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## COMMUNITY FAIR WAS BIG SUCCESS

### OIL EXCITEMENT HINDERS PROGRESS BUT EXHIBITS GOOD

Merkel's Third Annual Community Fair, held last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, was quite a success in spite of the fact that the town and entire community had been thrown into high excitement over the discovery of oil in our community only a few days previous to the beginning of the Fair.

While many placed on important committees were tied up in the oil game so that they could not give attention to their duties as such, the good ladies of the city came forward and doubled their energies and helped to put the Fair over in good shape.

Mr. H. C. West, the very capable and untiring president of the Luncheon Club, and President of the Fair Association, did more detail work in perfecting plans and really getting the Fair to going than any other person, perhaps, and therefore is entitled to and should be given credit and praise for that work.

The ladies who gave much time and effort to the work of conducting the Fair were Mesdames R. O. Anderson, Roscoe Bland, Fred Groene, of the Textile department; Mrs. Sam Swan and Mrs. F. C. McFarland of the Culinary department; Mrs. L. B. Scott and Mrs. Amy Sears of the flowers and shrubs.

Messrs. R. A. Ellis, Owen Higgins and Roscoe Bland were in charge of the poultry department, which made a very fine showing of various breeds.

T. J. R. Swafford was in charge of the Livestock department and Mr. J. R. Masterson took care of the farm exhibits.

The following is a complete list of the premiums awarded, as given this paper:

### Feeds

Best 10 heads of maize: J. A. Jaynes, first, second and third. Best 10 heads of feterita: J. A. Jaynes, first and second; W. M. Carver, third.

Best 10 heads of kafir: J. A. Jaynes, first; F. L. McDonald, second; Lee Baker, third.

Bundle of Oats: J. A. Jaynes, first, second and third.

Sudan: J. A. Jones, first and second; A. C. Baker, third.

Darso: J. A. Jaynes, first.

Corn: W. C. Hill, first; W. A. Campbell, second; A. C. Bland, third.

### Cotton

Five pounds, Lee Baker; best 3 stalks; J. F. Russon, first; Lee Baker, second; J. F. Swinney, third.

### Shelled Seeds

Oats, H. B. Roberts; maize, feterita, kafir and hegari, J. A. Jaynes.

### Vegetables

Irish potatoes: Dora M. Harris Dry peas, J. A. Jaynes, first and second; Mrs. John Burfiend, 3rd. Dry Beans, W. R. Sumpter, first.

Kershaw: J. A. Jaynes, first; Mrs. S. O. Patton, second; W. R. Sumpter, third.

Watermelon: Mrs. S. O. Patton Pumpkins: R. P. Roswell, 1st and second; Mrs. S. D. Patton, third.

Fresh sweet pepper: Mrs. S. O. Patton, first and second.

### Livestock

Dairy Cattle: John S. Hughes, first male, second cow and first heifer. Jerseys: Tom Douglass, first cow.

Swine: A. V. Dye, first, second and third pigs: Chester White, Vernon Powers, best boy's club pig.

### Poultry

White Holland turkeys: W. S. Sumpter, first young tom, first (Continued on back page)

## TO ERECT NEW OFFICE BUILDING

Dr. C. B. Gardner, who some few months ago purchased two fine lots located on the corner of Oak and South Front Streets, just south of the Stephens Hotel, has this week let the contract to A. V. Dye, local contractor, for the erection of a new office building.

The building will be 30x30 and consist of four rooms, built especially to fit the equipment and fixtures to be installed by Dr. Gardner when it is completed.

The building will be of tile and stucco.

## FARMERS STATE BANK TO REMODEL

The officers of the Farmers State Bank of this city were in conference one day this week with architects, considering the plans for the remodeling and enlarging of the bank building, as well as adding new and modern fixtures and equipment when the building has been completed.

For some time they have had the change and added improvements under contemplation to be made this fall, but the discovery of oil has added a new volume of business which necessitates the doing of this work at once. When the work is started the banking furniture and business will be moved over to the new Mellinger building on the corner, and the bank's business conducted there until its home is remodeled and made one of the best bank buildings in this part of the country, which will be in keeping with this strong and accommodating institution's progressive spirit.

## REAL ESTATE SALES IN MERKEL ACTIVE

Since the discovery of oil near this city some two weeks ago, activity in the sale and transfer of real estate in and about Merkel has taken on new life and many sales have been completed and many more pending. We give below a list of those given us for publication:

Mr. G. W. Boyce reports many sales pending, and has consummated the sale of the Mrs. Dr. Williams home located just opposite the Baptist and Methodist churches to Harry Woodrum and sisters, at \$5,000.

Mr. E. D. Coats reports the sale of 10 town lots this week. He also reports selling to W. E. Lowe the W. S. Telford home in the west part of the city at \$4,000. The old Hill and Tracy ranch in Nolan county, 3,426 acres, for a consideration of \$37,686; 40 acres one and a half miles northwest of town to Mr. D. G. Bryant of this city for \$4,200. Mr. Coats purchased for himself from J. H. Ensminger a business lot on Front Street.

Messrs. Bony & Grimes realty firm reports the following sales: T. A. Beideman residence \$3,500.00; C. E. Jacobs, 3 lots, \$1,500.00; W. O. Boney, 1 lot, \$500.00; J. R. Fielder, 1 lot, \$1,000; R. L. Bland, lease on 320 acres, \$16,000; Harry K. Brown, 2 lots, \$550; T. L. Grimes, residence lot, 61,500; J. E. Brewer, residence, \$1,500; Jno. M. Rice, residence, \$1,500; T. L. Stevens, 6 lots, \$1,200; G. O. Newman, lease, \$5,000; W. R. Hampton, 2 lots, \$1,000; John S. Hughes, 20 acres land, \$5,500; T. J. R. Swafford, 1 lot, \$125; Mrs. Skillern, lease, \$2,000; J. A. Stanford and associates, lease, \$6,600

## MR. THOMPSON NOW SECRETARY C. OF C.

### \$6,000 YEARLY BUDGET ASSURES A STRONG C. OF C.

On last Friday, following a mass meeting of the citizens a few days previous, Mr. L. R. Thompson, of Kress, Texas, and formerly for five years the able Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, of Merkel, was employed by a committee of citizens appointed at the mass meeting above mentioned, as Secretary of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, and immediately entered upon his duties as such.

Mr. Thompson is too well and favorably known in Merkel for this paper to devote much space to his ability and qualifications to ably fill this very important position, but suffice it to say that while a citizen of Merkel he was not only a capable and enterprising banker, successful in every respect, but a progressive and public spirited citizen; a man who took special pride in and bent every effort possible toward making this a better place in which to live.

Hence he was the first and only man thought of or considered by those taking part in the mass meeting, whom they considered amply qualified to fill the position of Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce during this most critical and important moment of the city's career, and was therefore offered and urged to accept the position.

He has done so, resigning his position as Cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Kress, Texas, and moving with his family to Merkel. He is now busily engaged in the work assigned him—that of really putting this city on the map, helping to secure and bring to this city many enterprises and business concerns that go to make a real city. In his efforts he desires and sincerely hopes that he will be accorded the support and unstinted cooperation of a vast majority of the people and this we feel sure he will enjoy.

Clyde Deavers and son, of Taft, Texas, came up last week for a visit among friends and relatives.

## Phillips Discovery Well Production On Increases

### J. M. DUNN SELLS ACREAGE AT \$100

Mr. J. M. Dunn, who owns 640 acres and who put 320 acres into the original Phillips lease, has this week sold his last acreage, which went to Kirk & Brewer, said to be drillers, at \$100.00 per acre for 110 acres.

The day the well came in Mr. Dunn sold 160 acres at \$7.50 per acre. Note the advance. It is also stated that there will soon be at least two rigs go up on the Dunn tract.

### HIGHWAY WORK STARTS AT ONCE

It is reported in Merkel that the contract for grading, building bridges and paving the Bankhead Highway between Merkel and the Nolan county line west of Trent, is to be let this week, and that actual construction on the road will start at once.

This, it is said, will necessitate a detour in the road from Merkel West to the county line, which will make possible all the heavy hauling to the oil field to be done via Merkel to the north and west to the field. This has always been the best road to the field. The Merkel Chamber of Commerce is going to see to it that this road is kept in the best condition possible.

### EXCURSION RATES TO DIXIE SERIES AT DALLAS

In this paper will be found the advertisement of the Texas and Pacific Railway, announcing special low rates to the Dixie Series baseball games which will be played at Dallas on next Sunday, September 26th.

Mr. J. S. Penney, a Jeweler, of Abilene, has located in Merkel, being with the Merkel Drug Company.

### BIG SALES AND DEALS CONTINUE

While at this time there are not so many deals made and trading is not so swift, the transactions have become steady and larger. We give a list of some that have taken place since our last issue:

The highest price paid since our last issue for a lease, which is likely the top price paid to date, was that of R. M. Beasley, who sold 50 acre lease for \$312.50 per acre, a total of \$15,615 for the fifty acres, which is located a mile southwest of the discovery well.

Mrs. Pomeroy received \$17,500 for one-half of the expected royalty in her 106 acre farm.

On Wednesday of this week W. F. Goloday sold one-half the royalty in 106 acres a mile east of the well for the handsome sum of \$10,600. Mr. Goloday was kind enough to place his entire holdings in the original Phillips lease at \$1.00 per acre, but he is now reaping his reward for helping to bring to the community the discovery well.

Now comes one of the really old timers, Mr. J. Riley Walling, who owns a farm of 320 acres just across the fence from the discovery well, a citizen of the community close to forty years, sold in all, leases and royalty, amounting to a total of about \$75,000.00. He first sold one fourth royalty in 320 acres for \$40,000.00, then another one-fourth in 160 acres for \$25,000, and the last one-fourth of one-fourth in 320 acres for \$9,000.

Mrs. G. L. Reeves, who resides on the south side of the railroad, four miles south of the discovery well, reports the sale of 20 acres lease last week at \$25.00 per acre. This week she has sold some more acreage at \$30 per acre.

Mr. Sie Hamm, local druggist, paid \$3.50 per acre last July before the well reached the pay sand for 25 acres, and sold last week to Mr. Leeland Williams at \$60 per acre.

### MANY OIL MEN IN MERKEL DAILY

### SHARP TRADING IN LEASES AND ROYALTIES CONTINUES

Every day this week reminded one of the old time Saturday in the fall of the year when cotton was twenty cents or better. Parking space has been hard to find and you have to get in line at the banks and take your turn. Trading in leases and royalties have been active and at good prices. New dwellings are being erected and many business houses are either in process or erection or in contemplation. Among the improvements to be made at once is the remodeling and enlarging of the Farmers State Bank, together with the installation of new and up-to-date fixtures.

Leaseholds have been obtained for the erection of Supply Houses and pipe yards and erection of Supply Store Houses will begin in the immediate future.

Three off-sets to the Winters well have been let. Wallace has the Marland contract; Dyer Bros. have the Phillips contract and Knibly has the Mid-West contract. Dyer Bros. also have the Sears well contract. All the rigs on the off-sets will be completed this week and the Sears rig will be completed by the middle of next week. We are informed that the contract has been signed for the Largent well to be spudded in within a short time.

Merkel is taking care of the increase in population at prices that are not exorbitant and the office of the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce has become a real clearing house for the town and community.

We have heard many expressions from new comers which were highly complimentary of the town and of the courtesies shown by our citizens.

If a field is developed here, as now seems assured, Merkel will be the industrial headquarters with office headquarters at Abilene. The work done by the Luncheon Club in building good roads, installing sewage, building the new high school and assisting in getting up the different drilling blocks has proven the value of organization, which will now be more efficient thru the direction of the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and the Executive Committee.

We must have more dwellings at once as there is not a vacant house in the town and the demand for them is increasing daily.

Mr. Thompson has been kept so busy since Saturday (including Sunday) that he has been unable to find time to get his mail until after business hours. The things already accomplished through his office have abundantly justified its establishment.

### B. H. LANCASTER, RIG BUILDER, COMES HERE

B. H. Lancaster, well known rig builder in that field for several years, has recently secured a lease on some property in Merkel, and will soon have a complete stock of rig building materials for his work.

Mr. Geo. Ferrier week from Fort Mexico, where searching for some

## "We All Wonder"





## To Our Patrons

Commencing September 1st. this Bank will

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and will be here to serve you from that time on. Bring us your Cotton Checks we will supply you with plenty of change to pay your pickers.

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## FARMERS STATE BANK

MERKEL

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R. O. Anderson, V. Pres.	Assistant Cashier
J. C. Mason, V. Pres.	
W. L. Diltz, Cashier	Dallas Scarbrough
	David Hendricks

## SOME OF MERKEL'S IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Now that Merkel has right at her very gates perhaps the biggest and best wildcat oil well ever brought in in West Texas, a new field which geologists and experienced oil men believe promise to become not only one of the largest producing fields in Texas, but by far the largest in scope of development. To say the least of it, the well now flowing promises sufficient development near this city that will mean the doubling of the population within the next six to twelve months. However, if Merkel is to make the most of her advantage and golden opportunity, she must immediately become awakened to her duty, needs and opportunities.

First, we have already made a long step forward and a good investment when a committee of citizens representing the Chamber of Commerce, employed as Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce Mr. L. R. Thompson. Every minute since his work began has been taken. In fact he is over-run, and should be provided immediately with a stenographer or assistant, who can handle and care for detailed office work and give Mr. Thompson more time to devote to bigger and more important matters.

Second, there is need for more apartments for light housekeeping, from two to four rooms. There are plenty of bed rooms, but not half enough apartments, and these must be had at once, or many good citizens coming with the oil boom will be compelled to go elsewhere.

Third: A new and up-to-date, fire-proof hotel is needed badly now.

Fourth: More dwellings should be erected at once. This is very important and will prove a good investment to any man building new homes and apartments.

Fifth: More wells should be put down at once, so as to care for our water and sewer needs. We are already becoming taxed almost to capacity for these daily needs, and this matter is of vital importance to every property owner and citizen. Let this be provided at once.

Sixth: There should be a meeting of the Secretary of Chamber of Commerce and the Executive committee three times per week in regular session. You have a paid secretary, a man whose duty it is to look after the town's best interests—the whole town, the interests of every one—and he must have the cooperation and help of the whole town if he is to succeed as he should in your behalf. Remember he is working for you; he is your servant, employed to help make Merkel a bigger and better place in which to live.

## C.O.F.C. MAKING EFFORTS FOR PICKERS

Immediately after his employment as Secretary of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce last week Mr. L. R. Thompson took steps to secure cotton pickers which are so badly needed in the Merkel community, by getting in communication with the officials of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and the Federal Farm Labor Bureau at Fort Worth. He was informed by both of these organizations that pickers were indeed scarce, owing to the fact that the crop in every part of the state, especially north, east and west Texas crops, are opening at the same time. However, these organizations informed Mr. Thompson that the crops in South Texas were about completed and it was probable that in a few days many pickers from that section would be available.

### PHILLIPS PETROLEUM CO. PAYS \$12,000 FOR 80 ACRES

A deal was closed last week by the Phillips Petroleum Company for the purchase of 80 acres of land from H. B. Chambliss at Trent, for the sum of \$12,000. The land is to be the site of the company's tank farm and possible oil field offices.

According to reports, the citizens of Trent and Sweetwater gave Mr. Chambliss an additional \$2,500 to pay him for the moving off the land of some barns, houses, etc. Trent and Sweetwater are sharing equally the expenses.

### BIG SHRINE SPECIAL TO STOP AT MERKEL

Mr. W. O. Boney informs this paper that he is in receipt of a communication from the high officials of the Fort Worth Shriners, stating that Moslah Temple Shriners of that city will make a tour of the west by special train, beginning next Tuesday.

The Shrine Special will arrive in Merkel at about 5:24 p.m. and the party will spend some time here making a parade and giving a short drill.

Let's give the Shriners a big welcome and a royal reception while they are guests of our city.

### ED TEAFF 160 ACRES LEASES FOR \$16,000

It is reported that the Ed Teaff farm of 160 acres leased this week for a total of \$16,000 or at the rate of \$100.00 per acre. The land is two and a half miles north of the well.

### FUNERAL TODAY FOR A. D. BOGGS

Alonzo D. Boggs, 59, who died in a local hospital at 11:50 p.m. Tuesday following an operation, is to be buried here Friday following funeral services at 10 a.m. at the Laughter funeral parlors. He had been ill for several months.

Following 20 years in Oklahoma, Mr. Boggs came to Abilene in 1920. He was born and reared in Pennsylvania. He was the driller on the crew at the oil test sunk several years ago on the Sears land north of Merkel, three miles east of the recent discovery well of the Phillips company. For the past three years he has operated a tailoring business on North Third street, Abilene.

Dr. E. B. Surface of the Central Presbyterian Church will conduct the funeral services in the absence of Dr. T. S. Knox, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Boggs was a member.

He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Tressa, 4, and Mary Lou, 3, and a son, Alonzo D. Jr., a brother, R. S. Boggs, of Greenville, O., and two sisters, Mrs. Lou Thompson of East Liverpool, O., and Mrs. R. C. Howe of Beaver, Ky., also survive.—Abilene Reporter-News.

### MISS PROCTOR WEDS BLACKWELL PHYSICIAN

At Sweetwater on last Wednesday, the Methodist pastor of that city pronounced the words that made man and wife Dr. Marvin Jensen, of Blackwell, and Miss Hattie Proctor, of Merkel.

Miss Proctor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Proctor, of this city, was one of the city's most accomplished and popular young ladies, was a teacher last year in the Childress public schools, and was to have been there again this year had not cupid been so successful as to change her procedure in life.

Dr. Jensen is said to be a very successful and prominent young physician at Blackwell, Texas, and a very fine gentleman.

Rev. Fred S. Rogers, formerly pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church, now pastor at Lamesa, was here Tuesday mixing with old friends. Rev. Rogers and wife are very fine folks and have a host of loyal friends here who are always glad to see them.

Mrs. W. A. Thornton is reported very ill at this time.

## "BOOM DAYS"

NOW MORE THAN EVER BEFORE YOU NEED A **SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX**

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## FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

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SINCE 1904

"Our service is at YOUR service"

### BADGERS VICTORS IN FIRST FOOTBALL GAME

The M. H. S. Badgers easily defeated the Lorraine team in the first game of the present season, last Friday afternoon at the local grounds, the score being 52 to 0. Merkel's goal line was never in danger of being crossed by the opposition.

White Bermuda Onion Sets, 17½ cents at McDonald and Collam Grocery.

LADIES DRESSES are given our hands for cleaning. We return them the same day, and you can wear them at once—NO GAS ODOR. Just phone 133J and we'll call for it. J. E. Harris, the Laundryman.

### BUILDING NEW HOME

Mr. T. H. Christopher of Abilene, contractor, has begun the erection of a new and modern six-room residence in the southwest part of the city for Mr. J. E. Richardson, local manager for the Wm. P. Carey Lumber Co. The new home is well located and will be one among the best and nicest when completed.

Cash your Gold Bond Stamps. We will discount them October 1st. Bragg Dry Goods Company.

If you want to buy or sell oil leases farms or city property, see W.O. Boney or T.L. Grimes.

Fly-Tox your home. Health authorities recommend it.

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**RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF J. A. SOSEBEE**

At a stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., held on the 18th day of September, A. D. 1926, A. L. 5926, the following resolutions were adopted:

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren, of Merkel Lodge, No. 710, A. F. and A. M. We your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of Brother J. A. Sosebee, beg to submit the following:

Whereas, on the 27th day of August, A. D. 1926, it pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in His Infinite Wisdom to remove from among us, our dear Brother, J. A. Sosebee, and to transplant him as a member of that Celestial Lodge above where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides; and Whereas, Brother Sosebee was a Charter member of this Lodge, and held a continuous membership with us since the date of our Charter on the 11th day of December, A. D. 1891; and Whereas, during the time of Brother Sosebee's residence within the jurisdiction of this Lodge, he was loyal to the fraternity, and lived up to its principals and teachings, and his every day life was a living example of those great Tenets, Faith, Hope and Charity; having Faith in GOD, Hope in Immortality and Charity toward all mankind; and ever ready to extend a helping hand to a brother or a friend, to aid him in his efforts at reformation, and while we drop a sympathetic tear for his bereaved ones, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and leave in His hands the soul of our deceased brother.

Be it further resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy delivered to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy handed the Merkel Mail for publication, and that the members of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days. Respectfully Submitted, M. C. Graham, Robert Hicks, V. B. Sublet, Committee.

Attest: Henry R. Hicks, Secretary, Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M.

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**MRS. BLANCHE LOVIN DEAD**

On Friday night, Sept. 17, 1926, God summoned our loyal friend and sister, Mrs. Blanche Lovin, to cross that star-lit span between earth and heaven to enter through the great gate into that broader, fuller life.

Mrs. Lovin was a member of the Hebron Baptist church. We found Christian charm in her loving service that lingers with us like a benediction. Her gentle being thrilled with every generous impulse and so great was her love for lost souls that we can only think of her as going to her reward to minister around the throne of God, her blessed Master, whom she loved to honor and serve.

We extend to the bereaved family our sympathy and love in this sad hour. We recommend you to the Heavenly Father for "He careth for you". Loving hearts ache because of the separation, but may this be your consolation: New Jerusalem bells have rung your loved one a welcome and she has heard her Saviour say "well done thou good and faithful servant."

Her pastor, O. B. Tatum.

**LAY—BELL**

Married at nine o'clock a.m. September 20, 1926, at the residence of the bride's parents in Merkel, Mr. A. E. Lay, of Big Spring and Miss Hazel Bell, Rev. J. F. Hendricks of Stith officiated at the marriage.

Members of the immediate family, quite a few friends and out of town guests were present at the ceremony. The bride is the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell of our city, and is highly esteemed and admired by her many friends.

Mr. Lay is well known in the Big Spring community, and has the regard of a large circle of friends as a gentleman of sterling character. The happy pair left immediately after the ceremony in their car on a honeymoon trip to San Antonio and other points of interest in South Texas. The bride and groom have the congratulations of their many friends, who wish them a long and happy journey through life.

Mr. Lay is a successful farmer in the Big Spring vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Lay will make their home in Coahoma.

**MEN**, are you permitting your wife to do your washing and ironing? Make her washing and life last longer by sending it to the laundry. Remember that Monday morning and phone 133J. J. E. Harris, the Laundryman. tf



**New Modes in New Coats**

THE FALL and winter Coat mode is versatile and presents several new ideas in silhouette and fabric. Most noteworthy is the return of the blouse back, which is featured extensively.

**IT MAY BE PLAIN OR FUR TRIMMED**

Some of the coats depend entirely on the novelty of their fabric, while others are lavishly collared and cuffed in fur. Modes are smart and unusual values are presented this season at

**Very Attractive Prices**

**WE** are also expecting a big shipment of Ladies' and Misses Dresses and Hats this week, which will make our stock the most complete we have ever shown.

**EXTRA SPECIAL**

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Friday and Saturday, Sept. 24 and 25  
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Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 27 and 28  
Adolph Zukor and Jesse L. Lasky present

**J. M. BARRIE'S**

**"A Kiss For Cinderella"**

A Paramount Picture with Universal Comedy

Secure your Merchants Theatre Tickets at Carson's Cash and Carry Grocery, The Quality Bakery, Blue Front Service Station and Garage, Staindler's Variety Store

Admission ..... 10 cents and 25 cents

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White Bermuda Onion Sets, 17½ cents at McDonald and Collum Grocery. It

Miss Catherine Lay of Big Spring was here this week to attend the Lay-Bell wedding.

We will offer you the biggest bargain ever given in Merkel. It

Joe Winter, for thirty years one of the sturdy and reliable farmers of Jones county, who during this time has been making Merkel his principal trading point, and along with this has been a constant reared of the Merkel Mail, but since the discovery of oil on his 318 acre farm is now classed among the really wealthy, has the thanks of this paper for two more subscriptions to this paper which he sends to relatives that they may get the oil news here.

Mrs. L. P. Jones of Sierra Blanca came in first of the week for a visit with her father, Mr. J. C. Moore, as well as to visit scores of friends here, she and Mr. Jones having once resided here several years. She is expecting him to join her in a visit here in a few days.

White Bermuda Onion Sets, 17½ cents at McDonald and Collum Grocery. It

**ALEXANDER-SKURLOCK**

Mr. Gordon Alexander of the Noodle community and Miss Lela Skurlock of the Mt. Pleasant community were happily united

in marriage on Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock at the Baptist parsonage, Rev. Ira L. Parack, pastor, officiating. They will live in the Noodle community.

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Ross Ferrier H. L. Pro



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**All kinds of dried Fruits**

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PECAN GROWS FINE  
HERE; PLANT SOME

Among the many and varied exhibits at the Community Fair we noticed some big, fine thin-shelled pecans, which were grown on a tree in the yard of Mrs. E. P. Beene.

The tree on which the pecans were grown was planted seven or eight years ago, and we are told is just now beginning to bear. The pecan makes a fine shade, as good as the best, and besides furnishes delicious nuts. Plant a pecan tree. You may not live to enjoy its benefits, but in doing so you help bring joy and happiness to the coming generations.

Grady Martin and family of Dalhart, are here this week for a visit with his mother, Mrs. S. P. Martin, and sister, Mrs. Cora Curb.

Open Skating Rink Here

Mr. Lee Acuff and sons, who for some months have been operating at different towns a large skating rink, have this week opened their rink in Merkel. It is located just north of the Merkel Lumber Company.

They announce that it will be operated in a clean and moral manner--In a way that will not be distasteful to the most exacting.

Mr. T. H. Spears, one of the progressive and influential citizens of the Blair community, was in the city one day recently and has our thanks for two subscriptions which he had us send to relatives in another state.

Mrs. Jay Hendricks and children, of El Paso, are visiting relatives in Merkel and Stith.

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### A SCHOOL CRISIS

The people of Texas and more especially the Merkel community are just now facing a peculiar condition. The situation demands the thought and concerted action of the patrons of public schools in securing further appropriations to carry on our schools.

The scholastic apportionment has been cut from \$14.00 to \$11.50, whereas it should have been raised some in order that the schools of Texas could run full time. Under the present condition the rural schools that have been running for seven months will have to cut their term to about five months on an average. The city schools of Merkel will run the full nine months if we have to borrow the money, but we are sure to need very badly the extra appropriation. Owing to the rush of business and the increase of population, we are apt to need more teachers in Merkel schools after the first half year. If we do then, more money will have to be forth coming.

To the people of the rural communities let me say we hope you will feel welcome to send your boys and girls to our schools. We know the handicap under which they would have to work in the rural schools this year. We are glad to offer them the opportunity of a nine months term. I wonder how many of you people realize now the advantage of be-

ing in a district like Merkel. We must go nine months, and the rural schools cannot go that long under the present system. If the close-in communities would join with us in this kind of a proposition we could all have better schools. We have about 50 in our high school now who are from school districts other than Merkel independent—practically one third of all enrolled. Some are transfers and some are not. We should have this district enlarged so that all the high school children would have access to our school without any tuition charges.

The present crisis should show the people of the rural communities that this is true. You should be a part of a stronger system.

The solution to the problem now is in getting more money. If you are interested write or wire Judge E. S. Cummings at Austin and tell him your needs. Explain to him the need of the additional money and the purpose of the money if it is obtained.

The bill goes before this special session of the Legislature, which is now in session, and it is imperative that something be done now and not a week or a month from now. Do your duty. Let's not permit our schools to suffer. Think it over; act!

Irvin L. Jackson.

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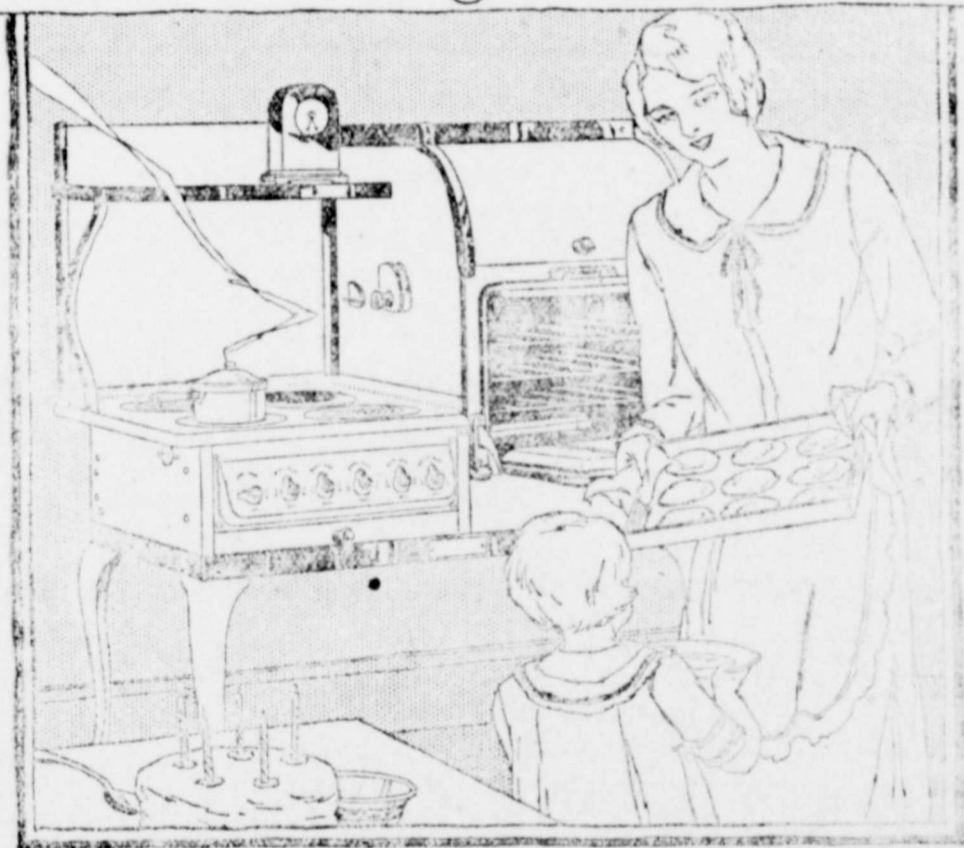
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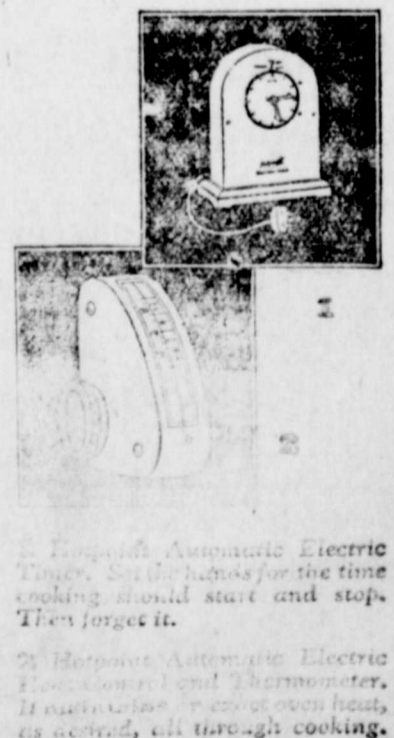
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# CHURCHES

## MERKEL BAPTISTS

Sunday will be promotion day in the local Baptist Church. It is to be hoped that there will be a full attendance in all departments. If there are those who contemplate joining the Sunday School this is the best time to do it. Classes will be forming for the new Sunday School year which begins the first of October. New literature will be put into the hands of all pupils.

All officers and teachers to count on time will need to be in their places at 9:45 and pupils to be marked on time need to be in their seats when the first song starts, promptly at 10.

All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 7 p.m. in the main auditorium going to their respective rooms for their separate programs. The Adult Union is studying the twelfth chapter of Romans for their lesson for Sunday evening. All adults who read the lesson over during the week will be counted on Bible reading Sunday. Let every Adult in the church not already working in a Union come and join the Adult Union.

Evening song and praise service begins promptly at 7:45. Be on time and get the inspiration of this worship.

The pastor will speak at the evening hour on "The First Gusher and what was done with the money the Oil brought". This will be a part of the history of the development of the oil industry in Texas or the United States but will delve into the "long ago" and show the first flowing oil that we have history of. Some thoughts will be brought out showing that this first gusher proved a blessing. Then we will face the situation here and ask and answer the question "will Merkel's oil well prove a blessing?"

A cordial invitation is extended to all visitors and new comers in our community to come to any or all our services. We hope that everybody coming to Merkel will line up in the work of the Lord, finding a place to worship in one of the churches of the town.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

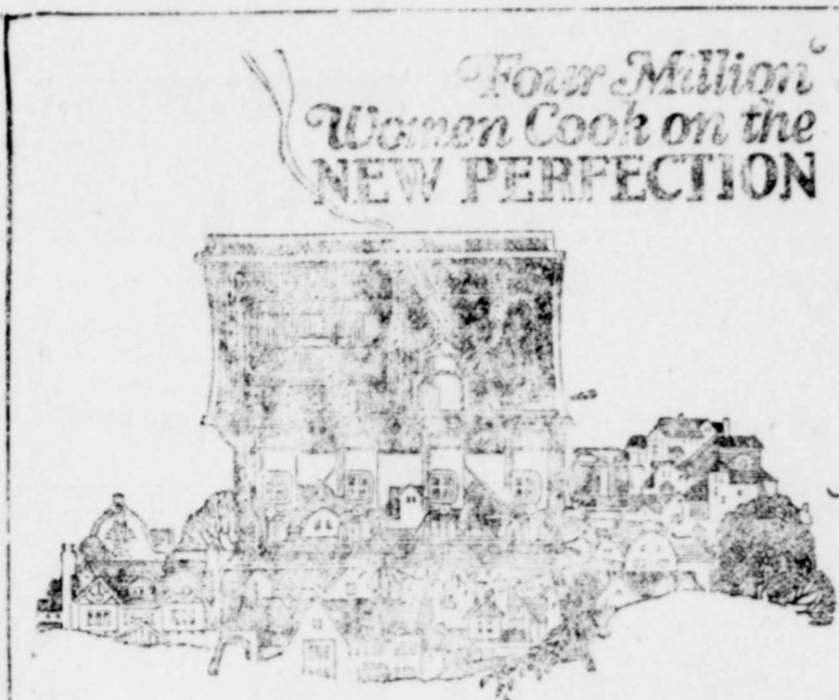
## METHODIST CHURCH

The attendance on all the services at the Methodist church were a little off last Sunday.

Hope that we may have full attendance next Sunday.

Promotion day will be observed in all departments of the Sunday School and it is import-

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour.

Senior Christian Endeavor at six o'clock p.m.

There will be social meeting of the Ladies Missionary Society at 3:30 p.m. Monday at the home of Mrs. C. H. Jones.

Choir practice Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

We extend a cordial invitation to the public to worship with us. Chas. H. Little.

## ELDER CYPERT TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

Elder W. G. Cypert will preach Sunday morning and evening at the North Side Church of Christ. A cordial welcome is extended to all who will attend either or both services.

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## Idlewise Club

Mrs. Sie Brandon was hostess to the members of the Idlewise Club on September 14th, receiving in the entertaining rooms of Mrs. Dry's hospitable home. The ever diverting game of Bridge was indulged in for some time, after which the hostess served a most refreshing salad plate and punch to Misses Christine Collins, Mary Cleo Booth, Alva Wheeler, Mary Eula Sears, Kathleen Sudderth, Lucy Tracy, Evelyn and Ruby Hamm, Mesdames Emmeline Grimes, Roy Largent,

Warren Smith, Earl Baze, W. S. J. Brown, Mrs. Dry and the hostess.

## Mrs. Geo. White Hostess

The members of the Idlewise Club met in the home of Mrs. George White on Tuesday, September the 21st. Auction Bridge was the happy diversion planned by Mrs. White for the afternoon and her party appointments were quite clever in that each table showed individuality. A most delectable salad plate and punch was passed to Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Charlie Jones, R. I. Grimes, Sie Brandon, Warren Smith, W.

S. J. Brown, Earl Baze, John Cox, of Abilene, and Misses Alva Wheeler, Mary Cleo Booth, Christine Collins, Kathleen Sudderth, Evelyn and Ruby Hamm, Lucy Tracy and the hostess.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

## Preaching at Cross Roads

Rev. N. W. Alphin, of Abilene, will preach at the Cross Roads Church of Christ next Saturday evening and Sunday at eleven. There will be singing in the afternoon and at night.

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Who said local motorists didn't know TIRE VALUES? Big cars—all are being equipped with the world-famous Firestones at our greatest of all sale prices. Just note our special price on a 30x3 1-2 FIRESTONE CORD casing and remember that we have made substantial reductions on every other size and type.

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That most citizens are serving is evidenced by the definite progress Merkel is making. That Merkel will progress that much more rapidly if every citizen will lend his best, so that he may in turn collect greater return is evident.

So this is our plea for your co-operation, **trade at home, boost for Merkel, help the other fellow so that he may better help you.**

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Mr. Frank J. Burke, land and industrial commissioner for the Texas & Pacific Railway, spent some time here this week making a survey and looking into the situation as effects that road since the discovery of oil.

He was kept busy making arrangements to care for the many rig and oil well supply companies that are planning to open their places of business in Merkel.

It is reported that about nine different concerns have been here to look into the matter of locating houses in Merkel.

**CITATION OF APPLICATION For Letters of Guardianship**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County--GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, to cause to be published once a week, for ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said County, which has been continuously and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year; the following notice:

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE WELFARE OF Luia D. Hannah, Minor; Douglas Hannah has filed in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, an application for letters of Guardianship upon the Estate of said Minor; which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in October A. D. 1926, same being the 18th day of October A. D. 1926, at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minor may appear and contest such application, if they see proper to do so. HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said Court on the first day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, this the 14th day of Sept. 1926. W. E. Beasley, Clerk, County Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Penn Gilbreath, Deputy. 17t2

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**FOR SALE**

FOR SALE—A good truck, or would trade. See W. R. Cox, Merkel. 17t2

FOR SALE—Kanred seed wheat free from Johnson Grass. Also first year Kasch cotton seed at my farm 3 mi. southwest of Tye. J. Walter Hammond. 17t4p

FOR SALE—A few good lots, close in, northeast part of Merkel. Make attractive price for quick sale. J. T. Tillery, 1808 College Ave., Ft. Worth. 17t4

FOR SALE—Have some good red top bundled Sorghum and some good seed wheat clear of Johnson grass. G. F. Turner, route one. 1tp

White Bermuda Onion Sets, 17½ cents at McDonald and Collum Grocery. 1t

**NOTICE**

This is to give notice to the public that I will not run my thresher any more. Joe Higgins. 1tp

FOR SALE—One of the best houses in town, close in. This is a bargain at \$3,500. Terms. See J. C. Mason. 1tp

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FOR SALE—Would sell 40 or 80 acre oil lease off Grayson Tourist Camp farm one mile west of Merkel. S. L. Grayson. 1tp

FOR SALE—Body for 4-wheel trailer. Fits Ford frame. Robert Dennis. 1tp

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FOR SALE—Choice catclaw and mesquite land, the cream of the south plains, a chance for the small farmer to obtain a well located home but you must hurry if you get in on this. Ten 104-acre tracts 100% tillable, shallow water, 17 miles west of Lubbock, from one to two miles of Smyre, a new Santa Fe R.R. town which now has \$40,000.00 school building, \$20,000 gin, several stores, etc. Price \$40.00 per acre, \$5.00 per acre cash, balance from one to twelve years at 6%. Don't take time to write but come at once if interested.

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FOR SALE—Two good '25 Ford Coupes and one '25 Chrysler touring light six. See F. E. Church at the Blue Front Service Station. 1t

FOR SALE—3 lots close in. See J. W. Moore. 1tp

FOR SALE—One carpenter's tool box, one second-hand Oliver Typewriter. Mrs. H. C. Williams. 1t

FOR SALE—An electric cook stove, \$25. Call 2050J, Abilene, Texas. 1t

FOR SALE—Bundle Sorghum. See W. L. Diltz, Sr. 1tp

If you want to buy or sell oil leases farms or city property, see W.O. Boney or T.L. Grimes tf

FOR SALE—About 150 bushels of Hastings Oats at \$1.00 per bushel. See I. I. Vancil, Sylvester, route 2. 3t4p

Chicken Feed—Have some good headed Maize for sale at \$1.00 per hundred pounds of heads. See J. S. Hughes. 11t3p

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BED ROOMS-- Close in. Mrs. Stanley King. 1t

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ROOMS For Rent. Mrs. S. F. Annis. 1tc

ROOM FOR RENT--All modern conveniences, close in. Mrs. Lucy Bumpas, phone 177. 1tp

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WANTED—A man to handle the Watkins Products. Plenty of territory. See W. A. Whiteley, Merkel, Texas. 24t2p

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young pullet and second pullet.  
Plymouth Rocks: Mrs. Mand-  
rice; second cockerel, third pullet  
Buff Rocks; J. R. West, first  
cockerel; first, second and third  
pullets and first pen.  
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first, second and third hen; 1st  
second and third pullets, first  
cockerel and first pen.  
Boys and girls club contest for  
best pen: First, Jessie Higgins,  
pen barred rocks; second, John  
Hughes, Jr., on Rhode Island  
Reds.

Bronze Turkeys: Mrs. J. R.  
Dean, first old tom, first and  
second hen, first and second  
young hen, best trio.

Bourbon red turkeys: Mrs. T.  
W. Neal; first and second tom.

Partridge Wyandottes: T. I.  
Harwell, first cockerel, first and  
second hen, first and third pullet  
and first pen.

R. I. Reds: R. A. Ellis, second  
and third pullet; third cockerel,  
second pen. E. H. Cordell, second  
cockerel; third pen.

Barred rocks: Robert O'Rear,  
first cockerel, third pullet, first  
pen.

Columbian Wyandottes: Brook  
Chambers, second pullet.

Ira L. Parrack, best colored  
pullet in show; best colored male  
in show and best pen, all vari-  
eties.

**Textiles.**

Bed Spread: Mrs. Ribles,  
Luncheon Set, Mrs. Tucker; col-  
ored embroidery, Mrs. T. L.  
Grimes; white embroidery, Mrs.  
Vernon Sublett; pillow cases,  
Mrs. Curtis; appliqued bed  
spread, Mrs. Kirby; hardanger,  
Mrs. T. L. Grimes; vanity set  
(child's) Elma Kirby; handker-  
chiefs, Frances Anderson; knitted  
lace, Mrs. Sutphen.

Canned Fruits & Vegetables  
Canned tomatoes: Mrs. F. O.  
Patton, first; Mrs. Jim Burfiend  
ribbon.

Canned beans: Mrs. Tom  
Toombs, first; Mrs. John Bur-  
fiend, ribbon.

Canned peas: Mrs. Jim Bur-  
fiend, first.

Canned Pulms: Mrs. Jim Bur-  
fiend, first; Mrs. Sam Butman,  
Jr., ribbon.

Canned peaches: Mrs. A. W.  
Reed, first; Mrs. Jack Durham,  
ribbon.

Watermelon preserves: Mrs.  
John Burfiend, first; Mrs. Jack  
Durham, ribbon.

Pear preserves: Mrs. A. W.  
Reed, first.

Tomato preserves: Mrs. Jim  
Burfiend, first; Mrs. John Bur-  
fiend, ribbon.

**Pickles and Relishes.**

Peach pickles: Mrs. Tom  
Toombs, first; Mrs. A. W. Reed,  
ribbon.

Cucumber pickles: Mrs. S. O.  
Patton, first; Mrs. John Bur-  
fiend, ribbon.

Mixed pickles: Mrs. S. A. Pat-  
ton, first.

Beet pickles: Mrs. A. J. Ad-  
cock, first; Mrs. Tom Toombs,  
ribbon.

Relish: Mrs. Jack Durham,  
first.

**Jellies.**

Plum: Mrs. Marvin Smith,



**New Models  
in  
NEW COATS**

THE FALL and winter  
Coat mode is versatile  
and presents several new  
ideas in silhouette and  
fabric. Most noteworthy  
is the return of the blous-  
ed back, which is featur-  
ed extensively.

ALL REASONABLY  
PRICED

**NEW  
FALL FROCKS**

**Step Into View**

The world of fashion has breathlessly  
awaited the arrival of the first fall models  
and these smart Frocks are proof of an  
ample reward. Both daytime and even-  
ing modes are here in our New Fall Fashions.

**Originality Is Stressed**

The tiered skirt is sponsored on many models, and  
pleats are used in unusual arrangements to achieve  
new lines. There are numerous styles in silk and  
wool, moire being particularly popular for every  
type. Reasonably Priced.

**MAX MELLINGER. "Better Goods For Less Money"**

**CELEBRATES GOLDEN  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

On September 21, 1876, at 11  
o'clock a.m., Mr. J. A. Patterson  
and Miss Emma Summerford  
were united in marriage. In hon-  
or of this day, September 21,  
1926, at high noon, the sons and  
daughters, grandchildren and  
great grandchildren of Mr. and  
Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Sr., met at  
Shannon's and spread a bounti-  
ful feast on rose decorated  
tables to celebrate their parents'  
"golden wedding anniversary,"  
which was a complete surprise  
to them when they arrived. Af-  
ter the heavy laden tables  
were relieved of their burden,  
another surprise awaited the  
honorees in gifts of numerous  
five dollar gold pieces and bills.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, Sr.,  
born in Mississippi, came to Tex-  
as in 1888 and have resided in  
Jones and Taylor counties since.  
They have lived their three score  
and ten, being 73 and 70 years  
of age. Born into this union  
were two daughters, Mrs. R. L.  
Newman and Mrs. B. E. McCoy,  
and six sons, A. B., J. A., W. F.,  
Homer, Herbert and Emmett, of  
Merkel, who are all living and  
were present upon this occasion.  
There are 25 grandchildren and  
eight great grandchildren.

Friends present were Mr. and  
Mrs. J. E. Boaz, and Miss Con-  
stance Harris.

Christian Endeavor Program  
Leader, Christine Russell.

Topic: "What work shall we  
plan this year?"

Scripture reading, 1Cor 3:6-17

Talk by leader, Song 3:6

Topics for talks.

"The Holy Spirit in Our Work"

by Eunice Russell.

"If all Societies were Just like  
Ours," Norma Shannon.

"A growing Society," Helen  
Compton.

Song: Question.

"A Thorough Canvass," Mil-  
dred Smith.

"Better Socials," Venice Bell.

Song: Misspah.

Misses Elsie Sharp and Julia  
Martin left last week for Chil-  
dress, where they will again  
teach in the public schools of  
that city. Mr. R. A. Burgess is  
the able Superintendent in that  
city, and, knowing the splendid  
qualifications of these young  
ladies, had the board secure their  
services for another term.

Mrs. Snow Frost and son re-  
turned this week to their home  
in Eastland, after a pleasant vis-  
it with J. B. Bell and family.

**POST OFFICE FORCE IS  
SWAMPED WITH WORK**

first; Mrs. J. T. Warren, ribbon.  
Apple: Mrs. John Burfiend,  
first.  
Grape: Mrs. J. T. Toombs,  
first; Mrs. A. W. Reed, ribbon.  
Honey: J. L. Barker, first and  
ribbon.  
Best collection of vegetables:  
Mrs. John Burfiend.  
Best collection of canned fruit:  
Mrs. Jack Durham.  
Best collection preserves: Mrs.  
A. W. Reed.  
Best collection of pickles: Mrs.  
A. W. Reed.  
Best collection of jelly: Mrs.  
John Burfiend.

**Breads and Pastries**

Salt rising bread: Mrs. Marvin  
Smith.  
Plain yeast bread, plain bis-  
cuits, angel food cake, devil's  
food cake, and cocoanut pie, Mrs.  
J. W. McConnell.

**Flowers.**

Asparagus fern: Mrs. S. O.  
Patton.  
Boston fern, Mrs. J. T. War-  
ren.  
Roses: Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Fall of the year usually finds  
the Merkel Post Office a very  
busy place and the work in that  
office heavy at this time, but  
now since the discovery of oil in  
our midst, the local force is ab-  
solutely swamped, and Postmas-  
ter Davis and his able assist-  
ants are going to need and cer-  
tainly will appreciate the best  
cooperation possible from the  
patrons of the office.

He especially urges that pat-  
rons take care in addressing  
their mail properly as to Post  
Office, box number, rural route  
and general delivery as the case  
may be.

Let us give them our sincere  
cooperation, which will help  
them in making the postal ser-  
vice in Merkel what they hope to  
make it—the best possible.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippett of  
San Angelo are here for a visit  
with friends and relatives.

**Methodist Womans Mis-  
sionary Society Notes**

The Womans Missionary Soci-  
ety of the Methodist church held  
their meeting on Tuesday after-  
noon of this week instead of on  
Monday. In the absence of the  
president, the meeting was con-  
ducted by the vice-president,  
Mrs. Geo. Brown. After the de-  
votional there was a very inter-  
esting lesson from the study  
book, "Looking Ahead with  
Latin America". On next Mon-  
day afternoon there will be a  
program from the Voice. Each  
member who is a subscriber to  
the Voice is asked to give the  
article she found of most inter-  
est to her, using the August  
number of the Voice. It is hop-  
ed that every member will feel  
responsible for some part on this  
program and come prepared to  
serve. The meeting will be held  
at three o'clock instead of four  
as has been the custom.

**Shurley H. King, former post-  
master here, under the Wilson  
administration, but for several  
years in the drug business in  
New Mexico, is here for a visit  
with home folks and friends.**

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lepard  
are announcing the arrival of  
Doris Mae, a seven and one-half  
pound baby girl, born on the  
15th of September.

**An Important List  
of Improvements**

Following a year of unprecedented  
engineering progress, Dodge Broth-  
ers announce another important  
list of improvements for their com-  
plete line of motor cars.

No one who contemplates the pur-  
chase of a car should fail to inves-  
tigate the impressive nature and  
scope of these improvements at the  
earliest opportunity.

Touring Car	\$ 921.00
Coupe	\$ 972.00
Sedan	\$1031.00
Special Sedan	\$1091.00

**Merkel Garage**  
Ross Ferrier H. L. Propst  
Front Street Merkel, Texas  
**DODGE BROTHERS**  
MOTOR CARS

**Public Notice!**

This is to notify the general public that this store will not  
now or later be open for business on Sunday.

**IT IS AGAINST THE LAWS OF TEXAS**

We make this statement because the question has already  
been asked by some of our customers.

**BROWN DRY GOODS CO.**