1926

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$204,204.01
Bills of Exchange, Cotton	14,678.97
Overdrafts	1,103.74
Bonds and Warrants (School)	20,939.76
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
5 Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Other Resources	624.23

Commercial Paper.....82,500.00
U. S. Bonds.....116,750.00
Cash & Sight Exchange 121,231.78
Total.....\$571,794.99

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	11,872.02
Circulation	6,250.00

Deposits.....489,672.97

Total.....\$571,794.99

THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS CORRECT:

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier

THE OLD RELIABLE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

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'SINCE 1904'

ATTENTION POULTRY RAISERS

Z-I-P Parasite Remover used in the drinking water will rid your poultry of Blue Bugs, Lice Fleas, and all other insects. Sold under a money back guarantee by W. F. Hamblet Grocery. 30t4p

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

Market Announcement

As stated in this paper last week, I have purchased the Patterson Brothers Meat Market on Front street, and will appreciate the patronage of all the old regular customers, as well as any new ones. Will try to give you the best to be had in the market line, and treat you right. It JASPER McCOY

We have some 1919-22 model Fords for sale cheap. Can you use one? Merkel Motor Co. It

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,
May 17 from 12 a. m. to 5 p. m.
Phone No. 359 Abilene, Texas

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After a Fire==

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

Our fire insurance policies are dependable.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.

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

We need a few 1924 model Fords for our used car department. Merkel Motor Co. It

\$20.00

PER TON FOR

Kaffir Heads

SEE MERKEL GARAGE

Messrs. Norman Pledger and C. F. Curb returned Monday from a trip to De Leon, where they were guests of an aunt of Mr. Pledger.

COZY FRIDAY and SATURDAY May 21st and 22nd

William Fox Presents

BUCK JONES

-in-

"DURANT OF THE BAD LANDS"

THE DARING EXPLOITS of a BELOVED OUTLAW

-Also-

AN ADVENTURE PICTURE

Starring

JACK DAUGHERTY and LOLA TODD

-in-

"THE SCARLET STREAK"

Chapter No. 1—"The Face in the Crowd"

And Universal Comedy—"PLENTY OF NERVE"

Admission..... 10c and 25c

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, May 26-27

William Fox Presents

"KENTUCKY PRIDE"

A ROMANCE OF THE KINGS AND QUEENS
OF THE TURF

A John Ford Production

Admission..... 10c and 25c

"Warm Weather"

Warm weather is here again so you had better begin to think about your Refrigerator.

Ice Cream Freezers, Thurmos Jars, Oil Stoves, Screen Doors, Water Coolers, Lawn Hose, Screen Wire, Fishing Tackel, Water Wings, Folding Cots, Ice Trays Milk Jars, Milk Coolers, Refrigerator canteens, Coleman Stoves and Lanterns, Hay Ties, Hoes, Sweeps, Rakes, Garden Plows, Lawn Mowers, Cultivators and Planter Blades



Well if we haven't mentioned what you want, if it is sold at a Hardware store we have it or will get it for you if it is made. A few more Implements and binders left.

Liberty Hardware Co.

"IF IT'S HARDWARE, WE HAVE IT"

FOR SALE—1 slightly used dufoid, and one white enameled Hoosier cabinet, worth the money. See L. A. Arrington. It



My PERCHERON STALLIONS, COLLEY, Register No. 185391, 4-year old, and ROYAL (better known as the Byrom 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
Telephone 8004R3 Merkel

METHODIST CHURCH

Had a fine day last Sunday. Some of the classes and departments in the Sunday school were 100 per cent in attendance. Glad to note such splendid interest in classes, and the interest between some of the classes pronounced. Hope that the line may be unbroken next Sunday.

Our teachers bring a well prepared message each Sunday, and we invite people who are not in any Sunday school to attend ours. We offer them a warm welcome and helpful service.
Worship at 11 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Put away the many distressing, burdensome cares of life on the Sabbath day, and worship with us at both hours.
W. P. McCarter.

—MUSIC—

During the summer at my home after May 31st, I will teach a limited number of pupils in music, theory, harmony and musical history. Special attention given to beginners. 30 years experience, references if desired.
Mrs. Will D. Williams, route 2, 8 miles north of Merkel on the east road. 21t2

MISS DESHAZO SIMPSON APPEARS IN RECITAL

On Monday evening of this week the Expression Department of the Merkel High School, Miss Lucy Tracy director, presented Miss Deshazo Simpson in recital at the Grammar School Auditorium.

A splendid audience greeted this, one of Merkel's most talented young readers and impersonators, and each and every one was high in their praise of the excellent entertainment of the evening.

Miss Simpson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Simpson, and has shown marked and rapid progress in work in this line throughout the year, reflecting splendid personal ability and excellent training by her director.

M. E. Womans Missionary Society

For Monday, May 24.
Bible lesson by Mrs. Brown. John 4:46-54.
1. Foreign Missions in the home land, Mrs. McCarter.
2. The Womans Club par excellence, Mrs. Tom Largent.
3. What does the Womans Missionary Society mean to me, Mrs. Rainbolt.
4. Japan of yesterday and today, Mrs. Graham.
5. The Bulletin, Mrs. Durham.

Messrs. H. L. Propst and Ross Ferrier returned Wednesday from a business trip to Plainview. Mr. Propst reports much damage in and near Plainview Tuesday by hail and wind. He has some fine business property there that suffered considerable loss, however the loss was amply covered by hail insurance, therefore he lost but little sleep as the result.



JONES DRY GOODS
Merkel, Texas

\$20 00
PER TON FOR
Kaffir Heads
SEE MERKEL GARAGE

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

All regular services Sunday and through the week.
Sunday school at 10 a.m.
Preaching and worship at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.
B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 7 p.m.
Training classes meet Monday at 8 p.m.

Prayermeeting Wednesday at 8 p.m. Choir practice Wednesday at 8:45 p.m.

All true Christians should be able to say with David "I was glad when they said unto me 'Let us go up to the house of the Lord.'" Public worship is not just a cold duty but one of the privileges and joys that belong to every true child of God. Not only is the fellowship of God's people enjoyable but the strength that comes to the inner man is great in these hours spent in public worship. If we are enjoying fellowship with God we will crave the fellowship of His people. If we do not have fellowship with His people we certainly cannot have fellowship with Him. The man or woman who would be selfish in his or her religion will never have much religion. If your religious fervor is running low get into the service of the Lord, meet with the Lord's people and try to help some one who needs help and you will find the "Joy of Salvation" stirring your heart again. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Christian Endeavor Program

Missionary meeting. Leader, Selma Lee Russell.
Topic: "How is Christ Changing China?"
Scripture reading: Isa. 61:1-3.
Talk by leader. Song.
"China Ready for the gospel," Norma Shannon.
"The world needs china," by Missie Dye. Song.
"Beneath the Smokestacks," Eunice Russell.
"A new missionary looks at old China," Doris Russell.
Announcements; offering.
Song; Mispah.

For Sale—Work team. See W. E. Lowe. 1t

Time-Truck-Money SAVERS

Three great elements of highway commerce—conservation of time, rolling stock and operating expenses.

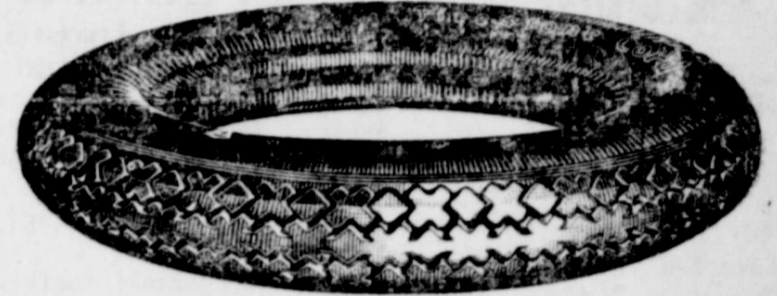
Tires are a vital factor in this matter.

Long runs must be made at high speed; there must be built-in resilience and cushion in abundance in tire equipment and tires must deliver unflinching, constant mileage.

There can be but one suggestion—Firestone Truck and Bus Pneumatics.

Firestone

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MERKEL, TEXAS

Arrive on Wednesday

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippet of San Angelo, arrived in their car Wednesday at noon. Mrs. Tippet will be joined here by her daughter, Joy, and mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown, and leave Friday morning on the Sunshine Special for Chicago, where they will make an extended visit with Mrs. M. J. Evans, Mrs. Brown's daughter. Mr. Tippet will return to San Angelo Friday afternoon, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider and her daughter, Elizabeth, and niece, Nadine Tippet, who will visit on the "Manymills" ranch with Mr. Tippet and his mother until Mrs. Tippet returns.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell

left Wednesday for Canyon, where they will attend commencement exercises of both the public schools and Teachers college, their daughter, Miss Mary being a teacher in the public school, and Miss Ouida a student in the Teachers College. At Sweetwater they were joined by Miss Sallie Mary Campbell, their niece.

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TELEPHONE 59

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

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Mr. A. W. Hunter, of Nubia,
was in the city first of the week
and stated that crops were look-
ing fine out his way; most every-
one had a good stand of all row
crops, and that with just a lit-
tle rain along through the year
at the right time would almost
insure a fine crop in this section
this year.

The Merkel Mail

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kel, Texas as second class mail.

IMPROVING

Merkel Mail: There is much
said these days concerning the
virtue, honor and conduct of the
youth of the land, and in some
instances there is doubtless room
for some unfavorable comment.
But not so much as some would
have us believe. Where youth
has strayed into forbidden paths
in most cases older heads are re-
sponsible, in that they have set
the wrong example. In fact,
there is much to rejoice over the
fine youth of the land.

Any pessimist will tell you
that things were better in the
good old times. One who reads
the celebrated diary of Mr. Sam-
uel Pepys is inclined to doubt if
social conditions in England were
goin in the spacious years a-
round 1675. And a hundred
years later, when the Earl of
Chesterfield was writing those
famous letters to his son, in-
structing the youth in manners
and customs properly to be ob-
served by gentlemen, things
were in a rather bad way. The
letters of Lord Chesterfield to
his son remain classical in their
way, and it is to be regretted
that some of our younger gen-
eration are not brought up with
such meticulous regard for con-
duct as that which character-
ized the Chesterfields. Still, the
fact that the son on whom Lord
Chesterfield lavished such care-
ful instruction was born out of
wedlock reflects seriously upon
the character of the outwardly
polished father. There may not
be many young Chesterfields
now, but there are still fewer

illegitimates. Queen Victoria
gave the British Nation an ex-
ample of womanliness in wife-
hood, motherhood and widow-
hood that was of surpassing val-
ue to the British people. She
raised the moral standard of
every court circle in the world,
and in the reflection of her own
life as wife and mother Queen
every home in Britain shone
with an added luster. Yet Vic-
toria's father and his brothers
were men of coarse lives and
vulgar attributes. All of which
means that year by year and
everywhere we are getting bet-
ter and better.—State Press in
The Dallas News.

A FINE TRIP TO THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY

Mrs. Barnes and myself have
just returned from the much
talked of lower Rio Grande Val-
ley. To say that we had a good
time is putting it right. We left
Abilene Sunday morning the 9th
in company with Mr. I. M. Ben-
nett of Abilene, and Mr. and
Mrs. Watson. We had a nice
drive to Fort Worth in the auto.
There we joined the excursion
and had a good nights rest on
the pullman to Houston. We
were then carried by the Com-
pany to Galveston on Interur-
ban, spent the day Monday in
boat riding, bathing and sight
seeing in Galveston, with a big
fish dinner thrown in, leaving
there full up.

Another nights ride on pull-
man put us into the wonderful
valley early Tuesday morning,
spending the entire day Tues-
day seeing the fine crops, beau-
tiful homes, growing cities, or-
anges and grape fruit groves.
No one can fully appreciate the
things that are being accom-
plished down there without see-
ing it. The beautiful new towns,
fine hotels, splendid new brick
school buildings, paved roads,
railroad buildings and magnifi-
cent residences. Corn is in full
roasting ear and is as fine as
can be. Cotton blooming and
equally fine. This corn and cot-
ton followed a winter vegetable
crop, and there will be another
fall planting crop of vegetables
after it is harvested. Will say
that any one desiring to see all
of this just as represented
should join Mr. I. M. Bennett of
Abilene, who represents the
company who gave us this fine
trip.

He tells me that his company
will make another trip leaving
on Sunday the 23rd day of May,
and we can assure all of our
friends who want to have a
good trip and the very best of
accommodations with a small
charge, to see Mr. Bennett about
the special low rates. We can
recommend him and the com-
pany that he is with as being
reliable and fair dealers.

A. H. Barnes, Merkel, Rt. 3.

* SALT BRANCH NEWS *

By Lois Jaynes

Farmers have been very busy
in their crops. Everybody is just
about through planting.

The Salt Branch school closed
last Thursday with a nice little
program with a nice little pro-
gram Thursday night and a pic-
nic Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rale West of the
Cross Roads community visited
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jaynes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McMurry
visited in the home of W. M.
Hays Sunday.

Quite a crowd of Salt Branch
folks attended singing at Stith
Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Otis Jaynes, who was op-
erated on for appendicitis is get-
ting along nicely.

Mrs. W. D. Butler of Merkel
visited Mrs. Joe Jaynts Monday
afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Higgins of
Warren visited Mr. and Mrs.
Barker Tuesday of this week.

Roy R. Adams, the splendid
assistant postmaster, is spend-
ing a few days this week on the
Plains visiting his parents at
O'Donnell, and looking after his
farm in that community.

You Want the Best Washing Machine

Then Consider These Facts

Fact No. 3 Washing efficiency: Only in the
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sible turbulent action of the soapy water alone on every
smallest part of every piece put in. The Thor washes a
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There are 9
more facts
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\$135 to \$175
All Highest
Quality

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The Cylinder Washer

COMPERE ITEMS

By Alma Stout

Every one is busy in this sec-
tion working in their crops.

Health is good in this com-
munity.

A large crowd attended preach-
ing at Zion Chapel Sunday and
also singing Sunday night.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and family
spent Sunday afternoon with
Mr. John Hobbs and family.

Mr. G. W. Stout and family
visited at Mr. Ed Spurgin's a
while Saturday night.

Mr. Tom Keener spent Satur-
day night with E. C. Tarvin.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Milliken
from Abilene spent Sunday with
Mrs. Clemmer and family.

Raymond Stout spent Satur-
day night with Jasper Hobbs.

Mr. Ed. Spurgin and family
spent the day Sunday with Mr.

Childers and family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Bigham vis-
ited Mrs. Bigham's parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Merritt, and family,
Sunday.

Misses Essie and Laverne and
Mr. Chester Bond visited at
Mrs. Stout's Sunday morning.

Some from here attended the
play at Truby Friday night.

Mr. Reb Tarpley and family
were visitors in this community
Sunday.

A few from here attended the
services and dinner at Union
Sunday.

Mr. Lawrence Spurgin spent
Saturday night with Mr. Clyde
Chancey.

There will be preaching at the
Presbyterian church Sunday
morning and night, and singing
at the Baptist church.

Nice fresh roasted beef every
day at Baker & Wheeler's Mar-
ket.

Bargainings In New and Used Cars

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ing equipment: Front and rear
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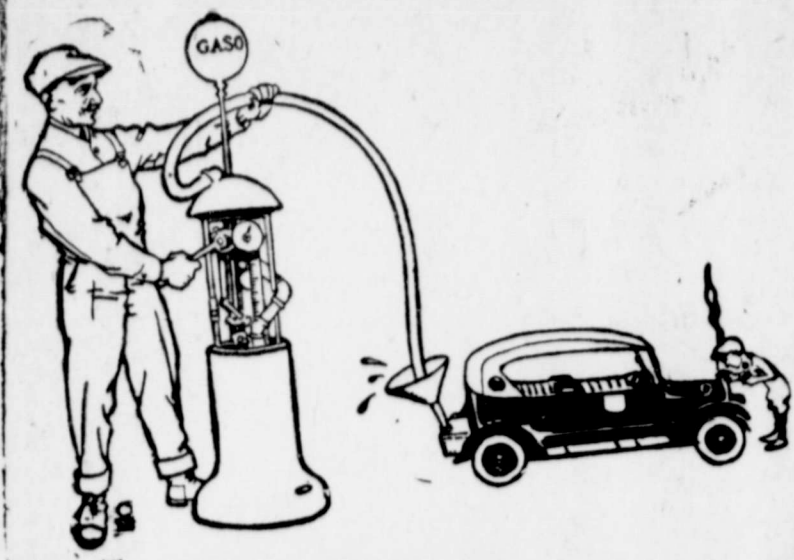
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Now that the hot weather is near, Your battery will need cleaning and refilled with distilled water, your crank case drained and refilled with new oil.

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MANAGER

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By F. A. WALKER

INDIFFERENT READING

READING in a half-hearted way, going nervously and hurriedly through the pages of a book, or skimming the editorial and news columns of the newspapers, is becoming in the larger cities and towns a lamentable habit.

Memories that were formerly retentive, have become, under the spell of laxity, mere shells of their former selves, unable to hold with certainty what was read only an hour or so ago.

To know a thing implies the remembrance of it.

If you do not peruse an article, an essay or a stick of news with a determination of recalling it, or read merely in a listless fashion to while away time, you will find to your regret that your power of memory is on the wane.

Such reading is of no material benefit, for you leave it without retaining a single idea or a useful thought which some day may be of great value to you in conversation or in your work.

Can you with clarity discuss with others what you read yesterday, or describe with fair accuracy the charmingly told story of last night's opera, which you casually read in this morning's paper?

When you sit at your desk writing to a musical friend, does the narrative come clearly, or is it so blurred that you cannot quote a single brilliant passage?

"Oh, memory!" you exclaim, "how you are falling!"

As a matter of fact, your memory is doing nothing of the kind.

It is just as good, just as capable as ever, but through abuse it has become flabby and inert from want of exercise.

Reading as you do, you fail to give memory a chance.

If you will watch yourself the next time you make a pretense of reading, you may find that you do not read at all.

You rush along, quite regardless of punctuation marks, skip unfamiliar words, jumble names and dates, and as likely as not, before you are half-way through the story you started with so much haste, you turn feverishly to another page, glance at a head-line or two, and toss the paper on the floor.

And this is what you call reading! Is it any wonder that memory reels and leaves you in the lurch?

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How It Started

By JEAN NEWTON

THE SQUARE BOOK

THE book in its present form of an elongated square or rectangle, is one of the amenities of modern life that we accept without question of whence it came or how it started.

The history of the book in its various forms reveals the first books as inscriptions on tablets of clay or stone. Such were the "books" of the Babylonian contribution to literature, a library of which was unearthed in 1901 at Nippur, in what had been the Temple of Bel, destroyed in an invasion almost two thousand years before Christ.

Next came the writings on papyrus which were followed by the manuscripts on parchment, many famous examples of which still exist. These were sometimes a score of yards long, rolled like modern maps on wooden rollers and kept properly arranged and catalogued in the closets and shelves of ancient libraries.

The earliest example of the modern form of book known and still in existence is a copy of Virgil in the Vatican library. It belongs to the age of Constantine (272-337 A. D.) and is a relic of Roman handcraft. It is this period, not later than the Fourth century A. D., that is credited with the adoption of the book in the form in which we know it today, the "square" book or "libriquadrat" as it was called.

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Misses Dora and Orlan Baker, of Brown county, were here last week guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney.

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

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.

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Gas pressure in the abdomen causes a restless, nervous feeling and prevents sleep. Adierika removes gas in TEN minutes and brings out surprising amounts of old waste matter you never thought was in your system. This excellent intestinal evacuant is wonderful for constipation or allied stomach trouble. Don't waste time with pills or tablets but get REAL Adierika action! Merkel Drug Co., in Trent by R. B. Johnson.

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Sham
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Shampoo



OH, BOY! There's a delightful, refreshing, cleansing kick in a FITCH SHAMPOO! The Fitch Shampoo dissolves and removes from the very first application every particle of dandruff and fluff, leaving the scalp clean and healthy and the hair soft and fluffy.

The tonic in the Fitch Shampoo actually penetrates into every hair follicle, thereby invigorating the growth of hair. The lather is then gradually created by the application of water and, when rubbed out and rinsed, the lather carries with it all dirt, dandruff and foreign matter, leaving every pore open and functioning as nature intended.

Know the joy of a really clean scalp. Make your next shampoo a Fitch. Buy a bottle at any toilet goods counter or write the F. W. Fitch Co., Des Moines, Ia., for free trial bottle. If Fitch's isn't all we say, take it back and your money will be refunded.

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In our Work Clothes Department we have a genuine 220 weight full cut Mens Blue Overalls at

\$1.29

JONES DRY GOODS

Statement of Cemetery Improvement Expense

I herewith submit the following report of the expense of the recent expenditures made at the local cemetery for erection and installation of a new windmill and tower, tank and tank tower:

Windmill, tower and tank tower	\$156.45
Cement, gravel and sand	14.95
Ben Jones, for windmill work	27.50
Tank	35.00
Total	\$235.40

Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Treas.

L. R. Cypert and wife, of Slaton, were here this week guests of the former's prents, Eld. and Mrs. W. G. Cypert. The young Mr. Cypert is in the dry goods business at Slaton, and is enjoying a thriving business in that growing western city.

Mr. R. A. Martin, of the Bob Martin Grocery Company, is able

to be at his post of duty again this week, after several days confinement to his room on account of illness.

Mrs. O. R. Rodden returned this week from a visit with relatives in Fort Worth and Bowie. On her return she was accompanied by Miss Essie Mae Rodden, sister of Mr. Rodden, who is from Bowie.

What you can do with this different wallboard

What it is: Sheetrock is gypsum cast in thick, rigid sheets. It is fireproof, non-warping and permanent. Can be sawed and nailed like lumber. Takes any decoration.

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Where it is used: Sheetrock is the economical wall and ceiling material for new construction and for all remodeling and repairs. Just the thing for attic rooms, furnace rooms, fruit cellars, garages, offices and stores.

Where to get it: Get your Sheetrock from us. We carry it in standard ceiling heights and widths. We make prompt deliveries.

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THE Fireproof WALLBOARD

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More than three-fourths of the lumber output of Finland is under control of a new organization.



Let's Keep Him In Merkel

EVERY BOY AND GIRL in Merkel is a potential asset to us all. Right development of this asset implies better schools, wholesome amusement, promising industrial and professional opportunity—environment that reorganizes the developing power of youth and gives it a real chance.

When you let John or Mary leave the home town, you may have lost a budding Lincoln, Edison, Ford—a “future great”

Do your part in making Merkel a better place to live and thrive. Spend your money at home—where your dollars continue to do a hundred cents worth of work for the boys and girls of our own city, and incidently to give you far greater returns both directly and indirectly than you could otherwise obtain from it.

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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—One '22 Dodge touring car in good condition. Also have some good used Fords priced right. Mack Cox, Merkel, Texas. 7t4

FOR SALE—Baled Wheat in A1 condition. See Joe Holmes at once. 1tp

FOR SALE—1 slightly used du-fold, and one white enameled Hoosier cabinet, worth the money. See L. A. Arrington. 1t

FOR SALE—Work team. See W. E. Lowe. 1t

Will pay cash for Good Ford car at a bargain. If not a bargain need not bother me. A. B. Patterson. 1t

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—The first of June, 4 brick building at Blair, Texas, on Sante Fe railroad, suitable for garage, dry goods and grocery. Delco light equipment, shelves, counters, scales and fixtures all go with buildings. Also 4-room residence for rent. A.W. Hunter, Merkel, Route 5. 21t2p

STRAYED or Stolen—2 red, white-faced yearling heifers, both marked and branded, from my pasture three miles south of Trent. Will pay \$5.00 reward for the return of these cattle. S. A. Derstine. 21t2p

WANTED—A few more night customers for milk. Mrs. R. L. Proctor. 1t

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HUNTER AND STANFORD M. D.

CHRONIC CASES OUR SPECIALTY

Everybody's Garage

PHONE 72

To Our Customers and Friends

We have sold our market to Jasper McCoy and take this method of thanking our friends for their liberal patronage in the past, and wish for each of you a prosperous year. Mr. McCoy is a man who is well-known here and we feel that he is an experienced man and will appreciate your business and render good service. 1t

PATTERSON BROTHERS

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

Notice to Parents

I have the Martin place leased and all parties are hereby notified not to trespass on this land. Positively no swimming will be allowed in the tanks and no hunting is allowed. S. G. Russell. 21t2

Farm Bureau Meeting

Mr. J. C. Mason, director of the Texas Cotton Farm Bureau Association, asks that we announce to the members of that organization in this community that at Abilene on next Saturday there will be a district meeting of the members of the organization. All are invited to attend. 1t

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all those who assisted in any way during the illness and sad hour of death of our darling daughter. Especially do we thank the doctors and nurse for their untiring efforts. Words cannot express our appreciation to our friends for the many kind words, deeds and beautiful floral offerings. May God's richest blessings be upon you is our prayer. T. W. Vantrees, wife and children. 1t

STOP THAT BACKACHE!

Many Merkel Folks Have Found The Way.

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

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stanford are the happy parents of a bouncing baby boy born this week.

Mr. W. L. Diltz, the very courteous cashier of the Farmers State Bank, accompanied by Mrs. Diltz and their little daughter, left Wednesday for an extended vacation trip to Fort Worth, Houston, Galveston, San Antonio and other South Texas points.

1ST AMERICAN YOUTH ENTRY



Edith May Adams, eighteen-year-old Farrington, N. J., girl, presenting her entry blank to Mayor Kendrick in his office at City Hall, Philadelphia. The American Youth and Teacher Award was established as a tribute to American youth and teachers by the Board of Directors of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition, through which the people of the United States and the world at large will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of American Independence. The exposition will run from June 1 to December 1. Miss Adams' entry blank cited her for heroism displayed recently when she remained inside a burning building helping doctors render first aid to injured firemen. She is a candidate for the Golden Eaglette, the highest gift within the hands of the Girl Scouts. Each state will elect a girl and boy and one teacher to represent them and the successful candidates will be the guest of the Sesqui officials from June 28 to July 5 at the exposition. This will also include a trip to Washington where they will be received by President Coolidge and presented with medals.

A REAL HEROINE



CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of thanking each and every one who so kindly helped us in so many ways during and after the death of our little baby, and grandson. May God's blessings be with each of you. Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Conley, Mrs. P.A. Riggan and family. 1t

TO THE PUBLIC

Bring your chickens to me at G. M. Sharp's store. Am prepared to give you highest market price for your poultry. J. L. HARRIS. 1t

MUSIC NOTICE

Miss Edna Marie Jones will re-open her piano studio at her home on Oak street for an eight weeks summer session, beginning June 1. Pupils may be enrolled from now until May 25. Call 176W for appointment or enrollment. 1t

Stock Reducing Sale starts today at "BROWN DRY GOODS CO." Read ad on back page. 1t

We need some 1925 model tourings for our used car department. Merkel Motor Co. 1t

IN MEMORIAM

To Little Rachel Kathryn Church, lovingly known as "Sister Babe," little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church. It was but yesterday my darling, you were playing with the flowers and your glad and happy voice made vocal all the hours. The light and joy of life were radiant in your face. As day by day we watched you grow in loveliness and grace.

But now, oh dearest one, your little casket filled with flowers. We leave beneath the stars your spirit free from ache and pain, has burst the hindering bars. Heaven's light is now more joyous that the God we all adore has in His precious keeping our child forever more.

By her "Auntie."

Mr. B. C. Gaither returned Wednesday from a week's visit with his son, F. Y. Gaither and family, at San Angelo.

If you have a car to trade, it will pay you to see us. We need 'em. Merkel Motor Co. 1t

Messrs. Sam Swann and A. J. Lloyd left this week with auto on a business trip to Houston.

FOR SALE—1 slightly used du-fold, and one white enameled Hoosier cabinet, worth the money. See L. A. Arrington. 1t

For Sale—Work team. See W. E. Lowe. 1t

J. Hendricks and family of Clint, Texas, are here this week visiting friends and home folks. Mr. Hendricks is in the gin business at Clint.

Stock Reducing Sale starts today at "BROWN DRY GOODS CO." Read ad on back page. 1t

Mr and Mrs. S. A. Freeman of Clyde were up one day this week visiting friends.

Mayor N. D. Cobb made a business trip to the Plains this week.

\$20.00 PER TON FOR Kaffir Heads SEE MERKEL GARAGE

DR. WATKINS and ASSOCIATES, Dentists, Abilene: I am perfectly satisfied with your work, and my health is much better. I assure you that I can recommend your work and I don't think that it is recommended highly enough.

I remain your satisfied customer, Mrs. G. B. Richardson, 982 Elm Street, Abilene, Texas.

We have the original of the above on file in our office.

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TO THE PUBLIC

Rev. Allie Irick, district superintendent of the Hamlin District church of the Nazarene, will preach at the church of the Nazarene Saturday, May 22, at 8 p.m. A special sermon will be preached on Sunday, May 23, at 11 and also at 8. The public is cordially invited. R. B. Williams, pastor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For County Judge: TOM K. EPLEN
LEE R. YORK
CARLOS D. SPECK

For County Attorney: FRANK E. SMITH
For District Clerk: BELLE WELLBORN
For County School Supt.: M. A. WILLIAMS

For Sheriff: H. T. O'BAR
JOHN BOND

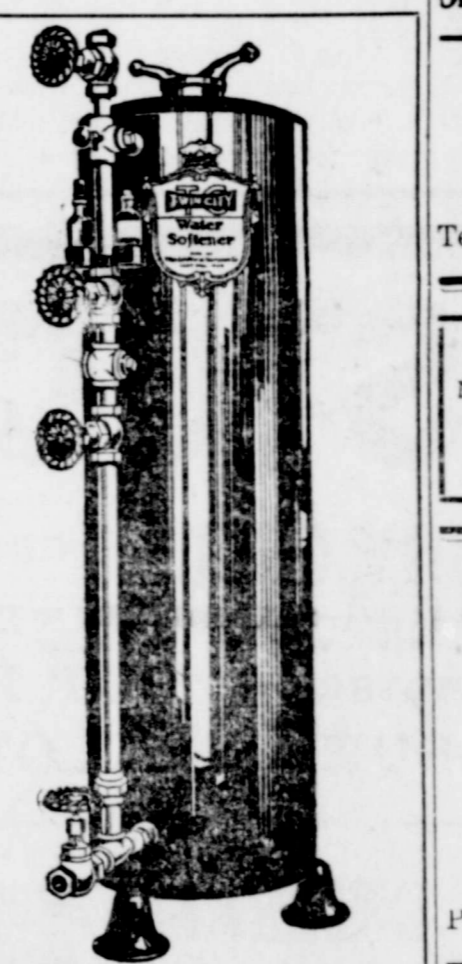
For County Clerk: W. E. BEASLEY
W. P. BOUNDS
For Tax Collector: R. A. McCLAIN
EARL HUGHES

For Tax Assessor: J. T. HOWARD
CLARENCE W. BOYCE

For County Treasurer: AUSTIN FITTS
(Precinct Offices)

For Public Weigher: THOS. A. BEARDEN
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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORS TO SELL ICE CREAM SATURDAY

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society of the Grace Presbyterian church will put on an ice cream sale next Saturday, May 22, for the purpose of helping to raise funds with which to purchase and maintain a permanent ground at Buffalo Gap. The Christian Endeavor Society stand for that which helps to lead the young people in the right path and strives to provide entertainment of the better class for the young people, so be liberal in your patronage, for the young people are worthy of your support.

The ice cream booth will be located in front of Mr. Max Melinger's store.

The Senior Christian Endeavor society of Merkel has purchased a \$25 share in the camp grounds of the Presbyterian Encampment at Buffalo Gap. The sum of \$100.00 was subscribed last Sunday morning by various organizations and individuals of the church, to be used in purchasing and improving the Presbyterian Encampment grounds at Buffalo Gap. This will be a permanent encampment and will mean much to the Presbyterian churches of this Presbytery who own an equal share in the grounds.

Fine Oats; Wheat Fair

Mr. C. P. Worthan of Merkel route four, was in the city yesterday and dropped in to renew his Merkel Mail, and in speaking about crop conditions stated that he had about 80 acres of wheat and oats, which would soon be ready to cut. He stated that his oats were very fine while the wheat was only fair, being damaged by rust.

Mr. Worthan also stated that he had already chopped out about eighty acres of cotton, and that his feed had all been plowed out.

Mr. Roy L. Holmes, of Clovis, New Mexico, is here this week for a visit with his father and other relatives and friends. Roy is a great booster for his New Mexico home, but states that he is always glad to come back home for a few days.

—NOTICE—

TO ALL ROYAL ARCH MASONSONS: Saturday night, May 29, is the night for the election of officers. All members are requested to attend. The question of changing the meeting night will also be brought up. 21t2

Trespassing Notice

Notice is hereby given that any person found trespassing on my lands, located three miles south of Trent, in any manner whatever, will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. S. A. DERSTINE. 21t2p

Mr. A. J. Tucker will leave Saturday for Fort Worth, where he will spend the summer with his brother, Mr. T. T. Tucker. A. J. is a member of the Senior class of Merkel High School this year, and an excellent young man.

Mr. F. Z. Turner dropped in at the Mail office one day this week, just before starting on a big fishing trip and handed us the dough for his renewal to the Mail for another year, saying he could not well get along without his home paper.

Week-End Specials

== AT ==

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Several dozen Mid-Summer Hats received by express this week. Each hat priced special for quick selling.

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