

THE MERKEL MAIL

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Paving Work to Start By Aug. 15; Gas By Nov. 1st.

Merkel a dead town? Not by a jug full! If you think so you are either blind or just don't know. First the \$40,000 project of water works extension throughout the city will soon be completed by the Panhandle Construction Company of Lubbock, and then by the 15th of this month actual work of beginning the paving of all the streets within the business district will be under way. And at the same time work will be in progress installing a beautiful white way throughout the entire business section. And the onward march of the city building modern conveniences does not stop here, for the Community Natural Gas Company of Dallas will soon be busily engaged in laying gas mains throughout the city. And according to our worthy and energetic Mayor, Mr. Henry C. West, the citizenship of Merkel will have the privilege and opportunity of using natural gas for domestic purposes much earlier than was expected when the city granted a franchise to the above company some weeks ago. At that time it seemed that it would be December or possibly January before the system would be completed in this city, but the Mayor informs us that an official of the gas company was in the city recently and assured him that this company would have the system completed and the gas turned into the mains not later than November 1st, and possibly a little earlier than that. A survey for the line running from Abilene to Sweetwater via Merkel, has been completed as well as the survey for the system in Merkel.

In this connection, the Mail will publish some facts in our next issue concerning rules and regulations for plumbing and installing gas in your homes and places of business.

Besides the above mentioned civic and public utility improvements in our city, a big, fine, new Farm Bureau gin is being erected here, which with the five other fine gin plants in our city, will give the farmers assurance of not only first class but prompt ginning service. And not only will we have six good gins here, all modernly equipped, but there are three other fine gins in the surrounding country: one at Stith, Noodle and Blair, making nine gins for service in the Merkel trade territory.

With the completion of all of the above mentioned improvements, Merkel, already recognized as one of the best little towns located in the heart of the best farming section in all Central West Texas, will not only continue to grow more rapidly but more substantially, for every such city improvement is certain to bring to our city a better and more substantial class of citizenship.

A CORRECTION

Rev. G. C. Williams, Methodist pastor at Blair, called up this office over the phone and asked us to make a correction in the report of a meeting held at Blair recently. The report which was printed in the Mail stated there were 10 conversions. Rev. Williams says there were 30 conversions, 6 reclamations, 3 infants baptized and 15 additions to the church, 12 of whom were adults. The pastor was assisted in the meeting by Rev. G. C. Ledger of Sudan.

Mr. O. F. Weidenbach, the popular and accommodating proprietor of the Quality Market & Grocery, has been wearing a broad smile and meeting friends in an unusual happy mood since July 30. The reason? Why a beautiful baby girl, born on the 30th, to make more happy the Weidenbach home in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann, accompanied by Mrs. Swann's sister, Miss Elamona Powell, of Dallas, returned this week from a trip to the Carlsbad Cavern, El Paso and other points in New Mexico. On their return they were accompanied home by Miss Irene Swann, who has been teaching school in New Mexico for several years.

Deputy Sheriff W. H. Laney and wife returned last week from a very pleasant visit with relatives at Corsicana and Dallas. Mr. Laney reports good crops throughout the entire section visited by them.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst left Wednesday for Leuders for a visit with the Boy Scouts camped there.

FIREMEN'S BENEFIT SHOW AT PALACE THEATRE ON WEDNESDAY AND THUR.

On next Wednesday and Thursday evenings the local Firemen will have full charge of the Palace Theatre in this city, the local managers turning the show over to the boys along with the greater part of the proceeds. That splendid and high class picture, "The Black Pirate" with Douglas Fairbanks, and the "Collegians," one of the funniest comedies, will make up the fine picture show entertainment. Besides there will be a "Firemen's Quartette," a duet and some good readings for the pleasure of all attending.

This is a nice offering to the boys upon the part of the managers of the Palace, and they are hoping and looking for a large attendance by the people of Merkel. Read their advertisement in this paper.

EVERYBODY'S GARAGE ADDS STATION NO. TWO

Elsewhere in this paper will be found the announcement by Everybody's Garage of the opening of their Filling Station No. 2, which is located in the Army Building, opposite the Woodrum Hotel, with Mr. Paul Stanford in charge.

At the No. 2 Station they will handle the Continental Oil Company's products, the "Conoco Oil and Gas," which they will secure from the local agent for this company in Merkel, who is Mr. Mack Busbee.

We commend the firm upon their growth and expansion in this line of business and ask our readers to read their announcement in this paper.

MR. A. A. McCRARY PASSES AWAY AT SPURR TUESDAY

Mr. A. A. McCrary, 61, father of Mrs. L. B. Scott and Mr. Edward McCrary, of this city, died at the home of his son, Oscar, at Spurr, on Tuesday of this week, the remains being shipped to Ferris, Texas, the family's old home for burial on Wednesday.

Mr. McCrary had been almost an invalid for about four years, and having reached a ripe old age, his going while deeply regretted by all who knew him, will alleviate all future suffering. He had visited his daughter and son here a number of times, and by his kind and likeable disposition had made warm and lasting friends of every one with whom he had become acquainted.

We join many friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved loved ones.

NORMA TALMADGE STARS IN INITIAL FILM VERSION OF GREAT STAGE SUCCESS

It is thanks to the perseverance of Joseph M. Schenk, screen producer, that film fans will now be able to enjoy "Kiki," the famous Belasco stage hit, showing at the Queen Theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

Schenk has just completed filming "Kiki" for First National, starring Norma Talmadge, Ronald Colman plays opposite her.

David Belasco was exceedingly reluctant to part with the screen rights of the play, it is stated, but finally consented when assured by Schenk that Norma Talmadge would play the leading role. The dean of American play producers absolutely insisted that none but Miss Talmadge should undertake to portray the role of "Kiki" Lenore Ulric starred in the stage production.

In its film version "Kiki" is said to be considerably amplified and the action increased to an appreciable degree. Belasco, who was asked to pass on the completed film, before it was released, expressed his entire satisfaction with the work of the Schenk organization.

The picture is laid in Paris. Several leading Parisian modistes were imported to Hollywood to make original designs for Miss Talmadge and her large company.

Others in the cast in addition to the star and Ronald Colman are Gertrude Astor, Marc MacDermott, George K. Arthur, Frankie Darro, Mack Swain, William Orlamond and Erwin Connelly.

Clarence Brown directed the production.

With the filming of "Kiki" Miss Talmadge is said to realize an ambition which she cherished since she first saw the Broadway production of the play. Director Brown cherished a similar ambition.

Mr. H. H. Toombs accompanied by his mother, Mrs. T. J. Toombs, Mrs. Walter Boden and Mrs. Bud Perry, left first of the week for a visit to Dallas and Carrollton, Texas.

C. of C. Reports No Fair This Year

L. R. Thompson, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, informs us that after making a careful canvass of the Business Men of Merkel it was decided not to have a Community Fair this fall. Mr. Thompson expressed himself as being disappointed but was of the opinion that it would be better not to have it unless every Business Man in Merkel would get behind it and enthusiastically support it. Some of the reasons given for not wanting to have the Fair were that the streets will be torn up for paving and the practical failure of the Fair last year.

We hope before the middle of October to report the completion of the paving and water works extension, and the laying of gas mains through the town. When all of this is completed we will have cause for special rejoicing and it will probably be easy to get all the Business Men of the town interested in celebrating these achievements in two or three days of merry making.

FT. WORTH BANKERS ON TOUR VISIT FRIENDS HERE

Messrs. B. B. Samuels and C. C. Johnson, bankers of Fort Worth, who have been touring the West; getting first hand information as to conditions, stopped over here last Monday for a short visit with Messrs. J. S. Swann and R. O. Anderson, local bankers.

While here they were shown over the surrounding country to this city, and they stated that at no place had they found any better crops and in but few instances so good as they are near here.

DRY GOODS MERCHANTS OFF TO EASTERN MARKET

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg left last Monday for St. Louis, where they will select the big fall and winter stock of merchandise for the Bragg Dry Goods Company of this city.

Mrs. Martin Improving

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Martin will be glad to learn that she has returned to her home here from the Alexander Sanitarium in Abilene, where she had been seriously ill for some ten days, and is now getting along very nicely, with fine prospects for immediate and complete recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. West returned last week from a tour of the West, including the Carlsbad Cavern, El Paso and the New Mexico mountain region. They report that country a very fine climate in which to escape the severe hot weather such as we have been having here for some weeks now.

Mr. R. D. Moxley, of the Panhandle Construction Company, of Lubbock, which company has the contract for water works extension and paving in this city, is here this week helping to get all details ready for the starting of actual paving work, which will likely be not later than August 15.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway and Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Owens returned this week from an extended trip to San Antonio, Houston, and Galveston. On their return they visited Mr. and Mrs. George Groene at Cameron, Tex.

Union Church Services During Aug.

For several years it has been the custom of the Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist churches in Merkel to hold union services at one of the three churches on Sunday evening during the month of August. The following is the program as mapped out by the ministers.

First Sunday night at Presbyterian church, Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of Baptist church, will preach.

Second Sunday night, at Baptist Church, Rev. W. R. McCarter, pastor of Methodist Church, will preach.

Third Sunday night, at Methodist Church, Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Presbyterian Church, will preach.

Fourth Sunday night, at Presbyterian Church, Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of Baptist church, will preach.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS TWO NEW TEACHERS

At a meeting of the school board yesterday evening, Miss Roberta Sloan, of Whitewright, was elected to a position in the high school, taking the place of Mrs. David Wright, resigned. Miss Jessie Rodden was elected to teach the sixth grade, taking the place of Miss Mary Proctor, resigned.

NEW ROAD MACHINE FOR THIS DISTRICT

has been purchased and received for exclusive use in the Merkel precinct.

Mr. Diltz, who is always on the alert for the best interest of his constituents, believes that he will be able to keep the community roads in excellent repair from now on.

BROADCASTING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Dr. J. B. Cranfill's address on the Sunday School lesson is broadcast 10 to 10:30 every Sunday morning over KRLD wave length 461.3. This class meets at the Majestic Theatre at Dallas and all visitors are invited to worship with the class when in Dallas.

Report from Noodle Singing

I am indeed glad to report that our Fifth Sunday Singing was one of the best in ages. It just could not be a failure because it was at Noodle, and if you do not know how to entertain a singing just go to Noodle and let W. J. Bicknell and Tom Jenkins show you how it is done. They had ice water on the grounds all day long, and you know that good coffee, my, my, it was fine, and plenty of it too. The good people of Noodle did all in their power to make everybody feel at home and have a good time, all of which we are very grateful for and thanks to every one for the good dinner and the fine singing. It was indeed a great day for all. Come to Blair next Fifth Sunday as the convention will meet with us and we will do our best for you to have a great day. Respectfully, Tom Spears.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie West returned Monday from an extended visit with friends and relatives in Oklahoma and Fort Worth and Wichita Falls, Texas. Mr. West says they had a wonderful visit and trip, but that they were glad to get back among friends in their home town.

TEXAS COTTON CROP MILLION BALES LESS

AUSTIN, Texas, August 2.—Seventeen million acres of 69 per cent cotton in Hexas will yield about 4,600,000 bales or 1,006,000 less than last year's crop which had 13 per cent greater acreage, George B. Terrell commissioner of agriculture, estimated today.

He said a price of 20 cents a pound or more is in prospect unless the crop improves. The estimate was based on crop conditions reported by Commissioner Terrell's correspondents up to July 25 and accounts only for the present condition of the crop, which might change, he said.

"The wheat and oat crops are very short, estimated at 50 per cent of last year's production," Mr. Terrell said. "Corn, sorghum, peanuts, sweet potatoes, and hay are generally good, the corn crop being the best in several years. Texas can surely feed itself next year."

45 CARS MAIZE SHIPPED FROM HERE SINCE MAY

Instead of shipping maize into this community, as was the case a few years ago when the farmers planted all too much cotton, there has been shipped from this city since May 1, more than 45 cars of last year's maize, amounting to more than \$20,000 in value.

The farmers could have shipped out their maize earlier and received a higher price for same but they waited and wisely so, until they seemed certain of making a good crop of maize this year. The price received was around \$17.50 per ton.

BOYS MAY WORK THEIR WAY THROUGH COLLEGE

Arrangements are being made whereby one hundred boys can work their way through the North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington on the half-time cooperative plan during the ensuing scholastic year. Three vocational courses will be placed on this basis: general electricity, auto mechanics, and agriculture. The boys taking these courses will alternate between work and study. For a period of six weeks they will be in the classrooms at the College, receiving instruction in the principles and theories lying at the foundation of the courses they pursue. That is to be followed by another period of six weeks in industry where each boy will be assigned a job at which he may work for pay. The jobs, for the most part, will be in the electrical industries, with the automobile dealers and well equipped garages, on the up-to-date farms, and at the well-appointed commercial dairies in the vicinity of Arlington, Fort Worth, and Dallas.

In general, the boys will receive enough money while on the job for six weeks, if they are economical, to pay most of their expenses while in school the following six weeks. However, earning one's expenses while in school, or working one's way through school, worthy as that may be, is not the main object of the co-operative plan. That is a mere incident to it. The chief thing in view is its educational value—the proper union of theory and practice. College education is often criticised and even reviled for being impractical. Graduates are denounced as helpless—helpless because they have read about and been told about so many things that they have never had an opportunity to touch, handle and master in a practical way. It is just this weakness, so universally recognized in the American system of education, that the part-time, co-operative plan seeks to alleviate.

Reunion of J. P. Sharp Family

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp, pioneer and beloved citizens of Merkel, were indeed happy on last Sunday when they had with them in their home every member of their family once more. During the happy meeting and reunion of this splendid family four generations were represented. A bountiful dinner was enjoyed. Those present besides Mr. and Mrs. Sharp were Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sharp of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Haggard and children of Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. Arl Sharp and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sharp of Trent, and Roscoe, Parker, Deci and Elsie Sharp and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Telford, parents of Mrs. Sharp.

Misses Mary Cleo Booth and Martha Bird returned last week from Boulder, Colorado, where they spent several weeks taking special work, better preparing themselves as excellent teachers in our high school.

Consumption Of Cotton at High Figure

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 1.—The world consumption of American cotton during the season ended with the close of July was fixed at 17,428,000 bales in the annual report of Secretary Henry G. Hester of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange Monday.

The world consumption revealed by the figures was said to be the greatest ever recorded.

The consumption report included 1,040,000 bales of linters and excluded 533,000 bales of Japanese port and mill stocks which this year formed part of the carry-over totaling 7,238,000 bales.

Deducting 267,000 bales of Japanese mill and port stocks from the previous season's consumption made the total 15,112,000 bales, which the addition increased the carryover a year ago to 5,639,000 bales.

Including linters, Secretary Hester placed the 1926-27 commercial crop at 19,205,929 bales, against 15,614,707 the previous season, while the actual growth of 1926 was counted at 19,100,000 bales against 17,425,000 the season before.

The world's consumption Mr. Hester said, had never before reached 17,000,000 bales. Correspondingly, cotton consumption in the Southern States, including linters, was the largest ever known. Southern consumption was fixed at 5,471,391 bales, 692,465 more than was consumed last year and 1,091,273 more than the previous year.

Secretary Hester said the enormous cotton consumption was largely due to the use of relatively cheap, low grade cotton which to a considerable extent was substituted for other growths by the mills and other consuming industries.

He added that the world had taken virtually all the American cotton it could get. Exports amount to 11,250,000 bales, and the takings by American mills, North and South, totaled about 8,250,000 bales.

The consumption, he said, had virtually absorbed the great crop of the last year, when 19,100,000 bales were produced.

The mammoth crop of last year, the production of which created widespread fear that it would not be disposed of without the adoption of measures of relief to aid cotton farmers during the next several years, was an increase over the previous year of 3,591,222 bales, and over 1924-25 of 4,507,573 bales.

Secretary Hester fixed the amount of cotton carried over at the close of July at 7,238,000 bales, including 533,000 bales of Japanese port and mill stocks and afloat for Japan.

The year's exports, including shipments to Canada, were set at 11,243,527 bales, an increase over last year of 2,991,364 bales.

YOU CAN'T PLEASE EVERYBODY

Getting out this paper is no picnic, If we print jokes people say we are silly. If we don't they say we are too serious If we clip things from other papers We are too lazy to write them ourselves. If we don't we are stuck on our own stuff. If we stick close to the job all day, We ought to be out hunting up news, If we do go out and try to hustle, We ought to be on the job in the office If we don't print contributions, We don't appreciate true genius; And if we do print them, the paper is filled with junk. If we make a change in the other fellow's write-up, we're too critical. If we don't we are asleep. Now like as not some guy will say, We swiped this from some magazine. WE DID.—Exchange. And so did we.

BRUSH ARBOR MEETING

An old-time brush arbor meeting is now in progress at Butman, under auspices of the Methodist church of that community. The pastor, Rev. G. C. Williams, is being assisted in the services by Evangelist C. B. Meadows, of Abilene. The old-time gospel is being preached with force and a general revival is seen for that community. Everybody is cordially invited to attend the services. The meeting will close August 9th.

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I GUESS IT'S BETTER HANG ON TO THIS ONE A WHILE. IT LOOKS AS IF IT'S DUE FOR A RAPID RISE IN VALUE.

RARE COIN VALUES

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

PHILIPPINES WONDERFUL POSSIBILITIES FOR RUBBER RAISING

CONDENSED STATEMENT of CONDITION of

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas, as called by Banking Commissioner June 30th, 1927

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$471,170.41
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture, Fixtures and Vault Equipment	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	6,939.00
Due from Guaranty Fund	6,940.91
U. S. Bonds	\$ 50,150.00
Cash & Exchange	130,573.47
AVAILABLE CASH	180,723.47
Total	\$698,273.79

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Profits, Net	23,383.19
Dividend Unpaid	2,500.00
Bills Payable	NONE
Re-Discounts	NONE
DEPOSITS	622,390.60
Total	\$698,273.79

The above statement is correct. W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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

Little Miss Gilla Frances Walker, of the Warren community visited her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Frazier Sunday and on Monday the young lady had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dalton.

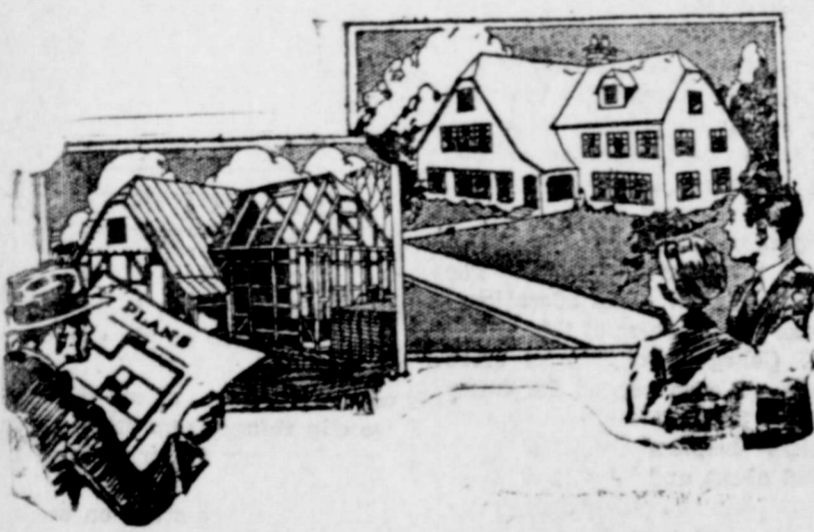
Phone 44
For COAL AND FEED
SWAFFORD

We kill home-raised meat and try to keep Merkel money in Merkel. Baker & Wheeler Market.

Rush Buford and family left Thursday morning on a trip to San Antonio and Houston.

L. D. Merceh of Fort Worth, an old time friend of T. J. R. Swafford whom he had not seen for thirty years, was a pleasant visitor here Wednesday.

Zane Grey's
"DRUMS OF THE DESERT"
A Guaranteed Attraction
Don't Miss It
Friday PALACE Saturday



There's No Time Like
NOW
To Build Your Own Home
EVERY far-seeing family wants to own its own home and a comfortable home on it. We offer now exceptional values. Let us be of service to you. We have everything to build anything.

B. H. LANCASTER
LUMBER and RIGS
PHONE 82

C. S. Higgings Garage
Located North of Post Office
Garage Phone 100 Res. Phone 149W
General Repair Work Used Parts for sale
All Mechanical Work Guaranteed
Good Work at Absolutely Lowest Prices

BEWARE OF THE DEADLY DOTTED LINE

By W. R. MOREHOUSE

Public Relations Commission, American Bankers Association

WITHDRAWING the family's savings account at the bank where it is safe, and losing it through speculation is a serious matter. It may bring great hardship, especially to the mistress of the home. It may force great economies in household management or amount to actual privation. It may mean that the children will have to go to work before they complete their education. The loss of the family's accumulations may even result in physical breakdown on the part of the wife through worry over the loss of savings which she helped to accumulate at the sacrifice of home comforts, but was not consulted when it came to investing them. The making of investments by men who are heads of families and inexperienced in finance should not be undertaken without consulting her. But even if both agree the venture should be talked over with the local banker or information about it obtained from the National Better Business Bureau in New York, which serves without cost and purely in the public interest. If this is done a lot of trouble and quite likely many regrets and heartaches will be avoided.



W. R. MOREHOUSE

There is one point in the activities of the inexperienced investor where he should have above all a red light stop signal to cause him to pause and investigate and that is just before he reaches the decision to "sign on the dotted line." Before you part with your savings in the bank by signing a contract placed before you by sharp promoters, stop, examine and investigate! It will pay to read the contract several times, even reading it aloud, all the while weighing every term. It will pay to be on guard against the deadly fine print usually incorporated in most contracts,—so small that it strains your eyes and causes you to skim over it superficially. Do not sign blindfolded. It will pay well to take plenty of time to study the

contract by yourself where all is quiet and you are free from the personal influence of the persuasive promoter, for to sign without the calmest consideration may spell your Waterloo financially. Unless dealing with a responsible firm or individual, never sign on the dotted line. If in the least doubt, don't sign. Never sign on verbal assurances that you are fully protected. Terms stated orally but not incorporated in a contract are not binding. Glowing promises, wild exaggerations and gross misstatements of facts are seldom reduced to writing or made in the presence of your witnesses. Your failure to read and to understand a contract before signing is not a legal excuse. When you sign a contract you proclaim that you agree with its terms and will abide by and endeavor to carry them out.

Don't sign just because some high-pressure salesman tells you that you are a wonder, or that you show good judgment, or that you have a lot of sense. Sign only when you are fully convinced that your interests are fully protected. Prominent Men Used as Scenery. A number of slick promoters recently organized in a certain city an "automobile club" with the assurance



Do not sign on the dotted line while blindfolded.

Governors was organized with the names of prominent local citizens, among them two eminent judges. No sooner was the organization of the board complete than the promoters, armed with the endorsement of these outstanding men, went forth to reap a great harvest by selling memberships. They got the members—but the building of the garages remained an idle dream.

When the members of the Board of Governors were later interviewed as to how they came to consent to the use of their names they stated that they thought the additional storage facilities were needed in the downtown district and they signed up without looking into the proposition carefully. Imagine their chagrin when told that a reading of the by-laws of the organization showed that the Board of Governors had no powers but had been used merely as scenery in order to sell memberships in a fake proposition!

Because these prominent citizens were careless with their names and failed to read and to investigate the enterprise, hundreds of business men bought memberships only to lose their money. Signing without reading is about the most dangerous act of financial carelessness that can be committed.

THE FARMER'S BEST WAY OUT

Dean Russell of Wisconsin College of Agriculture says: "Two things have hit the farmer hard but the same things have hit business. They are increase in cost of production and decline in prices which latter has been more drastic in farm products than manufactured products. The farmer's political friends say salvation can be found through legislation. Our legislative doctors propose price control. The difficulty with this is price control always means price elevation which always produces expansion in production and if this occurs without expansion in consumption you have inevitable decline in prices. The remedy works to produce the very opposite result from that intended."

"Another legislative panacea would make it easier to borrow, as if running into debt was the solution of the difficulty. There are farmers who wish it had not been quite so easy to borrow because the inevitable day comes when they have to pay principal and interest. The third legislative remedy would make easier the pathway for cooperative endeavor. All you have to do is to wave the magic wand 'Cooperation' and all the farmer's difficulties will immediately disappear. I wonder if there is any government that can make people cooperate. The success of cooperative effort will lie in organization from the bottom up rather than from the top down and it will take a decade or two for the results to be felt."

"The farmers have at hand a remedy that can be utilized immediately with the definite knowledge that it will secure far better results. If they will take a leaf out of present day business methods they will have relief in agriculture they will not have to wait for. Business has suffered

that it would soon erect a number of downtown garages where busy business men could park their cars. As an inducement for business men to take out memberships, charges to them for storage were to be nominal, much less than a like service could be obtained elsewhere. A Board of

STATEMENT of CONDITION

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

Merkel, Texas
Close of Business June 30th, 1927

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$272,311.78
Overdrafts	535.42
Furniture & Fixtures	7,500.00
5 Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Bankers Acceptances	\$105,729.51
Commercial Paper	15,000.00
U. S. Bonds (owned)	116,850.00
Cash & Sight Exchange	79,622.87
AVAILABLE CASH	\$317,202.38
Total	\$599,812.08

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	14,218.03
Circulation	6,250.00
Borrowed Money	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Liabilities	NONE
DEPOSITS	\$514,344.05
Total	\$599,812.08

STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Taylor } I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier

Directors

J. T. Warren	G. F. West
Sam Butman, Sr.,	Geo. L. Paxton
	Booth Warren

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Davis of Caddo and little Martha Anne Swafford of Rockdale were here for a few hours with relatives and friends Wednesday. They were enroute to Toyah and other West Texas points.

Miss Lela Coppenger, of Cross Plains, is a guest of Mrs. A. M. Jones this week.

Miss Francis Collins of Anson is visiting Miss Mary Ellen Ashby this week.

"Firemans Quartette", "Black Pirate" and Collegians—Wednesday and Thursday—Palace.

There is lots of news in the Classified Columns. Read it every week.

PHOTOGRAPHS

LIVE FOREVER

Keep complete your Snap-Spot Record of Life's Passing Events

Let us do your Finishing Our Results are Superior

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TODAY

RODDEN STUDIO

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES EMPLOYERS WANT YOU NOW!

Almost two million young men and women will graduate within the next few weeks.

Most of them expect to become self-supporting. More than half will seek employment. These million young people will be "competitors" of YOURS.

But of all these "competitors," YOU, as a high school graduate, will have the advantages IF—

You Make the Most of Your Opportunities

Business men show a preference and appreciate the ADAPTABILITY of high school students. They realize the value of high school education.

Right now, employers of the country have their eyes on you. They are looking for young people of PROMISE. You are old enough to shoulder responsibilities and yet young enough to learn. You are wanted while your mind is still flexible.

You are wanted for positions which pay good salaries and offer WONDERFUL opportunities for advancement, especially for the bigger and better positions.

How you can capitalize your high school education; how you can get "a running start" on business; how you can outdistance your million "competitors"—all this is told in "Achieving Success in Business" Clip the coupon now and send for the large book. It is free.

CUT OUT AND MAIL NOW

TYLER COMMERCIAL COLLEGE

Tyler, Texas

GENTLEMEN:—Please send me your large free book, "Achieving Success in Business." I am interested in a training that will help me get a good position.

Name _____ Address _____



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Wait for WATKINS it pays!

Two new, useful Cook Books given FREE!

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Nearly a Million Women Use Waterless Cookers

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Leisure and Laziness Matters Far Apart

If the women's clubs are futile and the politics get nowhere, and if a disillusioned age has found that charity has a great many more attributes than are mentioned in the thirteenth chapter of Corinthians, if being a delightful person is the most a woman can do with her time, why not admit it frankly instead of camouflaging a pleasant and idle life with a pretense of vast activity, or hiding behind the children's rompers or the responsibility of table service or anything else?

Leisure is good for women, and if they are of the temperament to enjoy it, let them have it. Hard work is good and necessary for some women, and there is still and will be for a long time plenty of interesting non-professional work for women to do, if they have the ability and temperament. But the air needs more clearing. No one should have to apologize for not flying into what is really voluntary work. No one should become absurd for going into it. But if one stays out it should be because one openly prefers leisure.

Leisure and laziness have nothing in common. Laziness breeds discontent and cripples energies. Leisure breeds humor, of which we need much, and beauty, of which we need more, and philosophy, of which we need most. The thirties, if they are wise—and on the whole they are both wise and clever—will come to the point of choosing between the two. Destroy their laziness and preserve their leisure, and the thirties will be the incomparable decade.—Margaret Cullin Banning in Harper's Magazine.

Constancy That Gave World Great Lesson

Behind him lay the gray Azores—behind, the gates of Hercules; before him not the ghosts of shores—before him only shoreless seas. His good mate said: "Now must we pray, for lo! the very stars are gone! Brave admiral, speak; what shall I say?" "Why, say 'Sail on! sail on! sail on!'"

They sailed, and sailed, as winds might blow, until, at last, the blanched mate said: "Why, now, not even God would know, should I and all my men fall dead. These very winds forget their way, for God from these dread seas seem gone; now, speak, brave admiral; speak and say—" He said, "Sail on! sail on! sail on!"

Then, pale and worn, he kept his deck, and peered through darkness. Ah, that night of all dark nights! But, lo! a speck, a light!—a light! a light! a light! It grew!—A star-lit flag unfurled! It grew to be Time's burst of dawn! He gained a world; he gave that world its grandest lesson: "On! and on!"—"Columbus," by Joaquin Miller.

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Adult B. Y. P. U. Program

Leader, Mrs. R. A. Parker. Introduction by leader. How God honors us, Mrs. A. M. Daugherty.

Some tasks demand cooperation, Mrs. Tom Vernon.

Activity the law of growth and good, Mrs. Dan Reidenbach. Why God leaves Christians on earth, Mrs. Luke Huddleston.

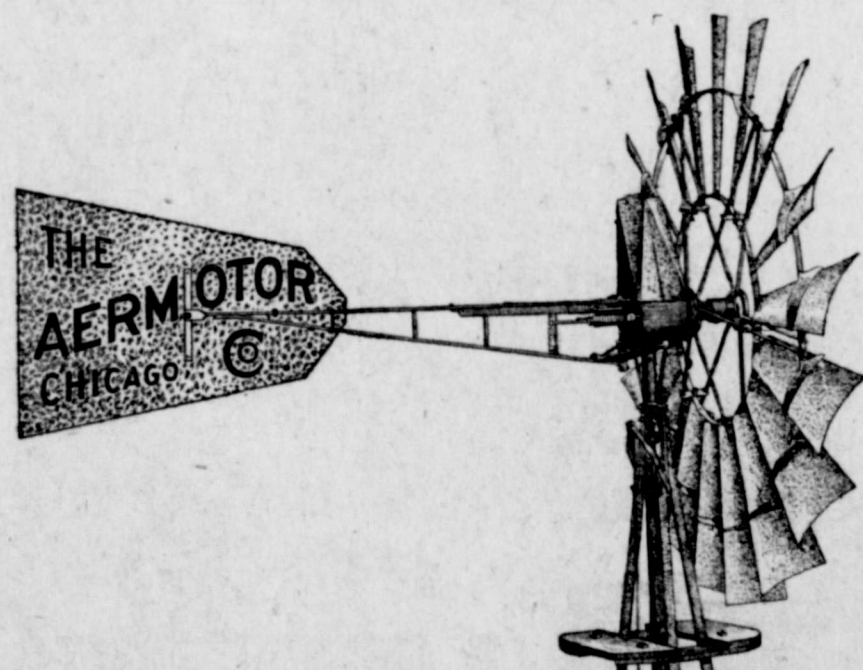
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Queen of Flowers

If asked to name the queen of flowers, the average person would probably vote for the rose. The botanist, however, would do no such thing.

To the botanist the stamens and pistils are the real flower. The petals are only the flower's clothes, and the make-up of the rose and all her family shows an early stage in flower development.

The real queen of the flowers is the daisy. In the daisy the botanist finds the stages of development of all the other flowers in the seedman's catalogue. There are about 250 flowers in or florets on each daisy. Even the white or pink-tipped rays are not petals but whole flowers, and the yellow boss of the shield consists of many other perfect little flowers, each making seed.

Coin Designers Honored

The custom of placing the signature of the engraver upon a coin die dates from remote antiquity. Many Greek coins, especially the splendid creations produced by the cities of Sicily and Magna Graecia, are signed with the initials of the artist, and in some cases with his full name. The same practice has prevailed generally in European countries. On the coins of the United States but few signatures occur. There was none until the double eagle appeared in 1849, when the signature of Longacre, J. B. L., was placed on the truncation of the bust.

Starved Bears Troublesome

Because of the pangs of hunger, the bears of Alaska have become so bold this winter that signal corps men operating the extensive telegraph and radio system at isolated stations in the Arctic region have found it necessary to maintain special guards to protect their food supplies from the attacks of these half-starved animals. They are reported to be very numerous this season and so regular in their travels in search of food that they have made regular trails between military stations, similar to those in the Far West in the days of the pioneers.

Movable Dining Rooms

The dining room is modern. It would seem impossible nowadays to get along without a dining room in our apartments or homes, where every room has quite a definite designation. The dining room, as we know it nowadays, became the fashion only during the Seventeenth and more generally during the Eighteenth century. Before, people put up a table in a bedroom when no guests came or, on a festival day, in the parlor, or, for the noblemen, in the big hall of the castle. Many people of the lower classes used to eat always in the kitchen.

Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

1. Abraham Obeys God's Call.
2. Introduction, Group Captain.
3. The City of Ur, Billie Bernice Gambill.
4. Abraham Obeys God's Call, Margaret Canon.
5. The stop at Haran, Overton Patterson.
6. Abraham Comes to Canaan, Thelma Patterson.
7. The land of Canaan, Thelma Matthews.
8. Scripture Reading, Hebrews 11:8 to 10, Willie Evelyn Boaz.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

1. The First Christian Martyr.
2. Stephen's work, Ruby Lee Slater.
3. Stephen's Arrest, Maurine Davis.
4. Stephen's Defense, J. D. Ashby.
5. A Martyr, God's last argument to the world.
6. Stephen's Death, Missie Dye.
7. Stephen's Forgiveness repeated in John Huss, Paul Casseaux.
8. A Fruit of Stephen's Death, Clara Pilcher.
9. The Martyr spirit in modern missions, Juanita Harmon.

"Firemans Quartette", "Black Pirate" and Collegians—Wednesday and Thursday—Palace.

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**BOOK SOCIAL FOR
MONDAY EVENING**

To help provide the books needed to
give us a library for the Sunday
school, our workers in regular meet-
ing planned a book social for Monday,
August 8, at the church building. In
order to reach our advanced standard
we must have a standard library and
it was thought that many of our peo-
ple would be glad to help by bringing
a book to this meeting. Any good
book on Baptist Doctrine, Baptist His-
tory, Missions, Biography, or any De-
votional book, will be suitable. Many
people have such books that they have
read and will likely never read again
so why not put it where it will do
good continually. You may write your
name on the fly leaf of the book, spec-
ifying that you gave the book to the
Sunday School.

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a public library in that any member
of the Sunday School can get any
book out of the library to read, but
the librarian will keep careful tab on
every book let out and will make a re-
port to the workers meeting each
month as to number of books loaned
and returned.

Every member of the church and
Sunday School is urged to help make
this a success. It is suggested that if
you do not have a book to give you
come to the entertainment any way.
Some one may have a table or a book
case that you do not need that you
would like to bring or send that will
help out in the equipment. Some
others might wish to give the price
of a book either naming the book or
leaving the committee to select the
book needed to balance the library.

Remember in the basement of the
Baptist church Monday at 8 p.m.

Kale-Hebron News

The revival meeting began at He-
bron last Friday night is being well
attended. Bro. Smith is doing some
fine preaching, every one is invited
to attend.

Mr. John Davis and wife and daugh-
ter Alma, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie
Davis of Abilene were guests in the
Skidmore home last Sunday.

Misses Evelyn Pannell and Winnie
Bayless left last Saturday for Dal-
las, where they have accepted po-
sitions.

Mrs. V. Garner is very ill at pres-
ent.

We are glad to have Mr. Sam
Martin, wife and baby back as citi-
zens of this community.

Mrs. Lula Harris, Mrs. Skidmore
and daughter, Jewell, motored to
Abilene last Monday.

Mrs. Maurine Pannell, who has
been on the sick list for some time, is
reported better at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie West of
Merkel and Buster Tipton of Wichi-
ta Falls spent last Monday night
with Mr. J. H. Clark and family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas left
last Wednesday for Fort Worth to
visit the former's sister, Mrs. Nellie
Sibley. They were accompanied by
Mr. E. C. Douglas and family of the
Shiloh community. Misses Mary Ellen
Ashby, Gladys and Iris Copeland vi-
sited Misses Jewell and Ruby Skid-
more last Friday.

Several from Kale and Hebron at-
tended the singing at Noodle last Sun-
day.

Mr. Pat Brewer was the guest of
Mr. Melvin Gunter last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brewer are
the proud parents of a baby boy.

Miss Lenora Bishop, of Sweetwater
was a visitor in the home of Mr. and
Mrs. F. Y. Gaither last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe and son,
Jack, returned first of the week from
an automobile trip which carried them
through New Mexico, Arizona, Colo-
rado, Wyoming and Utah, visiting
the great Yellow Stone National Park.
Mr. Lowe states that it was the finest
trip of their life.

Miss Edna Marie Jones is visiting
in Amarillo this week.

**Hard to Trace Origin
of "Auld Lang Syne"**

The origin of "Auld Lang Syne,"
invariably sung as the New Year
comes in wherever two or three Brit-
ons are gathered together, is rather
obscure, if Robert Burns can be trust-
ed, and the song really did belong to
the "folk" of Scotland. Burns' own
account of the matter, in a letter of
1795, was "One song more and I have
done—'Auld Lang Syne.'"

"The air is but mediocre, but the
old song—which has never been in
print nor even in MS. until I took it
down from an old man's singing, is
enough to recommend any air." Ac-
cording to one Scottish authority,
however, the beautiful air to which the
song is now invariably sung is not the
original one which Burns pronounced
to be mediocre, but one adopted from
an old lowland melody.

This was entitled, "I Fee'd a Law at
Michaelmas," and in Gow's collections
of reels it appears as "Sir Alexander
Don's Strathspey." As to the words,
adds our authority, the probability is
that verses two and three—with their
note of more tender sensibility—were
added by the poet to the older set—
Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Spanking Was Waived

"No, Olive," said her father, who
was ill in bed, "you mustn't climb up
and kiss me. I have a sore throat."
The child looked disappointed. "You
may wave me a kiss, that will do
just as well," he added to comfort her.
The little one's natural activity had
to have an outlet and a minute or two
later she was up on a chair trying
to reach something on the mantel.
"Get down off that chair," command-
ed her father. "You will fall and
break something." Olive was not
promptly obedient. "Get down or I'll
spank you." Olive looked at him and
remembering, said: "Wave your
spank, daddy; that will do as well."—
Boston Transcript.

Prune Industry's Growth

The prune industry was started in
the eastern United States in 1854, but
failed because the climatic conditions
were not favorable for the production
of the desired qualities. About 1863
the industry started in California and
grew rapidly. In 1910 the annual out-
put was 150,000,000 pounds, of which
nearly half was exported. Before the
industry grew in California, France
was the chief producing nation of the
world. Oregon, Washington and Idaho
also grow good prunes, as do Serbia,
Bosnia, Germany, Spain, Australia and
South Africa.

Famous Chess Tourneys

The first of the great international
chess tournaments ever held in Amer-
ica was that staged in New York in
1880, when Michael Tschigorin of Rus-
sia divided the first and second prizes
with Max Weiss of Vienna after a
gruelling contest. Not until 15 years
later was another masters' tournament
held in the United States. This was
the congress held at Cambridge
Springs, Pa., in 1904, in which Frank
J. Marshall, the American expert, car-
ried off the first prize of \$1,000 with-
out the loss of a single game in a total
of 15 played.

Proper

Ten-year-old Jean came in hot and
tired one June day and said: "Oh,
mother, let me have a bath, I'm all
hot and sweaty."
"Don't say sweaty, Jean. 'I've been
perspiring' is proper."
After a long pause, Jean asked,
thoughtfully: "Mother, do sweat peo-
ple say cry and perspire people say
weep?"

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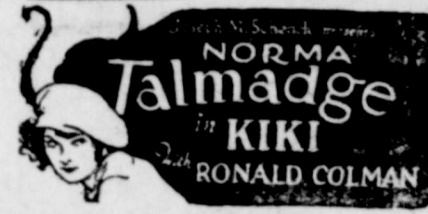
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COMING SOON—"ROOKIES"
Another of our Blue Ribbon Entertainments.

Mr. Guy Hamilton of Chickasha,
Oklahoma, came in last week for an
extended visit with his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. J. O. Hamilton, and brother
Mr. Seth Hamilton, and family.

Mrs. Eugene Nix and children of
Fort Worth, are here this week for a
visit with the former's father, Mr.
W. A. Sheppard, and sister, Mrs. S.D.
Gamble.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Estes and daugh-
ter, Mrs. Fred Fain, were guests of
friends and relatives here this week
from Plainview.

Mr. J. C. Childress, the ever ac-
commodating agent for the Texas &
Pacific, returned first of the week
from his visit with relatives in El
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Biblical Names for Slaves of Preachers

Biblical or historical names were bestowed upon nearly all the 49 slaves of Rev. George Whitfield of Georgia, founder of the first orphanage in America, according to a writer in the Kansas City Star. The appraisal of his estate, a document now 156 years old, recently became the property of the Georgia state department of archives and history, and it is the document that reveals the odd manner of designating slaves.

When Whitfield had a man's job to be done about the place he would call on Adam, Thomas, Luke, Peter, Job, Matthew, Abraham, Samson, Saul, Daniel, Paul, Isaac, Jonathan, Abner, Cato, Scipio, Oxford, London, Dick, Tom, Tobe or old Sambo. Upon the women servants the preacher bestowed such names as Amoretta, Rachel, Esther, Ruth, Dinah, Phoebe and Bet.

On his plantation surrounding Bethesda academy, which he established near Savannah in 1739 Whitfield amassed a personal estate valued at \$15,000, the document records.

Not to Be Despised

It was "report card day" and mother was looking them over. Marjory, an eighth-grader, brought home a wonderful record, and Evelyn, from the sixth grade carried home a card that made mother's eyes shine with pride. But, alas, eight-year-old Junior was the cause of great despair. At luncheon mother discussed it with father, in the presence of the children. At last she said:

"I just don't see why Junior can't make good grades like the girls do."

Junior looked up from his spinach, which he was dutifully devouring.

"Well," he said, in his own defense, "I may not get as good grades as my sisters do, but let me tell you this: I'm the second best fighter in the whole school!"

"Jokers" in Old Laws

Some old laws contain unintentional jokers. A Massachusetts statute leaves it up to the authorities to determine if a citizen has driven on a public highway "laid out under authority of the law recklessly or under the influence of liquor." Kansas railroad traffic could be held up indefinitely, says Pathfinder Magazine, if that state enforced a law that stipulates that "when two trains approach each other at a crossing they shall both come to a full stop and neither shall start until the other is gone." One state proposed to drive all Chinese out of the state by adopting an amendment providing that "hereafter all Chinamen shall be deemed to be girls under eighteen years of age."

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A WORD TO THE PEOPLE OF MERKEL

The managers of the Palace Theatre have been kind and liberal enough to offer us the use of their splendid theatre for these two nights, and since a great part of the proceeds will go to help maintain a good Volunteer Fire Company in your city we trust that you will be liberal in patronizing the show upon these and all other occasions. Besides helping the Fire Boys you will have the opportunity of enjoying an unusually fine show, and at an unusually low price. Let every one come.

The Merkel Fire Boys.
 N. A. DOWELL, Chief.

Baptist Church

It is hoped that each department can have its own opening exercise Sunday morning. Some of the equipment is lacking yet but it is hoped that most of the equipment will be in hand by Sunday.

Let every member of every department be in his or her place Sunday. Our attendance is still growing. Each Sunday now for four Sundays we have had more than the Sunday before.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning on "Why Gideon Succeeded" All B. Y. P. U.'s at 7:15 p.m.

Our church will join with other churches in the town in a joint Sunday evening service through the month of August. It is hoped that our people will attend these services and help make them count in winning the lost, and in inspiring the saved to greater activity.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

IDLEWISE CLUB

One of the most delightful parties of the summer months was that of Tuesday afternoon, when Miss Mary Eula Sears was hostess to the Idlewise Club members, as well as a large number of other friends. Guests arrived at three thirty o'clock and found much pleasure in greeting old friends who are visiting in Merkel, and meeting new ones.

Summer time was expressed in many lovely ways. A wealth of gorgeous roses, zenias, and other flowers in colorful arrangements, together with the cool rooms and dainty tallies, caused everyone to forget the unpleasant heat and merrily enter into interesting games of Bridge.

At the close of the games Miss Sears, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Amy Sears, and Misses Lorena Dry and Boog Sears, served dainty refreshments of sandwiches, iced tea, olives, and water melon cubes. The guests for the afternoon were Mesdames Charlie Jones, Cookston, Tom, Largent, Huffman of Ennis, and Tom Price; Misses Irene Swann, Martha Bird, Lorena Dry, Willie Swann, Annie Laurie Smith, Homona Powell of Dallas, and Jess Sutphen. Club members present were Mesdames Bill Brown, Earl Baze, Emmett Grimes, Sie Hamm, Roy Largent, Warren Smith, Jack Durham, Misses Ruby Hamm, Lucy Tracy, Evelyn Hamm, and Mary Cleo Booth.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King have as their guests this week, Mrs. King's brothers, Bass Gray, and wife and daughter and son, Mavis and Waylen, and H. L. Gray and wife and son, Herman Terry, of Deport, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gray and daughter Ona Fae of Hill, New Mexico. Also a brother of Mr. King, E. F. King and wife and baby, Marvin, of Slaton will be down for the week-end.

Twain's Works Marred by Revisions Made

Our own Mark Twain always wrote under the greatest pressure. Like many other artists, he was in constant need of money, but unlike them, he held to a remarkably consistent gait in his writing.

His manuscripts are unusual; they show few changes and corrections. His stories came as "trippingly on the tongue" as his vital conversation, which was characteristically free and easy.

I have the original manuscripts of "Tom Sawyer Abroad," "Pudd'nhead Wilson" and "A Connecticut Yankee at King Arthur's Court." This second was written by the author under the title of "Those Extraordinary Twins," and the last one was originally called "The Stranger's Tale."

The few corrections made by Mark Twain do not seem especially happy ones to our modern eyes. In my opinion it would have been better if he had left alone the thoughts which God first gave him. There are whole scathing paragraphs in "A Connecticut Yankee" which were never published, but should be published.—Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach in the Saturday Evening Post.

Confucius Had Right Idea in "Reciprocity"

Five hundred years before the Christian era, Confucius, on being asked to define the law of life, said it was all contained in one word, "reciprocity."

No problem ever arose in business, in statesmanship, in the general affairs of human activity that could not have been solved if a free policy of reciprocity had been adopted.

No problem ever arose in business, in statesmanship, in the general affairs of human activity that could not have been solved if a free policy of reciprocity had been adopted.

The disputes between capital and labor, the constant wrangling among politicians, the hatreds and intrigues that reach from nation to nation, could very largely be cleared up if old Confucius could only have his way.

But it is hard to see the other man's viewpoint as clearly as you see your own. It is hard to put yourself in another man's shoes. It is hard to think and feel as the other fellow thinks and feels. But it would be the part of thrift and wisdom to think more of what Confucius said 3,000 years ago.—Thrift Magazine.

Howe Too Optimistic Over Girl's Greeting

The first person Viscount William Howe, English general and commander in chief of North America from 1775 to 1778, saw on American soil when his ships arrived off Brooklyn was Nancy Cortelja, who had climbed to the top of a high hill near the Narrows and waved her petticoat in greeting to the incoming troops. The English troops considered the girl's greeting a favorable omen, says Maude Stewart Welch in her book, "Vrouw Knickerbocker."

To Howe, ever attracted by a petticoat, it suggested pretty girls and the social life of the community. Howe, the general and soldier, felt it presaged good will and allies to further his cause. But it proved an omen discredited during the years of fighting that followed. "Welcome" was not written on Breucklen's (as the Dutch spelled the name of the then small town) doormat, even if one of its daughters had enthusiastically suggested it.

MISSIONARY LADIES TO HAVE MARKET SATURDAY

The Missionary Ladies of the Methodist church will hold a market again next Saturday at the Hamilton & Case Grocery. They will have many good things for your Sunday dinner. Call and see them.

Mr. N. A. Dowell, wife and daughter, returned last week from a very pleasant fishing and outing trip to the San Saba River. They report a very pleasant trip and N. A. declares he never had fish to bite better. They had plenty of fish all the time.

SAVE MONEY

On Tires, Tubes and Auto Accessories. Have several 31x5.25 Tubes well worth the money. GAS 18c. WALTER HATHAWAY at C. P. Stevens Filling Station. 5c2p

Mr. W. O. Boney and family returned last week from a very pleasant visit with friends and relatives on the Plains. They visited at Plainview, Amarillo, and Pampa. While in that section they also visited the noted city of Borger. Mr. Boney reports that one time wild city a very quiet place now since the shut down in the oil activity.

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Y. M. F. CLUB

On last Thursday afternoon the Y. M. F. Club was graciously entertained by Mesdames George T. Moore and Rolfe Wagner. After a short business session the guests were presented a "Family Tree." This caused much enthusiasm and each one declared they really didn't know they had so many relatives. A prize was awarded to Miss Lenora Bishop for solving the most nearly correct relatives. Next we were asked to 42 tables. Several games were played and a prize was awarded to Mrs. F. Y. Gaither for winning the most games. A delicious plate of ice cream in shape of lavender and pink butterflies, caramel cake and punch were served to the following club members: Mesdames Claude Dye, Harry McCandless, Gilbert Boswell, Jerome Hutcheson, Billie Cobb, W. L. Johnson, Jr., Tom Allday and the hostesses. Guests were Misses Lucille Elliott of Abilene, Lenora Bishop of Sweetwater, Oleta Moore, Messrs. F. Y. Gaither and George Moore.

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BUCCANEERING
By Robt. Nichols

Attend all you who would forget
The humdrum round and daily fret.
The black ship rocks upon the bay,
The bo'sum pipes—we must away!

To where upon the sunset Main
The golden galleons of Spain,
Like whales besieged by ravenous sharks,
Battle with privateering barques;

Where on a lone reef in the West
The bleached skull guards the treasure chest;
Where fierce grog prompts a fiercer greed
And who shoots last shoots late indeed;

Where plank or noose or knife await
The man who masters not his fate;
Where yellow gold shines bright above
All splendours but the eyes of love;

Where red blood flows and black flags fly
And bold men live before they die!
Away! Away! We need but these—
High courage and a spanking breeze!

The buccaneers crowd at the rail.
See there the black flag upward sail
The bo'sun's whistle shrills again,
Cheer boys, we're off to the Spanish Main!

Palace Theatre
Douglas Fairbanks in "Black Pirate"

See the useful premiums on display at BROWN D.G. Co. 11

Methodist Missionary Society

Mrs. Virgil Touchstone conducted the business meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society last Monday afternoon. The entire hour was occupied by the business meeting. The Voice program which had been arranged for this meeting was not used for lack of time, and will be used for the meeting next Monday afternoon, with perhaps some additional numbers. All Auxiliary members are urged to attend the Monday meetings and help carry forward the great Missionary program of the Society.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Help to make the attendance what you would like for it to be. Visitors always welcome. Wm. Elliott, Superintendent. Preaching at 11 o'clock by R. A. Walker, pastor. Communion service at the close of the 11 o'clock service. Morning offering will be sent to Reynolds Orphans Home. C. E. meeting at 7:30 p.m. At 8:30 Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church will preach Glad to have you in all the services.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt returned first of the week from a visit with relatives at Amarillo. On their return they visited their daughter, Miss Hazel Lee, who is attending summer school at Canyon, Texas.

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Ordinance Determining To Assess a Part of The Cost of Improving a Portion of North Front Street and Oak Street in The City of Merkel, Texas, Against Abutting Property and the Owners, Thereof, Adopting Engineer's Rolls, Providing For Notice of Hearing and Hearing, and Declaring an Emergency.

NOTICE—By making publication of the hereinafter set out ordinance, notice is given of all matters and facts therein contained, which said ordinance is as follows, to-wit:

WHEREAS, by ordinance passed on the 25th day of July, 1927, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, ordered that sundry streets in said city be improved by raising, grading, and filling same, and paving with 2 1/2 inch Vertical Fibre Brick on 5 inch Concrete Base, with concrete curbs and gutters, together with all incidental and appurtenances as provided in the plans and specifications referred to in the contract hereinafter mentioned, the said streets so ordered improved being as follows, to-wit:

NORTH FRONT STREET, from the West property line of Rannels street to the East property line of Lamar Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 6.

OAK STREET, from 2 feet north of the north rail of the north track of the T. & P. Railway Company to 10 feet south of the south property line of North Front Street, known and designated as Unit or District No. 7.

WHEREAS, contract was let and entered into with Panhandle Construction Company for the making and construction of such improvements, and the City Engineer has prepared and filed rolls or statements concerning the improvements and assessments therefor in each unit, and same has been examined and all errors found therein by the City Council corrected; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined to assess a portion of the cost of such improvements against the owners of the property abutting thereon and against such abutting property:

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS: THAT,

I.

The City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, does hereby determine to assess a portion of the cost of said improvements on said portions of streets, against abutting property thereon, and against the owners of such property, said assessments to be levied in exercise of the powers granted by Articles 1086 to 1096, both inclusive, and Articles 1104 and 1105 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1925, heretofore adopted by the City.

II.

Said rolls or statements, as corrected, be and the same are hereby adopted and approved.

III.

The proportion of the cost in each district or unit to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof shall, in accordance with the proceedings concerning such improvements, be apportioned among the respective parcels of property abutting upon the improvements, in accordance with the front foot plan or rule, provided, that if the application of this rule shall in the opinion of the City Council result in particular cases in injustice or inequality, or in assessments in excess of special benefits to the property in the enhanced value thereof by means of the improvements in the particular district or unit upon which the property abuts, then the City Council shall adopt such rule in each district or unit as shall effect a substantial equality between the parcels of property abutting upon such district or unit and the owners thereof, considering benefits received and burdens imposed, and provided further that in no case shall any assessments be levied against any abutting property or the owners thereof for any part of the cost of improvements in excess of the special benefits in the enhanced value of such property by means of the improvements in the district or unit upon which such property abuts, as ascertained at the hearing herein provided for, each district or unit being considered as a separate and independent unit of improvement, and the omission of improvements in any district or unit shall in nowise affect or impair assessments levied, and the omission of improvements in front of any property exempt by law from the lien of special assessments shall in nowise affect or impair the validity of assessments. Assessments when levied shall be and constitute the first enforceable lien and claim on the property against which such assessments are levied, superior to all other liens and claims, except state, County and municipal taxes, and shall also be a personal liability and charge against the real and true owner thereof. The description of the parcels and tracts of the abutting property, the several amounts proposed to be assessed against such parcels of property, and the owners thereof, the total estimated cost of the improvements in each district, the total amount proposed to be assessed against each parcel of property and other matters and things as shown on said rolls or statements, being as follows, to-wit:

ENGINEER'S ROLL OR STATEMENT for NORTH FRONT STREET from THE WEST PROPERTY LINE OF RANNELS STREET TO THE EAST PROPERTY LINE OF LAMAR STREET, KNOWN AS UNIT NO. 6.

No.	Name	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	No. Front Ft.	Assessment for Improvements Excl. of Curb	Assessment For Curb	TOTAL Assessment
1.	Mrs. A. C. Boney	15 21 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
2.	Mrs. A. C. Boney	14 21 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
3.	Mrs. A. C. Boney	13 21 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
4.	Mrs. A. C. Boney	12 21 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
5.	Jno. Bell Est.	11 21 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
6.	E. E. Leslie	10 21 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
7.	Jno. Bell Est.	9 21 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
8.	Jno. Bell Est.	8 21 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
9.	W. J. Fulwiler	7 21 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
10.	W. J. Fulwiler	844' of 4,5&6 21 Original Town	75	463.89	30.00	493.89
11.	H. L. Propst & Ross Ferrier	15 20 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
12.	H. L. Propst & Ross Ferrier	14 20 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
13.	W. F. Jones	13 20 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
14.	E. L. Turner	12 20 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
15.	W. S. Telford	11&W8' of 10 20 Original Town	33	204.11	13.20	217.31
16.	A. E. Patterson	E17' of 10&W4' of 9 20 Original Town	21	129.89	8.40	138.29
17.	A. B. Patterson	E21' of 9 20 Original Town	21	129.89	8.40	138.29
18.	W. O. Boney	7 20 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
19.	J. W. Wheeler	8 20 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
20.	J. T. Warren	7 20 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
21.	Geo. F. West	15 19 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
22.	Geo. F. West	14 19 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
23.	Geo. F. West	13 19 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
24.	Geo. F. West	12 19 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
25.	Geo. F. West	11 19 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
26.	C. T. Derrick	10 19 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
27.	Mrs. A. A. Baker	9 19 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
28.	Mrs. A. A. Baker	8 19 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
29.	Mrs. A. A. Baker	7 19 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
30.	W. T. Daniel	6 19 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
31.	W. T. Daniel	5 19 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
32.	J. N. McNay	4 19 Original Town	25	154.63	10.00	164.63
33.	T. & P. Ry. Co.	Abutting Right of Way	1140	7,951.10	79.80	7,130.90
			2040	\$12,617.78	\$439.80	
Rate per lineal foot for Curb (North Side).....				\$0.40	Amount Total Property Owners.....	\$13,057.58
Rate per lineal foot for Curb (South Side).....				0.07	Amount City's Part.....	4,205.92
Rate per front foot for other improvements.....				\$6.18518	TOTAL COST.....	\$17,263.50

ENGINEER'S ROLL OR STATEMENT for OAK STREET from 2 FEET NORTH of the NORTH RAIL of the NORTH TRACK of the T. & P. R. R. CO. TO 10 FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTH PROPERTY LINE OF NORTH FRONT STREET, KNOWN AS UNIT NO. 7.

No.	Name	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	No. Front Ft.	Assessment for Improvements Excl. of Curb	Assessment For Curb	TOTAL Assessment
1.	Texas & Pacific Ry. Co.	Abutting Right of Way	55	456.85	22.00	478.85
2.	Texas & Pacific Ry. Co.	Abutting Right of Way	55	456.85	22.00	478.85
			110	913.70	44.00	
Rate per lineal foot for Curb.....				\$0.40	Amount Total Property Owners.....	\$ 957.70
Rate per front foot for other improvements.....				\$8.30645	Amount City's Part.....	304.58
					TOTAL COST.....	\$1,262.28

IV.

A hearing shall be given by and before the governing body of the City of Merkel, Texas, on the 15th day of August, A. D. 1927, at 3 o'clock P. M., in the City Hall of Merkel, Texas, in the regular council meeting room, to the owners of the respective parcels of property, and to all others in any wise interested, whether they be named herein or not, all of whom are hereby notified to be and appear at the time and place herein named and fixed, and hearing shall be continued from time to time and from day to day, if necessary, until all desiring and presenting themselves to be heard shall have been fully and fairly heard, and at which hearing any mistakes, irregularities, or invalidities in any of the proceedings with reference to the making of said improvements or assessments therefor may be corrected, and the benefits by means of the said improvements, and the amounts of the assessments, and the apportionment of the cost of the said improvements and all other matters and things shall be determined, and the real and true owners of the property abutting upon the said streets to be improved, and any and all others in anywise interested, their agents and attorneys, shall be and appear at said hearing at said time and place and present and make any protests or objections, which they or any of them may have as to the said improvements, as to the benefits therefrom, as to the cost thereof, as to the amounts of such assessments, or as to any mistakes, irregularity or invalidity in any proceeding with reference to said assessments, such improvements or the contract therefor, and as to any other matter or thing in anywise connected, either with the said improvements, contract or proceedings, and after all desiring and presenting themselves to be heard, either in person or by agents, attorneys or representatives have been fully and fairly heard, the said hearing shall be closed and assessments will by ordinance and in accordance with the law and the proceedings of the city be levied against the respective parcels of abutting property and the owners thereof, whether such owners be named herein or not, and whether the property be correctly described herein or not. At such hearing anyone in any wise interested or affected may subpoena witnesses and introduce evidence, and has the right to appear and to be heard.

V.

Assessments against abutting property and the owners shall be a personal liability of the owners of such property and a first and prior lien on the property against which assessments are levied, and shall be due and payable in six equal installments, due respectively on or before ten days, one, two, three, four, and five years, after completion and acceptance of the improvements upon which the particular property abuts, and said assessments shall bear interest from the date of such completion and acceptance and until paid at the rate of 8% per annum, payable annually, provided, any owner shall have the right to pay any installment at any time before maturity by paying principal with interest accrued to date of payment; provided, further that if default be made in the payment of any installment promptly as the same matures, then the entire assessment upon which such default is made shall, at the option of the contractor, or its assigns, be and become immediately due and payable and shall be collectable together with reasonable attorney's fees and costs of collection, if incurred.

VI.

The improvements in each said District or Unit constitute an entirely separate, distinct and independent unit, and the proposed assessments for the improvements in each Unit are in no wise affected by any fact or circumstance in connection with any other unit, all to the same extent and as full as if entirely separate and independent contracts had been made for each Unit and separate proceedings had, separate hearings and separate notices thereof ordered.

VII.

The City Secretary of the City of Merkel is directed to give notice to the owners of property abutting upon the said portions of streets named to be improved and to all others interested, of the time, place, and purpose of such hearing, and of all matters and things, by causing a substantial copy of this ordinance to be published at least three times in newspaper published in and of general circulation in the City of Merkel, Texas, the first of which publications shall be made at least ten days before the date for such hearing, and by such publication all owners of property abutting upon said portions of said streets, whether named herein or not, and whether the property be correctly described herein or not, as well as all others in anywise interested therein or to be affected thereby, shall be and are duly notified, and no error or mistake in the name of any property owner, in the description of any property, in the amount of any proposed assessment, shall in anywise affect or invalidate such notice or any assessment levied pursuant thereto, and the real true owners of such abutting property shall be and are by such notice duly and fully notified. The City Secretary is further directed, but not required, to give further notice of such hearing by causing a substantial copy of such published notice to be mailed to each owner of property abutting upon such portions of said streets, but all such notices by mail shall be only cumulative of such notice by advertisement and publication, and said notice by advertisement and publication shall in all cases be sufficient and binding without any other kind or character of notice be given.

VIII.

The present condition of said portions of said streets endangered health and it is necessary that the improvement thereof be proceeded with at once, and while the weather will permit, and such facts constitute and create an emergency and an urgent public necessity requiring that the rules and provisions providing for ordinances to be read more than one time or at more than one meeting be suspended, and requiring that this ordinance be passed as and take effect as an emergency measure, and such rules and provisions are accordingly suspended and this ordinance is passed as and shall take effect as an emergency measure and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Passed and approved this 25th day of July, 1927. H. C. WEST, Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas.

ATTEST: PAULINE JOHNSON, City Secretary.
DONE BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS.
PAULINE JOHNSON, City Secretary.

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LOST AND FOUND

STRAYED—About the 15th of April, 2 small 2-year old horse mules, bay and black. One 3-year old bay mare mule strayed about the 1st of June. Notify H. R. Horton, 7 miles north of Merkel, Route 1. 29t2

LOST—A ladies brown, leather purse in Merkel. Finder please return to Merkel Mail. Purse contains about 2 dollars in small change and a string of pearls. Reward. 1t

STRAYED—I have at my place 4½ miles north of Merkel on C. R. Rogers farm, one brindle, bald-faced steer yearling, 4 or 5 months old. Owner can get same by paying for this ad and keeping of yearling. E. H. Jones.

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WANTED—Middle-aged lady wants work in private home. I am located at William O'Briant residence, Myrtle Brumfield. 1tp

MERKEL OUR HOME TOWN

The following poem was written by Mrs. H. R. Chancey, who is a student of the Normal Music School which is now in session at Comper school house, nine miles north of Merkel. We have 60 students on roll and are doing good work. Come and hear us sing. F. Tarpley is teacher.

Oh Merkel is our old home town,
The home of our good merchants
And banks and doctors too;
When hard times come they'll help
you through.

Refrain
Oh Merkel fair, oh Merkel fair,
The town that is beyond compare,
Oh let us now, thy praises sing,
As tributes to thy name we bring.

(2)
Our bankers, lawyers, doctors too,
Are all good men, brave and true,
And this great town they've helped
to make
The best town in our Lone Star State

(3)
So let us boost our own home town
To every one who comes around.
Of all the towns in this great West,
We know that Merkel is the best.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis were happy to have as recent visitors, Mrs. Davis' brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Badgley, of Wichita Falls, and Mrs. Jessie Taliafero, of Roscoe, also Mr. Henry Foy, of Loraine; all of whom have returned home.

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French Savant Advances an Original Theory.

Paris.—Did Rome fall because no public-spirited citizen knew enough to invent a harness that would adequately utilize horse power? This weak joint in the armor of the fallen empires of antiquity was pointed out by Commandant Lefebvre des Noettes at a recent meeting of the French Institute of Anthropology.

Commandant des Noettes has made a complete survey of the history of the use of animal motive power from the early dawn of civilization. The harness of the ancients, he explained, had for its principal organ of traction a collar consisting of a leather band that went around the neck like a dog collar, without touching the shoulders, and which was attached to a wooden yoke just above the withers. This collar was so placed that it most effectively cut off the animal's wind by pressing on his windpipe and the large artery of the throat.

Almost Strangled Horses.
As soon as a team felt the weight of a chariot and its passengers exerting pressure on the collar they were forced to rear up their heads and dash off to save themselves from strangling. Hence the rampant attitude of all the horses depicted in ancient papyri and sculptures, declared Commandant des Noettes.

As a result of this drawback the great civilizations of the past were never able to get more than a fraction of the potential motive power from their horses. Oxteams operating with a wooden yoke attached to the horns, not greatly different from that in use today, did not suffer from the oppressive collar and in consequence did most of what heavy hauling was done. Both oxen and horses were unshod and in consequence were not much good in rough ground.

Couldn't Haul Half a Ton.
Data obtained from translations of the Greek historian Xenophon and from the Theodosian code about a thousand years later, said Commandant des Noettes, indicate that no team of oxen in ancient times was ever considered capable of transporting a load of over half a ton.

Various ineffectual attempts were made to modify to better advantage the accepted type of harness, but not until after the era of Charlemagne, about the time of the beginning of the Capet dynasty in France, did some inventive genius devise a horse collar that was practical.

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Marries Two Couples
On July 20, at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. W. R. McCarter pronounced the words that made man and wife Mr. J. M. Freeman and Miss Davie Mae Smith, the ceremony taking place at eight o'clock in the evening.
And on July 23, he performed the marriage ceremony for Mr. Howard Rogers and Miss Susie Bailey, which also occurred at eight in the evening.
We are glad to learn that Miss Lois Leslie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Leslie, who has been suffering for some time from typhoid fever, is at this time clear of fever and apparently on the road to immediate recovery.
Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Golladay and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Jr., spent last Sunday with friends in Calahan county.

Mr. Joe Holmes and wife were down first of the week from Pyote, one of the new oil field towns in the West. For some time Joe has been located at Odessa, but is now with a Lumber Company at Pyote.
Mr. and Mrs. Seth Hamilton and children, accompanied by Mr. Guy Hamilton, who is here on a visit from Chickasha, Oklahoma, left Wednesday for a tour of the Rio Grande Valley.
Kenneth Pee left yesterday for a vacation trip to the San Saba river, near Menard, joining Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox, Miss Ethel Wilson and Cyrus Pee, who left for an out-going there earlier in the week.
Mr. C. C. Hutchins and family recently moved back to Merkel from Abilene, and Mr. Hutchins will engage in buying cotton here this fall.



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